

MARRIAGES, VICTORIA, 1988

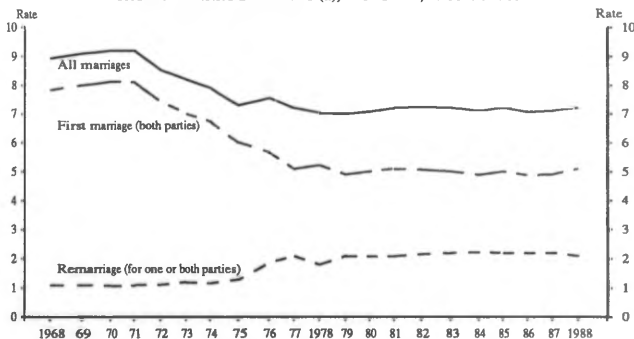
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Diagram 1

CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES (a), VICTORIA, 1968 TO 1988



(a) Number of marriages per 1,000 of the mean estimated resident population

MAIN FEATURES

Number of marriages and crude marriage rate

There were 30,687 marriages registered in Victoria during 1988. This represented an increase of 1,005 marriages (3.4 per cent) over the 29,682 marriages registered in 1987.

However, expressed as a rate of the number of marriages for 1,000 mean estimated resident population, the crude marriage rate for Victoria increased slightly to 7.2 in 1988 from 7.1 in 1987.

Previous marital status of brides and bridegrooms

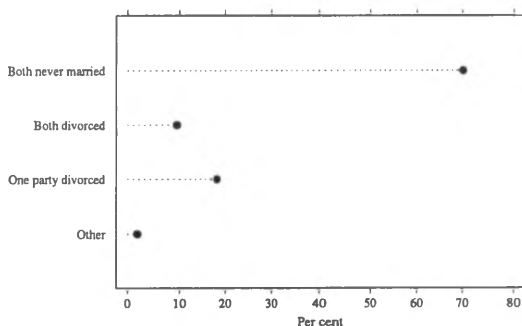
In 1988, there were 21,531 first marriages (both parties previously never married) registered in Victoria. This represents an increase of 4.4 per cent over the 20,622 first marriages registered in 1987.

Expressed as a percentage of total marriages, first marriages declined from 69.8 per cent in 1983 to 68.8 per cent in 1984, before increasing each year to record 69.5 per cent in 1987 and 70.2 per cent in 1988.

The percentage of bridegrooms never previously married at date of marriage, which declined each year from 77.6 per cent in 1983 to 77.0 per cent in 1986, increased to 77.3 per cent in 1987 and 78.1 per cent in 1988. This compares with the percentage for brides which increased from 78.1 per cent in 1986 to 78.9 per cent in 1987 and 79.3 per cent in 1988.

The number of remarriages (at least one partner previously married) increased from 9,060 in 1987 to 9,156 in 1988. Expressed as a percentage of total marriages, remarriages represented 29.8 per cent of all marriages in 1988, compared with 30.5 per cent in 1987 and 30.2 per cent in 1983.

Diagram 2

PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF PARTIES AT DATE OF MARRIAGE, 1988

Marriages between couples, previously divorced, as a percentage of total marriages, declined to 9.6 per cent in 1988 compared with 9.9 per cent in 1987. This continues the reverse trend where the percentage of previously divorced persons remarrying had been increasing over the period 1983 to 1986.

Marriages involving one partner previously divorced continued to decrease from 18.5 per cent in 1987 to 18.2 per cent in 1988.

Age at marriage

The increase in the median age at marriage, evident since 1971, continued during 1988. For brides it has increased from 24.0 years in 1983 to 25.4 years in 1988, and for grooms from 26.4 years in 1983 to 27.6 years in 1988.

The median age at marriage for brides never previously married increased to 24.2 years in 1988 compared with 22.9 years in 1983, and for grooms never previously married increased to 26.2 years from 25.0 years over the same period.

Diagram 3



In 1988, the proportion of bridegrooms aged under 20 years increased to 1.3 per cent (394), compared with 1.1 per cent (316) in 1987. The proportion of bridegrooms aged 20 to 24 years continued to decrease, from 37.7 per cent in 1983 to 28.3 per cent in 1988. The proportion of bridegrooms aged 25 to 29 years continued to increase from 29.7 per cent in 1983 to 34.1 per cent in 1988. In the 30 years and over age group, the proportion of bridegrooms also continued to increase from 30.9 per cent in 1983 to 36.3 per cent in 1988.

The proportion of brides aged under 20 years has continued to decrease from 10.4 per cent in 1983 to 6.6 per cent in 1987 and 1988. The proportion of brides aged 20 to 24 years declined from 47.3 per cent in 1983 to 40.4 per cent in 1988, whereas the proportion of brides aged 25 to 29 years increased from 21.0 per cent to 27.0 per cent over the same period. In the 30 years and over age group the proportion of brides has continued to rise, from 21.2 per cent in 1983 to 25.9 per cent in 1988.

Diagram 5

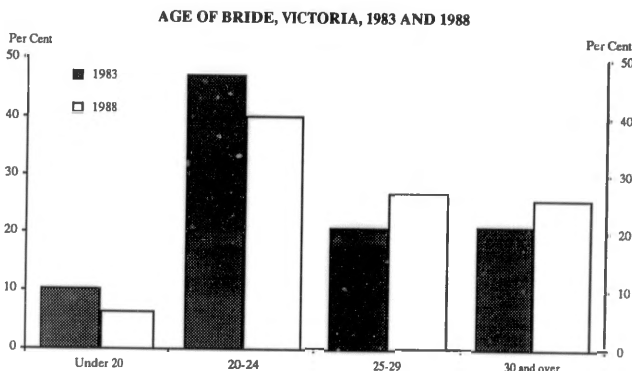
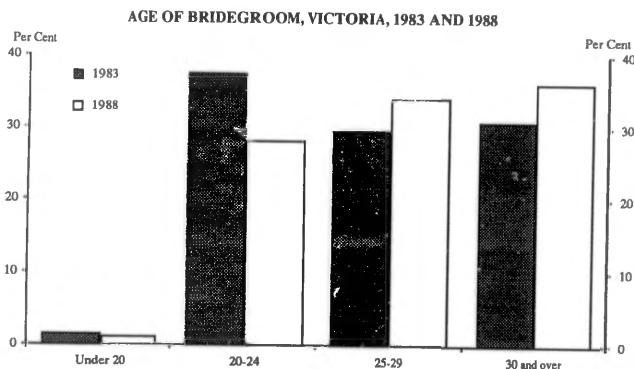


Diagram 6



Relative birthplaces of bridegrooms and brides

In 1988, 62.4 per cent of all marriages registered in Victoria were between Australian-born partners, compared with 63.0 per cent in 1987 and 64.0 per cent in 1983.

In 13.9 per cent of marriages in 1988, both partners were born overseas, compared with 13.2 per cent in 1987 and 11.5 per cent in 1983. In 23.7 per cent of marriages in 1988, either the bridegroom or bride was born overseas.

Among the 4,279 marriages with both partners born overseas in 1988, 60.7 per cent involved partners born in the same country.

TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF MARRIAGES, VICTORIA

Particulars	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
Total marriages -	28,974	28,931	29,810	29,390	29,682	30,687
First marriage both partners	20,224	19,899	20,544	20,287	20,622	21,531
First marriage one partner	4,952	5,160	5,189	5,040	5,110	5,244
Remarriage both parties	3,798	3,872	4,077	4,063	3,950	3,912
Crude marriage rate	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.2
Marriages performed by -						
Ministers of religion - number	18,165	18,050	18,459	18,096	18,434	18,782
- per cent	62.7	62.4	61.9	61.6	62.1	61.2
Civil celebrants - number	10,809	10,881	11,351	11,294	11,248	11,905
- per cent	37.3	37.6	38.1	38.4	37.9	38.8
BRIDEGROOM						
Marital status of bridegroom -						
Never married	22,493	22,335	23,000	22,648	22,940	23,977
Widowed	729	753	726	732	748	712
Divorced	5,752	5,843	6,084	6,010	5,994	5,998
Total	28,974	28,931	29,810	29,390	29,682	30,687
Median age of bridegroom (years) -						
Never married	25.0	25.3	25.5	25.7	25.9	26.2
Widowed	59.2	59.9	60.9	60.6	61.1	61.0
Divorced	36.3	37.0	37.4	38.3	38.5	38.9
Total	26.4	26.7	26.9	27.2	27.4	27.6
Age of bridegroom (years) -						
Under 20	498	416	384	333	316	394
20-24	10,930	10,140	9,955	9,350	8,829	8,679
25-29	8,601	9,030	9,528	9,453	9,956	10,485
30-34	3,835	3,950	4,242	4,237	4,514	4,798
35-39	1,911	2,042	2,224	2,253	2,236	2,423
40-44	1,020	1,147	1,137	1,222	1,363	1,432
45-49	658	702	746	837	788	828
50 and over	1,521	1,504	1,594	1,705	1,680	1,646
Total (a)	28,974	28,931	29,810	29,390	29,682	30,687
BRIDE						
Marital status of bride -						
Never married	22,907	22,623	23,277	22,966	23,414	24,329
Widowed	855	845	886	891	905	864
Divorced	5,212	5,463	5,647	5,533	5,363	5,494
Total	28,974	28,931	29,810	29,390	29,682	30,687
Median age of bride (years) -						
Never married	22.9	23.2	23.4	23.7	24.0	24.2
Widowed	53.8	52.8	53.8	53.1	52.3	52.1
Divorced	33.6	33.9	34.3	35.0	35.1	35.5
Total	24.0	24.4	24.6	25.0	25.2	25.4
Age of bride (years) -						
Under 20	3,023	2,543	2,428	2,160	1,972	2,028
20-24	13,718	13,303	13,387	12,609	12,491	12,407
25-29	6,085	6,505	6,989	7,254	7,600	8,291
30-34	2,610	2,795	2,981	3,088	3,253	3,444
35-39	1,384	1,489	1,627	1,698	1,791	1,758
40-44	725	816	883	887	983	1,133
45-49	475	535	524	638	612	657
50 and over	954	945	991	1,056	980	966
Total (a)	28,974	28,931	29,810	29,390	29,682	30,687

(a) Includes bridegrooms and brides whose ages were not stated.

TABLE 2. MARRIAGES: RELATIVE AGES OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, VICTORIA, 1988

Age of bridegroom (years)	Age of bride (years)									
	16 and under	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
18 and under	10	12	27	23	18	7	4	2	2	—
19	14	27	52	65	49	21	21	7	7	2
20	13	23	77	127	136	85	48	32	29	18
21	9	26	77	175	276	262	173	94	53	38
22	11	18	84	193	298	379	389	192	104	71
23	8	21	58	176	263	412	488	391	240	125
24	6	8	49	114	205	332	435	491	386	213
25	7	6	36	92	171	280	365	403	382	341
26	4	9	37	52	128	193	268	348	357	331
27	3	5	22	46	82	133	189	246	234	286
28	1	3	21	29	64	114	139	154	169	226
29	1	4	12	28	38	41	86	119	136	163
30-34	3	9	24	46	67	106	175	253	319	373
35-39	—	3	9	6	17	28	43	59	81	110
40-44	—	—	1	3	7	10	11	14	15	31
45-49	—	1	—	—	—	2	5	4	3	9
50 and over	—	—	1	1	2	7	2	3	4	9
Total (a)	90	175	587	1,176	1,821	2,412	2,841	2,812	2,521	2,346

Age of bridegroom (years)	Age of bride (years)									Total (a)
	26	27	28	29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over	
18 and under	3	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	112
19	4	3	5	—	2	1	—	2	—	282
20	9	6	2	1	2	2	—	—	—	610
21	23	4	9	8	13	2	—	—	—	1,242
22	39	23	14	6	21	7	2	1	—	1,852
23	78	44	36	21	41	4	4	1	—	2,411
24	109	73	44	28	53	14	2	—	1	2,564
25	188	111	74	43	91	27	8	2	—	2,627
26	251	156	92	72	128	25	6	4	—	2,461
27	258	181	107	72	136	43	3	1	—	2,047
28	209	183	150	106	186	41	6	4	1	1,806
29	191	185	139	109	209	62	20	1	—	1,544
30-34	403	416	452	401	1,284	346	90	22	8	4,798
35-39	100	136	155	136	767	502	199	58	14	2,423
40-44	46	39	46	47	325	387	314	105	31	1,432
45-49	7	13	12	22	104	170	261	152	63	828
50 and over	10	11	8	13	82	125	216	304	848	1,646
Total (a)	1,928	1,587	1,345	1,085	3,444	1,758	1,133	657	966	30,687

(a) These totals include 2 bridegrooms and 3 brides whose ages were not stated.

TABLE 3. MARRIAGES: CATEGORY OF AUTHORISED CELEBRANT BY AGE OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, VICTORIA, 1988

Category of celebrant	Age of bridegroom (years)				Age of bride (years)				Total
	14-24	25-34	35 and over	Not stated	14-24	25-34	35 and over	Not stated	
Ministers of religion of recognised denominations (a) -									
Roman Catholic Church	2,921	3,900	462	—	4,515	2,486	281	1	7,283
Anglican Church of Australia	1,260	1,958	518	1	2,035	1,358	343	1	3,737
Uniting Church in Australia	1,007	1,758	627	—	1,612	1,314	466	—	3,392
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia	424	410	78	—	628	259	25	—	912
Churches of Christ in Australia	124	237	96	—	228	156	73	—	457
Baptist Union of Australia	144	230	77	—	251	151	49	—	451
Presbyterian Church of Australia	112	163	61	—	185	103	48	—	336
Islam	142	105	28	—	207	48	20	—	275
Lutheran Church of Australia	61	86	29	—	98	65	13	—	176
Jewry	24	78	34	—	59	59	18	—	136
Other	578	715	334	—	872	500	255	—	1,627
Total marriages performed by ministers of religion	6,797	9,640	2,344	1	10,690	6,499	1,591	2	18,782
Civil celebrants -									
Official registrars	479	1,212	894	1	787	1,128	670	1	2,586
Other civil celebrants	1,797	4,431	3,091	—	2,958	4,108	2,253	—	9,319
Total marriages performed by civil celebrants	2,276	5,643	3,985	1	3,745	5,236	2,923	1	11,905
Total marriages performed by all celebrants	9,073	15,283	6,329	2	14,435	11,735	4,514	3	30,687

(a) Under authority of the Australian Marriage Act 1961-1973.

TABLE 4. MARRIAGES: BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES REMARRYING BY NUMBER OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE, VICTORIA, 1988

Number of previous marriages	Number of children under 16 years of age						
	0	1	2	3	4 or more	Not stated	Total
BRIDEGROOM							
1	3,474	1,190	938	294	42	44	5,982
2	384	157	103	29	3	6	682
3 or more	28	7	5	2	—	1	43
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	3,886	1,354	1,046	325	45	54	6,710
BRIDE							
1	3,272	1,205	873	252	58	20	5,680
2	355	141	94	26	12	4	632
3 or more	28	9	4	1	—	—	42
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	4	4
Total	3,655	1,355	971	279	70	28	6,358

TABLE 5. MARRIAGES: MONTH OF CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE (a), VICTORIA

Month of celebration	1983	1984	1985r	1986r	1987r	1988
NUMBER						
January	2,781	2,683	2,610	2,627	2,845	3,017
February	2,794	2,653	2,867	2,777	3,138	3,047
March	3,394	3,628	4,030	3,971	3,513	3,628
April	2,830	2,853	2,588	2,781	2,971	3,405
May	2,075	1,980	2,053	2,251	2,129	1,865
June	1,751	1,614	1,728	1,421	1,517	1,646
July	1,451	1,214	1,165	1,152	1,249	1,449
August	1,784	1,668	1,823	1,877	1,530	1,390
September	2,018	2,274	4,958	1,823	2,160	2,285
October	2,926	2,538	2,602	2,564	3,015	3,224
November	2,912	3,246	3,594	3,659	3,227	3,170
December	2,678	2,899	2,524	2,381	2,369	2,207
Total	29,094	29,250	29,542	29,284	29,663	30,333
PER CENT						
January	9.6	9.2	8.8	9.0	9.6	9.9
February	9.6	9.1	9.7	9.5	10.6	10.0
March	11.7	12.4	13.6	13.6	11.8	12.0
April	9.7	9.8	8.8	9.5	10.0	11.2
May	7.1	6.8	6.9	7.7	7.2	6.1
June	5.0	5.5	5.8	4.9	5.1	5.4
July	5.0	4.2	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.8
August	6.1	5.7	6.2	6.4	5.2	4.6
September	6.9	7.8	6.6	6.2	7.3	7.5
October	10.1	8.7	8.8	8.8	10.2	10.6
November	10.0	11.1	12.2	12.5	10.9	10.5
December	9.2	9.9	8.5	8.1	8.0	7.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Figures in this table only relate to marriages registered by 31 December 1988, and are subject to amendment due to late registrations particularly for the month of December. For further detail see Explanatory notes.

TABLE 6. MARRIAGES: AGE AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, VICTORIA, 1988

Age at marriage (years)	Bridegroom				Bride			
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
18 and under	112	—	—	112	851	—	1	852
19	282	—	—	282	1,175	—	1	1,176
20	610	—	—	610	1,814	1	6	1,821
21	1,241	—	1	1,242	2,397	1	14	2,412
22	1,845	—	7	1,852	2,811	—	30	2,841
23	2,396	1	14	2,411	2,741	3	68	2,812
24	2,532	—	32	2,564	2,405	6	110	2,521
25	2,565	—	62	2,627	2,200	5	141	2,346
26	2,374	—	87	2,461	1,731	5	192	1,928
27	1,919	3	125	2,047	1,359	9	219	1,587
28	1,627	—	179	1,806	1,095	10	240	1,345
29	1,338	1	205	1,544	828	6	251	1,085
30-34	3,527	31	1,240	4,798	2,015	71	1,358	3,444
35-39	1,057	39	1,327	2,423	590	84	1,084	1,758
40-44	300	45	1,087	1,432	173	87	873	1,133
45-49	116	42	670	828	68	96	493	657
50 and over	134	550	962	1,646	73	480	413	966
Not stated	2	—	—	2	3	—	—	3
Total	23,977	712	5,998	30,687	24,329	864	5,494	30,687

TABLE 9. MARRIAGES: RELATIVE BIRTHPLACES OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, VICTORIA, 1988

Country of birth	Bridegroom born in country shown and bride born in -				Bride born in country shown and bridegroom born in -			
	Australia (a)	Same overseas country	Different overseas country (b)	Total	Australia (a)	Same overseas country	Different overseas country (b)	Total
Oceania -								
Australia (a)	19,150	..	3,163	22,313	19,150	..	4,095	23,245
Fiji	43	22	16	81	34	22	29	85
New Zealand	322	44	85	451	242	44	82	368
Other Oceania	40	22	11	73	30	22	11	63
Total Oceania	19,555	88	3,275	22,918	19,456	88	4,217	23,761
Africa -								
Egypt	38	31	20	89	20	31	16	67
South Africa	45	14	13	72	36	14	18	68
Other Africa	108	90	36	234	65	90	49	204
Total Africa	191	135	69	395	121	135	83	339
America -								
Canada	35	3	11	49	32	3	12	47
United States	84	13	24	121	69	13	19	101
Other America	48	80	59	187	46	80	65	191
Total America	167	96	94	357	147	96	96	339
Asia -								
China: Excl. Taiwan Province	37	64	71	172	32	64	131	227
Cyprus	26	33	19	78	20	33	20	73
India	62	61	31	154	54	61	40	155
Indonesia	26	50	40	116	13	50	24	87
Lebanon	54	115	32	201	17	115	26	158
Malaysia	54	143	69	266	81	143	98	322
Philippines	14	91	6	111	184	91	115	390
Sri Lanka	47	71	26	144	37	71	19	127
Turkey	35	94	22	151	10	94	13	117
Vietnam	8	331	113	452	5	331	66	402
Other Asia	92	171	187	450	121	171	204	496
Total Asia	455	1,224	616	2,295	574	1,224	756	2,554
Europe -								
France	30	5	13	48	24	5	15	44
Germany	135	35	64	234	111	35	57	203
Greece	256	97	49	402	105	97	31	233
Hungary	17	14	20	51	8	14	14	36
Italy	327	94	92	513	180	94	49	323
Malta	83	23	35	141	53	23	32	108
Netherlands	122	15	36	173	85	15	35	135
Poland	35	123	36	194	28	123	26	177
U.K. and Ireland	1,532	335	256	2,123	1,234	335	222	1,791
U.S.S.R. (c)	8	20	12	40	9	20	8	37
Yugoslavia	233	221	86	540	98	221	49	368
Other Europe	99	72	92	263	80	72	87	239
Total Europe	2,877	1,054	791	4,722	2,015	1,054	625	3,694
All overseas countries	4,095	2,597	1,682	8,374	3,163	2,597	1,682	7,442
Total	23,245	2,597	4,845	30,687	22,313	2,597	5,777	30,687

(a) Including cases where country of birth was not stated, numbering 4 instances for bridegrooms and 8 instances for brides. (b) Including different countries in the same continent. (c) Including Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and the Ukraine.

TABLE 10. MEAN POPULATION AND MARRIAGES, VICTORIA

Year	Mean estimated population (a)	Number of marriages	Crude marriage rate	Year	Mean estimated population (a)	Number of marriages	Crude marriage rate
1901	1,203,137	8,406	6.99	1945	2,006,649	16,501	8.22
1902	1,207,527	8,477	7.02	1946	2,025,475	21,405	10.57
1903	1,205,296	7,605	6.31	1947	2,053,916	20,437	9.95
1904	1,202,814	8,210	6.83	1948	2,091,581	20,035	9.58
1905	1,206,046	8,774	7.28	1949	2,142,529	20,066	9.37
1906	1,213,672	8,930	7.36	1950	2,209,013	20,320	9.20
1907	1,225,503	9,575	7.81	1951	2,276,272	21,117	9.28
1908	1,240,488	9,335	7.53	1952	2,343,610	20,220	8.63
1909	1,261,169	9,431	7.48	1953	2,395,851	19,238	8.03
1910	1,282,477	10,239	7.98	1954	2,452,741	19,404	7.91
1911	1,320,652	11,088	8.40	1955	2,520,481	20,056	7.96
1912	1,357,824	11,738	8.64	1956	2,592,670	20,137	7.77
1913	1,395,881	11,324	8.11	1957	2,656,363	20,239	7.62
1914	1,427,512	11,829	8.29	1958	2,717,371	20,649	7.60
1915	1,431,632	12,832	8.96	1959	2,783,951	20,456	7.35
1916	1,414,480	11,342	8.02	1960	2,857,032	20,627	7.22
1917	1,411,381	9,505	6.73	1961	2,926,075	21,264	7.27
1918	1,424,054	9,156	6.43	1962	2,983,715	22,393	7.51
1919	1,473,013	11,706	7.95	1963	3,041,442	22,061	7.25
1920	1,512,093	14,898	9.85	1964	3,105,685	24,169	7.78
1921	1,537,042	13,676	8.90	1965	3,165,994	26,421	8.35
1922	1,570,883	12,996	8.27	1966	3,221,403	27,089	8.41
1923	1,607,850	13,126	8.16	1967	3,277,183	28,004	8.55
1924	1,641,944	13,296	8.10	1968	3,328,451	29,724	8.93
1925	1,671,537	13,370	8.00	1969	3,388,417	30,860	9.11
1926	1,696,758	13,405	7.90	1970	3,450,523	31,729	9.20
1927	1,727,734	13,608	7.88	1971	(b) 3,519,881	32,386	9.20
1928	1,751,974	13,186	7.53	1972	3,661,084	31,206	8.52
1929	1,770,133	12,935	7.31	1973	3,707,460	30,203	8.15
1930	1,786,217	11,641	6.52	1974	3,754,761	29,708	7.91
1931	1,799,241	10,182	5.66	1975	3,788,394	27,806	7.34
1932	1,808,618	11,744	6.49	1976	3,811,360	28,760	7.55
1933	1,820,497	12,668	6.96	1977	3,837,834	27,558	7.18
1934	1,830,326	13,862	7.57	1978	3,864,925	27,178	7.03
1935	1,838,206	15,409	8.38	1979	3,886,929	27,019	6.95
1936	1,845,941	15,915	8.62	1980	3,914,238	27,724	7.08
1937	1,853,765	16,226	8.75	1981	3,949,277	28,648	7.25
1938	1,865,251	17,113	9.17	1982	3,991,755	28,851	7.23
1939	1,878,918	17,368	9.24	1983	4,035,029	28,974	7.18
1940	1,900,426	22,299	11.73	1984	4,076,346	28,931	7.10
1941	1,932,412	20,898	10.81	1985	4,119,696	29,810	7.24
1942	1,959,496	23,636	12.06	1986	4,161,531	29,390	7.06
1943	1,973,533	18,356	9.30	1987	4,209,155	29,682	7.05
1944	1,989,870	17,857	8.97	1988	4,262,605	30,687	7.20

(a) Mean population for year ended 31 December. (b) From 1971 onwards, population figures are mean estimated resident population.

Introduction

This publication contains annual statistics of marriages registered in Victoria.

2. The Australian *Marriage Act* 1961 came into full operation on 1 September 1961.

3. Under the Act, marriages may be celebrated by a minister of religion registered as an authorised celebrant, a District Registrar, or by other persons authorised by the Attorney-General. Notice of the intended marriage must be given to the celebrant at least one calendar month, but within six calendar months, before the marriage. A celebrant must transmit an official certificate of the marriage for registration to a District Registrar in the State in which the marriage took place.

4. From 20 June 1973, the minimum age at which a person may marry without parental consent was reduced from 21 to 18 years although the minimum age at which persons are legally free to marry remained at 18 years for males and 16 years for females. Males between the ages of 16 and 18 years may marry with parental or a guardian's consent and an order from a judge or magistrate. The marriage of a female aged between 16 and 18 years requires the consent of her parents or guardians only. A judge or magistrate may, in exceptional circumstances, make an order authorising a male who has attained 16 years, or a female who has attained 14 years, to marry a person of marriageable age.

Statistics

5. With the exception of Table 5, the statistics in this publication refer to marriages registered by the Victorian Registrar during the year shown. There is usually an interval of at least some days between the celebration and the registration of a marriage. As a result of the delay in registration some marriages celebrated in one year are not registered until the following year. Table 5 shows the number of marriages which were actually celebrated in each month in the years 1983 to 1988 and registered by the end of 1988.

6. Registered marriages of those identified as full blood Aborigines are included, but tribal marriages are excluded from these statistics.

Definitions

7. The *crude marriage rate* is the number of marriages per 1,000 mean estimated resident population.

The *median age* of the bride or bridegroom is that age which divides the population of brides or bridegrooms into two halves, one half being below the median age, and one half above.

Children of previous marriages

Comprise those born alive, whether now living or deceased. Only those less than 16 years of age before the marriage are included.

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