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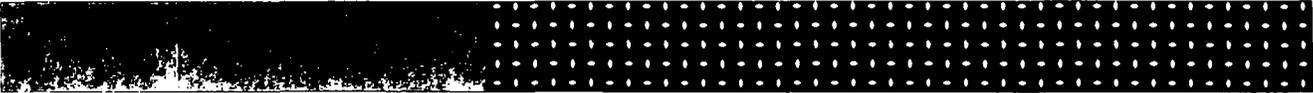
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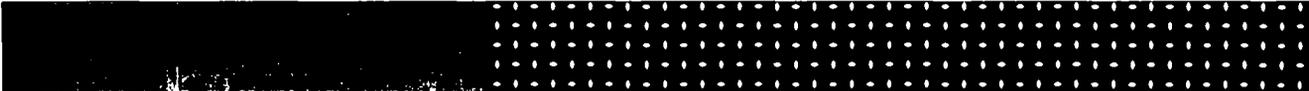
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## FOREWORD

This report is a description of Australian fertility trends and patterns based largely on data from the 1986 Census. A question on the number of children ever born has been included in every Australian population census except the 1933 Census.

The census questions on fertility asked for retrospective data which allow comparison of the fertility of different generations as well as of different sub-groups of the population. This report discusses changes over time in the average number of children classified by mother's age, age at marriage, duration of marriage, education, employment status and other social characteristics.

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# RECENT FERTILITY TRENDS

## Fertility data in this report

All the fertility data presented in the second and third sections of this report have been derived from the 1986 Census question on children ever born. In the first section, however, Table 1.1 and Figure 1.1 present total fertility rates which are derived from birth registrations data and provide a convenient summary estimate of current fertility. The remaining 3 tables in the first section present data on the number of children ever born derived from the four Censuses conducted in 1971, 1976, 1981 and 1986<sup>1</sup>.

## Australian fertility relatively high among developed countries

Fertility in Australia has declined steadily since the 1960s, but at its current level it is still higher than in most developed countries. In 1986, Australia's total fertility rate of 1.87 births per woman was the second highest, after New Zealand, of the main English speaking countries, and was considerably higher than the rates prevailing in most European countries. The total fertility rate (see Glossary) of the Federal Republic of Germany in 1986, for example, was 27 per cent lower than Australia's rate.

TABLE 1.1 TOTAL FERTILITY RATE FOR AUSTRALIA AND SELECTED COUNTRIES, 1981-1986

Country	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
New Zealand	2.01	1.95	1.91	1.93	1.92	1.96
Australia	1.94	1.94	1.93	1.88	1.89	1.87
USA	1.81	1.83	1.80	1.81	1.84	1.81
England & Wales	1.80	1.76	1.76	1.75	1.78	1.77
Canada	1.67	1.66	1.64	1.65	1.67	1.67
Fed. Rep. Germany	1.44	1.41	1.34	1.31	1.28	1.36

Source: *Births, Australia* (Cat. No. 3301.0), *UN Demographic Year Book, 1986 and 1987 and Population Trends, Vol. 53, Autumn 1988*

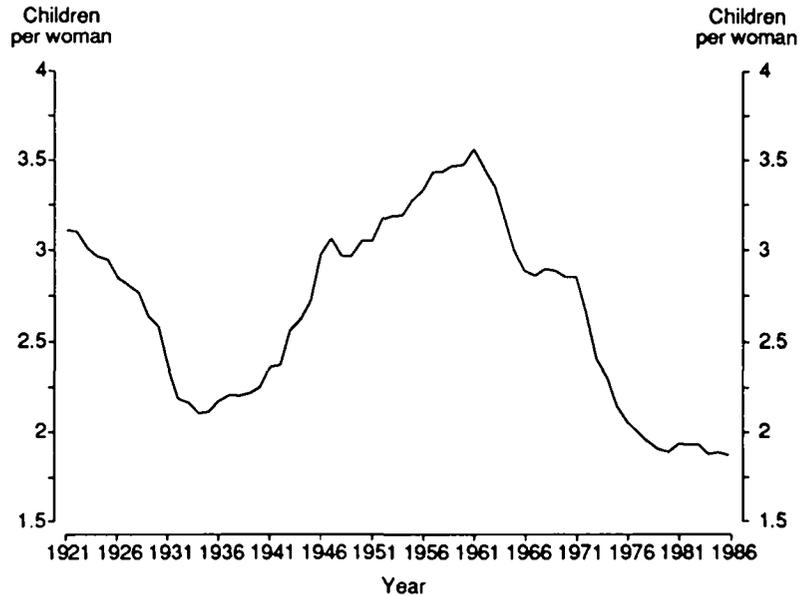
## Fertility decline since the 1960s

The period from the mid 1930s until the 1960s was one of increasing fertility in Australia. From a peak of 3.55 births per woman in 1961 the total fertility rate then declined.

Between 1961 and 1986 the total fertility rate dropped by almost half, with most of this occurring during the periods 1961 to 1966 and 1971 to 1976. The rate declined by 19 per cent between 1961 and 1966 (from 3.55 to 2.88 children per woman), by less than 1 per cent between 1966 and 1971 and by 28 per cent (from 2.87 to 2.06 children per woman). A more moderate decline (9 per cent) occurred during the decade 1976-86.

1. There have been changes in the way the question was asked. Before the 1971 Census, all married persons (men and women) were asked the number of children ever born to them in their existing marriage, while in the 1971 and 1976 Censuses only married women were asked the question. In the 1981 and 1986 Censuses, the question was directed to all women aged 15 years and over irrespective of their marital status, and they were asked to report the number of all children ever born i.e. not restricted, as before, to their current marriage. These changes should be kept in mind when comparing census data over time.

FIGURE 1.1 TOTAL FERTILITY RATE, 1921-1986



Source: *Demography Bulletin* (Cat. No. 3101.0) and *Births, Australia* (Cat. No. 3301.0)

... among women of all ages

Reflecting the decline in the total fertility rate, the census record of average number of children ever born to ever married women declined by about 6 per cent overall between 1971 and 1986 (from 2.54 to 2.39 children per woman). This decrease in fertility occurred in every age group of women up to 50 years. Between 1971 and 1986, the average number of children ever born to ever married women declined by 10 per cent for women aged 15-19 years, by more than 20 per cent for women aged 20-39 years and by 17 per cent for those aged 40-44 years. For women aged 50-69 years, however, the average number of children ever born was higher at the 1986 Census than at other recent censuses. This reflected higher fertility among the younger groups of women in this age group born in the period 1916 to 1936. Those born in the mid 1930s, for example, would have contributed to the high fertility of the late 1950s and early 1960s when they were in their twenties.

TABLE 1.2 AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN TO EVER MARRIED WOMEN, 1971-1986

Age (years)	Average number of children ever born				Percentage change	
	1971	1976	1981	1986	1971-1986	1981-1986
15-19	0.62	0.54	0.53	0.56	- 9.7	+ 5.7
20-24	0.95	0.86	0.79	0.75	- 21.1	- 5.1
25-29	1.82	1.67	1.50	1.38	- 24.2	- 8.0
30-34	2.65	2.39	2.16	2.04	- 23.0	- 5.6
35-39	3.06	2.89	2.55	2.36	- 22.9	- 7.5
40-44	3.10	3.14	2.90	2.58	- 16.8	- 11.0
45-49	2.98	3.10	3.10	2.87	- 2.7	- 7.4
50-54	2.83	2.94	3.07	3.06	+ 8.1	- 0.3
55-59	2.70	2.80	2.91	3.04	+ 12.6	+ 4.5
60-64	2.63	2.67	2.78	2.88	+ 9.5	+ 3.6
65-69	2.65	2.60	2.66	2.75	+ 3.8	+ 3.4
70 and over	3.03	2.77	2.63	2.59	- 14.5	- 1.5
<b>Total aged 15 years and over</b>	<b>2.54</b>	<b>2.49</b>	<b>2.43</b>	<b>2.39</b>	<b>- 5.9</b>	<b>- 1.7</b>

Source: ABS special tabulations

Comparison of the average number of children ever born (average issue) to different generations of women at the same age shows that successive generations of women had generally had fewer children than their predecessors.

**TABLE 1.3 AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN TO BIRTH COHORTS OF EVER MARRIED WOMEN: YEAR OF BIRTH BY AGE**

Cohort birth years	Age in 1986 (years)	Average number of children ever born up to age (years) —			
		25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44
1956-61	25-29	1.38	..	..	..
1951-56	30-34	1.50	2.04	..	..
1946-51	35-39	1.67	2.16	2.36	..
1941-46	40-44	1.82	2.39	2.55	2.58
1936-41	45-49	n.a.	2.65	2.89	2.90
1931-36	50-54	n.a.	n.a.	3.06	3.14
1926-31	55-59	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3.10

Source: ABS special tabulations

For example, by age 30-34 years, women born during 1951-56 (the 1951-56 birth cohort) had borne an average of 2.04 children. In comparison the 1941-46 birth cohort had borne an average of 2.39 children by the same age.

#### **Increased childlessness and fewer large families**

The decline in fertility reflects both an increase in childlessness and a decrease in the proportion of women having more than 3 children. At the 1986 Census, 6 per cent of currently married women aged 40-44 years had not had children, compared to 5 per cent at the 1971 Census. At younger ages, the increase in childlessness was more marked. For example, in 1971, 16 per cent of currently married women aged 25-29 years were childless compared to 29 per cent in 1986. The proportion of married women with more than 3 children declined from 34 per cent at ages 40-44 years in 1971 to 20 per cent in 1986.

**TABLE 1.4 CURRENTLY MARRIED WOMEN IN SELECTED CENSUS YEARS AND AGE GROUPS: AGE AND YEAR OF BIRTH BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN**

Age of woman/ Birth cohort	Census year	Number of children ever born(a)					Average number of children ever born(a)
		0	1	2	3	4 or more	
— per cent —							No.
<b>Women aged 20-24 years</b>							
Birth Cohort of —							
1961-66	1986	53.8	25.9	16.0	3.5	0.8	0.72
1956-61	1981	50.8	27.4	17.3	3.8	0.7	0.77
1951-56	1976(a)	45.6	29.5	20.4	3.8	0.7	0.85
1946-51	1971(a)	41.1	32.5	20.1	5.0	1.3	0.94
<b>Women aged 25-29 years</b>							
Birth Cohort of —							
1956-61	1986	28.6	24.6	31.4	11.8	3.6	1.38
1951-56	1981	23.6	23.7	35.1	13.6	4.0	1.52
1946-51	1976(a)	17.9	23.0	39.5	14.8	4.8	1.67
1941-46	1971(a)	15.9	23.3	35.5	17.2	8.1	1.82
<b>Women aged 30-34 years</b>							
Birth Cohort of —							
1951-56	1986	10.9	15.1	41.5	23.2	9.3	2.08
1946-51	1981	8.7	13.0	43.0	24.8	10.5	2.19
1941-46	1976(a)	6.1	11.4	40.4	27.0	15.1	2.41
1936-41	1971(a)	5.4	10.7	33.2	27.9	22.9	2.67
<b>Women aged 35-39 years</b>							
Birth Cohort of —							
1946-51	1986	6.5	9.3	42.2	27.8	14.2	2.40
1941-46	1981	5.6	8.3	38.2	29.2	18.7	2.57
1936-41	1976(a)	3.6	7.1	31.7	29.9	27.7	2.90
1931-36	1971(a)	3.9	7.9	27.6	27.4	33.2	3.08
<b>Women aged 40-44 years</b>							
Birth Cohort of —							
1941-46	1986	5.7	7.8	37.9	29.1	19.5	2.60
1936-41	1981	5.0	7.1	30.6	29.1	28.2	2.90
1931-36	1976(a)	3.6	7.0	27.3	27.5	34.6	3.15
1926-31	1971(a)	4.7	9.1	26.9	24.9	34.4	3.12

(a) 1971 and 1976 figures include adopted children and exclude children born outside the current marriage.

Source: ABS special tabulations

These changes have resulted in a lower level of achieved lifetime fertility for successive generations of women. The birth cohort of 1941-46, for example had borne an average of 2.6 children by age 40-44 years while earlier cohorts had borne about 3 children on average.

**... the two-child family dominates**

There has been a marked increase over time in the proportion of women who had borne two children only. For instance at age 40-44 years, this proportion increased from 27 per cent for women born in 1926-31 to 31 and 38 per cent respectively for those born in 1936-41 and 1941-46. The continued increase in the percentage of married women with two children only is indicative of the popularity of the two-child family in Australia.

## SOCIO-ECONOMIC DIFFERENCES

At the 1986 Census, the average number of children ever born to women aged 15 years and over was 1.9. However, this average concealed the considerable variation that occurred between women with different socio-economic characteristics.

**TABLE 2.1 AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN TO WOMEN: MARITAL STATUS BY CURRENT AGE**

Marital status	Age group (years)				All ages	
	25-29	30-34	40-44	45 and over	Observed	Age Standardised(a)
	<i>Total ever married</i>	1.38	2.04	2.58	2.84	2.39
<i>Currently married</i>	1.38	2.08	2.60	2.86	2.34	2.09
Married once	1.37	2.09	2.60	2.88	2.33	n.a.
Married more than once	1.61	2.02	2.57	2.71	2.46	n.a.
Separated, divorced, widowed	1.35	1.77	2.50	2.79	2.54	2.11
Never married	0.30	0.42	0.38	0.17	0.15	0.25
<b>All women</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>1.85</b>	<b>2.48</b>	<b>2.72</b>	<b>1.89</b>	<b>1.89</b>
De facto(b)	0.81	1.40	2.37	2.90	1.16	1.85

(a) According to the age distribution of all women. (b) De facto is not a category of the marital status variable. Couples in de facto unions are classified from the relationship variable on the census form.

Source: Tables 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4

### Fertility variation by age and marital status

The fertility of currently married women was higher than for other marital status categories at each age. At ages 30-34 years, for example, currently married women had had 2.1 children compared to 1.8 children for those who were separated, divorced or widowed. Women in de facto relationships and those who had never married had had 1.4 and 0.4 children respectively.

For currently married women, the average number of births at all ages was higher for those who had been married more than once (2.5 children) than for those who had been married only once (2.3 children). The differences in fertility between currently married women according to the number of marriages were more noticeable at ages under 30 years. By age 25-29 years, for example, those who had been married more than once had had an average of 1.6 children compared to 1.4 children for those married once.

The age standardised average number of children ever born is a measure which allows comparison of the overall level of fertility between women of various categories, removing the influence of differences in the age structure of the sub-populations of each category. The overall standardised fertility of currently married women, for example, was 13 per cent higher than that of de facto women and slightly lower than that of those who were separated, widowed or divorced (see Tables 3.1-3.4).

### ... and by age at first marriage

Fertility is also affected by the age at which women first married. When standardised for age, the average number of children ever born to women who married when aged 15-19 years was about 25 per cent greater than that for women who married when aged over 30 years. This of course reflected the longer duration of marriage for those who married younger.

The effect of age at marriage on fertility was consistent for women in any age group. For example, among women who were aged 45 years and over in 1986 and who were in their first marriage, the average number of children ever born was 3.5 for those who had married at the age of 15-19 years, and 2.6 for those who had married at ages 30 years and over. A similar pattern was present for women of younger ages.

**TABLE 2.2 AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN TO WOMEN CURRENTLY IN THEIR FIRST MARRIAGE: AGE AT MARRIAGE BY CURRENT AGE**

Age at marriage (years)	Age group (years)				All ages	
	25-29	30-34	40-44	45 and over	Observed	Age
						Standardised(a)
15-19	2.41	2.67	3.22	3.54	2.60	2.36
20-24	1.67	2.34	2.74	3.19	2.28	2.18
25-29	0.64	1.75	2.42	3.01	2.24	2.10
30 and over	..	0.83	1.70	2.63	2.42	1.90

(a) According to the age distribution of all women.

Source: Tables 3.5 and 3.6

### Fertility related to educational attainment

The fertility of women also varied with their level of education. Generally, women with higher levels of educational attainment or qualifications had lower fertility. The average number of children born to women aged 15 years and over who had no tertiary qualifications was 47 per cent greater than that of women who held a degree, when standardised for difference in age. Similarly, the level of fertility achieved by women decreased with increased years of schooling. When standardised for age, the average number of children was 54 per cent greater for women who had left school before reaching 13 years of age than for those women who had left school aged 19 years or more. This inverse relationship between fertility and educational level was evident irrespective of the age of the women.

**TABLE 2.3 AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN TO WOMEN: QUALIFICATION ATTAINED AND AGE LEFT SCHOOL BY CURRENT AGE**

Education level/ Age left school (years)	Age group (years)				All ages	
	25-29	30-34	40-44	45 and over	Observed	Age
						Standardised(a)
<i>Qualification</i>						
Degree	0.35	1.08	1.88	2.17	1.14	1.35
Diploma or certificate	0.82	1.66	2.29	2.43	1.66	1.64
Other qualifications	0.99	1.73	2.34	2.45	1.67	1.71
No qualifications	1.30	2.01	2.58	2.81	1.99	1.99
<i>Age left school (years)</i>						
Did not go to school	1.32	2.06	2.93	3.69	3.24	2.46
Less than 13	1.88	2.33	2.66	3.00	2.84	2.29
13-16	1.37	2.04	2.54	2.74	2.18	1.99
17-18	0.74	1.53	2.20	2.39	1.25	1.60
19 and over	0.69	1.39	2.01	2.26	1.35	1.50

(a) According to the age distribution of all women.

Source: Tables 3.9, 3.10, 3.11 and 3.12

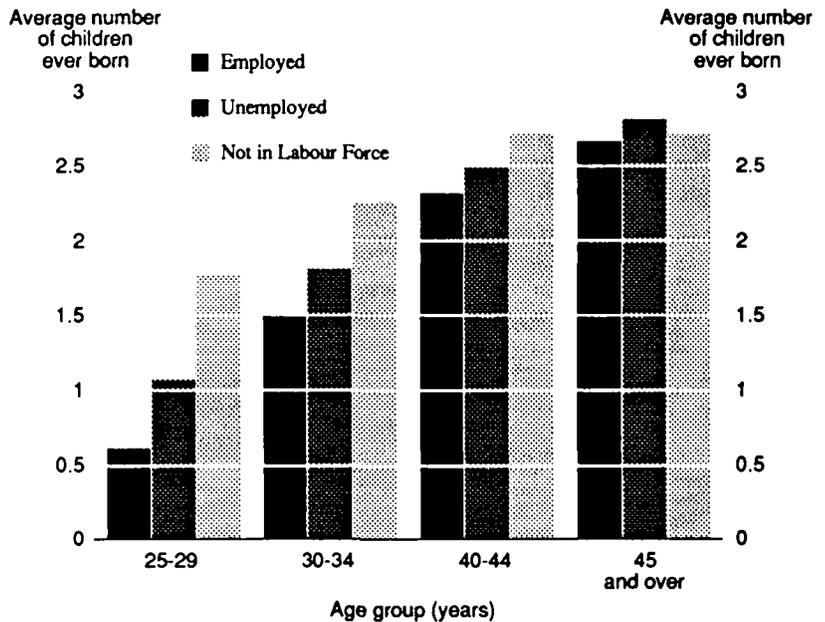
## Labour force status and fertility

For women aged 45 years or more, there was little difference in fertility between those who were employed, unemployed or not in the labour force. For this cohort of women, who may be assumed to have completed their child bearing, it appears that lifetime fertility had little effect on current labour force status.

### ... employed women had lower fertility

Among younger cohorts however, women in the labour force, especially those who were employed, showed lower fertility than those who were not in the labour force. For example, at age 30-34 years, employed women had had an average of 1.5 children compared to 1.8 and 2.3 children respectively for those who were unemployed and not in the labour force. It should be noted however that the figures only describe the situation with respect to whether or not women were in the labour force at the time of the census.

**FIGURE 2.1 AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN TO WOMEN: EMPLOYMENT STATUS BY CURRENT AGE**



Source: Table 3.13

## Higher income, lower fertility

The average number of children ever born to a woman varied according to the level of both her individual and her family income; in both cases, the higher the income level, the lower the fertility.

The level of individual income had a much stronger relationship with fertility than family income. The average number of children born to women who had no individual income or received up to \$12,000 a year was about 40 per cent higher than that of women who received more than \$12,000 a year, standardised for differences in age distribution. The difference in fertility between women in high income families and women in lower income families was not as great.

**TABLE 2.4 AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN TO WOMEN:  
INCOME BY CURRENT AGE**

Income	Age group (years)				All ages	
	25-29	30-34	40-44	45 and over	Ob- served	Age Stan- dard- ised(a)
	<i>Individual</i>					
No Income	1.58	2.13	2.60	2.95	1.87	2.10
\$1 - \$12,000	1.53	2.15	2.65	2.74	2.14	2.05
\$12,001 - \$32,000	0.36	1.16	2.17	2.44	1.33	1.46
\$32,001 and over	0.42	0.92	1.85	2.14	1.59	1.36
<i>Family</i>						
No Income	1.45	2.02	2.51	2.99	2.24	2.11
\$1 - \$12,000	1.74	2.14	2.52	2.76	2.30	2.13
\$12,001 - \$32,000	1.52	2.14	2.51	2.86	2.05	2.06
\$32,001 and over	0.60	1.60	2.54	3.00	1.73	1.89

(a) According to the age distribution of all women.

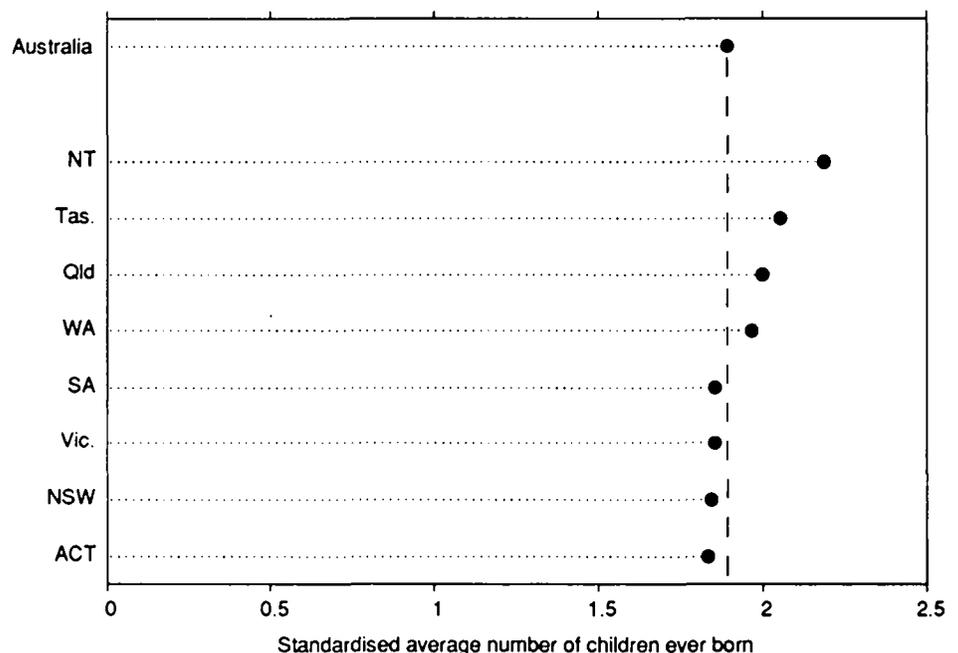
Source: Tables 3.15, 3.16, 3.17 and 3.18

The largest differences in fertility according to income level occurred in the younger age ranges. For example, at age 25-29 years, women with individual incomes in excess of \$32,000 had had an average of 0.4 children compared to 1.6 children for women with no individual income. Again, a similar pattern existed with family income but the fertility differences were smaller.

### Regional differences ... States and Territories

There was some difference in fertility between the States and Territories. The highest fertility occurred in the Northern Territory with a standardised average number of children per woman 16 per cent higher than the national figure. This high level reflected in part the large proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Northern Territory's population. Women in the Australian Capital Territory had the lowest fertility reflecting the generally higher proportion of employed women, their higher level of educational attainment and their higher incomes.

**FIGURE 2.2 STANDARDISED(a) AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER  
BORN TO WOMEN BY STATE/TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE**



(a) According to the age distribution of all Australian women.

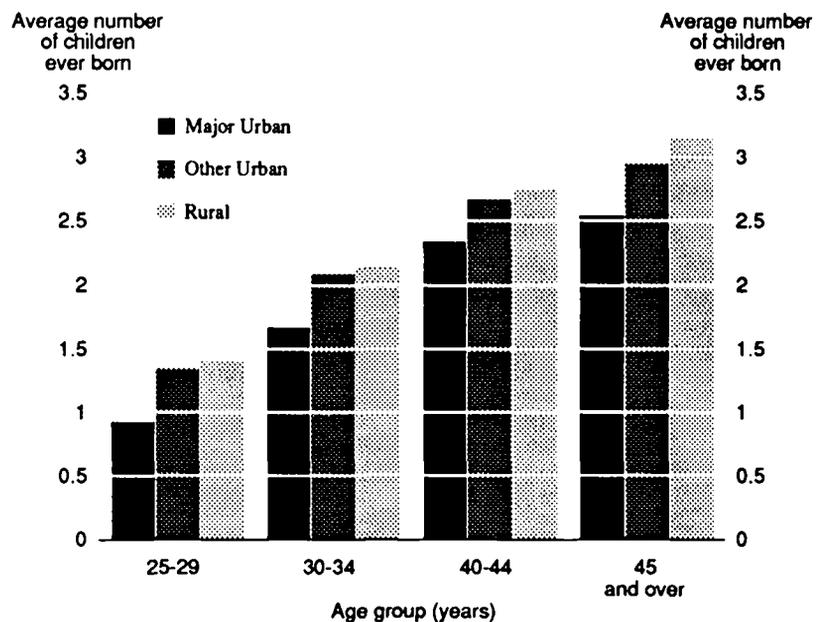
Source: Table 3.20

### ... women in rural areas had more children

The average number of children ever born to women also varied according to their area of residence. The average number of children born to women who lived in rural areas was 25 per cent higher than the average number born to women in major urban areas and the average number of children born to women who lived in other urban areas was 19 per cent higher than to women in major urban areas, standardised for differences in age distribution. (see Table 3.22 and Glossary for geographical definitions).

Comparisons at various age groups and for all ages revealed the same pattern. At age 45 years or more, approximating total lifetime fertility, the average number of children ever born to women in rural areas was 3.2, compared to 3.0 and 2.6 respectively to those who lived in other urban and major urban areas.

**FIGURE 2.3 AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN TO WOMEN: AREA OF RESIDENCE BY CURRENT AGE**



Source: Table 3.21

### Religious affiliation affects fertility

The 1986 Census showed that the religious affiliation of women had some influence on fertility.

The average number of children ever born to women aged 45-54 years, generally considered to have completed their childbearing, was higher among Christians (2.9) than non-Christians (2.7). At ages younger than 25 years, however, the fertility of non-Christian women was higher than that of Christian women.

The differences in fertility between Christian and non-Christian women were not uniform across religious groups. For example, the fertility of Buddhist and Muslim women in the age group 45-54 years was considerably higher than that of Christian women. On the other hand, the fertility of Jewish women was lower than that of Christians. The fertility of Muslim women was the highest at each age compared to all other religious groups.

Among Christian women in the 45-54 year age group, Catholic women had a higher average lifetime fertility (3.1 children per woman) than Anglican women (2.8 children per woman). However, Catholic women in the younger age groups (up to age 34 years) had slightly lower fertility than Anglican women (see also *Religion in Australia*, Cat. No. 2510.0).

**TABLE 2.5 AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN TO WOMEN: RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION BY CURRENT AGE**

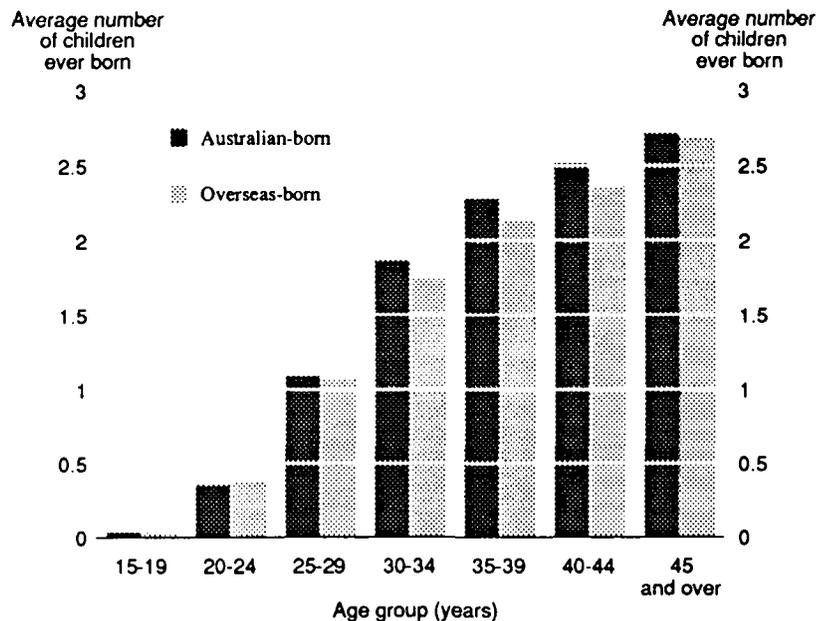
Religious affiliation	Age group (years)					All ages	
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	Observed	Age Standardised(a)
	Christian	0.05	0.36	1.52	2.40	2.88	1.96
Anglican	0.05	0.39	1.52	2.33	2.79	1.94	1.86
Catholic	0.04	0.34	1.51	2.50	3.07	1.97	2.03
Other	0.07	0.43	1.25	2.07	2.74	1.48	1.77
Buddhist	0.04	0.37	1.30	2.26	3.54	1.87	n.a.
Jewish	0.03	0.14	1.19	2.06	2.34	1.63	n.a.
Muslim	0.13	0.91	2.33	3.08	3.77	2.28	n.a.
No religion	0.07	0.40	1.19	2.00	2.66	1.40	n.a.

(a) According to the age distribution of all women.

Source: Tables 3.23, 3.24 and ABS special tabulations

**Australian-born women had higher fertility than migrant women**

The average number of children ever born to Australian-born women was higher at all ages over 25 years than the figure for overseas-born women. In addition, the age standardised average number of children ever born to Australian-born women was slightly higher (3 per cent) than for overseas-born women (see Table 3.26).

**FIGURE 2.4 AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN TO WOMEN: BIRTHPLACE BY CURRENT AGE**

Source: Table 3.25

Among overseas-born women aged 55 years and over (assumed to have completed childbearing), those born in Lebanon had an average number of children ever born of 4.2 and those in Vietnam 3.9. These high figures are consistent with the high fertility of Muslims, Buddhists and Catholics. Nearly three-quarters of people born in Lebanon were Muslims or Catholics and over half of Vietnamese-born people were Buddhists or Catholics (see *Multicultural Australia*, Cat. No. 2505.0).

When standardised for age, the fertility of overseas-born women resident in Australia for less than 10 years was higher than that of women with a longer period of residence. In general, for overseas-born women in younger age groups, the greater the

proportion of their child-bearing life that was spent as a resident in Australia, the closer was their fertility to that of Australian-born women. Younger women who had arrived in Australia in the 5 years before the Census had had fewer children than those of the same age group who had lived in Australia for 10 years or more. Among older women, the reverse was true; those who had arrived in Australia in the previous 5 years had had more children than those who had lived in Australia longer. On an age standardised basis there was only a small difference between the fertility of overseas-born and that of Australian-born women.

**TABLE 2.6 AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN TO WOMEN: OVERSEAS-BORN BY DURATION OF RESIDENCE CURRENT AGE AND AUSTRALIAN-BORN BY CURRENT AGE**

Duration of residence (years)	Age group (years)				All ages	
	25-29	30-34	40-44	45 and over	Observed	Age Standardised(a)
Overseas born	1.09	1.75	2.37	2.69	2.04	1.85
Less than 5	0.77	1.39	2.22	3.15	1.46	1.91
5-9	1.13	1.56	2.31	2.96	1.66	1.95
10 and over	1.20	1.91	2.39	2.65	2.18	1.87
Australian-born	1.10	1.88	2.53	2.73	1.84	1.91

(a) According to the age distribution of all women.

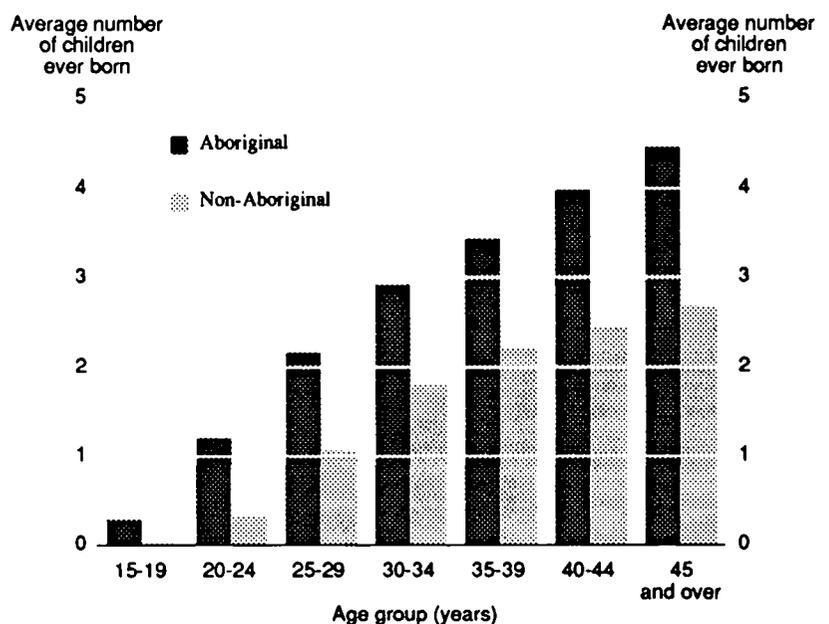
Source: Tables 3.25, 3.26, 3.29 and 3.30

### Aboriginal women had the highest fertility

The average number of children ever born to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women was considerably higher at all ages than for non-Aboriginal women. For instance, in the age group 20-24 years the average number of children ever born to Aboriginal women was three times that of non-Aboriginal women (1.2 compared to 0.4 children). For each older age group, Aboriginal fertility was between 50 and 100 per cent higher than non-Aboriginal fertility.

The average number of children born to Aboriginal women was 2.5, almost 70 per cent higher on an age standardised basis than the average number born to non-Aboriginal women.

**FIGURE 2.5 AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN TO WOMEN: ABORIGINALITY BY CURRENT AGE**



Source: Table 3.31



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TABLE 3.1. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER: MARITAL STATUS BY AGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN

Age (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(a)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
<b>ALL WOMEN</b>									
15-19	644,082	79.75	96.28	3.00	0.51	0.09	0.12	0.050	1.343
20-24	633,133	88.14	75.43	14.65	7.69	1.76	0.47	0.375	1.526
25-29	648,677	92.44	42.79	20.89	24.07	9.16	3.08	1.099	1.921
30-34	618,060	93.69	19.94	15.43	36.17	19.99	8.47	1.848	2.308
35-39	612,070	93.60	11.95	10.48	38.93	25.18	13.47	2.239	2.543
40-44	482,617	93.11	9.72	8.68	35.64	27.03	18.93	2.480	2.747
15-44	3,638,639	89.94	42.77	12.55	23.91	13.65	7.12	1.333	2.328
45 and over	2,422,380	90.61	12.29	11.31	25.80	22.16	28.44	2.720	3.101
All ages	6,061,019	90.21	30.53	12.06	24.67	17.06	15.68	1.889	2.720
<b>MARRIED — ONCE</b>									
15-19	12,164	91.89	57.36	34.03	7.36	0.89	0.36	0.532	1.248
20-24	193,876	95.14	54.13	25.91	15.87	3.39	0.70	0.709	1.545
25-29	380,276	95.92	28.88	24.54	31.59	11.63	3.36	1.370	1.926
30-34	406,702	95.99	10.64	14.50	42.47	23.46	8.93	2.085	2.333
35-39	416,117	95.54	6.13	8.63	43.23	28.23	13.78	2.406	2.563
40-44	330,676	94.79	5.43	7.19	38.70	29.62	19.06	2.599	2.748
15-44	1,739,811	95.52	17.72	15.32	36.36	20.79	9.81	1.938	2.356
45 and over	1,263,704	93.43	7.18	9.52	28.18	25.20	29.91	2.884	3.107
All ages	3,003,515	94.64	13.34	12.91	32.97	22.62	18.16	2.331	2.690
<b>MARRIED — MORE THAN ONCE</b>									
15-19	80	81.25	24.62	26.15	16.92	18.46	13.85	1.877	2.490
20-24	2,071	94.88	27.23	31.91	26.82	10.59	3.46	1.327	1.824
25-29	18,474	95.92	22.33	26.11	29.32	15.16	7.09	1.610	2.073
30-34	42,146	95.72	13.40	20.55	33.12	20.86	12.07	2.024	2.337
35-39	50,461	95.32	9.15	15.02	34.39	24.40	17.04	2.336	2.571
40-44	40,291	94.57	7.76	12.57	31.96	25.12	22.59	2.568	2.784
15-44	153,523	95.29	11.81	17.48	32.68	22.30	15.73	2.209	2.505
45 and over	156,588	92.67	10.26	14.41	25.46	21.64	28.22	2.705	3.015
All ages	310,111	93.96	11.04	15.95	29.09	21.97	21.95	2.456	2.761
<b>CURRENTLY MARRIED(b)</b>									
15-19	14,309	86.47	58.38	32.84	7.23	1.03	0.52	0.531	1.276
20-24	208,024	92.50	53.84	25.93	15.97	3.48	0.77	0.718	1.556
25-29	416,202	94.24	28.62	24.58	31.44	11.79	3.58	1.382	1.936
30-34	466,643	94.50	10.94	15.05	41.53	23.21	9.27	2.080	2.335
35-39	484,307	94.10	6.49	9.33	42.22	27.78	14.18	2.399	2.565
40-44	384,619	93.47	5.72	7.80	37.89	29.09	19.50	2.596	2.754
15-44	1,974,104	93.88	17.35	15.50	35.97	20.86	10.32	1.959	2.370
45 and over	1,486,699	91.73	7.58	10.08	27.83	24.75	29.76	2.864	3.099
All ages	3,460,803	92.95	13.21	13.20	32.52	22.51	18.56	2.343	2.699
<b>SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED</b>									
15-19	1,399	79.70	41.88	38.30	13.45	2.78	3.59	0.925	1.591
20-24	20,532	92.48	37.62	31.37	22.27	6.59	2.15	1.054	1.690
25-29	55,268	93.75	32.19	24.60	26.39	11.54	5.29	1.353	1.995
30-34	74,896	94.19	21.07	20.94	31.98	16.54	9.47	1.768	2.240
35-39	85,801	94.02	12.77	16.62	35.66	20.71	14.23	2.153	2.468
40-44	73,954	93.72	8.95	13.08	33.47	23.78	20.71	2.497	2.742
15-44	311,850	93.78	19.03	19.28	31.66	17.82	12.21	1.924	2.376
45 and over	807,661	90.85	10.33	14.67	25.28	20.17	29.55	2.790	3.111
All ages	1,119,511	91.66	12.81	15.98	27.10	19.50	24.61	2.543	2.917
<b>TOTAL EVER MARRIED(b)</b>									
15-19	15,708	85.87	57.01	33.29	7.75	1.18	0.77	0.564	1.311
20-24	228,556	92.49	52.39	26.42	16.54	3.76	0.90	0.748	1.572
25-29	471,470	94.18	29.04	24.58	30.85	11.76	3.78	1.379	1.943
30-34	541,539	94.46	12.34	15.86	40.21	22.29	9.30	2.037	2.323
35-39	570,108	94.09	7.44	10.42	41.24	26.72	14.19	2.362	2.552
40-44	458,573	93.51	6.24	8.65	37.17	28.23	19.70	2.580	2.752
15-44	2,285,954	93.86	17.58	16.01	35.39	20.45	10.58	1.954	2.371
45 and over	2,294,360	91.42	8.54	11.68	26.94	23.15	29.68	2.838	3.103
All ages	4,580,314	92.64	13.11	13.87	31.21	21.78	20.02	2.391	2.752
<b>NEVER MARRIED</b>									
15-19	628,374	79.60	97.34	2.18	0.31	0.06	0.11	0.036	1.356
20-24	404,577	85.68	89.48	7.47	2.29	0.54	0.22	0.147	1.402
25-29	177,207	87.82	82.05	10.37	4.75	1.74	1.08	0.301	1.677
30-34	76,521	88.23	77.51	12.17	5.59	2.58	2.17	0.415	1.847
35-39	41,962	87.00	78.24	11.28	4.99	2.60	2.91	0.436	2.004
40-44	24,044	85.48	82.24	9.22	3.73	1.96	2.85	0.380	2.139
15-44	1,352,685	83.32	90.73	5.96	2.06	0.71	0.54	0.149	1.606
45 and over	128,020	76.08	93.03	3.38	1.26	0.76	1.57	0.170	2.437
All ages	1,480,705	82.69	90.91	5.76	2.00	0.71	0.62	0.151	1.657

(a) Based on issue stated. (b) Includes 147,177 women who did not state number of marriages.

**TABLE 3.2. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER: MARITAL STATUS BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN FOR STANDARDISED(a) POPULATION**

Marital status	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Standardised percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
Total all women	6,061,019	90.21	30.53	12.06	24.67	17.06	15.68	1.889	2.720
Currently married	3,460,803	92.95	19.82	16.09	28.83	19.09	16.17	2.087	2.603
Separated, Divorced, Widowed	1,119,511	91.66	19.30	19.81	26.47	16.64	17.78	2.114	2.620
Total ever married	4,580,314	92.64	19.93	16.71	28.25	18.55	16.57	2.095	2.616
Never married	1,480,705	82.69	87.60	6.77	2.74	1.28	1.60	0.246	1.982

(a) Standardised with respect to the age distribution of all women with issue stated. (b) Based on issue stated.

**TABLE 3.3. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER IN DE FACTO RELATIONSHIPS: AGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN**

Age (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(a)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
15-19	28,986	84.63	85.83	11.77	2.03	0.23	0.15	0.173	1.224
20-24	57,000	90.91	73.47	16.06	7.77	2.07	0.63	0.406	1.532
25-29	44,232	92.05	58.96	16.86	14.20	6.42	3.56	0.805	1.961
30-34	28,787	92.30	37.80	18.49	23.09	12.07	8.55	1.402	2.254
35-39	21,443	92.47	21.59	16.22	30.68	17.31	14.20	1.961	2.501
40-44	13,865	91.83	15.51	12.67	29.61	21.65	20.55	2.368	2.803
15-44	194,313	90.68	56.43	15.79	14.92	7.46	5.40	0.933	2.141
45 and over	26,382	88.73	13.71	11.44	21.82	19.85	33.17	2.899	3.360
All ages	220,695	90.44	51.42	15.28	15.73	8.91	8.66	1.164	2.395

(a) Based on issue stated.

**TABLE 3.4. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER IN DE FACTO RELATIONSHIPS: NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN FOR STANDARDISED(a) POPULATION**

Relationship	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Standardised percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
Total all women	6,061,019	90.21	30.53	12.06	24.67	17.06	15.68	1.889	2.720
Women in defacto relationships	220,695	90.44	35.51	14.54	19.07	13.16	17.72	1.846	2.862

(a) Standardised with respect to the age distribution of all women with issue stated. (b) Based on issue stated.

**TABLE 3.5. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER IN FIRST MARRIAGE(a): AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE BY AGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN**

Age (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
<b>AGED 15-19 YEARS AT FIRST MARRIAGE</b>									
15-19	11,449	92.31	58.60	34.20	6.57	0.51	0.12	0.495	1.195
20-24	27,403	95.76	14.18	24.16	44.42	14.37	2.88	1.682	1.960
25-29	41,650	96.09	4.27	9.04	44.28	29.88	12.54	2.411	2.518
30-34	45,597	95.65	1.93	5.48	42.03	32.30	18.26	2.673	2.726
35-39	41,161	94.92	1.80	4.54	35.93	33.51	24.22	2.868	2.921
40-44	29,327	93.79	1.52	4.05	26.38	32.45	35.59	3.224	3.274
15-44	196,587	95.13	7.27	10.08	37.26	27.74	17.65	2.477	2.671
45 and over	24,865	93.77	1.79	4.67	20.80	27.18	45.57	3.542	3.607
All ages	221,452	94.98	6.66	9.48	35.44	27.68	20.74	2.595	2.780
<b>AGED 20-24 YEARS AT FIRST MARRIAGE</b>									
20-24	162,603	95.19	61.25	26.26	10.86	1.40	0.23	0.533	1.374
25-29	191,858	96.40	15.51	24.02	42.78	14.49	3.19	1.665	1.970
30-34	213,720	96.32	5.09	9.16	46.39	28.80	10.56	2.335	2.460
35-39	228,645	95.84	3.29	6.16	44.91	30.87	14.77	2.533	2.619
40-44	171,524	94.98	2.90	5.31	37.95	32.71	21.13	2.744	2.826
15-44	968,350	95.79	15.73	13.59	37.91	22.55	10.22	2.019	2.396
45 and over	284,269	94.29	2.74	5.27	26.70	29.78	35.51	3.189	3.278
All ages	1,252,619	95.45	12.82	11.73	35.40	24.17	15.89	2.281	2.617
<b>AGED 25-29 YEARS AT FIRST MARRIAGE</b>									
25-29	140,253	95.48	54.92	30.01	12.38	2.09	0.59	0.637	1.414
30-34	101,948	96.24	13.39	22.16	44.83	15.86	3.75	1.754	2.025
35-39	99,973	95.81	7.10	9.98	46.06	26.38	10.49	2.263	2.436
40-44	92,512	95.38	5.45	8.04	44.99	27.94	13.58	2.420	2.560
15-44	434,686	95.71	23.63	18.89	34.70	16.41	6.37	1.653	2.164
45 and over	338,703	94.26	4.34	7.46	29.31	27.57	31.32	3.012	3.149
All ages	773,389	95.08	15.25	13.93	32.36	21.26	17.20	2.243	2.647
<b>AGED 30 YEARS OR MORE AT FIRST MARRIAGE</b>									
30-34	38,674	94.91	44.59	34.68	15.83	3.46	1.44	0.834	1.505
35-39	38,804	95.09	24.75	24.08	35.12	12.20	3.85	1.480	1.967
40-44	31,226	94.27	22.65	17.90	36.98	15.59	6.88	1.695	2.192
15-44	108,704	94.79	31.22	26.09	28.78	10.06	3.86	1.311	1.907
45 and over	588,698	92.96	11.14	12.98	28.74	21.62	25.52	2.625	2.954
All ages	697,402	93.24	14.32	15.06	28.74	19.79	22.08	2.417	2.821
<b>AGED 15-24 YEARS AT FIRST MARRIAGE</b>									
15-19	11,449	92.31	58.60	34.20	6.57	0.51	0.12	0.495	1.195
20-24	190,006	95.27	54.42	25.96	15.73	3.28	0.61	0.699	1.534
25-29	233,508	96.34	13.51	21.36	43.05	17.23	4.86	1.798	2.078
30-34	259,317	96.20	4.54	8.52	45.62	29.41	11.91	2.394	2.508
35-39	269,806	95.70	3.07	5.91	43.55	31.27	16.20	2.584	2.666
40-44	200,851	94.81	2.70	5.13	36.28	32.67	23.22	2.813	2.891
15-44	1,164,937	95.68	14.31	13.00	37.80	23.42	11.47	2.096	2.446
45 and over	309,134	94.25	2.67	5.22	26.23	29.57	36.31	3.217	3.305
All ages	1,474,071	95.38	11.90	11.39	35.40	24.69	16.62	2.328	2.643

(a) Excludes 58,653 women who did not state year first married. (b) Based on issue stated.

**TABLE 3.6. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WHO WERE CURRENTLY MARRIED: NUMBER OF MARRIAGES BY AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN FOR STANDARDISED(a) POPULATION**

Age (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Standardised percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
Total all women	6,061,019	90.21	30.53	12.06	24.67	17.06	15.68	1.889	2.720
<b>MARRIED — ONCE</b>									
15-19	221,452	94.98	12.10	12.57	32.72	24.36	18.26	2.358	2.683
20-24	1,252,619	95.45	14.92	12.72	34.75	22.96	14.64	2.183	2.566
25-29	773,389	95.08	16.06	14.77	34.74	20.91	13.52	2.096	2.497
30 or more	697,402	93.24	22.29	19.22	29.58	15.75	13.17	1.896	2.440
15-24	1,474,071	95.38	19.17	14.91	31.22	20.81	13.90	2.038	2.522
<b>MARRIED — MORE THAN ONCE (C)</b>									
15-19	37,697	95.54	12.78	18.99	27.27	21.37	19.59	2.288	2.623
20-24	120,392	95.43	16.76	20.31	29.44	19.15	14.34	2.029	2.437
25-29	54,124	94.48	17.80	21.48	29.91	17.66	13.16	1.958	2.382
30 or more	87,915	91.96	15.86	18.59	25.60	18.49	21.46	2.309	2.744
15-24	158,089	95.45	8.38	10.74	14.05	9.41	7.42	2.029	2.438

(a) Standardised with respect to the age distribution of all women with issue stated. (b) Based on issue stated. (c) Excludes 9,983 women who did not state year first married.

**TABLE 3.7. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER IN FIRST MARRIAGE(a): DURATION SINCE FIRST MARRIAGE BY AGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN**

Age (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
<b>MARRIED LESS THAN 5 YEARS</b>									
15-19	11,449	92.31	58.60	34.20	6.57	0.51	0.12	0.495	1.195
20-24	162,603	95.19	61.25	26.26	10.86	1.40	0.23	0.533	1.374
25-29	140,253	95.48	54.92	30.01	12.38	2.09	0.59	0.637	1.414
30-34	38,674	94.91	44.59	34.68	15.83	3.46	1.44	0.834	1.505
35-39	11,031	94.56	44.91	32.72	16.21	3.96	2.20	0.875	1.588
40-44	3,351	91.79	58.32	22.66	11.09	4.23	3.71	0.754	1.809
15-44	367,361	95.13	56.48	28.98	12.00	1.95	0.58	0.615	1.414
45 and over	3,700	90.27	70.93	12.63	7.04	3.62	5.78	0.679	2.336
All ages	371,061	95.08	56.62	28.83	11.95	1.97	0.63	0.616	1.420
<b>MARRIED 5 TO 9 YEARS</b>									
20-24	27,403	95.76	14.18	24.16	44.42	14.37	2.88	1.682	1.960
25-29	191,858	96.40	15.51	24.02	42.78	14.49	3.19	1.665	1.970
30-34	101,948	96.24	13.39	22.16	44.83	15.86	3.75	1.754	2.025
35-39	27,773	95.30	16.81	20.67	42.57	15.45	4.50	1.719	2.066
40-44	7,349	93.82	31.47	23.22	31.50	9.60	4.21	1.343	1.960
15-44	356,331	96.16	15.22	23.23	43.25	14.85	3.45	1.689	1.993
45 and over	6,015	91.22	60.16	14.73	13.85	5.92	5.34	0.876	2.198
All ages	362,346	96.08	15.93	23.09	42.79	14.71	3.48	1.676	1.994
<b>MARRIED 10 TO 14 YEARS</b>									
25-29	41,650	96.09	4.27	9.04	44.28	29.88	12.54	2.411	2.518
30-34	213,720	96.32	5.09	9.16	46.39	28.80	10.56	2.335	2.460
35-39	99,973	95.81	7.10	9.98	46.06	26.38	10.49	2.263	2.436
40-44	20,526	94.83	13.89	15.27	43.01	19.51	8.32	1.969	2.287
15-44	375,869	96.07	6.01	9.69	45.88	27.78	10.64	2.304	2.452
45 and over	11,336	91.72	44.98	16.54	23.58	9.31	5.58	1.184	2.153
All ages	387,205	95.95	7.10	9.89	45.26	27.26	10.50	2.273	2.447
<b>MARRIED 15 TO 19 YEARS</b>									
30-34	45,597	95.65	1.93	5.48	42.03	32.30	18.26	2.673	2.726
35-39	228,645	95.84	3.29	6.16	44.91	30.87	14.77	2.533	2.619
40-44	92,512	95.38	5.45	8.04	44.99	27.94	13.58	2.420	2.560
15-44	366,754	95.70	3.67	6.55	44.57	30.31	14.91	2.522	2.618
45 and over	28,755	93.53	22.24	15.18	36.15	17.13	9.30	1.815	2.333
All ages	395,509	95.54	4.99	7.16	43.97	29.37	14.51	2.472	2.602
<b>MARRIED 20 TO 24 YEARS</b>									
35-39	41,161	94.92	1.80	4.54	35.93	33.51	24.22	2.868	2.921
40-44	171,524	94.98	2.90	5.31	37.95	32.71	21.13	2.744	2.826
15-44	212,685	94.97	2.69	5.16	37.56	32.87	21.73	2.768	2.844
45 and over	100,503	94.36	9.00	9.22	35.58	27.51	18.69	2.479	2.724
All ages	313,188	94.77	4.70	6.46	36.93	31.15	20.76	2.676	2.808
<b>MARRIED 25 TO 29 YEARS</b>									
40-44	29,327	93.79	1.52	4.05	26.38	32.45	35.59	3.224	3.274
15-44	29,327	93.79	1.52	4.05	26.38	32.45	35.59	3.224	3.274
45 and over	235,982	94.16	5.27	6.73	29.39	29.61	29.01	2.901	3.062
All ages	265,309	94.12	4.85	6.44	29.05	29.93	29.73	2.936	3.086
<b>MARRIED 30 OR MORE YEARS</b>									
45 and over	850,244	93.47	5.79	9.98	27.06	24.49	32.68	3.004	3.189
All ages	850,244	93.47	5.79	9.98	27.06	24.49	32.68	3.004	3.189

(a) Excludes 58,653 women who did not state year first married. (b) Based on issue stated.

**TABLE 3.8. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WHO WERE CURRENTLY MARRIED: NUMBER OF MARRIAGES BY DURATION SINCE FIRST MARRIAGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN FOR STANDARDISED(a) POPULATION**

Duration since first marriage (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Standardised percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
Total all women	6,061,019	90.21	30.53	12.06	24.67	17.06	15.68	1.889	2.720
<b>MARRIED — ONCE</b>									
Less than 5	371,061	95.08	59.93	23.99	10.13	2.95	3.00	0.686	1.711
5 to 9	362,346	96.08	36.22	18.70	29.72	10.89	4.48	1.320	2.069
10 to 14	387,205	95.95	31.16	11.11	31.50	18.04	8.19	1.653	2.401
15 to 19	395,509	95.54	27.53	10.23	32.13	19.49	10.63	1.808	2.494
20 to 24	313,188	94.77	26.80	10.04	27.89	20.92	14.34	1.945	2.656
25 to 29	265,309	94.12	25.24	10.84	23.69	20.46	19.77	2.128	2.847
30 or more	850,244	93.47	5.79	9.84	26.24	24.46	33.67	3.035	3.222
<b>MARRIED — MORE THAN ONCE(c)</b>									
Less than 5	7,748	92.33	20.92	21.88	21.65	16.39	19.17	2.119	2.680
5 to 9	22,285	94.66	18.87	19.55	25.98	16.69	18.92	2.175	2.681
10 to 14	41,559	95.68	16.86	18.23	28.58	18.63	17.71	2.192	2.637
15 to 19	49,341	95.31	15.54	16.12	28.93	20.06	19.35	2.279	2.698
20 to 24	39,135	94.68	16.36	15.22	27.15	20.45	20.82	2.305	2.755
25 to 29	31,181	93.84	17.13	15.44	23.45	19.96	24.03	2.394	2.889
30 or more	108,879	93.26	9.29	14.31	24.32	21.44	30.63	2.802	3.090

(a) Standardised with respect to the age distribution of all women with issue stated. (b) Based on issue stated. (c) Excludes 9,983 women who did not state year first married.

**TABLE 3.9. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a): HIGHEST QUALIFICATION ATTAINED BY AGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN**

Age (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
<b>DEGREE</b>									
15-19	451	78.05	89.49	2.56	0.85	1.70	5.40	0.375	3.568
20-24	30,620	90.96	97.14	2.32	0.43	0.05	0.06	0.037	1.302
25-29	52,573	94.04	76.25	14.79	7.35	1.39	0.21	0.346	1.457
30-34	49,391	95.66	42.71	20.23	25.82	9.12	2.13	1.082	1.888
35-39	37,371	95.75	26.95	14.97	34.93	17.08	6.08	1.623	2.221
40-44	22,500	95.74	22.06	11.81	35.80	20.90	9.41	1.875	2.406
15-44	192,906	94.46	54.68	13.95	19.85	8.58	2.94	0.921	2.033
45 and over	40,699	94.30	24.62	8.94	24.07	22.31	20.06	2.166	2.874
All ages	233,605	94.43	49.45	13.08	20.58	10.97	5.92	1.138	2.251
<b>DIPLOMA OR CERTIFICATE</b>									
15-19	27,764	84.51	97.37	2.17	0.27	0.08	0.12	0.036	1.367
20-24	120,314	90.41	86.26	9.83	3.36	0.43	0.11	0.184	1.343
25-29	149,036	94.52	52.30	21.48	19.61	5.49	1.12	0.819	1.718
30-34	138,510	95.78	23.99	16.74	35.58	17.95	5.74	1.661	2.186
35-39	126,264	95.85	14.33	11.15	39.46	24.48	10.58	2.093	2.443
40-44	92,629	95.27	12.04	9.00	37.50	26.90	14.56	2.293	2.608
15-44	654,517	93.97	40.67	13.84	25.92	13.89	5.69	1.321	2.226
45 and over	285,716	94.03	16.66	10.36	26.74	23.15	23.09	2.426	2.911
All ages	940,233	93.99	33.37	12.78	26.17	16.70	10.98	1.657	2.487
<b>OTHER QUALIFICATION</b>									
15-19	24,021	81.21	97.56	1.95	0.30	0.07	0.12	0.035	1.414
20-24	31,313	86.18	83.28	11.14	4.56	0.78	0.24	0.238	1.424
25-29	23,082	91.49	46.01	21.85	22.61	7.41	2.12	0.985	1.825
30-34	22,096	93.45	21.75	17.85	35.50	17.97	6.94	1.730	2.211
35-39	24,002	93.70	13.04	12.75	39.46	23.51	11.24	2.116	2.434
40-44	18,866	92.66	10.73	10.74	37.04	25.42	16.08	2.338	2.619
15-44	143,380	89.43	47.20	12.81	22.41	11.88	5.70	1.186	2.246
45 and over	86,264	91.96	14.34	12.99	27.83	22.10	22.74	2.449	2.859
All ages	229,644	90.38	34.64	12.88	24.48	15.78	12.21	1.669	2.553
<b>NO QUALIFICATION</b>									
15-19	513,010	81.76	96.10	3.18	0.54	0.09	0.10	0.051	1.301
20-24	400,278	90.21	69.93	17.35	9.79	2.34	0.59	0.466	1.549
25-29	380,218	94.06	34.90	21.40	27.91	11.62	4.17	1.301	1.999
30-34	362,452	94.99	15.67	14.19	37.71	22.17	10.26	2.012	2.386
35-39	374,229	94.89	9.87	9.74	39.15	26.19	15.05	2.342	2.598
40-44	306,689	94.29	8.25	8.25	35.10	27.57	20.84	2.575	2.806
15-44	2,336,876	91.01	42.00	12.22	23.88	14.08	7.83	1.375	2.370
45 and over	1,692,864	93.11	10.80	11.24	25.72	22.23	30.00	2.811	3.152
All ages	4,029,740	91.89	28.72	11.80	24.66	17.55	17.27	1.986	2.787

(a) Excludes 627,797 women who did not state their qualification. (b) Based on issue stated.

**TABLE 3.10. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER (TOTAL AND EVER MARRIED): HIGHEST QUALIFICATION ATTAINED BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN FOR STANDARDISED(a) POPULATION**

Qualification attained	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Standardised percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
Total all women	6,061,019	90.21	30.53	12.06	24.67	17.06	15.68	1.889	2.720
<b>ALL WOMEN(c)</b>									
Degree	233,605	94.43	46.66	10.73	19.49	13.07	10.05	1.354	2.539
Diploma or certificate	940,233	93.99	36.00	11.71	24.10	16.22	11.97	1.642	2.566
Other qualification	229,644	90.38	33.18	13.16	25.06	16.11	12.49	1.707	2.554
No qualification	4,029,740	91.89	27.68	12.11	25.43	17.83	16.95	1.994	2.758
<b>TOTAL EVER MARRIED(d)</b>									
Degree	158,467	96.23	31.66	15.81	24.38	16.83	11.32	1.671	2.445
Diploma or certificate	730,156	95.73	25.38	15.91	27.67	17.96	13.06	1.859	2.491
Other qualification	166,400	93.33	23.28	17.48	28.44	17.54	13.25	1.896	2.471
No qualification	3,054,066	94.40	17.92	16.47	28.74	19.16	17.72	2.180	2.656

(a) Standardised with respect to the age distribution of all women with issue stated. (b) Based on issue stated. (c) Excludes 627,797 women who did not state their qualification. (d) Excludes 471,225 women who did not state their qualification.

TABLE 3.11. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a): AGE LEFT SCHOOL BY AGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN

Age (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
<b>LEFT SCHOOL AGED LESS THAN 13 YEARS</b>									
15-19	751	74.30	70.79	20.61	6.09	0.90	1.61	0.441	1.509
20-24	2,151	82.24	42.74	26.51	19.95	7.52	3.28	1.044	1.822
25-29	3,813	87.20	19.10	18.74	33.11	18.83	10.23	1.880	2.324
30-34	6,536	89.67	9.84	11.40	38.63	25.08	15.05	2.330	2.584
35-39	11,352	91.63	5.89	7.83	38.94	29.77	17.56	2.558	2.718
40-44	13,920	92.83	4.63	7.24	39.19	28.85	20.10	2.656	2.785
15-44	38,523	90.43	10.26	10.40	36.93	26.00	16.40	2.380	2.652
45 and over	107,278	92.94	7.51	10.19	27.53	22.93	31.83	2.997	3.240
All ages	145,801	92.28	8.22	10.25	29.97	23.73	27.84	2.837	3.091
<b>LEFT SCHOOL AGED 13 TO 16 YEARS</b>									
15-19	209,216	82.65	91.20	7.30	1.18	0.18	0.14	0.110	1.245
20-24	309,650	90.48	64.57	20.09	11.76	2.87	0.71	0.554	1.563
25-29	347,002	94.43	32.21	21.58	29.52	12.33	4.36	1.365	2.013
30-34	362,722	95.27	14.76	13.84	38.38	22.83	10.20	2.036	2.389
35-39	407,263	95.13	9.67	9.67	39.55	26.53	14.58	2.333	2.583
40-44	348,832	94.49	8.51	8.23	35.34	27.87	20.06	2.544	2.781
15-44	1,984,685	92.88	30.42	13.67	28.97	17.48	9.46	1.664	2.391
45 and over	1,816,198	93.18	11.47	11.28	25.95	22.50	28.80	2.743	3.099
All ages	3,800,883	93.02	21.35	12.53	27.53	19.88	18.71	2.181	2.772
<b>LEFT SCHOOL AGED 17 TO 18 YEARS</b>									
15-19	124,877	84.78	98.06	1.66	0.16	0.04	0.08	0.025	1.312
20-24	266,545	89.56	87.02	8.98	3.36	0.50	0.13	0.179	1.377
25-29	246,436	93.87	56.75	19.89	17.24	4.97	1.15	0.742	1.716
30-34	197,972	95.38	28.46	17.66	33.03	15.63	5.21	1.529	2.137
35-39	143,695	95.39	17.52	12.13	38.05	22.30	10.00	1.987	2.409
40-44	84,423	94.73	14.29	10.05	37.41	24.65	13.59	2.195	2.561
15-44	1,063,948	92.28	54.19	12.96	19.61	9.42	3.82	0.971	2.120
45 and over	252,643	93.14	17.79	11.19	26.16	22.09	22.77	2.390	2.908
All ages	1,316,591	92.44	47.15	12.62	20.88	11.87	7.48	1.246	2.357
<b>LEFT SCHOOL AGED 19 YEARS AND OVER</b>									
15-19	1,622	82.12	98.42	0.98	0.30	0.08	0.23	0.030	1.905
20-24	22,415	84.83	88.91	8.19	2.26	0.39	0.25	0.152	1.369
25-29	25,287	90.29	57.20	23.00	14.98	3.79	1.02	0.689	1.611
30-34	24,450	92.44	29.31	23.33	31.53	12.02	3.82	1.391	1.968
35-39	20,773	93.02	19.57	17.64	38.21	17.17	7.42	1.785	2.219
40-44	10,953	92.40	16.97	15.59	36.18	19.57	11.68	2.008	2.419
15-44	105,500	90.26	45.58	17.94	23.13	9.41	3.95	1.102	2.025
45 and over	28,373	91.04	18.91	15.55	27.13	18.48	19.94	2.255	2.781
All ages	133,873	90.43	39.89	17.43	23.98	11.34	7.36	1.348	2.242
<b>STILL AT SCHOOL</b>									
15-19	275,886	77.57	99.58	0.18	0.10	0.04	0.09	0.011	2.513
20-24	1,436	71.45	94.54	3.02	1.56	0.58	0.29	0.093	1.696
25-29	414	74.40	72.08	9.09	12.01	4.22	2.60	0.578	2.070
30-34	383	74.93	47.74	6.62	21.95	13.24	10.45	1.404	2.687
35-39	321	80.37	42.64	6.59	23.26	13.57	13.95	1.554	2.709
40-44	219	77.63	46.47	5.88	23.53	15.29	8.82	1.435	2.681
15-44	278,659	77.53	99.34	0.23	0.20	0.10	0.13	0.017	2.504
45 and over	1,150	75.30	39.03	10.85	17.21	12.36	20.55	1.885	3.091
All ages	279,809	77.52	99.10	0.27	0.27	0.15	0.22	0.024	2.662
<b>DID NOT GO TO SCHOOL</b>									
15-19	848	73.70	85.44	8.32	3.68	0.32	2.24	0.298	2.044
20-24	1,831	80.61	65.31	15.04	11.45	4.61	3.59	0.688	1.982
25-29	2,586	85.46	48.64	12.81	16.92	10.68	10.95	1.320	2.571
30-34	2,912	86.71	33.15	8.91	20.63	15.56	21.74	2.063	3.085
35-39	3,730	88.20	22.19	6.38	21.88	19.39	30.15	2.663	3.423
40-44	4,176	89.80	15.57	5.63	24.72	21.33	32.75	2.929	3.469
15-44	16,083	86.28	34.04	8.67	19.70	15.40	22.18	2.095	3.177
45 and over	38,282	91.33	10.36	7.60	16.98	17.36	47.70	3.693	4.120
All ages	54,365	89.84	17.09	7.90	17.75	16.80	40.45	3.239	3.907

(a) Excludes 329,697 women who did not state age left school. (b) Based on issue stated.

**TABLE 3.12. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER (TOTAL AND EVER MARRIED): AGE LEFT SCHOOL BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN FOR STANDARDISED(a) POPULATION**

Age left school (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Standardised percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
Total all women	6,061,019	90.21	30.53	12.06	24.67	17.06	15.68	1.889	2.720
<b>ALL WOMEN(c)</b>									
Less than 13	145,801	92.28	18.20	13.43	28.60	20.21	19.56	2.293	2.803
13 to 16	3,800,883	93.02	26.58	12.79	26.08	18.18	16.37	1.986	2.705
17 to 18	1,316,591	92.44	37.73	11.88	23.19	15.29	11.92	1.603	2.574
19 and over	133,873	90.43	38.98	15.43	22.89	12.34	10.36	1.495	2.451
Still at school	279,809	77.52	55.74	7.34	15.27	9.68	11.97	1.269	2.866
Did not go to school	54,365	89.84	31.36	8.79	16.75	14.12	28.98	2.458	3.582
<b>TOTAL EVER MARRIED(d)</b>									
Less than 13	140,020	92.88	12.21	15.70	30.89	21.09	20.11	2.413	2.749
13 to 16	3,194,114	94.53	17.29	16.64	29.39	19.55	17.14	2.168	2.621
17 to 18	845,951	95.38	26.09	16.87	26.93	17.06	13.05	1.833	2.481
19 and over	99,331	93.14	29.64	19.65	26.00	13.61	11.10	1.674	2.379
Still at school	1,960	77.30	28.26	12.39	26.24	15.14	17.96	1.998	2.785
Did not go to school	46,888	91.49	14.40	12.92	22.03	17.14	33.51	2.932	3.425

(a) Standardised with respect to the age distribution of all women with issue stated. (b) Based on issue stated. (c) Excludes 329,697 women who did not state age left school. (d) Excludes 252,050 women who did not state age left school.

**TABLE 3.13. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER: EMPLOYMENT STATUS BY AGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN**

Age (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(a)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
<b>EMPLOYED</b>									
15-19	259,969	83.12	98.91	0.79	0.15	0.06	0.09	0.017	1.607
20-24	406,477	88.88	91.15	6.19	2.22	0.34	0.11	0.122	1.380
25-29	358,904	93.02	64.34	15.53	14.80	4.34	0.99	0.624	1.750
30-34	325,719	94.54	30.33	15.22	33.58	15.79	5.07	1.514	2.173
35-39	354,108	94.77	15.54	10.70	40.50	23.39	9.86	2.046	2.422
40-44	291,019	94.24	11.27	8.70	37.80	26.97	15.26	2.330	2.625
15-44	1,996,196	91.62	51.08	9.98	21.91	11.86	5.17	1.120	2.289
45 and over	565,415	93.07	11.37	8.37	27.53	25.82	26.91	2.685	3.029
All ages	2,561,611	91.94	42.21	9.62	23.17	14.98	10.02	1.469	2.542
<b>UNEMPLOYED</b>									
15-19	67,623	82.59	95.58	3.65	0.57	0.09	0.10	0.057	1.284
20-24	59,927	88.01	77.24	14.10	6.70	1.55	0.41	0.339	1.491
25-29	37,992	91.64	44.38	20.06	22.88	9.18	3.49	1.086	1.953
30-34	30,034	93.27	22.31	15.45	33.72	18.85	9.67	1.824	2.348
35-39	26,439	93.83	14.04	12.10	35.18	23.83	14.85	2.219	2.582
40-44	18,975	93.33	11.42	10.24	31.98	24.57	21.79	2.513	2.837
15-44	240,990	88.77	56.71	11.97	16.67	9.17	5.49	0.979	2.263
45 and over	31,736	92.03	13.44	9.78	23.88	21.68	31.22	2.828	3.268
All ages	272,726	89.15	51.51	11.71	17.53	10.67	8.58	1.202	2.478
<b>NOT IN LABOUR FORCE</b>									
15-19	316,490	76.38	94.08	4.82	0.82	0.13	0.16	0.078	1.309
20-24	166,729	86.38	35.32	36.08	21.78	5.40	1.42	1.023	1.581
25-29	251,781	91.75	11.42	28.76	37.65	16.12	6.04	1.787	2.018
30-34	262,307	92.67	6.50	15.69	39.74	25.44	12.63	2.274	2.432
35-39	231,523	91.78	6.02	9.94	36.87	28.16	19.01	2.547	2.710
40-44	172,623	91.19	6.83	8.45	32.30	27.42	25.00	2.737	2.938
15-44	1,401,453	87.75	27.98	16.48	28.15	17.09	10.31	1.711	2.375
45 and over	1,825,229	89.82	12.57	12.29	25.28	20.99	28.87	2.729	3.122
All ages	3,226,682	88.92	19.17	14.08	26.51	19.32	20.92	2.293	2.837

(a) Based on issue stated.

**TABLE 3.14. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER (TOTAL AND EVER MARRIED): EMPLOYMENT STATUS BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN FOR STANDARDISED(a) POPULATION**

Employment status	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Standardised percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
Total all women	6,061,019	90.21	30.53	12.06	24.67	17.06	15.68	1.889	2.720
<b>ALL WOMEN</b>									
Employed	2,561,611	91.94	37.34	10.06	23.25	16.06	13.29	1.675	2.673
Unemployed	272,726	89.15	33.62	12.41	22.52	15.02	16.43	1.857	2.797
Not in labour force	3,226,682	88.92	20.19	15.25	27.35	19.00	18.21	2.162	2.709
<b>TOTAL EVER MARRIED</b>									
Employed	1,762,193	94.63	28.27	13.17	26.51	17.68	14.37	1.871	2.608
Unemployed	135,151	94.01	20.57	16.95	27.34	17.08	18.05	2.140	2.695
Not in labour force	2,682,970	91.26	10.75	19.99	30.28	20.09	18.89	2.333	2.614

(a) Standardised with respect to the age distribution of all women with issue stated. (b) Based on issue stated.

**TABLE 3.15. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a): INDIVIDUAL INCOME BY AGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN**

Age (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
<b>NO INCOME</b>									
15-19	213,219	81.68	97.81	1.68	0.37	0.06	0.08	0.030	1.387
20-24	73,337	91.29	47.50	31.24	17.03	3.50	0.73	0.790	1.505
25-29	108,998	94.97	17.02	30.32	35.52	13.11	4.03	1.581	1.905
30-34	110,276	95.34	8.68	16.71	41.23	23.43	9.95	2.128	2.330
35-39	98,262	94.81	6.99	10.36	39.86	27.33	15.46	2.411	2.592
40-44	78,277	94.09	6.96	8.62	35.31	27.91	21.21	2.604	2.798
15-44	682,369	90.35	39.01	14.40	25.19	14.06	7.34	1.398	2.292
45 and over	295,451	92.26	7.97	8.95	26.45	24.56	32.07	2.950	3.205
All ages	977,820	90.93	29.49	12.73	25.58	17.28	14.92	1.874	2.657
<b>\$1 TO \$12,000</b>									
15-19	321,947	83.93	95.30	3.93	0.58	0.10	0.10	0.059	1.256
20-24	253,684	89.16	65.86	19.94	10.93	2.60	0.67	0.526	1.540
25-29	248,630	94.64	22.78	25.66	33.53	13.46	4.57	1.528	1.978
30-34	275,956	95.66	9.41	14.86	41.17	24.16	10.41	2.150	2.373
35-39	277,494	95.36	6.70	9.32	40.09	28.11	15.78	2.443	2.618
40-44	211,570	94.62	6.66	7.85	34.92	28.59	21.98	2.653	2.843
15-44	1,589,281	91.89	35.33	13.40	26.69	15.97	8.61	1.533	2.371
45 and over	1,562,481	92.57	12.12	12.16	25.29	21.36	29.06	2.744	3.122
All ages	3,151,762	92.23	23.78	12.78	26.00	18.65	18.79	2.136	2.802
<b>\$12,001 TO \$32,000</b>									
15-19	25,757	85.46	97.04	2.18	0.44	0.15	0.19	0.045	1.518
20-24	268,498	90.07	94.53	4.03	1.12	0.22	0.10	0.075	1.363
25-29	241,508	92.91	78.29	11.46	7.47	2.08	0.69	0.358	1.647
30-34	176,999	94.32	44.08	16.07	25.43	10.58	3.84	1.155	2.065
35-39	179,818	94.86	22.39	12.54	37.37	19.41	8.28	1.818	2.343
40-44	149,672	94.49	15.03	9.85	37.43	24.57	13.12	2.168	2.552
15-44	1,042,252	92.79	57.77	10.14	18.48	9.38	4.23	0.940	2.225
45 and over	358,492	93.38	15.88	9.80	27.78	23.86	22.67	2.439	2.899
All ages	1,400,744	92.94	47.00	10.05	20.87	13.11	8.97	1.325	2.500
<b>\$32,001 AND OVER</b>									
15-19	397	87.15	62.43	34.39	1.45	0.87	0.87	0.451	1.200
20-24	1,233	89.86	80.32	10.29	6.59	1.90	0.90	0.349	1.775
25-29	5,858	94.54	77.23	9.79	8.76	3.18	1.05	0.418	1.834
30-34	9,402	95.22	55.14	14.84	17.44	9.19	3.38	0.919	2.049
35-39	11,182	95.65	35.70	13.40	28.99	15.07	6.84	1.464	2.277
40-44	9,419	94.95	25.42	10.76	32.64	20.53	10.66	1.848	2.477
15-44	37,491	94.91	46.12	12.64	22.89	12.56	5.79	1.216	2.257
45 and over	25,424	93.97	24.74	9.48	24.80	21.52	19.47	2.140	2.843
All ages	62,915	94.53	37.53	11.37	23.65	16.16	11.28	1.587	2.540

(a) Excludes 467,778 women who did not state their individual income. (b) Based on issue stated.

**TABLE 3.16. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER (TOTAL AND EVER MARRIED): INDIVIDUAL INCOME BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN FOR STANDARDISED(a) POPULATION**

Individual income (\$)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Standardised percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
Total all women	6,061,019	90.21	30.53	12.06	24.67	17.06	15.68	1.889	2.720
<b>ALL WOMEN(c)</b>									
No income	977,820	90.93	22.49	14.50	27.15	18.34	17.53	2.103	2.713
\$1 to \$12,000	3,151,762	92.23	24.94	12.95	26.46	18.50	17.14	2.051	2.732
\$12,001 to \$32,000	1,400,744	92.94	43.31	10.26	21.49	14.14	10.80	1.462	2.578
\$32,001 and over	62,915	94.53	44.61	13.49	19.22	13.04	9.64	1.358	2.451
<b>TOTAL EVER MARRIED(d)</b>									
No income	722,837	94.12	14.84	19.10	29.03	18.98	18.05	2.232	2.621
\$1 to \$12,000	2,481,211	94.36	14.76	17.13	30.21	19.96	17.94	2.249	2.638
\$12,001 to \$32,000	980,949	94.87	34.12	13.08	24.95	15.90	11.95	1.665	2.527
\$32,001 and over	50,385	95.20	30.99	14.02	25.35	17.32	12.31	1.740	2.522

(a) Standardised with respect to the age distribution of all women with issue stated. (b) Based on issue stated. (c) Excludes 467,778 women who did not state their individual income. (d) Excludes 344,932 women who did not state their individual income.

**TABLE 3.17. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a): FAMILY INCOME BY AGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN**

Age (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
<b>NO INCOME</b>									
15-19	2,538	74.19	86.67	11.58	1.27	0.21	0.27	0.161	1.207
20-24	2,531	85.14	47.70	33.32	14.43	3.39	1.16	0.778	1.488
25-29	3,282	89.27	23.82	30.10	29.80	11.47	4.81	1.453	1.907
30-34	3,286	91.02	12.47	20.66	35.61	20.36	10.90	2.016	2.303
35-39	3,015	90.05	10.50	13.48	34.40	25.60	16.02	2.323	2.595
40-44	2,180	89.22	9.15	10.85	32.90	26.32	20.77	2.506	2.759
15-44	16,832	86.85	28.69	20.61	26.32	15.25	9.14	1.604	2.249
45 and over	14,532	86.20	11.32	9.97	22.82	21.16	34.73	2.988	3.369
All ages	31,364	86.55	20.67	15.70	24.70	17.97	20.95	2.242	2.827
<b>\$1 TO \$12,000</b>									
15-19	42,128	84.41	79.65	17.65	2.30	0.25	0.15	0.239	1.174
20-24	50,309	93.78	25.40	45.47	22.31	5.60	1.22	1.123	1.505
25-29	63,713	95.24	10.59	33.13	35.32	15.41	5.55	1.739	1.946
30-34	61,880	95.40	6.13	21.94	38.49	22.52	10.92	2.144	2.284
35-39	50,985	94.89	6.22	16.34	38.22	24.38	14.84	2.332	2.487
40-44	32,360	94.42	8.30	13.99	32.25	23.89	21.57	2.521	2.749
15-44	301,375	93.37	19.86	25.93	29.80	15.80	8.61	1.718	2.144
45 and over	382,148	92.56	10.49	12.73	26.32	21.41	29.05	2.764	3.088
All ages	683,523	92.91	14.64	18.58	27.86	18.93	19.99	2.300	2.695
<b>\$12,001 TO \$32,000</b>									
15-19	193,261	82.75	96.03	3.20	0.59	0.10	0.08	0.051	1.286
20-24	190,175	91.44	60.34	23.14	13.06	2.78	0.68	0.606	1.527
25-29	252,179	95.11	22.06	26.70	33.98	12.98	4.28	1.521	1.951
30-34	263,341	95.65	9.30	15.51	41.14	23.71	10.34	2.140	2.360
35-39	235,313	95.35	6.97	10.73	40.80	26.72	14.78	2.385	2.563
40-44	157,484	94.48	7.68	10.14	36.67	26.24	19.27	2.513	2.722
15-44	1,291,753	92.80	30.19	15.65	29.61	16.26	8.30	1.607	2.302
45 and over	705,722	93.29	9.25	10.88	26.52	22.93	30.43	2.860	3.152
All ages	1,997,475	92.97	22.76	13.96	28.51	18.62	16.14	2.051	2.656
<b>\$32,001 AND OVER</b>									
15-19	220,294	82.23	99.12	0.60	0.16	0.04	0.08	0.015	1.712
20-24	198,460	87.69	92.84	4.91	1.78	0.35	0.12	0.101	1.416
25-29	180,102	93.45	65.43	15.85	13.67	4.06	0.99	0.597	1.726
30-34	171,121	95.43	25.82	16.46	35.79	16.73	5.21	1.604	2.163
35-39	199,969	95.59	11.06	10.30	42.23	25.27	11.15	2.191	2.464
40-44	188,423	94.89	6.80	7.24	38.42	29.54	18.00	2.535	2.720
15-44	1,158,369	91.22	49.84	9.07	22.17	12.87	6.06	1.188	2.368
45 and over	481,657	93.95	6.01	7.72	27.40	27.04	31.83	2.999	3.191
All ages	1,640,026	92.03	36.70	8.66	23.74	17.11	13.79	1.731	2.734

(a) Excludes 1,708,631 women whose spouse was temporarily absent or whose family income was not stated. (b) Based on issue stated.

**TABLE 3.18. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER (TOTAL AND EVER MARRIED): FAMILY INCOME BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN FOR STANDARDISED(a) POPULATION**

Family income (\$)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Standardised percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
Total all women	6,061,019	90.21	30.53	12.06	24.67	17.06	15.68	1.889	2.720
<b>ALL WOMEN(c)</b>									
No income	31,364	86.55	23.42	16.31	24.15	17.12	19.00	2.108	2.753
\$1 to \$12,000	683,523	92.91	17.42	20.07	27.47	17.87	17.18	2.126	2.574
\$12,001 to \$32,000	1,997,475	92.97	23.84	13.76	27.35	18.21	16.84	2.056	2.699
\$32,001 and over	1,640,026	92.03	33.12	9.73	23.74	17.20	16.21	1.885	2.818
<b>TOTAL EVER MARRIED(d)</b>									
No income	26,722	88.41	17.59	19.38	25.80	17.76	19.46	2.213	2.685
\$1 to \$12,000	580,569	93.75	12.03	21.02	30.15	19.04	17.76	2.251	2.559
\$12,001 to \$32,000	1,646,028	94.83	16.48	17.49	29.66	19.05	17.32	2.187	2.619
\$32,001 and over	1,209,727	95.05	27.90	12.17	25.44	17.86	16.63	1.982	2.749

(a) Standardised with respect to the age distribution of all women with issue stated. (b) Based on issue stated. (c) Excludes 1,708,631 women whose spouse was temporarily absent or whose family income was not stated. (d) Excludes 1,117,268 women whose spouse was temporarily absent or whose family income was not stated.

**TABLE 3.19. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a): STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE BY AGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN**

Age (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES</b>									
15-19	210,637	79.23	96.26	3.02	0.50	0.09	0.13	0.050	1.340
20-24	211,260	87.59	74.70	15.21	7.81	1.78	0.49	0.385	1.521
25-29	220,822	91.92	42.83	21.36	23.55	9.10	3.17	1.095	1.916
30-34	210,647	93.24	20.68	16.00	35.22	19.60	8.50	1.824	2.300
35-39	208,697	93.22	13.05	11.11	37.99	24.57	13.29	2.202	2.532
40-44	167,830	92.77	10.80	9.39	35.72	26.07	18.01	2.417	2.709
15-44	1,229,893	89.57	42.54	13.09	23.76	13.51	7.10	1.330	2.314
45 and over	870,803	90.45	13.09	12.13	26.65	21.66	26.46	2.631	3.028
All ages	2,100,696	89.93	30.26	12.69	24.97	16.91	15.17	1.872	2.685
<b>VICTORIA</b>									
15-19	172,737	77.37	97.41	2.09	0.33	0.06	0.11	0.035	1.366
20-24	164,882	86.03	79.67	12.79	6.00	1.24	0.30	0.300	1.474
25-29	167,354	91.32	45.73	20.72	23.08	8.15	2.32	1.014	1.868
30-34	160,366	92.84	20.76	15.52	36.33	19.73	7.66	1.806	2.279
35-39	158,916	92.83	11.78	10.08	39.30	25.59	13.25	2.241	2.540
40-44	124,604	92.41	9.19	8.17	36.00	27.66	18.98	2.499	2.752
15-44	948,859	88.51	44.29	11.90	23.55	13.49	6.78	1.297	2.328
45 and over	640,526	89.69	12.47	11.37	26.49	22.18	27.50	2.685	3.067
All ages	1,589,385	88.99	31.36	11.68	24.74	17.02	15.20	1.861	2.711
<b>QUEENSLAND</b>									
15-19	107,968	80.62	95.37	3.88	0.61	0.07	0.07	0.057	1.237
20-24	103,559	89.43	71.24	16.36	9.56	2.23	0.61	0.449	1.560
25-29	103,729	93.36	39.14	20.49	25.63	10.72	4.01	1.213	1.993
30-34	97,751	94.39	17.81	14.31	35.82	21.53	10.53	1.970	2.398
35-39	98,266	94.28	10.69	9.92	37.37	26.13	15.89	2.345	2.626
40-44	79,171	93.87	9.16	8.48	33.10	27.24	22.02	2.590	2.851
15-44	590,444	90.73	41.07	12.52	23.61	14.34	8.46	1.410	2.393
45 and over	375,271	90.99	12.16	10.49	23.41	21.82	32.12	2.859	3.254
All ages	965,715	90.83	29.82	11.73	23.53	17.25	17.67	1.974	2.813
<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>									
15-19	54,919	82.79	96.22	2.96	0.51	0.13	0.18	0.055	1.450
20-24	54,900	90.86	75.89	14.59	7.48	1.65	0.39	0.364	1.510
25-29	56,000	94.47	42.79	21.24	24.90	8.55	2.51	1.077	1.882
30-34	53,145	95.28	20.21	15.81	39.43	17.94	6.61	1.773	2.222
35-39	52,830	95.07	11.59	10.92	43.50	23.71	10.28	2.144	2.425
40-44	41,167	94.43	8.93	8.69	39.30	27.37	15.71	2.402	2.637
15-44	312,961	92.02	42.97	12.76	25.77	12.86	5.63	1.279	2.243
45 and over	224,045	92.33	11.43	11.46	26.53	22.90	27.67	2.696	3.044
All ages	537,006	92.15	29.79	12.22	26.09	17.06	14.84	1.871	2.665

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**TABLE 3.19. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a): STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE BY AGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN — continued**

Age (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>									
15-19	59,024	82.56	95.93	3.15	0.63	0.15	0.14	0.057	1.403
20-24	57,976	90.38	74.24	14.93	8.27	2.02	0.55	0.400	1.554
25-29	60,216	93.84	40.72	20.75	25.58	9.69	3.26	1.151	1.942
30-34	58,781	94.52	18.39	14.85	37.16	21.20	8.40	1.894	2.320
35-39	56,743	94.35	10.75	9.79	40.40	26.02	13.03	2.264	2.537
40-44	42,577	93.76	8.46	7.75	36.25	28.45	19.09	2.524	2.757
15-44	335,317	91.45	41.74	12.29	24.73	14.24	7.00	1.357	2.329
45 and over	196,200	91.70	10.08	9.69	24.73	24.18	31.32	2.863	3.184
All ages	531,517	91.54	30.03	11.32	24.73	17.92	15.99	1.914	2.735
<b>TASMANIA</b>									
15-19	18,652	83.34	94.94	4.14	0.58	0.16	0.18	0.068	1.338
20-24	17,572	92.07	69.08	17.04	10.62	2.65	0.61	0.489	1.583
25-29	18,191	95.19	34.81	21.08	28.03	11.97	4.11	1.307	2.005
30-34	16,969	95.94	14.97	14.01	38.32	22.81	9.89	2.021	2.377
35-39	16,550	95.13	9.08	9.67	38.51	27.08	15.66	2.378	2.616
40-44	12,958	94.43	8.27	7.67	33.24	28.80	22.03	2.626	2.863
15-44	100,892	92.47	39.49	12.64	24.68	15.04	8.15	1.437	2.375
45 and over	68,246	91.55	11.75	10.33	23.08	21.52	33.32	2.919	3.308
All ages	169,138	92.10	28.36	11.71	24.04	17.63	18.25	2.032	2.836
<b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>									
15-19	6,064	76.78	85.95	10.61	2.68	0.49	0.26	0.189	1.349
20-24	7,192	85.87	63.94	18.43	11.43	4.24	1.96	0.632	1.753
25-29	7,834	89.28	41.45	20.02	22.15	9.97	6.42	1.238	2.115
30-34	6,901	91.20	21.05	15.57	32.48	18.14	12.76	1.946	2.465
35-39	6,108	90.44	13.56	11.88	33.60	22.83	18.14	2.354	2.723
40-44	4,084	89.20	13.45	9.91	29.65	23.17	23.83	2.588	2.990
15-44	38,183	87.18	40.30	15.11	22.11	12.70	9.78	1.446	2.421
45 and over	9,277	85.42	12.19	8.90	19.19	18.87	40.85	3.262	3.715
All ages	47,460	86.83	34.89	13.91	21.55	13.89	15.75	1.795	2.757
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</b>									
15-19	11,406	85.14	97.83	1.61	0.33	0.09	0.14	0.032	1.483
20-24	11,231	90.45	81.96	11.33	5.40	1.05	0.25	0.264	1.463
25-29	11,263	93.83	49.10	20.21	21.01	7.48	2.20	0.941	1.849
30-34	11,436	95.60	22.44	16.60	35.00	19.44	6.52	1.729	2.230
35-39	12,150	95.42	13.16	10.84	39.62	24.94	11.44	2.148	2.474
40-44	8,786	94.79	10.47	8.59	38.09	26.60	16.26	2.372	2.650
15-44	66,272	92.49	45.46	11.80	23.48	13.28	5.98	1.248	2.289
45 and over	26,440	92.88	9.94	10.62	27.20	24.22	28.02	2.750	3.053
All ages	92,712	92.60	35.30	11.46	24.55	16.41	12.28	1.678	2.593

(a) Excludes 27,390 women whose place of usual residence was overseas. (b) Based on issue stated.

**TABLE 3.20. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER (TOTAL AND EVER MARRIED): STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN FOR STANDARDISED(a) POPULATION**

State of Usual Residence	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Standardised percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
Total all women	6,061,019	90.21	30.53	12.06	24.67	17.06	15.68	1.889	2.720
<b>ALL WOMEN(c)</b>									
NSW	2,100,696	89.93	31.05	12.66	24.78	16.69	14.81	1.843	2.674
Vic.	1,589,385	88.99	31.48	11.70	24.74	16.98	15.10	1.855	2.707
Qld	965,715	90.83	29.17	11.75	23.67	17.41	17.99	1.999	2.822
SA	537,006	92.15	30.10	12.17	26.18	17.01	14.54	1.855	2.654
WA	531,517	91.54	28.91	11.27	24.77	18.23	16.82	1.966	2.765
Tas.	169,138	92.10	27.70	11.70	24.31	17.87	18.42	2.052	2.838
NT	47,460	86.83	28.97	12.91	20.75	15.06	22.30	2.186	3.078
ACT	92,712	92.60	31.63	11.84	24.73	17.10	14.69	1.833	2.681
<b>TOTAL EVER MARRIED(d)</b>									
NSW	1,594,835	92.32	20.27	17.27	28.43	18.27	15.77	2.055	2.578
Vic.	1,189,799	91.84	20.64	16.49	28.36	18.47	16.04	2.064	2.601
Qld	731,905	93.25	18.97	16.29	27.04	18.81	18.89	2.196	2.710
SA	413,504	94.17	20.50	16.68	29.40	18.23	15.20	2.031	2.555
WA	402,888	93.51	19.30	15.39	28.19	19.58	17.53	2.149	2.663
Tas.	130,588	94.09	17.47	16.26	27.60	19.30	19.37	2.252	2.728
NT	33,097	88.73	17.91	17.23	24.55	16.68	23.64	2.420	2.948
ACT	66,577	94.43	21.33	16.75	28.03	18.45	15.44	2.023	2.572

(a) Standardised with respect to the age distribution of all women with issue stated. (b) Based on issue stated. (c) Excludes 27,390 women whose place of usual residence was overseas. (d) Excludes 17,121 women whose place of usual residence was overseas.

TABLE 3.21. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a): AREA OF RESIDENCE BY AGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN

Age (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
<b>MAJOR URBAN</b>									
15-19	413,522	79.62	97.00	2.41	0.40	0.07	0.12	0.041	1.364
20-24	421,978	87.24	80.03	12.48	5.90	1.24	0.34	0.297	1.485
25-29	416,050	91.69	48.91	20.71	21.00	7.10	2.28	0.940	1.839
30-34	390,783	93.10	23.89	16.85	35.23	17.36	6.68	1.686	2.215
35-39	393,895	93.21	13.97	11.63	39.86	23.38	11.16	2.110	2.452
40-44	313,560	92.85	10.83	9.60	37.68	25.99	15.91	2.353	2.638
15-44	2,349,788	89.41	46.18	12.61	23.20	12.21	5.80	1.216	2.259
45 and over	1,594,499	90.31	13.30	12.50	27.59	21.90	24.69	2.558	2.951
All ages	3,944,287	89.78	32.81	12.56	24.98	16.15	13.49	1.762	2.622
<b>OTHER URBAN</b>									
15-19	142,344	80.75	94.69	4.36	0.69	0.13	0.14	0.069	1.304
20-24	138,372	90.45	66.73	18.84	11.07	2.67	0.69	0.521	1.567
25-29	146,445	94.01	32.51	21.49	29.37	12.33	4.30	1.359	2.013
30-34	136,812	94.71	13.20	13.16	38.86	23.93	10.86	2.101	2.421
35-39	127,203	94.26	8.50	8.76	38.33	27.78	16.63	2.433	2.659
40-44	96,850	93.37	7.93	7.42	32.55	28.50	23.59	2.679	2.910
15-44	788,026	91.07	37.84	12.88	25.20	15.40	8.68	1.486	2.391
45 and over	543,492	90.80	11.20	9.70	22.80	22.25	34.05	2.960	3.333
All ages	1,331,518	90.96	26.99	11.59	24.22	18.20	19.02	2.087	2.858
<b>RURAL</b>									
15-19	87,734	78.78	95.47	3.54	0.73	0.14	0.13	0.061	1.351
20-24	72,162	89.03	65.92	18.94	11.38	2.96	0.79	0.541	1.589
25-29	85,722	93.49	31.22	20.77	29.70	13.50	4.81	1.415	2.058
30-34	90,139	94.71	13.25	12.84	36.17	25.27	12.47	2.155	2.484
35-39	90,698	94.40	8.08	7.97	35.77	29.24	18.94	2.522	2.744
40-44	71,993	93.95	7.33	6.38	31.03	29.57	25.70	2.760	2.978
15-44	498,448	90.71	34.62	11.80	25.24	17.57	10.77	1.635	2.500
45 and over	282,592	91.96	8.77	7.80	21.58	23.37	38.47	3.159	3.463
All ages	781,040	91.16	25.19	10.34	23.90	19.69	20.88	2.191	2.929

(a) Excludes 4,174 women who were counted on census night on board vessels in and between Australian ports or on board long-distance trains, buses or aircraft. (b) Based on issue stated.

TABLE 3.22. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER (TOTAL AND EVER MARRIED): AREA OF RESIDENCE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN FOR STANDARDISED(a) POPULATION

Area of residence	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Standardised percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
Total all women	6,061,019	90.21	30.53	12.06	24.67	17.06	15.68	1.889	2.720
<b>ALL WOMEN(c)</b>									
Major urban	3,944,287	89.78	32.85	12.56	25.03	16.15	13.41	1.758	2.618
Other urban	1,331,518	90.96	26.63	11.43	24.38	18.44	19.11	2.098	2.860
Rural	781,040	91.16	25.69	10.62	23.28	19.13	21.28	2.194	2.952
<b>TOTAL EVER MARRIED(d)</b>									
Major urban	2,928,397	92.24	21.87	17.39	28.77	17.66	14.30	1.969	2.520
Other urban	1,030,911	93.17	17.07	15.63	27.56	19.78	19.95	2.284	2.755
Rural	618,267	93.67	16.59	14.84	26.24	20.32	22.01	2.365	2.835

(a) Standardised with respect to the age distribution of all women with issue stated. (b) Based on issue stated. (c) Excludes 4,174 women who were counted on census night on board vessels in and between Australian ports or on board long-distance trains, buses or aircraft. (d) Excludes 2,739 women who were counted on census night on board vessels in and between Australian ports or on board long-distance trains, buses or aircraft.

TABLE 3.23. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a): RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION BY AGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN

Age (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
<b>ANGLICAN</b>									
15-19	147,541	81.88	96.11	3.14	0.53	0.10	0.13	0.052	1.331
20-24	138,326	90.48	74.41	15.24	8.07	1.84	0.44	0.389	1.520
25-29	144,424	94.55	40.52	21.40	25.36	9.64	3.09	1.143	1.922
30-34	141,206	95.64	17.20	14.90	38.78	21.16	7.97	1.903	2.299
35-39	149,153	95.42	10.28	10.03	41.80	25.84	12.06	2.241	2.498
40-44	124,899	94.69	8.69	8.46	38.47	27.98	16.39	2.432	2.663
15-44	845,549	92.03	40.19	12.40	26.05	14.65	6.71	1.381	2.309
45 and over	726,357	92.25	11.87	12.24	27.76	22.98	25.16	2.598	2.948
All ages	1,571,906	92.13	27.08	12.32	26.84	18.51	15.25	1.944	2.666
<b>ROMAN CATHOLIC</b>									
15-19	191,639	79.31	96.90	2.52	0.39	0.07	0.12	0.042	1.352
20-24	180,922	88.51	77.59	13.83	6.72	1.47	0.39	0.335	1.494
25-29	171,513	93.46	42.10	21.54	24.00	9.31	3.05	1.107	1.911
30-34	157,170	94.63	18.22	15.20	34.94	21.60	10.04	1.938	2.370
35-39	156,592	94.46	10.84	10.04	35.13	26.86	17.13	2.377	2.665
40-44	123,850	93.75	9.35	8.34	30.16	27.30	24.85	2.666	2.940
15-44	981,686	90.17	44.40	12.16	21.33	13.66	8.45	1.341	2.411
45 and over	593,233	91.29	12.50	10.07	21.57	20.17	35.70	3.001	3.430
All ages	1,574,919	90.59	32.29	11.37	21.42	16.13	18.79	1.971	2.911
<b>OTHER CHRISTIAN</b>									
15-19	148,234	80.46	96.92	2.45	0.44	0.08	0.11	0.042	1.353
20-24	138,098	89.77	76.36	13.96	7.53	1.69	0.45	0.362	1.529
25-29	142,545	94.19	40.82	20.54	25.67	9.79	3.19	1.150	1.943
30-34	139,515	95.24	17.47	13.82	37.99	21.71	9.00	1.940	2.351
35-39	145,152	95.10	10.52	9.03	40.37	26.70	13.37	2.290	2.560
40-44	122,325	94.44	8.78	7.76	37.44	28.36	17.67	2.476	2.715
15-44	835,869	91.40	40.96	11.47	25.37	14.90	7.30	1.393	2.360
45 and over	670,169	92.43	12.40	10.81	26.77	23.29	26.72	2.648	3.023
All ages	1,506,038	91.85	28.18	11.18	26.00	18.66	16.00	1.955	2.722
<b>TOTAL CHRISTIAN</b>									
15-19	487,414	80.44	96.66	2.69	0.45	0.08	0.12	0.045	1.345
20-24	457,346	89.48	76.24	14.30	7.38	1.65	0.43	0.359	1.513
25-29	458,482	94.03	41.20	21.18	24.95	9.56	3.11	1.132	1.925
30-34	437,891	95.15	17.65	14.66	37.16	21.49	9.04	1.928	2.341
35-39	450,897	94.98	10.55	9.71	39.04	26.47	14.23	2.304	2.575
40-44	371,074	94.30	8.94	8.19	35.37	27.88	19.62	2.524	2.772
15-44	2,663,104	91.14	41.97	12.02	24.11	14.37	7.53	1.370	2.361
45 and over	1,989,759	92.02	12.24	11.11	25.59	22.25	28.80	2.734	3.115
All ages	4,652,863	91.52	29.18	11.63	24.75	17.76	16.68	1.957	2.763
<b>OTHER</b>									
15-19	87,821	82.18	94.23	4.75	0.80	0.11	0.12	0.074	1.275
20-24	112,830	90.10	72.55	16.00	8.79	2.11	0.56	0.425	1.547
25-29	119,736	93.08	48.42	20.41	20.79	7.49	2.89	0.973	1.886
30-34	107,287	94.09	28.53	18.47	32.26	14.38	6.37	1.546	2.163
35-39	87,528	94.13	18.39	13.94	37.72	19.51	10.44	1.957	2.398
40-44	54,776	93.70	14.07	11.50	36.24	22.48	15.71	2.254	2.623
15-44	569,978	91.22	47.48	15.09	22.10	10.13	5.19	1.135	2.160
45 and over	164,082	91.55	12.61	12.25	27.01	21.43	26.70	2.672	3.058
All ages	734,060	91.29	39.67	14.45	23.20	12.67	10.01	1.479	2.452

(a) Excludes 674,096 women who did not state their religion. (b) Based on issue stated.

**TABLE 3.24. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER (TOTAL AND EVER MARRIED): RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN FOR STANDARDISED(a) POPULATION**

Religious affiliation	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Standardised percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
Total all women	6,061,019	90.21	30.53	12.06	24.67	17.06	15.68	1.889	2.720
<b>ALL WOMEN(c)</b>									
Anglican	1,571,906	92.13	29.32	12.29	26.48	17.88	14.04	1.856	2.626
Roman Catholic	1,574,919	90.59	30.64	11.49	21.82	16.51	19.54	2.032	2.930
Other Christian	1,506,038	91.85	29.94	11.22	25.73	18.11	15.00	1.883	2.688
Total Christian	4,652,863	91.52	29.97	11.71	24.75	17.53	16.04	1.917	2.738
Other	734,060	91.29	32.92	13.93	24.37	14.80	13.99	1.772	2.641
<b>TOTAL EVER MARRIED(d)</b>									
Anglican	1,239,208	94.17	19.19	16.83	29.98	19.25	14.75	2.045	2.531
Roman Catholic	1,145,726	93.69	19.52	16.38	25.23	18.06	20.80	2.259	2.807
Other Christian	1,180,837	94.27	20.10	15.64	28.98	19.49	15.80	2.071	2.592
Total Christian	3,565,771	94.05	19.66	16.31	28.14	18.96	16.92	2.116	2.634
Other	496,533	93.79	21.55	18.74	28.47	16.35	14.90	1.992	2.539

(a) Standardised with respect to the age distribution of all women with issue stated. (b) Based on issue stated. (c) Excludes 674,096 women who did not state their religion. (d) Excludes 518,010 women who did not state their religion.

**TABLE 3.25. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a): BIRTHPLACE BY AGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN**

Age (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
<b>AUSTRALIAN-BORN</b>									
15-19	558,268	80.34	96.31	2.98	0.50	0.09	0.12	0.049	1.334
20-24	506,889	89.58	75.69	14.44	7.64	1.76	0.46	0.371	1.527
25-29	500,190	94.03	42.90	20.60	24.09	9.34	3.07	1.101	1.928
30-34	455,892	95.19	19.58	14.58	36.15	20.92	8.78	1.878	2.336
35-39	415,890	94.96	11.60	9.54	38.31	26.26	14.29	2.285	2.585
40-44	327,791	94.19	9.83	7.84	34.28	27.86	20.18	2.528	2.803
15-44	2,764,920	90.80	45.35	11.99	22.47	13.26	6.93	1.277	2.337
45 and over	1,719,693	91.49	13.13	10.60	24.73	22.28	29.26	2.731	3.144
All ages	4,484,613	91.06	32.94	11.45	23.34	16.73	15.53	1.837	2.740
<b>OVERSEAS-BORN</b>									
15-19	80,495	79.22	96.10	3.10	0.57	0.09	0.13	0.052	1.344
20-24	116,609	87.68	74.40	15.56	7.87	1.72	0.46	0.386	1.508
25-29	138,285	91.99	42.49	21.96	24.01	8.47	3.06	1.088	1.893
30-34	152,866	93.23	21.07	18.04	36.25	17.17	7.46	1.751	2.218
35-39	186,311	93.75	12.73	12.57	40.33	22.77	11.61	2.135	2.446
40-44	147,678	93.40	9.43	10.51	38.66	25.26	16.13	2.374	2.621
15-44	822,244	91.01	34.30	14.43	28.65	14.92	7.70	1.512	2.301
45 and over	654,997	91.99	10.04	13.11	28.60	21.91	26.34	2.694	2.994
All ages	1,477,241	91.45	23.48	13.84	28.62	18.04	16.02	2.039	2.664

(a) Excludes 99,165 women who did not state their birthplace. (b) Based on issue stated.

**TABLE 3.26. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER (TOTAL AND EVER MARRIED): BIRTHPLACE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN FOR STANDARDISED(a) POPULATION**

Birthplace	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Standardised percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
Total all women	6,061,019	90.21	30.53	12.06	24.67	17.06	15.68	1.889	2.720
<b>ALL WOMEN(c)</b>									
Australian-born	4,484,613	91.06	30.79	11.40	24.06	17.47	16.28	1.909	2.758
Overseas-born	1,477,241	91.45	29.74	13.79	26.07	16.04	14.36	1.849	2.631
<b>TOTAL EVER MARRIED(d)</b>									
Australian-born	3,252,734	93.93	19.71	16.10	27.79	19.11	17.29	2.128	2.650
Overseas-born	1,244,283	93.16	20.43	18.28	29.17	17.13	14.99	2.019	2.537

(a) Standardised with respect to the age distribution of all women with issue stated. (b) Based on issue stated. (c) Excludes 99,165 women who did not state their birthplace. (d) Excludes 83,297 women who did not state their birthplace.

**TABLE 3.27. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WHO WERE BORN OVERSEAS: COUNTRY OF BIRTH BY AGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN**

Age (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(a)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
<b>UK AND IRELAND</b>									
15-19	24,721	84.40	95.79	3.48	0.52	0.08	0.12	0.054	1.292
20-24	41,438	91.30	74.04	15.81	8.05	1.73	0.37	0.388	1.493
25-29	45,605	94.80	43.57	20.97	24.27	8.59	2.60	1.064	1.886
30-34	45,416	95.66	21.33	16.54	37.59	17.77	6.77	1.742	2.215
35-39	59,012	95.47	12.73	11.94	42.48	22.43	10.43	2.098	2.404
40-44	52,733	94.90	9.42	9.81	40.37	25.50	14.90	2.337	2.580
15-44	268,925	93.62	34.95	13.74	29.44	14.89	6.98	1.480	2.275
45 and over	265,739	92.75	10.69	13.79	29.05	22.34	24.12	2.560	2.867
All ages	534,664	93.18	22.95	13.77	29.25	18.58	15.46	2.014	2.614
<b>ITALY</b>									
15-19	1,617	76.87	97.59	1.37	0.64	0.08	0.32	0.043	1.767
20-24	3,854	84.59	76.96	15.00	6.99	0.80	0.25	0.325	1.409
25-29	5,735	90.08	34.09	21.62	29.85	11.56	2.88	1.284	1.948
30-34	8,379	92.61	12.23	11.57	40.04	27.20	8.96	2.116	2.411
35-39	14,355	92.79	6.43	6.58	37.16	33.78	16.05	2.517	2.690
40-44	11,778	92.43	3.70	6.15	34.47	34.14	21.53	2.731	2.836
15-44	45,718	91.07	18.47	9.77	32.63	26.30	12.82	2.100	2.576
45 and over	73,848	92.40	4.81	9.50	29.78	25.79	30.12	2.974	3.124
All ages	119,566	91.89	9.99	9.60	30.86	25.98	23.57	2.643	2.936
<b>NETHERLANDS</b>									
15-19	809	81.71	96.82	2.27	0.30	0.15	0.45	0.057	1.810
20-24	1,106	91.50	76.98	13.54	7.02	2.08	0.40	0.355	1.541
25-29	1,977	94.69	39.53	19.34	25.64	11.22	4.27	1.229	2.032
30-34	4,240	95.59	15.35	13.52	36.86	23.56	10.71	2.041	2.411
35-39	7,080	95.93	9.67	8.66	38.81	26.30	16.56	2.388	2.644
40-44	5,744	95.18	7.28	7.88	34.53	27.03	23.27	2.653	2.861
15-44	20,956	94.76	19.32	10.48	33.09	22.42	14.70	2.099	2.602
45 and over	22,101	93.34	5.81	7.58	22.60	23.40	40.61	3.352	3.558
All ages	43,057	94.03	12.43	9.00	27.75	22.92	27.90	2.738	3.126
<b>GREECE</b>									
15-19	1,307	73.14	95.40	3.14	0.73	0.42	0.31	0.077	1.682
20-24	2,360	84.24	67.15	17.35	11.77	3.27	0.45	0.530	1.614
25-29	3,602	90.76	26.89	19.00	37.57	14.04	2.51	1.469	2.010
30-34	5,240	90.67	8.42	10.97	47.48	26.58	6.55	2.133	2.329
35-39	8,598	90.87	4.49	7.17	49.23	30.32	8.79	2.340	2.450
40-44	10,555	91.92	3.55	6.81	50.12	29.22	10.30	2.392	2.480
15-44	31,662	89.95	14.82	9.61	43.66	24.56	7.34	2.021	2.373
45 and over	34,272	91.67	5.33	9.42	38.90	26.48	19.86	2.618	2.765
All ages	65,934	90.84	9.84	9.51	41.17	25.57	13.91	2.334	2.589
<b>GERMANY</b>									
15-19	1,520	81.64	97.42	2.10	0.40	0.08	0.00	0.031	1.219
20-24	1,986	88.67	76.43	14.76	7.55	0.97	0.28	0.342	1.453
25-29	2,608	94.36	47.05	21.70	21.90	7.35	1.99	0.962	1.817
30-34	3,904	94.60	23.12	19.82	36.10	14.27	6.69	1.639	2.132
35-39	10,669	94.98	13.79	14.53	41.49	20.96	9.24	2.012	2.334
40-44	6,894	93.75	12.01	14.47	39.75	21.74	12.04	2.136	2.428
15-44	27,581	93.37	26.17	15.37	34.11	16.52	7.82	1.680	2.276
45 and over	28,334	92.24	12.78	19.20	30.46	19.32	18.24	2.274	2.607
All ages	55,915	92.79	19.43	17.30	32.27	17.93	13.07	1.979	2.456
<b>YUGOSLAVIA</b>									
15-19	3,510	75.78	94.55	4.21	1.09	0.08	0.08	0.069	1.269
20-24	4,948	86.48	60.01	22.37	15.54	1.54	0.54	0.608	1.520
25-29	5,708	91.28	22.42	21.36	42.92	11.00	2.30	1.500	1.934
30-34	7,563	91.05	9.13	12.95	52.44	20.30	5.17	2.009	2.211
35-39	9,408	92.00	6.38	11.14	51.14	23.13	8.21	2.189	2.338
40-44	7,494	91.82	5.74	12.16	47.61	24.08	10.41	2.256	2.393
15-44	38,631	89.49	22.64	14.10	41.20	16.48	5.58	1.704	2.203
45 and over	28,242	91.26	8.88	14.71	35.12	22.10	19.19	2.454	2.693
All ages	66,873	90.24	16.76	14.36	38.60	18.88	11.39	2.024	2.432
<b>POLAND</b>									
15-19	484	78.10	98.94	0.79	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.013	1.250
20-24	585	86.32	73.47	20.79	4.95	0.40	0.40	0.335	1.261
25-29	1,898	90.52	39.00	35.04	21.94	3.49	0.52	0.917	1.503
30-34	2,909	92.71	22.95	33.74	33.70	7.90	1.71	1.322	1.716
35-39	2,635	92.79	16.65	26.54	42.13	11.57	3.11	1.588	1.905
40-44	1,586	92.12	11.84	21.83	43.81	15.88	6.64	1.854	2.103
15-44	10,097	91.16	28.40	28.12	32.40	8.58	2.50	1.294	1.807
45 and over	19,914	90.51	11.82	19.11	32.90	19.89	16.28	2.222	2.520
All ages	30,011	90.73	17.42	22.15	32.73	16.07	11.62	1.909	2.311

(a) For footnotes see end of table.

**TABLE 3.27. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WHO WERE BORN OVERSEAS: COUNTRY OF BIRTH BY AGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN — *continued***

Age (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue (a)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
<b>VIETNAM</b>									
15-19	3,676	64.01	96.73	2.17	0.59	0.17	0.34	0.055	1.688
20-24	4,640	74.59	68.56	19.16	9.74	1.82	0.72	0.476	1.516
25-29	6,226	83.50	37.06	27.37	21.58	9.25	4.73	1.190	1.891
30-34	5,667	86.68	23.33	21.60	27.14	14.50	13.44	1.807	2.357
35-39	3,234	88.10	17.73	15.34	25.27	17.37	24.29	2.369	2.880
40-44	1,545	88.41	14.06	9.52	18.30	19.11	39.02	3.100	3.607
15-44	24,988	80.60	41.80	18.69	18.75	10.01	10.74	1.382	2.374
45 and over	3,831	86.95	12.52	7.27	10.03	10.78	59.41	4.285	4.898
All ages	28,819	81.44	37.65	17.07	17.51	10.12	17.65	1.794	2.877
<b>OTHER OVERSEAS-BORN</b>									
15-19	42,851	77.98	96.24	2.99	0.57	0.08	0.11	0.050	1.342
20-24	55,692	86.45	76.38	14.47	6.86	1.77	0.53	0.360	1.523
25-29	64,926	91.00	45.55	22.18	21.20	7.62	3.45	1.029	1.889
30-34	69,548	92.48	24.18	20.14	33.10	14.89	7.69	1.658	2.187
35-39	71,320	92.98	15.59	14.59	37.24	20.47	12.11	2.062	2.442
40-44	49,349	92.54	12.30	12.28	34.78	22.99	17.65	2.337	2.665
15-44	353,686	89.61	40.18	15.56	24.57	12.32	7.37	1.356	2.267
45 and over	178,716	90.95	12.19	13.23	24.74	19.39	30.45	2.834	3.228
All ages	532,402	90.06	30.69	14.77	24.63	14.71	15.19	1.857	2.680

(a) Based on issue stated.

**TABLE 3.28. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WHO WERE BORN OVERSEAS (TOTAL AND EVER MARRIED): COUNTRY OF BIRTH BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN FOR STANDARDISED(a) POPULATION**

Country of birth	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Standardised percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue (b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
Total all women	6,061,019	90.21	30.53	12.06	24.67	17.06	15.68	1.889	2.720
<b>ALL WOMEN</b>									
UK and Ireland	534,664	93.18	29.90	13.45	26.95	16.51	13.19	1.793	2.558
Italy	119,566	91.89	25.06	10.35	26.31	20.46	17.82	2.119	2.828
Netherlands	43,057	94.03	26.82	9.81	23.29	18.13	21.96	2.224	3.039
Greece	65,934	90.84	22.74	10.42	32.64	20.29	13.90	2.040	2.641
Germany	55,915	92.79	32.28	16.90	26.73	13.96	10.13	1.607	2.373
Yugoslavia	66,873	90.24	23.28	14.56	33.74	16.40	12.01	1.905	2.483
Poland	30,011	90.73	31.09	22.06	27.84	11.58	7.42	1.473	2.137
Vietnam	28,819	81.44	30.73	13.06	14.37	10.41	31.44	2.593	3.743
Other overseas-born	532,402	90.06	32.05	14.37	23.15	14.21	16.22	1.874	2.758
<b>TOTAL EVER MARRIED</b>									
UK and Ireland	454,749	94.33	20.63	17.62	30.28	17.67	13.80	1.964	2.475
Italy	112,374	92.79	17.75	13.61	28.65	21.24	18.76	2.264	2.752
Netherlands	39,968	94.55	17.02	13.95	26.73	19.83	22.47	2.408	2.902
Greece	62,094	91.79	14.51	14.76	35.23	21.23	14.26	2.181	2.552
Germany	50,514	93.61	24.02	20.83	29.70	14.96	10.49	1.752	2.306
Yugoslavia	59,779	91.70	15.98	18.83	36.12	16.86	12.20	2.018	2.402
Poland	28,208	91.41	25.77	24.86	29.85	11.94	7.59	1.559	2.100
Vietnam	18,617	89.64	17.38	18.55	18.28	11.90	33.89	2.910	3.522
Other overseas-born	417,980	92.50	22.25	19.16	26.19	15.36	17.03	2.058	2.647

(a) Standardised with respect to the age distribution of all women with issue stated. (b) Based on issue stated.

**TABLE 3.29. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WHO WERE BORN OVERSEAS(a): DURATION OF RESIDENCE IN AUSTRALIA BY AGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN**

Age (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
<b>RESIDENT LESS THAN 5 YEARS</b>									
15-19	18,759	76.84	96.00	3.20	0.56	0.10	0.12	0.053	1.337
20-24	31,890	85.48	79.18	14.21	5.28	0.96	0.37	0.295	1.416
25-29	33,207	89.74	54.60	22.84	15.98	4.79	1.80	0.772	1.701
30-34	27,035	91.79	30.81	22.97	29.91	11.01	5.29	1.394	2.015
35-39	20,629	92.83	19.19	16.95	36.78	17.42	9.67	1.874	2.319
40-44	11,297	92.59	14.86	13.60	34.41	21.16	15.98	2.222	2.610
15-44	142,817	88.15	51.29	17.09	19.34	7.93	4.36	0.997	2.047
45 and over	38,080	90.08	9.71	12.44	23.50	18.60	35.74	3.145	3.484
All ages	180,897	88.56	42.38	16.09	20.23	10.21	11.08	1.457	2.529
<b>RESIDENT 5 TO 9 YEARS</b>									
15-19	16,758	77.38	96.67	2.59	0.52	0.10	0.12	0.046	1.382
20-24	15,751	86.38	68.37	16.68	11.05	3.01	0.89	0.519	1.640
25-29	28,179	91.18	39.61	23.47	25.41	8.52	2.99	1.130	1.871
30-34	29,822	92.93	24.79	22.23	33.90	13.07	6.01	1.560	2.075
35-39	23,496	93.16	16.87	16.20	38.51	18.03	10.39	1.951	2.347
40-44	13,638	92.96	12.38	12.85	35.70	22.34	16.74	2.309	2.635
15-44	127,644	89.74	38.54	17.44	26.58	11.36	6.08	1.326	2.158
45 and over	31,944	91.87	9.78	14.37	25.18	18.85	31.81	2.964	3.285
All ages	159,588	90.17	32.67	16.81	26.30	12.89	11.33	1.660	2.466
<b>RESIDENT 10 OR MORE YEARS</b>									
15-19	43,098	81.32	96.03	3.21	0.56	0.07	0.12	0.052	1.306
20-24	66,273	89.40	73.87	15.80	8.21	1.75	0.38	0.392	1.499
25-29	74,046	93.63	38.56	21.07	26.82	9.99	3.57	1.202	1.957
30-34	93,017	94.00	17.18	15.42	38.80	20.14	8.47	1.908	2.303
35-39	138,219	94.17	11.14	11.36	41.21	24.26	12.03	2.200	2.476
40-44	119,413	93.72	8.63	9.98	39.41	25.97	16.01	2.392	2.618
15-44	534,066	92.34	29.06	13.08	31.50	17.49	8.87	1.681	2.370
45 and over	564,503	92.74	10.00	13.04	29.17	22.34	25.45	2.652	2.946
All ages	1,098,569	92.54	19.25	13.06	30.30	19.99	17.41	2.181	2.701

(a) Excludes 38,187 women who did not state their duration of residence in Australia. (b) Based on issue stated.

**TABLE 3.30. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WHO WERE BORN OVERSEAS (TOTAL AND EVER MARRIED): DURATION OF RESIDENCE IN AUSTRALIA BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN FOR STANDARDISED(a) POPULATION**

Duration of residence in Australia (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Standardised percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
Total all women	6,061,019	90.21	30.53	12.06	24.67	17.06	15.68	1.889	2.720
<b>ALL WOMEN(c)</b>									
Less than 5	180,897	88.56	33.45	14.69	21.63	12.79	17.44	1.907	2.866
5 to 9	159,588	90.17	29.59	15.66	24.43	13.68	16.64	1.948	2.766
10 or more	1,098,569	92.54	28.62	13.26	27.05	16.89	14.18	1.869	2.618
<b>TOTAL EVER MARRIED(D)</b>									
Less than 5	127,452	92.12	24.11	19.75	24.36	13.67	18.11	2.073	2.732
5 to 9	121,656	93.20	19.94	20.14	27.78	14.80	17.34	2.127	2.657
10 or more	962,713	93.72	19.29	17.65	30.19	18.04	14.83	2.041	2.529

(a) Standardised with respect to the age distribution of all women with issue stated. (b) Based on issue stated. (c) Excludes 38,187 women who did not state their duration of residence in Australia. (d) Excludes 32,462 women who did not state their duration of residence in Australia.

TABLE 3.31. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER: ABORIGINALITY BY AGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN

Age (years)	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(a)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
<b>ABORIGINAL(b)</b>									
15-19	14,631	73.81	76.64	17.50	4.66	0.75	0.45	0.319	1.363
20-24	12,197	86.02	36.42	27.12	21.22	10.41	4.84	1.224	1.925
25-29	10,075	89.77	18.84	17.39	23.58	19.68	20.50	2.184	2.690
30-34	7,942	90.27	10.22	11.62	20.91	21.80	35.44	2.942	3.277
35-39	6,496	89.27	8.64	8.07	16.04	21.09	46.16	3.462	3.789
40-44	4,845	88.05	8.13	7.55	13.27	16.01	55.04	4.002	4.356
15-44	56,186	84.66	32.34	16.67	16.52	13.50	20.97	1.982	2.929
45 and over	14,528	86.05	9.91	7.70	10.35	10.89	61.14	4.480	4.973
All ages	70,714	84.95	27.67	14.81	15.23	12.96	29.33	2.502	3.459
<b>NON-ABORIGINAL</b>									
15-19	629,451	79.89	96.70	2.69	0.42	0.08	0.12	0.044	1.339
20-24	620,936	88.18	76.18	14.41	7.43	1.59	0.39	0.359	1.506
25-29	638,602	92.49	43.16	20.95	24.08	9.00	2.81	1.082	1.904
30-34	610,118	93.73	20.06	15.48	36.37	19.97	8.13	1.834	2.294
35-39	605,574	93.65	11.98	10.50	39.16	25.22	13.14	2.227	2.530
40-44	477,772	93.17	9.73	8.69	35.86	27.14	18.58	2.465	2.731
15-44	3,582,453	90.03	42.92	12.49	24.02	13.65	6.92	1.323	2.318
45 and over	2,407,852	90.64	12.31	11.34	25.89	22.22	28.25	2.710	3.090
All ages	5,990,305	90.27	30.57	12.03	24.77	17.11	15.52	1.883	2.711

(a) Based on issue stated. (b) Includes Torres Strait Islanders.

TABLE 3.32. FEMALES AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER (TOTAL AND EVER MARRIED): ABORIGINALITY BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN FOR STANDARDISED(a) POPULATION

Aboriginality	Total number of women	Per cent with issue stated	Standardised percentage according to number of liveborn children					Average issue(b)	
			0	1	2	3	4 or more	Per woman	Per mother
Total all women	6,061,019	90.21	30.53	12.06	24.67	17.06	15.68	1.889	2.720
<b>ALL WOMEN</b>									
Aboriginal (c)	70,714	84.95	19.96	12.37	14.42	13.50	39.74	3.165	3.954
Non-Aboriginal	5,990,305	90.27	30.71	12.02	24.73	17.07	15.47	1.878	2.710
<b>TOTAL EVER MARRIED</b>									
Aboriginal (c)	37,488	89.05	12.23	13.79	16.89	15.09	42.00	3.406	3.881
Non-Aboriginal	4,542,826	92.67	20.14	16.67	28.27	18.54	16.38	2.082	2.608

(a) Standardised with respect to the age distribution of all women with issue stated. (b) Based on issue stated. (c) Includes Torres Strait Islanders.



## GLOSSARY

<b>Aboriginal</b>	A person who answered Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in response to the census question on Aboriginal/TSI origin.
<b>Age effect</b>	An age effect occurs when age has an impact on individual experience independently of any other characteristics.
<b>Age pattern</b>	A term used to express the way in which the timing of a demographic process varies with the age of individuals.
<b>Age-sex structure</b>	The composition of a population according to the number and/or proportion of males and females in each age category.
<b>Childbearing ages</b>	The ages at which individuals are capable of becoming parents. The term is used most frequently with regard to women but can also apply to men. The synonyms reproductive ages and fertile ages are also used. Conventionally, the age range 15-44 years is considered the childbearing period for women.
<b>Children ever born</b>	A woman who has reached reproductive age will have borne a certain number (including zero) of children at any given time. In this publication, the term children ever born refers to live births and is based on census data.
<b>Cohort</b>	A group of persons who experience the same event in a particular time period, and who thus can be identified as a group in subsequent analysis. For example, all babies born in 1980 are the <i>birth cohort</i> of that year, while people marrying in 1980 form a similar <i>marriage cohort</i> .
<b>Composition</b>	A term used to describe the distribution of the members of a population according to characteristics such as age, sex, marital status and so on. The terms composition and structure are often used interchangeably.
<b>De facto couple</b>	A couple who identified themselves as de facto partners in the relationship question.
<b>Issue</b>	The number (including zero) of children ever born to a woman. In this publication, the term children ever born refers to live births and is based on census data.
<b>Main English-speaking countries</b>	Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.
<b>Major urban centre</b>	A population cluster which contains at least 100,000 people. Includes all capital city statistical divisions except Darwin.
<b>Other rural area</b>	A population cluster which contains less than 200 people. Aboriginal communities on pastoral properties, and people living on outstations are included in this category.
<b>Other urban centre</b>	A population cluster which contains between 1,000 and 99,999 people, or a known holiday resort with a smaller population which contains at least 250 dwellings, of which at least 100 were occupied on census night.
<b>Rural areas</b>	Comprise rural localities and other rural areas.

<b>Rural locality</b>	A population cluster which contains between 200 and 999 people. Excludes known holiday resorts of at least 250 dwellings of which at least 100 were occupied on census night.
<b>Standardisation</b>	A technique used to enhance the comparability of data from different populations, or different sub-groups within a population by making adjustments for the effect of compositional differences, mainly different age-sex structures. Any aspect of composition can be adjusted for but age is the most common.
<b>Total fertility rate</b>	The average number of children that would be born alive to a woman during her lifetime if she conformed to the current age-specific fertility rates throughout her childbearing years. The total fertility rate is calculated from birth registrations data.
<b>Urban area</b>	Comprise major urban centres and other urban centres.

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