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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bulletin contains statistics of divorce for the year ended December, 1965, and for previous years. For further details in respect of past periods, see previous issues in this series and the annual bulletin "Demography". In past years, annual details were incorporated in bulletins containing the latest quarterly figures but starting with 1965 they are being issued in separate bulletins. Consequently there has been some rearrangement of tables. Four annual tables (tables 4, 9, 10 and 21) have been included in this bulletin, which were not previously issued with the annual figures in the quarterly series.

2. The Commonwealth Matrimonial Causes Act 1959-1965, came into operation on 1st February, 1961. The 1959 Act provided a uniform law throughout Australia with respect to divorce and other matrimonial causes, and superseded the Matrimonial Causes laws of the States and Territories except in so far as the transitional provisions of the Act kept them in force for the purpose of completing pending proceedings. Therefore statistics of petitions filed since February, 1961, are on a uniform basis for all States and Territories, but statistics of decrees of dissolution, nullity and judicial separation granted after that date include some decrees made on petitions under the superseded laws and are to that extent not uniformly based. By 1965, the number of decrees made in respect of petitions under superseded laws was quite small.

3. Under the Matrimonial Causes Act 1959-1965, a court may grant decrees of dissolution of marriage (commonly known as divorce), judicial separation, nullity of marriage, restitution of conjugal rights and jactitation of marriage (i.e., that a person should refrain from making the false claim that a marriage has taken place between him and another person). Orders may be made for the custody and welfare of children, maintenance, the settlement of property and damages for adultery.

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

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

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

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
PETITIONS FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE									
Year - 1961	4,215	2,289	1,084	865	620	321	40	70	9,504
1962	4,093	2,148	1,083	910	651	276	39	48	9,248
1963	4,339	2,163	1,061	1,005	623	271	50	90	9,602
1964	4,484	2,357	1,121	1,034	653	322	53	124	10,148
1965	4,679	2,501	1,266	1,107	736	328	61	161	10,839
1965 - Husband Petitioner	1,722	1,086	613	390	369	143	31	59	4,413
Wife Petitioner	2,957	1,415	653	717	367	185	30	102	6,426
<u>Total</u>	4,679	2,501	1,266	1,107	736	328	61	161	10,839
PETITIONS FOR NULLITY OF MARRIAGE									
Year - 1961	28	10	9	9	..	1	..	..	57
1962	21	13	7	4	3	2	..	..	50
1963	18	7	3	5	4	1	..	1	39
1964	17	15	4	5	2	..	..	1	44
1965	20	12	1	13	2	3	..	..	51
1965 - Husband Petitioner	3	3	..	6	1	3	..	..	16
Wife Petitioner	17	9	1	7	1	..	..	..	35
<u>Total</u>	20	12	1	13	2	3	..	..	51
PETITIONS FOR DISSOLUTION OR NULLITY OF MARRIAGE									
Year - 1961	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
1962	..	9	1	1	..	..	..	..	11
1963	5	8	1	1	..	..	..	..	15
1964	3	10	2	2	..	..	..	..	17
1965	3	15	5	2	..	..	..	..	25
1965 - Husband Petitioner	2	8	3	2	..	..	..	..	15
Wife Petitioner	1	7	2	..	..	..	..	..	10
<u>Total</u>	3	15	5	2	..	..	..	..	25
PETITIONS FOR JUDICIAL SEPARATION									
Year - 1961	4	..	2	3	2	..	..	..	11
1962	10	4	3	1	..	2	..	..	20
1963	8	7	4	3	2	1	..	4	29
1964	13	7	6	4	1	2	..	1	34
1965	4	4	6	5	..	..	..	2	21
1965 - Husband Petitioner	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wife Petitioner	4	4	5	5	..	..	..	2	20
<u>Total</u>	4	4	6	5	..	..	..	2	21
TOTAL PETITIONS									
Year - 1961	4,247	2,306	1,095	877	622	322	40	70	9,579
1962	4,124	2,174	1,094	916	654	280	39	48	9,329
1963	4,370 (a)	2,186	1,069	1,014	629	273	50	95(a)	9,686
1964	4,517 (a)	2,390	1,133	1,045	656	324	53	126(a)	10,244
1965	4,706	2,532	1,278	1,127	738	331	61	163	10,936
1965 - Husband Petitioner									
Number	1,727	1,097	617	398	370	146	31	59	4,445
Per cent.	37	43	48	35	50	44	51	36	41
- Wife Petitioner									
Number	2,979	1,435	661	729	368	185	30	104	6,491
Per cent.	63	57	52	65	50	56	49	64	59
<u>Total</u>	4,706	2,532	1,278	1,127	738	331	61	163	10,936

(a) Includes one petition for Dissolution or Judicial Separation

TABLE 2. - GROUNDS ON WHICH PETITIONS WERE FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE,

NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION : 1965

Ground	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
PETITIONS FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE									
Single Grounds -									
Desertion	1,829	881	448	314	205	135	20	32	3,864
Adultery	1,003	476	245	302	266	62	21	49	2,424
Separation	661	375	236	173	176	77	11	23	1,732
Cruelty	371	46	40	177	19	7	3	21	684
Drunkenness	58	7	12	20	3	1	2	7	110
Intoxication by drugs	5	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	7
Failure to pay maintenance	3	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	9
Non-compliance with restitution decree	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	4
Refusal to consummate	16	5	5	2	3	1	..	1	33
Insanity	4	2	1	2	..	1	..	..	10
Frequent convictions	7	5	..	..	2	..	..	..	14
Imprisonment	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5
Rape	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	5
Other single grounds	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	5
Dual Grounds -									
Desertion and adultery	39	125	34	16	12	6	1	4	237
Desertion and separation	326	436	158	50	23	21	1	5	1,020
Desertion and cruelty	87	14	20	5	2	5	2	1	136
Desertion and drunkenness	14	10	7	2	1	1	..	1	36
Desertion and failure to pay maintenance	3	3	2	..	1	1	..	..	10
Desertion and refusal to consummate	1	..	3	1	..	1	..	..	6
Desertion and frequent convictions	2	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	6
Desertion and other	2	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	9
Adultery and separation	4	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	13
Adultery and cruelty	15	6	8	9	1	..	..	4	43
Adultery and other	2	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	6
Separation and cruelty	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Separation and drunkenness	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Separation and failure to pay maintenance	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	3
Separation and insanity	1	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	5
Separation and presumption of death	2	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	7
Separation and other	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	3
Cruelty and drunkenness	153	21	25	21	6	4	..	11	241
Cruelty and other	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	4
Drunkenness and intoxication by drugs	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	4
Three grounds or more	55	61	13	4	2	1	..	..	136
<u>Total</u>	4,679	2,501	1,266	1,107	736	328	61	161	10,839
OTHER PETITIONS									
<u>For Nullity of Marriage -</u>									
Bigamy	7	4	1	4	1	1	..	..	18
Invalid marriage	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	3
Incapacity to consummate	13	8	..	4	1	1	..	..	27
Pregnancy	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3
<u>Total</u>	20	12	1	13	2	3	..	..	51
<u>For Dissolution or Nullity of Marriage -</u>	3	15	5	2	..	..	..	..	25
<u>For Judicial Separation -</u>									
Adultery	..	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	6
Cruelty	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	5
Drunkenness	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Desertion and cruelty	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Cruelty and drunkenness	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Other grounds	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	3
<u>Total</u>	4	4	6	5	..	..	..	2	21
<u>Total Petitions other than for Dissolution of Marriage -</u>	27	31	12	20	2	3	..	2	97

**TABLE 3. - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, NULLITY OF MARRIAGE
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO SEX OF PETITIONER
AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN (a) : AUSTRALIA, 1965**

Petition for -	Marriages with -							Total Petitions	Total Number of Child- ren (a)
	No Child- ren	1 Child	2 Child- ren	3 Child- ren	4 Child- ren	5 Child- ren	6 or more Child- ren		
Dissolution of Marriage - Husband Petitioner	1,724	1,043	884	480	193	57	32	4,413	5,511
Wife Petitioner	1,962	1,669	1,500	796	311	108	80	6,426	9,363
<u>Total</u>	3,686	2,712	2,384	1,276	504	165	112	10,839	14,874
Nullity of Marriage - Husband Petitioner	9	2	2	2	1	..	..	16	16
Wife Petitioner	26	5	2	2	..	..	..	35	15
<u>Total</u>	35	7	4	4	1	..	..	51	31
Dissolution or Nullity - Husband Petitioner	11	1	..	2	..	..	1	15	13
Wife Petitioner	7	2	1	..	..	..	..	10	4
<u>Total</u>	18	3	1	2	..	..	1	25	17
Judicial Separation - Husband Petitioner	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Wife Petitioner	7	..	4	3	5	..	1	20	43
<u>Total</u>	8	..	4	3	5	..	1	21	43
Total Petitions - Husband Petitioner	1,745	1,046	886	484	194	57	33	4,445	5,540
Wife Petitioner	2,002	1,676	1,507	801	316	108	81	6,491	9,425
<u>TOTAL</u>	3,747	2,722	2,393	1,285	510	165	114	10,936	14,965

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

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

Year	Marriages with -							Total Petitions	Total Number of Children (a)
	No Child- ren	1 Child	2 Child- ren	3 Child- ren	4 Child- ren	5 Child- ren	6 or more Children		
Year - 1961	3,807	2,455	1,953	866	329	106	63	9,579	11,215
1962	3,503	2,358	1,981	945	360	112	70	9,329	11,584
1963	3,386	2,453	(b)2,175	1,040	410	146	76	(b)9,686	12,821
1964	(b)3,528	2,586	2,238	1,186	457	150	99	(b)10,244	13,851
1965	3,747	2,722	2,393	1,285	510	165	114	10,936	14,965

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

(b) Includes one petition for Dissolution or Judicial Separation.

II. DECREES GRANTED : DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND
JUDICIAL SEPARATION : NUMBER

TABLE 5. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS GRANTED (a)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE									
Year - 1961	3,156	1,248	779	718	466	286	23	36	6,712
1962	3,113	1,615	920	685	582	248	38	44	7,245
1963	3,293	1,616	910	765	553	260	38	41	7,476
1964	3,024	2,130	981	887	542	229	31	93	7,917
1965	3,440	2,089	1,052	852	604	279	41	134	8,491
1965 - Husband Petitioner	1,348	882	456	354	275	131	26	51	3,523
Wife Petitioner	2,092	1,206	596	497	329	148	15	83	4,966
Granted on Petition of Both	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
<u>Total</u>	3,440	2,089	1,052	852	604	279	41	134	8,491
NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE									
Year - 1961	18	9	2	7	..	..	..	1	37
1962	18	8	5	6	2	1	..	..	40
1963	13	7	6	5	1	..	..	..	32
1964	14	19	5	3	2	1	..	..	44
1965	14	13	3	3	2	..	..	..	35
1965 - Husband Petitioner	3	5	..	..	2	..	..	..	10
Wife Petitioner	11	8	3	3	..	..	..	..	25
<u>Total</u>	14	13	3	3	2	..	..	..	35
JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS									
Year - 1961	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
1962	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	5
1963	..	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	7
1964	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	6
1965	1	1	4	..	..	1	..	1	8
1965 - Husband Petitioner	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wife Petitioner	1	1	4	..	..	1	..	1	8
<u>Total</u>	1	1	4	..	..	1	..	1	8
TOTAL DECREES									
Year - 1961	3,175	1,257	781	725	467	286	23	37	6,751
1962	3,131	1,623	928	692	585	249	38	44	7,290
1963	3,306	1,626	919	770	554	261	38	41	7,515
1964	3,041	2,151	986	890	545	230	31	93	7,967
1965	3,455	2,103	1,059	855	606	280	41	135	8,534
1965 - Husband Petitioner - Number	1,351	887	456	354	277	131	26	51	3,533
Per cent.	39	42	43	41	46	47	63	38	41
- Wife Petitioner - Number	2,104	1,215	603	500	329	149	15	84	4,999
Per cent.	61	58	57	59	54	53	37	62	59
Granted on Petition of Both	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
<u>TOTAL</u>	3,455	2,103	1,059	855	606	280	41	135	8,534

(a) Decrees absolute.

TABLE 6. - GROUNDS ON WHICH DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS WERE GRANTED (a) : 1965

Ground	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE									
Single Grounds -									
Desertion	1,572	996	550	312	182	119	12	34	3,777
Adultery	759	549	189	214	205	57	18	44	2,035
Separation	581	467	221	180	167	68	4	18	1,706
Cruelty	186	27	33	101	14	6	3	10	380
Drunkenness	55	13	9	9	4	4	..	9	103
Failure to pay maintenance	1	1	..	2	6	..	..	..	10
Non-compliance with restituion decree	13	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	15
Refusal to consummate	9	8	5	..	1	..	..	1	24
Insanity	9	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	13
Frequent convictions	10	5	2	4	..	2	..	..	23
Imprisonment	4	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	7
Inflicting grievous bodily harm	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	3
Rape	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Presumption of death	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Other single grounds	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	4
Dual Grounds -									
Desertion and adultery	49	5	15	6	6	8	2	2	93
Desertion and separation	61	9	6	8	10	11	1	2	108
Desertion and cruelty	27	..	4	1	1	2	..	1	36
Desertion and drunkenness	17	..	3	3	1	..	..	2	26
Desertion and failure to pay maintenance	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Desertion and other	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Adultery and separation	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Adultery and cruelty	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	6
Adultery and other	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Separation and insanity	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	3
Separation and other	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	3
Cruelty and drunkenness	55	2	5	3	3	..	..	8	76
Cruelty and other	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	6
Drunkenness and failure to pay maintenance	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Three grounds or more	9	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	13
Total	3,440	2,089	1,052	852	604	279	41	134	8,491
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE									
Bigamy	8	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	13
Invalid marriage	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Incapacity to consummate	4	9	2	3	2	..	..	..	20
Total	14	13	3	3	2	..	..	..	35
JUDICIAL SEPARATION									
Adultery	..	1	3	..	..	1	..	..	5
Cruelty	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Drunkenness	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cruelty and drunkenness	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total	1	1	4	..	..	1	..	1	8

(a) Decrees absolute.

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

Ground (b)	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE					
Single grounds -					
Desertion	3,639	3,645	3,531	3,468	3,777
Adultery	1,855	1,548	1,676	1,833	2,035
Separation (c)	350	1,272	1,495	1,687	1,706
Cruelty	238	207	254	316	380
Drunkenness	53	74	75	81	103
Failure to pay maintenance	19	18	10	10	10
Non-compliance with restitution decree (d)	296	57	40	17	15
Refusal to consummate (e)	8	16	15	22	24
Insanity	12	36	23	16	13
Frequent convictions	12	19	14	12	23
Imprisonment	9	3	4	5	7
Rape	1	..	2	4	5
Presumption of death	3	3	..	2	2
Other single grounds	2	3	4	6	7
Dual grounds -					
Desertion and adultery	48	54	65	73	93
Desertion and separation	29	140	115	159	108
Desertion and cruelty	10	22	37	44	36
Desertion and drunkenness	4	19	14	13	26
Desertion and failure to pay maintenance	1	8	5	5	4
Desertion and other	..	3	3	6	4
Desertion and frequent convictions	3	8	1	4	1
Adultery and separation	3	4	7	9	2
Adultery and cruelty	3	6	4	11	6
Adultery and bigamy (f)	5	2	..	..	..
Adultery and other	..	..	..	6	2
Separation and failure to pay maintenance	..	..	6	..	..
Separation and refusal to consummate	..	..	..	5	..
Separation and other	1	3	2	3	6
Cruelty and drunkenness	97	60	59	69	76
Cruelty and other	..	..	3	6	6
Other dual grounds	..	2	1	4	1
Three grounds or more	11	13	11	21	13
<u>Total</u>	6,712	7,245	7,476	7,917	8,491
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE					
Bigamy	9	14	10	16	13
Invalid marriage	2	2	1	3	2
Incapacity to consummate	25	24	21	23	20
Other grounds	1	..	..	2	..
<u>Total</u>	37	40	32	44	35
JUDICIAL SEPARATION					
Desertion	..	2	2	2	..
Adultery	1	2	2	1	5
Cruelty	1	..	2	2	1
Other grounds	..	1	1	1	2
<u>Total</u>	2	5	7	6	8

(a) Decrees absolute. (b) Statistics in respect of dissolutions of marriage for which petitions were lodged in or after February, 1961, are on a uniform basis in all States. Petitions lodged before that date were dealt with under the various, now superseded, State laws even if they were heard in 1961 or later years. Furthermore, there were changes made in some States regarding the way in which divorce statistics were compiled. For instance, dissolutions made on more than one ground were allocated to the more important ground in earlier years. For these reasons, comparisons from year to year of the figures shown in the above table should be made with caution. See also Explanatory Notes, page 2. (c) Separation was a ground for dissolution in only two States under the old legislation. (d) This was a ground in one State only under the old legislation. (e) This was a ground for dissolution in only one State under the old legislation. (f) "Adultery and Bigamy" is not a ground for dissolution under the new Commonwealth legislation.

III. DISSOLUTIONS GRANTED : AGES OF PARTIES

TABLE 8. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :

AGES OF PARTIES AT TIME OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1965

Age of Husband (Years)	Age of Wife (Years)											Total Husbands	
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not Stated	Number	Per cent.
Under 20	516	113	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	636	8
20 - 24	1,720	2,046	253	36	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,069	48
25 - 29	443	1,099	461	122	30	7	..	..	..	..	..	2,162	26
30 - 34	83	281	218	149	50	14	2	1	..	..	1	799	9
35 - 39	22	92	94	71	69	23	15	..	..	..	..	386	5
40 - 44	8	26	28	48	39	26	13	3	1	..	..	192	2
45 - 49	3	3	11	26	22	25	18	8	2	1	1	120	1
50 - 54	..	4	3	7	13	11	12	8	3	..	1	62	1
55 - 59	..	1	..	3	4	7	7	4	3	4	..	33	..
60 and over	1	..	..	1	1	1	2	2	7	11	..	26	..
Not stated	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	6	..
Total (Number Wives)	2,796	3,667	1,072	464	243	114	69	26	16	16	8	8,491	..
(Per cent.)	33	43	13	6	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	100

(a) Decreases absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

TABLE 9. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :

AGE OF HUSBAND AT TIME OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA

Year of Dissolution of Marriage	Age of Husband (Years)											Total
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not Stated	
Year - 1961	436	3,068	1,770	687	334	159	81	46	32	19	80	6,712
1962	442	3,287	1,953	741	381	200	92	55	28	28	38	7,245
1963	453	3,461	2,043	733	340	192	110	63	25	28	28	7,476
1964	497	3,776	2,024	814	380	202	102	52	28	30	12	7,917
1965	636	4,069	2,162	799	386	192	120	62	33	26	6	8,491

(a) See note (a) to table 8.

TABLE 10. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :

AGE OF WIFE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA

Year of Dissolution of Marriage	Age of Wife (Years)											Total
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not Stated	
Year - 1961	2,060	2,865	925	398	192	95	45	28	15	6	83	6,712
1962	2,151	3,105	1,066	448	208	126	52	30	10	10	39	7,245
1963	2,296	3,276	1,047	408	205	110	50	35	12	8	29	7,476
1964	2,465	3,473	1,041	437	247	119	67	24	21	10	13	7,917
1965	2,796	3,667	1,072	464	243	114	69	26	16	16	8	8,491

(a) See note (a) to table 8.

TABLE 11. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :
AGES OF PARTIES AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1965

Age of Husband (Years)	Age of Wife (Years)											Total Husbands	
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not Stated	Number	Per cent.
Under 20	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
20 - 24	11	157	23	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	193	2
25 - 29	5	374	624	70	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	1,082	13
30 - 34	2	88	640	502	114	15	8	..	..	..	..	1,369	16
35 - 39	..	19	182	587	622	137	24	9	1	..	1	1,582	19
40 - 44	..	3	39	158	557	565	105	29	3	2	..	1,461	17
45 - 49	..	..	13	33	135	398	357	81	15	5	1	1,038	12
50 - 54	..	1	4	12	61	150	293	256	35	12	..	824	10
55 - 59	..	..	..	4	16	39	108	159	109	31	1	467	5
60 and over	..	1	1	1	10	16	39	69	112	218	1	468	6
Not stated	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	6	..
<u>Total (Number</u>	19	643	1,528	1,368	1,523	1,322	934	603	275	268	8	8,491	..
<u>Wives (Per cent.</u>	..	8	18	16	18	16	11	7	3	3	..	..	100

(a) Decreases absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted.

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

Year of Dissolution of Marriage	Age of Husband (Years)										Total
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not Stated	
Year-1961	136	816	1,363	1,304	980	819	571	326	314	83	6,712
1962	137	814	1,276	1,385	1,139	926	682	454	394	38	7,245
1963	156	845	1,369	1,426	1,205	900	697	445	405	28	7,476
1964	165	913	1,305	1,441	1,282	1,017	798	499	484	13	7,917
1965	194	1,082	1,369	1,582	1,461	1,038	824	467	468	6	8,491

(a) See note (a) to table 11.

TABLE 13. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :
AGE OF WIFE AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA

Year of Dissolution of Marriage	Age of Wife (Years)										Total
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not Stated	
Year-1961	525	1,236	1,348	1,163	914	686	367	196	191	86	6,712
1962	540	1,153	1,366	1,341	1,027	801	478	240	260	39	7,245
1963	550	1,302	1,417	1,284	1,111	774	520	261	228	29	7,476
1964	584	1,292	1,365	1,364	1,207	900	568	340	283	14	7,917
1965	662	1,528	1,368	1,523	1,322	934	603	275	268	8	8,491

(a) See note (a) to table 11.

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TABLE 14. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : DURATION OF MARRIAGE
AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN (b), AUSTRALIA, 1965

Duration of Marriage (Years)	Marriages with -							Total Marriages Dissolved		Total Number of Children (b)
	No Child- ren	1 Child	2 Child- ren	3 Child- ren	4 Child- ren	5 Child- ren	6 or more Child- ren	Number	Per cent.	
Under 5	366	152	40	10	4	..	..	572	7	278
5 - 9	818	770	441	129	37	4	5	2,204	26	2,241
10 - 14	454	441	537	273	98	26	14	1,843	22	2,949
15 - 19	316	321	442	296	123	40	31	1,569	18	3,001
20 - 24	227	225	294	201	63	37	25	1,072	12	2,023
25 - 29	257	189	121	49	21	6	4	647	8	720
30 and over	453	82	30	9	6	3	1	584	7	214
<u>Total (Number Marriages Dissolved)</u>	2,891	2,180	1,905	967	352	116	80	8,491	..	..
<u>Dissolved (Per cent.)</u>	34	26	23	11	4	1	1	..	100	..
<u>Total Number of Children (b)</u>	..	2,180	3,810	2,901	1,408	580	547	..	..	11,426

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

(b) At time of petition. The term "children" refers to "children of the marriage" as defined in the Matrimonial Causes Act, living and under 21 years, but the table above includes a small number of dissolutions granted to petitions filed under old legislation in which the term "children" was used differently.

TABLE 15. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : DURATION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA

Year of Dissolution of Marriage	Duration of Marriage (Years) -								Total Marriages Dissolved
	Under 5	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30 and over	Not Stated	
Year - 1961	481	1,946	1,702	1,039	784	373	385	2	6,712
1962	450	1,894	1,800	1,232	890	459	520	..	7,245
1963	503	2,010	1,677	1,358	915	515	498	..	7,476
1964	501	1,980	1,741	1,474	984	633	602	2	7,917
1965	572	2,204	1,843	1,569	1,072	647	584	..	8,491

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

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

Year of Dissolution of Marriage	Marriages with -							Total Marriages Dissolved	Total Number of Children (b)
	No Child- ren	1 Child	2 Child- ren	3 Child- ren	4 Child- ren	5 Child- ren	6 or more Child- ren		
Year - 1961	2,606	1,724	1,404	648	204	80	46	6,712	7,999
1962	2,878	1,905	1,430	665	244	73	50	7,245	8,422
1963	2,908	1,887	1,611	673	286	70	41	7,476	8,893
1964	2,885	2,052	1,703	810	309	104	54	7,917	9,997
1965	2,891	2,180	1,905	967	352	116	80	8,491	11,426

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

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

TABLE 17. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a)
AGES OF CHILDREN OF MARRIAGE (b) : AUSTRALIA, 1965

Petitioner	Ages of Children at Time of Petition (Years)																	Total Number of Child- ren	
	Un- der 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16 to 20		Not Sta- ted
Husband	24	69	154	202	245	278	256	291	284	261	264	241	251	245	221	205	852	7	4,350
Wife	50	138	280	414	409	427	449	456	428	419	436	431	400	399	332	356	1,245	4	7,073
Both	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Total	74	207	435	616	655	705	705	747	712	681	700	672	651	644	553	561	2,097	11	11,426

(a) Decrees absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted. (b) At time of petition. The term "children" refers to "children of the marriage" as defined in the Matrimonial Causes Act, living and under 21 years, but the table above includes a small number of dissolutions granted to petitions filed under old legislation in which the term "children" was used differently.

TABLE 18. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :
DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND AGES OF PARTIES AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
AUSTRALIA, 1965

Duration of Marriage (years)	Age at time of Dissolution of Marriage (years)											Not Stated	Total
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over			
HUSBAND													
Under 5	1	125	204	87	60	36	22	18	9	10	..	572	
5 - 9	..	68	824	692	298	151	59	47	27	36	2	2,204	
10 - 14	..	..	54	566	700	252	108	71	44	46	2	1,843
15 - 19	..	..	..	24	499	624	224	105	53	38	2	1,569
20 - 24	..	..	..	..	25	387	392	188	47	33	..	1,072
25 - 29	..	..	..	..	..	11	224	266	109	37	..	647
30 and over	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	129	178	268	..	584
Total (Number Marriages Per Dissolved cent.)	1	193	1,082	1,369	1,582	1,461	1,038	824	467	468	6	8,491	
	..	2	13	16	19	17	12	10	5	6	..	100	
WIFE													
Under 5	18	264	141	46	47	23	10	13	5	5	..	572	
5 - 9	1	379	1,096	328	174	100	54	33	16	21	2	2,204	
10 - 14	..	..	291	810	413	152	88	46	20	21	2	1,843
15 - 19	..	..	..	183	766	403	112	64	23	15	3	1,569
20 - 24	..	..	..	1	122	549	274	88	25	13	..	1,072
25 - 29	..	..	..	..	1	95	342	162	28	18	1	647
30 and over	..	..	..	..	..	..	54	197	158	175	..	584
Total (Number Marriages Per Dissolved cent.)	19	643	1,528	1,368	1,523	1,322	934	603	275	268	8	8,491	
	..	8	18	16	18	16	11	7	3	3	..	100	

(a) See note (a) to table 17.

**TABLE 19. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : DURATION OF MARRIAGE
AND MARITAL STATUS OF PARTIES AT TIME OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1965**

Duration of Marriage (years)	Marital Status at Time of Marriage of -									
	Husband					Wife				
	Single	Widowed	Divorced	Not Stated	Total	Single	Widowed	Divorced	Not Stated	Total
0 - 4	473	26	73	..	572	470	28	74	..	572
5 - 9	1,963	58	183	..	2,204	1,887	76	241	..	2,204
10 - 14	1,633	49	159	2	1,843	1,581	60	202	..	1,843
15 - 19	1,409	27	132	1	1,569	1,402	35	131	1	1,569
20 - 24	1,021	10	41	..	1,072	1,013	11	48	..	1,072
25 - 29	625	10	12	..	647	625	7	15	..	647
30 and over	570	9	5	..	584	579	3	1	1	584
TOTAL	7,694	189	605	3	8,491	7,557	220	712	2	8,491

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

**TABLE 20. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : MARITAL STATUS
OF PARTIES AT TIME OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1965**

Marital Status of Husband at Time of Marriage	Marital Status of Wife at Time of Marriage -				
	Single	Widowed	Divorced	Not Stated	Total
Single	7,162	102	429	1	7,694
Widowed	77	60	52	..	189
Divorced	317	58	230	..	605
Not stated	1	..	1	1	3
TOTAL	7,557	220	712	2	8,491

(a) See note (a) to table 19.

**TABLE 21. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : MARITAL STATUS
OF PARTIES AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
AUSTRALIA 1961 to 1965**

Year of Dissolution of Marriage	Marital Status at Time of Marriage of -									
	Husband					Wife				
	Single	Widowed	Divorced	Not Stated	Total	Single	Widowed	Divorced	Not Stated	Total
1961	4,528	120	350	1,714	6,712	4,688	156	465	1,403	6,712
1962	6,064	171	493	517	7,245	5,959	215	564	507	7,245
1963	6,709	190	559	18	7,476	6,660	208	599	9	7,476
1964	7,188	175	553	1	7,917	7,049	232	636	..	7,917
1965	7,694	189	605	3	8,491	7,557	220	712	2	8,491

(a) See note (a) to table 19.

TABLE 22. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : NUMBER
OF TIMES THE PARTIES HAVE BEEN DIVORCED, AUSTRALIA, 1965

Husband	Wife				Total
	Now divorced for the first time	Now divorced for the second time	Now divorced for the third time	Not Stated	
Now divorced for the first time	7,396	469	6	7	7,878
Now divorced for the second time	358	216	9	..	583
Now divorced for the third time	6	6	1	..	13
Not stated	10	2	..	4	16
TOTAL	7,770	694 (b)	16	11	8,491 (b)

(a) Decrees absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations granted. (b) Includes one husband now divorced for the fourth time.

TABLE 23. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGES GRANTED (a) :
MONTH IN WHICH GRANTED, 1965

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE									
January	297	106	88	85	55	21	4	8	664
February	331	219	93	74	47	25	2	10	801
March	178	152	125	99	44	14	4	14	630
April	118	41	2	23	12	3	..	1	200
May	267	234	49	28	61	38	3	14	694
June	382	177	116	96	39	20	3	11	844
July	374	256	90	85	63	39	6	6	919
August	482	140	83	64	44	3	1	19	836
September	208	197	87	96	45	34	3	11	681
October	248	251	113	101	76	33	8	16	846
November	199	122	92	26	64	4	1	8	516
December	356	194	114	75	54	45	6	16	860
Total	3,440	2,089	1,052	852	604	279	41	134	8,491

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

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