



HOUSEHOLD TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS, AUSTRALIA, MARCH 1983

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MAIN FEATURES

At March 1983 of the estimated 5,087,200 households in private dwellings in Australia 4,339,000 (85.3 per cent) had the telephone connected. The percentage of households connected was highest in the Australian Capital Territory (91.1 per cent) and lowest in the Northern Territory (76.1 per cent). 89.0 per cent of households in the six State capital cities had the telephone connected compared with 79.1 per cent in the rest of Australia.

Of the 748,200 households not connected 382,500 (51.1 per cent) gave cost as the main reason for non-connection, and another 279,400 (37.3 per cent) said they had the use of a telephone elsewhere, did not need one, or were in rented/short-term accommodation.

Households consisting of married couples with or without children were most likely to have the telephone connected, and persons living alone and one parent families with all children under 15 years were least likely to have the telephone connected. Cost was the main reason for non-connection for the one parent households but was not as important a reason for persons living alone.

Employed persons were more likely to live in a household with the telephone connected than unemployed persons, 89.0 per cent compared with 72.0 per cent.

Of the 212,900 males and 447,500 females living alone 86.2 per cent of the females had the telephone connected compared with 59.9 per cent of the males.

Of the 1,965,300 persons aged 60 years and over 90.1 per cent were members of households with the telephone connected. However, of the 444,900 persons aged 60 years and over who were living alone only 63.2 per cent of males compared with 90.0 per cent of females had the telephone connected.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

A survey was conducted throughout Australia in March 1983 to obtain information on whether households in private dwellings did or did not have a telephone connected. Households which did not have a telephone were asked the main reason for not having it connected. Information was also obtained on the composition of the household and the characteristics of household members.

Coverage

2. The survey was conducted as part of the regular population survey, which is based on multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 33,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.) and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. However, for questions on telephone connections only people in private dwellings were included.

Scope

3. The household telephone connections part of the survey included all persons aged 15 years and over in private dwellings except:

- members of the permanent defence forces;
- certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations;
- overseas visitors holidaying in Australia;
- members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia;
- visitors to private dwellings; and
- persons staying at caravan parks.

4. Because the telephone connections survey excludes persons in non-private dwellings and visitors to private dwellings (who are included in the labour force part of the population survey), employment data and totals of population, etc. in the telephone connections survey are not comparable with similar data published in *The Labour Force, Australia, March 1983* (6203.0).

Survey method

5. The information about telephone connections was obtained within each selected dwelling by specially trained interviewers. Questions were asked of a responsible adult member of the household.

Definitions

6. A household is defined as a person living alone in a dwelling or a group of people living in the same dwelling and sharing the same cooking and bathroom facilities. A person or persons living in the same dwelling but having separate catering arrangements constitutes a separate household.

7. *Children* include natural, adopted, step or foster children aged less than 15 years of age. Also included, for purposes of this survey, are persons of any age who were living with one or both of their parents and who had no spouse or children of their own present in the household at the time of the survey.

8. *Connected/connection* means that the telephone was functioning or only temporarily out of order.

9. Definitions of labour force categories used in this publication are the same as those used in the labour force survey. More details can be found in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). See also paragraph 4 above.

(a) *Employed persons* comprise all those aged 15 and over who, during the survey week:

- (i) worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers and self-employed persons); or
- (ii) worked for 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helpers); or
- (iii) were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or
- (iv) were employers or self-employed persons who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

(b) *Unemployed persons* are those aged 15 and over who were not employed during the survey week, and

- (i) had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week, and:

were available for work in the survey week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the survey week); or

were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the survey week and would have started in the survey week if the job had been available then; or

- (ii) were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole of the survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

- (c) Persons not in the labour force are those who, during the survey week, were not in the categories 'employed' or 'unemployed', as defined above. They include persons who were keeping house (unpaid), attending an educational institution (school, university, etc.), retired, voluntarily inactive, permanently unable to work, inmates of institutions (hospitals, gaols, sanatoria, etc.), trainee teachers, members of contemplative religious orders, and persons whose only activity during the survey week was jury service or unpaid voluntary work for a charitable organisation.

Reliability of the estimates

10. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all the dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Another measure of the likely difference is the *relative standard error*, which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate.

11. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication but a table of standard errors of persons estimates for general application follows. Since they are averages, based on calculations for a limited number of past labour force surveys (which are conducted monthly) over a wide range of labour force characteristics, these figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

12. Approximate standard errors of household estimates can also be obtained from the table of standard errors of person estimates. Although these figures were not derived specifically for household estimates they will give a good indication of the size of household standard errors.

13. An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of households is as follows. Table 1 shows that the estimated number of households in South Australia with the telephone connected is 406,600. Since this estimate is between

TABLE 1. HOUSEHOLDS IN PRIVATE DWELLINGS : WHETHER TELEPHONE CONNECTED
AND REASONS FOR NON-CONNECTION, STATES AND TERRITORIES, MARCH 1983

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	Percentage of total house- holds
—'000—										
Telephone connected—										
Capital city	1,028.6	858.6	318.0	303.4	283.2	46.3	(a)	(a)	(b)2,838.2	55.8
Rest of State	508.4	314.3	323.9	103.1	87.3	66.7	(a)	(a)	(c)500.7	29.4
Total	1,537.0	1,172.9	641.9	406.6	370.5	112.9	29.3	67.7	4,339.0	85.3
Telephone not connected—										
Capital city	127.7	86.2	56.1	33.5	38.1	10.3	(a)	(a)	(b)351.9	6.9
Rest of State	134.8	66.9	99.5	23.7	35.1	20.6	(a)	(a)	(c)396.4	7.7
Total	262.4	153.1	155.6	57.3	73.2	30.9	9.2	6.6	748.2	14.7
Main reason telephone not connected—										
Waiting for connection	9.4	6.5	7.5	*	*	*	*	*	28.7	0.6
Have use of phone elsewhere	16.1	8.7	8.0	*	*	*	*	*	39.4	0.8
Don't need one	56.1	40.5	35.2	12.6	17.1	6.2	3.2	*	172.4	3.4
Rented/short term accommodation	23.0	13.6	18.5	3.7	6.6	*	*	*	67.6	1.3
Cost/too expensive	142.3	73.3	73.1	31.9	35.6	18.8	4.0	3.5	382.5	7.5
Other(d)	15.5	10.6	13.3	5.0	9.3	*	*	*	57.6	1.1
Total	262.4	153.1	155.6	57.3	73.2	30.9	9.2	6.6	748.2	14.7
Total households—										
Capital city	1,156.3	944.8	374.1	337.0	321.4	56.5	(a)	(a)	(b)3,190.1	62.7
Rest of State	643.1	381.2	423.4	126.9	122.4	87.2	(a)	(a)	(c)1,897.1	37.3
Total	1,799.4	1,326.0	797.5	463.9	443.8	143.8	38.5	74.3	5,087.2	100.0
— per cent —										
Percentage of households in each State with telephones connected	85.4	88.5	80.5	87.6	83.5	78.5	76.1	91.1	85.3	

(a) Capital city/rest of State details are not separately available for N.T. and A.C.T. (b) Excludes Darwin and Canberra (see note (a)). (c) Includes Darwin and Canberra (see note (a)). (d) Among other reasons specified were 'privacy', 'don't like phones', 'haven't bothered', 'health reasons', etc. These however were individually not statistically significant and were not coded separately in processing.

TABLE 2. HOUSEHOLDS IN PRIVATE DWELLINGS: TYPE OF HOUSEHOLD BY WHETHER TELEPHONE CONNECTED AND REASONS FOR NON-CONNECTION, AUSTRALIA, MARCH 1983

Type of household	Telephone connected		Telephone not connected—reasons					Total households
	Number	Percentage of household type	Waiting for connection	Preferred no connection(a)	Cost	Other(b)	Total	
	'000							
Persons living alone	660.4	75.5	5.6	107.3	82.7	18.6	214.1	874.5
Married couple only	1,003.3	89.5	6.0	48.2	54.2	9.7	118.1	1,121.4
Married couple with all children 15 years and over	482.8	94.4	*	10.4	13.3	3.5	28.5	511.3
Married couple with all children under 15 years	1,109.4	88.0	6.2	47.0	88.8	10.2	152.2	1,261.6
Married couple with children of all ages	358.3	92.1	*	8.2	18.0	3.7	30.9	389.2
One parent with all children 15 years and over	143.5	86.2	*	6.8	13.7	*	23.0	166.5
One parent with all children under 15 years	87.1	71.8	*	5.5	25.4	*	34.2	121.3
One parent with children of all ages	37.8	78.0	*	*	8.0	*	10.6	48.4
All other households(c)	456.3	76.9	6.6	44.3	78.5	7.2	136.7	592.0
Total all households	4,338.9	85.3	28.7	279.4	382.5	57.6	748.2	5,087.2

(a) Comprises 'have use of phone elsewhere', 'don't need one', and 'rented/short-term accommodation'. (b) Among other reasons specified were 'privacy', 'don't like phones', 'haven't bothered', 'health reasons', etc. These however were individually not statistically significant and were not coded separately in processing. (c) Includes households where, for example, a relative or a boarder lived with any of the above-mentioned household types, households consisting of two or more unrelated persons.

TABLE 3. PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER IN PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS : SEX AND AGE
BY WHETHER HOUSEHOLD HAS TELEPHONE CONNECTED AND REASON FOR NON-CONNECTION,
AUSTRALIA, MARCH 1983

	Telephone connected		Telephone not connected—reasons					Total
	Number	Percentage of total	Waiting for connection	Preferred no connection(a)	Cost	Other(b)	Total	
	'000							
Males—								
15-24 years	1,026.1	81.5	11.0	79.1	131.3	12.0	233.3	1,259.5
25-34 "	983.1	83.8	11.0	64.2	102.0	12.7	190.0	1,173.1
35-44 "	896.4	89.8	3.0	33.8	54.3	10.3	101.3	997.7
45-54 "	670.8	88.5	*	37.1	38.2	8.9	87.0	757.8
55-59 "	325.1	89.5	*	17.6	15.3	5.1	38.1	363.2
60-64 "	268.3	88.5	*	15.7	15.1	3.0	34.7	303.0
65-69 "	206.5	88.6	*	12.0	12.3	*	26.4	233.0
70-74 "	153.9	86.7	*	10.2	10.6	*	23.6	177.5
75 years and over	150.4	87.4	*	9.8	9.0	*	21.6	172.1
Total	4,680.8	86.1	30.8	279.6	387.9	57.7	756.0	5,436.8
Females—								
15-24 years	289.9	80.9	8.5	70.1	140.0	14.6	233.3	1,223.2
25-34 "	1,038.1	87.0	9.3	48.9	88.0	9.5	155.7	1,193.8
35-44 "	878.0	91.4	3.4	25.0	47.1	7.6	83.0	961.1
45-54 "	665.2	91.1	*	21.8	36.2	5.5	64.8	730.0
55-59 "	330.8	91.7	*	11.1	15.9	*	30.1	360.9
60-64 "	295.8	91.1	*	11.1	13.7	*	28.9	324.7
65-69 "	256.5	93.4	*	6.7	8.7	*	18.0	274.5
70-74 "	202.0	90.3	*	10.5	9.0	*	21.7	223.7
75 years and over	237.6	92.5	*	7.6	8.0	3.1	19.3	256.9
Total	4,894.0	88.2	26.3	212.9	366.6	49.0	654.8	5,548.7
Persons—								
15-24 years	2,016.1	81.0	19.5	149.1	271.3	26.6	466.6	2,482.6
25-34 "	2,021.3	85.4	20.3	113.2	190.0	22.2	345.6	2,366.9
35-44 "	1,774.4	90.6	6.3	58.8	101.3	17.9	184.4	1,958.8
45-54 "	1,336.1	89.8	4.0	58.9	74.4	14.4	151.7	1,487.8
55-59 "	655.9	90.6	*	28.8	31.1	7.7	68.2	724.1
60-64 "	564.1	89.9	*	26.9	28.8	6.0	63.6	627.8
65-69 "	463.0	91.2	*	18.7	21.0	3.6	44.4	507.5
70-74 "	355.9	88.7	*	20.7	19.6	*	45.3	401.1
75 years and over	388.1	90.5	*	17.5	17.0	5.4	40.9	428.9
Total	9,574.7	87.2	57.1	492.5	754.5	106.6	1,410.7	10,985.5

(a) Comprises 'have use of phone elsewhere', 'don't need one', and 'rented/short-term accommodation'. (b) Among other reasons specified were 'privacy', 'don't like phones', 'haven't bothered', 'health reasons', etc. These however were individually not statistically significant and were not coded separately in processing.

TABLE 4. PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER IN PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS: SEX, AGE AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS BY WHETHER HOUSEHOLD HAS TELEPHONE CONNECTED, AUSTRALIA, MARCH 1983

	Employed			Unemployed			Not in the Labour Force			Total		
	Telephone			Telephone			Telephone			Telephone		
	Connected	Not connected	Percentage connected	Connected	Not connected	Percentage connected	Connected	Not connected	Percentage connected	Connected	Not connected	Percentage connected
	—' 000—			—' 000—			—' 000—			—' 000—		
Males—												
15-19 years	269.6	41.3	86.7	71.4	22.0	76.5	190.7	22.7	89.4	531.7	85.9	86.1
20-24 "	395.1	99.2	79.9	63.4	39.6	61.6	35.9	8.6	80.8	494.4	147.4	77.0
25-29 "	431.5	82.5	84.0	34.5	22.3	60.8	13.5	6.0	69.2	479.6	110.8	81.2
30-34 "	466.7	63.7	88.0	25.5	10.3	71.2	11.4	5.2	68.7	503.6	79.2	86.4
35-39 "	459.5	43.0	91.4	20.7	11.1	65.1	13.2	5.4	71.1	493.4	59.5	89.2
40-44 "	369.9	30.6	92.4	17.0	5.1	77.0	16.1	6.2	72.2	403.0	41.9	90.6
45-49 "	310.9	29.2	91.4	14.8	6.8	68.7	16.2	7.9	67.2	341.9	43.9	88.6
50-54 "	283.8	27.7	91.1	17.6	6.5	73.1	27.6	8.9	75.5	329.0	43.1	88.4
55-59 "	249.0	22.3	91.8	13.5	4.1	76.5	62.6	11.7	84.3	325.1	38.1	89.5
60-64 "	122.4	13.3	90.2	8.4	*	78.1	137.5	19.0	87.9	268.3	34.7	88.5
65 years and over	53.0	*	95.0	*	*	*	457.6	68.3	87.0	510.9	71.6	87.7
Total	3,411.3	455.6	88.2	287.2	130.5	68.8	982.3	169.9	85.3	4,680.8	756.0	86.1
Females—												
15-19 years	230.2	38.8	85.6	68.8	22.5	75.3	201.4	32.8	86.0	500.5	94.1	84.2
20-24 "	330.8	66.8	83.2	39.3	17.6	69.1	119.4	54.8	68.5	489.4	139.2	77.9
25-29 "	267.6	37.2	87.8	24.9	10.2	70.9	214.9	46.8	82.1	507.5	94.2	84.3
30-34 "	267.7	22.1	92.4	25.8	5.7	81.9	237.1	33.7	87.5	530.6	61.5	89.6
35-39 "	276.3	15.4	94.7	21.7	4.6	82.5	191.0	25.9	88.1	489.0	45.9	91.4
40-44 "	232.3	13.7	94.5	17.4	*	85.7	139.3	20.6	87.1	389.0	37.1	91.3
45-49 "	177.5	11.9	93.7	11.0	*	83.8	150.0	18.2	89.2	338.5	32.3	91.3
50-54 "	134.0	7.8	94.5	6.9	*	92.4	185.8	24.2	88.5	326.7	32.5	90.9
55-59 "	103.3	5.1	95.3	3.5	*	77.0	224.0	23.9	90.4	330.8	30.1	91.7
60-64 "	35.9	*	94.0	*	—	*	259.2	26.6	90.7	295.8	28.9	91.1
65 years and over	18.4	*	93.1	—	—	—	677.6	57.6	92.2	696.0	59.0	92.2
Total	2,074.1	222.3	90.3	220.1	67.2	76.6	2,599.8	365.2	87.7	4,894.0	654.8	88.2
Persons—												
15-19 years	499.8	80.0	86.2	140.3	44.5	75.9	392.1	55.5	87.6	1,032.2	180.0	85.1
20-24 "	725.9	166.1	81.4	102.7	57.1	64.3	155.3	63.4	71.0	983.8	286.5	77.4
25-29 "	699.1	119.7	85.4	59.5	32.5	64.7	228.5	52.8	81.2	987.1	204.9	82.8
30-34 "	734.4	85.8	89.5	51.3	16.0	76.2	248.5	38.9	86.5	1,034.2	140.7	88.0
35-39 "	735.8	58.4	92.6	42.4	15.7	73.0	204.2	31.3	86.7	982.4	105.4	90.3
40-44 "	602.2	44.3	93.2	34.4	8.0	81.2	155.4	26.8	85.3	792.0	79.0	90.9
45-49 "	488.4	41.1	92.2	25.8	8.9	74.4	166.2	26.1	86.4	680.4	76.1	89.9
50-54 "	417.8	35.4	92.2	24.5	7.0	77.7	213.4	33.1	86.6	655.7	75.6	89.7
55-59 "	352.3	27.4	92.8	17.0	5.2	76.6	286.6	35.5	89.0	655.9	68.2	90.6
60-64 "	158.3	15.0	91.0	9.2	*	79.5	396.7	45.6	89.7	564.1	63.6	89.9
65 years and over	71.4	4.2	94.5	*	*	*	1,135.2	126.0	90.0	1,206.9	130.6	90.2
Total	5,485.5	677.9	89.0	507.3	197.7	72.0	3,582.0	535.1	87.0	9,574.7	1,410.7	87.2

TABLE 5. PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER LIVING ALONE: SEX AND AGE BY WHETHER TELEPHONE CONNECTED AND REASON FOR NON-CONNECTION, AUSTRALIA, MARCH 1983

	Telephone connected		Telephone not connected—reasons					Total persons living alone
	Number	Percentage of total	Waiting for connection	Preferred no connection(a)	Cost	Other(b)	Total	
	'000							
Males								
15-24 years	10.4	34.1	*	9.7	9.0	*	20.1	30.5
25-34 ..	54.9	67.0	*	12.2	9.7	3.2	27.0	81.9
35-44 ..	34.1	67.0	*	8.2	6.2	*	16.9	50.9
45-54 ..	25.3	51.3		12.9	8.5	*	24.0	49.3
55-59 ..	18.5	57.3		9.1	3.5	*	13.8	32.3
60-64 ..	16.3	59.9	*	6.7	3.8	*	11.0	27.2
65-69 ..	15.5	63.5		5.1	3.2	*	8.9	24.4
70-74 ..	15.8	61.0	*	6.3	3.3	*	10.1	25.9
75 years and over	22.1	67.2		4.8	4.0	*	10.8	32.9
Total	212.9	59.9	3.2	74.9	51.3	13.1	142.5	355.4
Females								
15-24 years	15.6	55.1	*	5.4	6.3	*	12.7	28.3
25-34 ..	32.2	77.4	*	4.5	3.7	*	9.4	41.6
35-44 ..	24.8	84.9		*	2.6	*	4.3	29.2
45-54 ..	34.1	82.4	*	3.3	3.4	*	7.4	41.4
55-59 ..	39.8	90.0		*	2.5	*	4.5	44.2
60-64 ..	54.5	88.5		*	3.5	*	7.1	61.6
65-69 ..	70.4	92.4	*	*	2.9	*	5.9	76.2
70-74 ..	73.9	88.0	*	5.1	3.5	*	10.1	84.0
75 years and over	102.2	90.8	*	5.5	3.1	*	10.4	112.6
Total	447.5	86.2	*	32.3	31.4	5.6	71.6	519.1
Persons								
15-24 years	26.0	44.1	*	15.1	15.2	*	32.8	58.9
25-34 ..	87.1	70.6	*	16.6	13.4	3.6	36.3	123.4
35-44 ..	58.9	73.5	*	9.7	8.8	2.6	21.1	80.1
45-54 ..	59.3	65.4	*	16.2	11.9	3.0	31.4	90.7
55-59 ..	58.2	76.1		11.1	6.0	*	18.3	76.5
60-64 ..	70.8	79.7	*	9.6	7.3	*	18.0	88.8
65-69 ..	85.9	85.3	*	7.3	6.1	*	14.8	100.7
70-74 ..	89.7	81.6	*	11.4	6.9	*	20.2	109.9
75 years and over	124.4	85.5	*	10.3	7.1	3.5	21.1	145.5
Total	660.4	75.5	5.6	107.2	82.7	18.6	214.1	874.5

(a) Comprises 'have use of phone elsewhere', 'don't need one', and 'rented/short-term accommodation'. (b) Among other reasons specified were 'privacy', 'don't like phones', 'haven't bothered', 'health reasons', etc. These however were individually not statistically significant and were not coded separately in processing.

TABLE 6. PERSONS AGED 60 YEARS AND OVER IN PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS: SEX, AGE AND WHETHER LIVING ALONE BY WHETHER HOUSEHOLD HAS TELEPHONE CONNECTED AND REASON FOR NON-CONNECTIONS, AUSTRALIA, MARCH 1983

	Telephone connected		Telephone not connected—reasons				Total persons aged 60 years and over	
	Number	Percentage of total	Waiting for connection	Preferred no connection(a)	Cost	Other(b)		Total
PERSONS LIVING ALONE								
	' 000							
Males—								
60-64 years	16.3	59.9	*	6.7	3.8	*	11.0	27.2
65-69 ..	15.5	63.5	—	5.1	3.2	*	8.9	24.4
70-74 ..	15.8	61.0	*	6.3	3.3	*	10.1	25.9
75 years and over	22.1	67.2	—	4.8	4.0	*	10.8	32.9
Total	69.8	63.2	*	22.9	14.4	3.3	40.8	110.5
Females—								
60-64 years	54.5	88.5	—	*	3.5	*	7.1	61.6
65-69 ..	70.4	92.4	*	*	*	*	5.9	76.2
70-74 ..	73.9	88.0	*	5.1	3.5	*	10.1	84.0
75 years and over	102.2	90.8	*	5.5	3.1	*	10.4	112.6
Total	301.0	90.0	*	15.7	13.0	3.7	33.4	334.4
Persons—								
60-64 years	70.8	79.7	*	9.6	7.3	*	18.0	88.8
65-69 ..	85.9	85.3	*	7.3	6.1	*	14.8	100.7
70-74 ..	89.7	81.6	*	11.4	6.9	*	20.2	109.9
75 years and over	124.4	85.5	*	10.3	7.1	3.5	21.1	145.5
Total	370.7	83.3	*	38.6	27.4	7.0	74.2	444.9
ALL PERSONS 60 YEARS AND OVER								
	' 000							
Males—								
60-64 years	268.3	88.5	*	15.7	15.1	3.0	34.7	303.0
65-69 ..	206.5	88.6	*	12.0	12.3	*	26.4	233.0
70-74 ..	153.9	86.7	*	10.2	10.6	*	23.6	177.5
75 years and over	150.4	87.4	*	9.8	9.0	*	21.6	172.1
Total	779.2	88.0	*	47.8	46.9	8.7	106.3	885.5
Females—								
60-64 years	295.8	91.1	*	11.1	13.7	*	28.9	324.7
65-69 ..	256.5	93.4	*	6.7	8.7	*	18.0	274.5
70-74 ..	202.0	90.3	*	10.5	9.0	*	21.7	223.7
75 years and over	237.6	92.5	*	7.6	8.0	3.1	19.3	256.9
Total	991.9	91.9	3.4	36.0	39.4	9.1	87.9	1,079.8
Persons—								
60-64 years	564.1	89.9	*	26.9	28.8	6.0	63.6	627.8
65-69 ..	463.0	91.2	*	18.7	21.0	3.6	44.4	507.5
70-74 ..	355.9	88.7	*	20.7	19.6	*	45.3	401.1
75 years and over	388.1	90.5	*	17.5	17.0	5.4	40.9	428.9
Total	1,771.1	90.1	6.4	83.8	86.3	17.8	194.2	1,965.3

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