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MAIN FEATURES

The average number of children already born to married women in the ages 25 years and over, declined between 1976 and 1979. However, the completed family size expected by all married women under 40 years of age has remained stable at 2.5 children per woman (Table 1).

The preference for the two child family remained high. Of married women under 45 years of age with no children, 49.9 per cent expected to have two children. Of those with one child already born 39.2 per cent expected one more, and of those who already had two children 86.6 expected no more. (Table 6). Of the married women aged 20-24, 3.7 per cent expected to remain childless, 4.1 per cent expected one child only, while 52.4 per cent expected two children. For women aged 25-29 the respective percentages were 3.5, 4.7 and 51.8 (Table 7).

There were only minor differences in the expected completed family size of women with different social characteristics, the only exception being women in the labour force who expected to have a completed family size of 2.4 children against 2.8 for those not in the labour force. This contrasts with the greater differentials in the actual number of children already born (Tables 9-12).

Expectations of additional children were dependent partially on the sex composition of those children already born to a woman. Among married women who had had two children of the same sex, 18.4 per cent expected a third child. This compares with 9.1 per cent among those who had a boy and a girl. For younger women aged 15-24 years, these proportions were 52.9 per cent and 20.2 per cent respectively. (Table 16.)

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains results of a survey in June 1979 of the child-bearing histories and birth expectations of ever-married women in Australia. The survey was conducted as a supplement to the regular monthly Population Survey. Questions were directed to women under the age of 45 who were married, widowed or divorced. Information was obtained about the birth date and sex of each child. Women married at the time of the survey were asked how many more children they expected to have and when they expected the next child to be born.

2. The survey is the second to be undertaken on this topic by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The first survey was made in November 1976 and referred to women aged 15 to 39. Summary results from this survey were released in June 1979 in *Birth Expectations of Married Women, November 1976* (3215.0). A comparison of the results of the November 1976 and June 1979 surveys is shown in Table 1 of the present publication.

3. Apart from the increase in coverage there were other important differences between the first and second surveys. In particular, by asking women their month and year of marriage in the 1979 survey the imputation of variables pertaining to marriage was considerably reduced. More detailed information on this aspect of the comparison of the surveys is available on request.

Scope

4. The survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of dwellings covering about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information was obtained by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers, the interviews being carried out over two weeks. Members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from Census and estimated populations, overseas visitors who were in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia were excluded. Also excluded from the survey were women in hospital and women living in institutions. Birth expectations questions were not asked of widowed and divorced women.

Estimation

5. The survey estimates have been calculated in such a way as to conform to an independently estimated distribution of the female population aged 15 to 44 years (but not, unlike the first birth expectations survey, classified by marital status). These independent estimates (benchmarks) were derived from incomplete information about population changes (deaths, internal and overseas migration) and may differ from estimates of the population subsequently published by the ABS. For estimates of the population and other demographic statistics reference should be made to the quarterly publication *Population and Vital Statistics* (3312.0).

Reliability of the estimates

6. The technical note shown as Attachment 1 to this publication gives a brief explanation of the measures of the likely difference of the estimates from the figures that would have been produced from a full count.

7. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should be distinguished from inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers, and respondents, and in office coding and processing. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the non-sampling error, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

8. The results of the survey may also be affected by a number of other factors and the following points should be specially noted:

- (a) If, as is likely, child bearing histories and birth expectations of women in hospital differ from those of other married women of the same age and living in the same area, the exclusion of women in institutions can bias the survey results. For instance, the average hospital stay for child birth may be between seven and eight days. This would account for an average of about 4,000 married women in hospital — away from home — for child birth at any time. The omission of these women, equivalent to about 25 survey respondents, may not have a significant effect on the survey results overall; but it should be kept in mind that this could affect certain results, such as the number of women who had a child in the preceding 12 months, and who expected a child in the following 12 months.
- (b) The survey excludes women unmarried at the time of the survey who may subsequently marry and have expectations of children.
- (c) Out of about 12,900 ever-married women aged 15 to 44 selected for interview, approximately 515, or 4.0 per cent, failed to provide usable information — either because they were not available for personal interview or because they provided no answers or unsatisfactory answers to one or more questions i.e. women whose questionnaires were not answered completely and satisfactorily were treated as if no interview had been obtained. All 515 women were nevertheless included in the calculation of the survey weights.

Imputation

9. The question on the number of expected children was expressed to allow the answers 'one or two', 'two or three' etc. The statistics shown in this publication have these cases evenly allocated to the two numbers involved in each case. The original values, however, have been retained on record and tabulations can be made on either basis.

Items of information

10. Items tabulated in this publication include current age and age at first marriage, birthplace, marital status, years since first marriage, number of children already born (live-born children born to the women),

number of (additional) children expected, actual and expected intervals between first marriage and first birth, intervals between successive children, sex of children already born, State and type of locality (metropolitan/non-metropolitan), and labour force status. These and other items covered in the survey are listed in Attachment II with a brief description and details of the classifications where appropriate.

Further tabulations

11. Only a small number of all possible tabulations was selected for this publication. Users requiring special tabulations are advised to contact the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Related publications

12. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request:

Births (3301.0)

Marriages (3306.0)

Projections of the Population of Australia (3204.0)

Projections of the States and Territories of Australia (3214.0)

Fertility of Australian Marriages (ABS Research Paper; R Series, Demog. 2)

13. All current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- .. not applicable
- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes. See technical note, page 19.

14. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

TABLE 1. AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN TO AND EXPECTED TO BE BORN TO MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS (a) : BY VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS, NOVEMBER 1976 AND JUNE 1979

Characteristics of women	Married women ('000)		Average number of children					
	Nov. 1976 June 1979		Already born		Expected		Total	
			Nov. 1976	June 1979	Nov. 1976	June 1979	Nov. 1976	June 1979
Age group -								
15-19	40.0	26.5	0.5	0.5	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.5
20-24	307.8	254.4	0.8	0.8	1.5	1.7	2.3	2.4
25-29	429.7	403.8	1.7	1.6	0.7	0.8	2.4	2.4
30-34	394.4	421.0	2.4	2.3	0.2	0.2	2.6	2.5
35-39	348.3	350.3	2.8	2.7	*	0.1	2.9	2.7
Birthplace -								
Australia	1,121.6	1,077.6	1.9	1.9	0.6	0.7	2.6	2.5
Overseas	398.5	378.4	1.9	1.9	0.5	0.6	2.5	2.4
State or Territory -								
New South Wales	523.3	501.0	1.9	1.8	0.6	0.6	2.5	2.5
Victoria	403.0	379.7	1.9	1.9	0.6	0.7	2.5	2.5
Queensland	226.9	226.0	2.0	2.0	0.6	0.6	2.6	2.6
South Australia	144.1	135.0	1.8	1.8	0.6	0.6	2.4	2.4
Western Australia	136.1	132.4	1.9	1.9	0.6	0.6	2.5	2.5
Tasmania	46.0	43.9	2.1	2.0	0.5	0.6	2.6	2.6
Northern Territory	12.6	11.2	2.2	2.2	0.5	0.4	2.6	2.6
Australian Capital Territory	28.2	26.7	1.7	1.9	0.7	0.6	2.4	2.5
Type of Locality -								
Metropolitan (b)	962.2	895.3	1.8	1.8	0.6	0.7	2.5	2.4
Non-metropolitan	557.9	560.7	2.1	2.1	0.6	0.6	2.7	2.6
Labour force status -								
In labour force	731.6	734.1	1.6	1.6	0.8	0.8	2.4	2.3
Not in labour force	788.5	721.9	2.2	2.2	0.5	0.5	2.7	2.7
Total	1,520.2	1,456.0	1.9	1.9	0.6	0.6	2.5	2.5

(a) Excludes women who did not know their birth expectations and women who were expecting more children but were uncertain of the number. November 1976 figures include women who described their marital status as 'separated'. (b) Comprises the six State capital cities (Statistical Divisions).

TABLE 2. EVER-MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 44 YEARS: BY VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS
JUNE 1979
(*000 women)

Characteristics of women	Married women			Separated, widowed and divorced	Total, ever- married
	Married once	Remarried	Total		
Age group -					
15-19	27.6	*	27.6	*	28.5
20-24	266.7	5.9	272.6	18.6	291.2
25-29	418.6	23.8	442.3	41.1	483.4
30-34	422.6	30.2	452.8	43.0	495.8
35-39	336.3	28.1	364.3	33.5	397.8
40-44	290.7	26.2	316.9	40.1	357.0
Children already born -					
0	306.4	13.5	320.0	24.9	344.9
1	263.0	24.0	286.9	37.0	324.0
2	605.7	31.0	636.7	57.4	694.1
3	367.1	23.9	391.0	30.2	421.2
4 or more	220.3	21.7	242.0	27.6	269.6
Country of birth -					
Australia	1,280.4	78.9	1,359.2	138.4	1,497.6
United Kingdom and Ireland	159.9	18.1	178.0	18.8	196.8
Italy	53.3	*	53.9	2.5	56.4
Greece	41.5	*	41.5	*	43.4
Yugoslavia	31.7	2.4	34.0	*	35.6
Other Europe	82.3	7.3	89.6	6.5	96.0
Other	113.4	6.9	120.4	7.6	127.9
Total, overseas-born	482.1	35.3	517.4	38.8	556.1
State or Territory -					
New South Wales	606.8	41.3	648.2	64.5	712.6
Victoria	476.4	27.6	504.0	41.7	545.6
Queensland	266.6	17.6	284.3	23.4	307.7
South Australia	160.1	10.2	170.3	20.1	190.4
Western Australia	156.2	11.0	167.1	18.0	185.1
Tasmania	51.8	2.9	54.7	5.2	59.8
Northern Territory	12.8	*	14.1	*	15.2
Australian Capital Territory	31.8	2.2	34.0	3.2	37.2
Type of locality -					
Metropolitan (a)	1,089.8	73.5	1,163.3	118.1	1,281.4
Non-metropolitan	672.7	40.6	713.3	59.0	772.3
Labour force status -					
In labour force	904.9	62.2	967.1	100.8	1,068.0
Not in labour force	857.6	51.9	909.5	76.3	985.8
Total	1,762.5	114.1	1,876.6	177.1	2,053.7

(a) Comprises the six State capital cities (Statistical Divisions).

TABLE 3. EVER-MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 44 YEARS: BY AGE, MARITAL STATUS AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN, JUNE 1979

Age group	Women whose children already born numbered -					Total women	Average number of children already born
	None	One	Two (⁰⁰⁰ women)	Three	Four or more		
Married once -							
15-19	16.3	2.5	*	*	*	27.6	0.5
20-24	134.4	67.5	52.5	9.4	2.9	266.7	0.8
25-29	94.6	89.7	155.4	62.5	16.4	418.6	1.6
30-34	32.0	50.7	185.1	109.1	45.7	422.6	2.3
35-39	14.5	25.7	128.7	96.8	70.5	336.3	2.6
40-44	14.5	20.0	82.1	89.2	84.8	290.7	2.9
Totals	305.4	263.0	605.7	367.1	220.3	1,762.5	2.0
Remarried -							
25-29	4.3	7.1	6.4	4.6	*	23.8	1.7
30-34	2.9	6.9	8.5	7.6	4.4	30.2	2.2
35-39	2.6	4.4	6.1	7.5	7.4	28.1	2.7
40-44	*	3.6	8.3	3.9	8.6	26.2	2.8
Total (a)	13.5	24.0	31.0	23.9	21.7	114.1	2.3
Separated, widowed and divorced -							
20-24	6.1	7.0	4.1	*	*	18.6	1.1
25-29	9.2	10.3	16.1	3.9	*	41.1	1.5
30-34	5.0	8.4	15.0	8.3	6.3	43.0	2.2
35-39	2.4	5.2	10.3	8.0	7.6	33.5	2.6
40-44	*	5.3	11.8	8.7	12.0	40.1	2.9
Total (a)	24.9	37.0	57.4	30.2	27.6	177.1	2.1
Total ever-married -							
15-19	16.3	10.3	*	*	*	28.5	0.5
20-24	142.4	76.3	58.4	11.0	3.0	291.2	0.8
25-29	108.1	107.1	177.9	71.0	19.2	483.4	1.6
30-34	39.9	66.0	208.5	125.0	56.3	495.8	2.2
35-39	19.6	35.3	145.1	112.3	85.5	397.8	2.6
40-44	18.5	29.0	102.3	101.8	105.5	357.0	2.9
Total	344.9	324.0	694.1	421.2	269.6	2,053.7	2.1

(a) Comprises all age groups 15 to 44. All figures in the five-year age groups not shown separately are subject to sampling variability too high for most practical use.

TABLE 4. EVER-MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 44 YEARS : BY AGE, AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN, JUNE 1979

Age at first marriage	Women whose children already born numbered -					Total women	Average number of children already born
	None	One	Two	Three (¹⁰⁰⁰ women)	Four or more		
WOMEN AGED 15-19 YEARS							
15-19	16.3	10.3	*	*	*	28.5	0.5
WOMEN AGED 20-24 YEARS							
15-19	48.5	46.6	50.6	10.0	3.0	158.8	1.2
20-24	93.9	29.7	7.8	*	*	132.4	0.4
Total	142.4	76.3	58.4	11.0	3.0	291.2	0.8
WOMEN AGED 25-29 YEARS							
15-19	11.1	26.1	90.1	44.8	14.8	187.0	2.2
20-24	75.6	71.5	84.8	25.5	4.1	261.4	1.3
25-29	21.4	9.4	3.1	*	*	35.0	0.6
Total	108.1	107.1	177.9	71.0	19.2	483.4	1.6
WOMEN AGED 30-34 YEARS							
15-19	3.7	11.5	53.2	53.0	30.4	151.9	2.7
20-24	20.8	33.6	134.4	66.8	23.9	279.4	2.2
25-29	11.2	19.4	19.9	5.0	*	57.5	1.4
30-34	4.2	*	*	*	*	7.0	0.6
Total	39.9	66.0	208.5	125.0	56.3	495.8	2.2
WOMEN AGED 35-39 YEARS							
15-19	3.2	6.8	34.7	33.7	43.2	121.6	3.1
20-24	8.7	16.8	83.5	68.1	37.4	214.5	2.6
25-29	4.3	8.7	22.7	10.1	4.9	50.8	2.1
30-34	*	2.6	3.9	*	*	8.7	1.3
35-39	*	*	*	*	*	2.3	0.6
Total	19.6	35.3	145.1	112.3	85.5	397.8	2.6
WOMEN AGED 40-44 YEARS							
15-19	2.8	5.7	22.7	27.1	43.1	101.6	3.4
20-24	6.3	14.8	58.6	61.0	54.4	195.2	2.9
25-29	3.5	5.6	16.0	11.9	6.9	43.9	2.3
30-34	3.6	2.3	4.4	*	*	12.7	1.6
35-39	*	*	*	*	*	3.4	0.7
Total (a)	18.5	29.0	102.3	101.8	105.5	357.0	2.9
TOTAL, EVER-MARRIED WOMEN							
15-19	85.8	107.1	253.1	168.7	134.5	749.2	2.3
20-24	205.3	166.4	369.2	222.3	119.8	1,083.0	2.0
25-29	40.4	43.1	61.7	27.6	14.2	187.1	1.7
30-34	9.6	6.4	9.3	2.3	*	28.4	1.3
35-39	3.6	*	*	*	*	5.7	0.7
Total (a)	344.9	324.0	694.1	421.2	269.6	2,053.7	2.1

(a) Comprises all age groups 15 to 44. All figures in the 40-44 age (at marriage) group are subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.

TABLE 5. AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN OF EVER-MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 44 YEARS:
BY VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS, JUNE 1979

Characteristics of women	Average number of children already born of women —				Total, ever-married
	Married once	Re-married	Total married	Separated, widowed and divorced	
Age group —					
15-19	0.5	*	0.5	*	0.5
20-24	0.8	1.1	0.8	1.1	0.8
25-29	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.6
30-34	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
35-39	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6
40-44	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9
Country of birth —					
Australia	2.0	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.1
United Kingdom and Ireland	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.1
Italy	2.3	1.0	2.3	2.4	2.3
Greece	2.0	*	2.0	1.9	2.0
Yugoslavia	2.1	*	2.1	*	2.0
Other Europe	2.1	1.9	2.1	*	2.1
Other	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8
Total, overseas-born	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.0
State or Territory —					
New South Wales	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0
Victoria	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1
Queensland	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.2	2.2
South Australia	1.9	2.3	1.9	2.0	1.9
Western Australia	2.1	2.4	2.1	2.3	2.1
Tasmania	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.2
Northern Territory	2.1	*	2.2	*	2.1
Australian Capital Territory	2.0	2.4	2.0	2.0	2.0
Type of locality —					
Metropolitan (a)	1.9	2.1	1.9	2.0	1.9
Non-metropolitan	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.5	2.3
Labour force status —					
In labour force	1.8	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.8
Not in labour force	2.3	2.6	2.3	2.6	2.4
Total	2.0	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.1

(a) Comprises the six State capital cities (Statistical Divisions).

TABLE 6. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 44 YEARS: BY AGE, NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN AND EXPECTED, JUNE 1979

Age group	Women whose children already born numbered -					Total women	Average number of children already born
	None	One	Two (000 women)	Three	Four or more		
EXPECT NO MORE CHILDREN							
20-24	9.4	6.0	30.8	6.5	2.4	55.1	1.8
25-29	14.2	15.8	107.1	54.9	13.7	205.7	2.2
30-34	16.9	24.5	159.9	99.9	45.5	346.7	2.4
35-39	12.4	23.5	127.1	99.9	72.4	335.3	2.7
40-44	16.1	22.7	89.4	92.0	91.6	311.9	2.9
Total (a)	69.3	93.2	515.2	353.2	225.6	1,256.5	2.6
EXPECT ONE (ADDITIONAL) CHILD							
15-19	*	4.4	*	*	*	5.8	1.0
20-24	4.5	30.9	10.0	*	*	46.9	1.2
25-29	3.1	46.4	26.6	7.4	*	85.3	1.5
30-34	3.4	19.6	15.5	8.7	*	48.8	1.7
35-39	*	3.4	3.5	*	*	10.9	2.1
Total (a)	12.4	104.8	56.2	19.6	5.6	198.6	1.5
EXPECT TWO (ADDITIONAL) CHILDREN							
15-19	8.9	*	*	*	*	11.1	0.2
20-24	71.6	18.7	7.3	*	*	98.2	0.4
25-29	55.8	21.8	10.4	*	*	89.6	0.5
30-34	10.1	7.5	3.6	*	*	23.0	0.9
35-39	*	*	*	*	*	3.6	0.8
Total (a)	148.2	51.2	22.3	2.4	*	225.8	0.5
EXPECT THREE (ADDITIONAL) CHILDREN							
15-19	4.1	*	*	*	*	5.4	0.2
20-24	32.8	7.8	*	*	*	40.9	0.2
25-29	11.1	6.2	*	*	*	18.4	0.5
Total (a)	49.1	15.7	*	*	*	67.0	0.3
EXPECT FOUR OR MORE (ADDITIONAL) CHILDREN							
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	2.4	0.2
20-24	11.7	*	*	*	*	13.3	0.1
25-29	4.5	*	*	*	*	4.8	0.1
Total (a)	18.1	2.7	*	*	*	21.1	0.2
EXPECT MORE CHILDREN BUT UNCERTAIN OF NUMBER							
20-24	2.8	*	*	*	*	5.1	0.6
25-29	*	*	*	*	*	2.6	1.1
Total (a)	4.3	2.9	*	*	*	9.2	0.9
EXPECTATIONS UNKNOWN							
20-24	3.5	2.6	5.7	*	*	13.1	1.4
25-29	9.0	6.1	16.0	3.7	*	35.9	1.5
30-34	3.3	5.0	14.0	6.2	*	30.7	2.0
35-39	*	*	3.4	2.6	3.7	13.9	2.6
40-44	*	*	*	*	*	4.0	2.8
Total (a)	18.6	16.5	40.5	14.6	8.4	98.6	1.8
TOTAL, MARRIED WOMEN							
15-19	16.3	9.5	*	*	*	27.6	0.5
20-24	136.3	69.3	54.3	9.8	2.9	272.6	0.8
25-29	98.9	96.8	161.8	67.1	17.7	442.3	1.6
30-34	35.0	57.6	193.5	116.7	50.1	452.8	2.2
35-39	17.2	30.1	134.8	104.3	77.9	364.3	2.7
40-44	16.4	23.6	90.4	93.1	93.4	316.9	2.9
Total	320.0	286.9	636.7	391.0	242.0	1,876.6	2.0

(a) Compares all age groups 15 to 44. All figures in the five-year age groups not shown separately are subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.

TABLE 7. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 44 YEARS (a): EXPECTED NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN COMPLETED FAMILY BY VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS, JUNE 1979

Characteristics of women	Women whose expected completed family numbers -					Total women	Average expected completed family size
	None	One	Two	Three	Four or more		
				(000 women)			
Age group -							
15-19	*	*	14.1	6.8	3.8	26.5	2.5
20-24	9.4	10.5	133.3	67.9	33.3	254.4	2.4
25-29	14.2	18.9	209.3	114.3	47.1	403.8	2.4
30-34	16.9	27.9	189.5	124.1	62.6	421.0	2.5
35-39	12.4	24.2	132.4	104.3	77.0	350.3	2.7
40-44	16.2	22.7	89.5	92.2	92.3	312.9	2.9
Years since first marriage -							
Under 2	8.0	6.8	77.1	33.1	15.0	140.0	2.3
2 to less than 5	13.1	11.8	122.8	57.3	26.0	231.0	2.3
5 to less than 10	19.0	27.9	231.7	124.4	52.0	455.0	2.4
10 to less than 15	15.3	23.3	170.6	123.7	61.2	394.1	2.6
15 or more	14.0	35.8	166.0	171.2	161.8	548.8	3.0
Country of birth -							
Australia	49.8	68.6	547.2	382.5	243.8	1,291.8	2.6
United Kingdom and Ireland	7.9	11.6	78.7	45.3	26.0	169.4	2.5
Italy	*	2.4	20.6	14.3	9.3	47.8	2.6
Greece	*	3.4	19.2	13.3	2.5	38.9	2.4
Yugoslavia	*	4.4	14.4	7.3	2.8	29.4	2.3
Other Europe	3.2	5.5	40.8	20.6	13.7	83.7	2.5
Other	6.5	9.8	47.3	26.3	18.0	107.9	2.5
Total, overseas born	19.5	37.1	221.0	127.2	72.3	477.0	2.5
State or Territory -							
New South Wales	26.4	40.5	271.9	170.9	102.4	612.0	2.5
Victoria	16.7	23.9	200.6	139.1	87.0	467.4	2.6
Queensland	9.8	17.7	105.3	81.2	57.7	271.8	2.7
South Australia	6.5	11.0	78.9	43.0	22.7	162.0	2.4
Western Australia	7.2	6.3	72.0	44.5	29.3	159.4	2.6
Tasmania	*	3.1	20.4	17.3	9.5	51.9	2.7
Northern Territory	*	*	4.9	4.1	2.4	12.7	2.6
Australian Capital Territory	*	2.3	14.1	9.5	5.2	31.7	2.6
Type of locality -							
Metropolitan (b)	45.6	72.1	504.0	302.0	170.1	1,093.8	2.5
Non-metropolitan	23.7	33.6	264.2	207.7	146.0	675.1	2.7
Labour force status -							
In labour force	50.8	66.3	425.9	244.3	127.7	915.0	2.4
Not in labour force	18.5	39.3	342.3	265.4	188.3	853.9	2.8
Total	69.3	105.7	768.2	509.7	316.3	1,768.9	2.6
(a) Excludes women who did not know their birth expectations and women who were expecting more children but were uncertain of the number. (b) Comprises the six State capital cities (Statistical Divisions).							
State or Territory -							
New South Wales	26.4	40.5	271.9	170.9	102.4	612.0	2.5
Victoria	16.7	23.9	200.6	139.1	87.0	467.4	2.6
Queensland	9.8	17.7	105.3	81.2	57.7	271.8	2.7
South Australia	6.5	11.0	78.9	43.0	22.7	162.0	2.4
Western Australia	7.2	6.3	72.0	44.5	29.3	159.4	2.6
Tasmania	*	3.1	20.4	17.3	9.5	51.9	2.7
Northern Territory	*	*	4.9	4.1	2.4	12.7	2.6
Australian Capital Territory	*	2.3	14.1	9.5	5.2	31.7	2.6
Type of locality -							
Metropolitan (b)	45.6	72.1	504.0	302.0	170.1	1,093.8	2.5
Non-metropolitan	23.7	33.6	264.2	207.7	146.0	675.1	2.7
Labour force status -							
In labour force	50.8	66.3	425.9	244.3	127.7	915.0	2.4
Not in labour force	18.5	39.3	342.3	265.4	188.3	853.9	2.8
Total	69.3	105.7	768.2	509.7	316.3	1,768.9	2.6

(a) Excludes women who did not know their birth expectations and women who were expecting more children but were uncertain of the number. (b) Comprises the six State capital cities (Statistical Divisions).

TABLE 8. AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN TO AND EXPECTED TO BE BORN TO MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 44 YEARS (a) : BY AGE OF WOMEN AND YEARS SINCE FIRST MARRIAGE, JUNE 1979

<i>Average number of children per married woman -</i>				
<i>Age group</i>	<i>Married women '000</i>	<i>Already born</i>	<i>Expected</i>	<i>Total</i>
LESS THAN 2 YEARS SINCE FIRST MARRIAGE				
15-19	21.5	0.3	2.2	2.5
20-24	83.8	0.2	2.2	2.4
25-29	28.5	0.3	1.8	2.1
30-34	4.5	*	1.5	1.7
<i>Total (b)</i>	<i>140.0</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>2.3</i>
2 TO UNDER 5 YEARS SINCE FIRST MARRIAGE				
15-19	4.4	1.1	1.5	2.6
20-24	124.6	0.8	1.6	2.5
25-29	79.7	0.7	1.5	2.2
30-34	17.2	1.1	1.0	2.0
35-39	3.8	1.2	*	1.8
<i>Total (b)</i>	<i>230.9</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>2.3</i>
5 TO UNDER 10 YEARS SINCE FIRST MARRIAGE				
20-24	46.0	1.7	0.8	2.5
25-29	252.6	1.8	0.6	2.5
30-34	127.4	1.9	0.4	2.3
35-39	22.8	1.8	0.3	2.2
40-44	5.6	0.9	*	0.9
<i>Total (b)</i>	<i>455.0</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>2.4</i>
10 YEARS AND OVER SINCE FIRST MARRIAGE				
25-29	43.0	2.6	0.2	2.8
30-34	271.9	2.5	0.1	2.6
35-39	322.2	2.7	*	2.8
40-44	305.9	3.0	*	3.0
<i>Total (b)</i>	<i>943.0</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>2.8</i>
TOTAL, MARRIED WOMEN				
15-19	26.5	0.5	2.0	2.5
20-24	254.4	0.8	1.7	2.4
25-29	403.8	1.6	0.8	2.4
30-34	421.0	2.3	0.2	2.5
35-39	350.3	2.7	0.1	2.7
40-44	312.9	2.9	*	2.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,768.9</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>2.6</i>

(a) Excludes women who did not know their birth expectations and women who were expecting more children but were uncertain of the number. (b) Comprises all age groups 15 to 44. All figures in the five-year age groups not shown separately are subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.

TABLE 9. AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN TO AND EXPECTED TO BE BORN TO MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 44 YEARS (a) : BY AGE AND BIRTHPLACE OF WOMEN, JUNE 1979

<i>Average number of children per married woman -</i>				
<i>Age group</i>	<i>Married women '000</i>	<i>Already born</i>	<i>Expected</i>	<i>Total</i>
WOMEN BORN IN AUSTRALIA				
15-19	20.6	0.5	2.1	2.5
20-24	208.2	0.8	1.7	2.4
25-29	310.5	1.6	0.8	2.4
30-34	294.0	2.3	0.2	2.6
35-39	244.3	2.7	(b)	2.8
40-44	214.3	3.1	*	3.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,291.8</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>2.6</i>
WOMEN BORN IN UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND				
15-19	*	*	1.7	2.1
20-24	15.1	0.8	1.5	2.3
25-29	32.4	1.4	0.9	2.3
30-34	43.7	2.1	0.2	2.3
35-39	38.8	2.6	*	2.7
40-44	37.4	2.8	*	2.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>169.4</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>2.5</i>

TABLE 9. AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN TO AND EXPECTED TO BE BORN TO MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 44 YEARS (a) : BY AGE AND BIRTHPLACE OF WOMEN, JUNE 1979 — continued

Average number of children per married woman —				
Age group	Married women '000	Already born	Expected	Total
WOMEN BORN IN ITALY				
20-24	3.7	1.0	1.6	2.6
25-29	7.0	2.0	0.5	2.6
30-34	11.1	2.3	0.3	2.6
35-39	12.7	2.7	*	2.8
40-44	13.0	2.5	*	2.5
Total (c)	47.8	2.3	0.3	2.6
WOMEN BORN IN GREECE				
20-24	3.5	1.0	1.4	2.4
25-29	5.2	2.1	0.8	2.8
30-34	10.6	2.1	0.3	2.4
35-39	9.0	2.2	*	2.2
40-44	10.0	2.2	*	2.2
Total (c)	38.9	2.0	0.3	2.4
WOMEN BORN IN YUGOSLAVIA				
20-24	3.8	1.4	0.9	2.2
25-29	5.5	2.0	0.5	2.4
30-34	5.3	2.1	*	2.2
35-39	6.9	2.2	*	2.2
40-44	7.6	2.3	*	2.3
Total (c)	29.4	2.0	0.3	2.3
WOMEN BORN IN OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES				
20-24	7.9	0.7	1.7	2.3
25-29	13.3	1.6	0.8	2.4
30-34	26.9	2.2	0.3	2.4
35-39	18.7	2.6	*	2.7
40-44	16.6	2.5	*	2.5
Total (c)	83.7	2.1	0.4	2.5
WOMEN BORN ELSEWHERE				
15-19	2.4	*	1.9	2.5
20-24	12.2	0.8	1.8	2.6
25-29	30.0	1.4	1.0	2.4
30-34	29.5	1.9	0.5	2.4
35-39	19.9	2.2	0.1	2.4
40-44	13.9	2.8	*	2.8
Total	107.9	1.8	0.7	2.5
TOTAL, OVERSEAS-BORN WOMEN				
15-19	5.8	0.5	2.0	2.4
20-24	46.2	0.9	1.6	2.4
25-29	93.3	1.5	0.9	2.4
30-34	127.0	2.1	0.3	2.4
35-39	106.0	2.5	0.1	2.6
40-44	98.6	2.6	*	2.6
Total	477.0	2.0	0.4	2.5
TOTAL, MARRIED WOMEN				
15-19	26.5	0.5	2.0	2.5
20-24	254.4	0.8	1.7	2.4
25-29	403.8	1.6	0.8	2.4
30-34	421.0	2.3	0.2	2.5
35-39	350.3	2.7	0.1	2.7
40-44	312.9	2.9	*	2.9
Total	1,768.9	2.1	0.5	2.6

(a) Excludes women who did not know their birth expectations and women who were expecting more children but were uncertain of the number. (b) Less than 0.05. (c) Compares all age groups 15 to 44. All figures in the five-year age groups not shown separately are subject to sampling variability too high for most practical use.

TABLE 18. AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN TO AND EXPECTED TO BE BORN TO MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 44 YEARS (a) : BY AGE OF WOMEN, STATES AND TERRITORIES, JUNE 1979

Average number of children per married woman -				
Age group	Married women '000	Already born	Expected	Total
NEW SOUTH WALES				
15-19	9.6	0.4	2.0	2.4
20-24	85.4	0.8	1.7	2.4
25-29	137.1	1.6	0.9	2.4
30-34	144.7	2.2	0.3	2.5
35-39	124.2	2.5	0.1	2.6
40-44	111.0	2.7	*	2.7
Total	612.0	2.0	0.5	2.5
VICTORIA				
15-19	6.4	0.5	2.1	2.6
20-24	63.9	0.8	1.7	2.5
25-29	106.9	1.5	0.9	2.4
30-34	110.3	2.2	0.3	2.5
35-39	92.2	2.7	0.1	2.7
40-44	87.6	3.0	*	3.0
Total	467.4	2.1	0.6	2.6
QUEENSLAND				
15-19	4.2	*	2.3	2.7
20-24	40.2	0.8	1.7	2.5
25-29	62.2	1.6	0.8	2.4
30-34	66.7	2.4	0.2	2.6
35-39	52.8	2.9	0.1	2.9
40-44	45.8	3.2	*	3.2
Total	271.8	2.2	0.5	2.7
SOUTH AUSTRALIA				
15-19	2.6	*	2.0	2.4
20-24	26.5	0.6	1.6	2.2
25-29	36.8	1.6	0.7	2.3
30-34	37.6	2.1	0.2	2.3
35-39	31.4	2.6	*	2.6
40-44	27.0	2.8	*	2.8
Total	162.0	1.9	0.5	2.4
WESTERN AUSTRALIA				
15-19	2.4	0.6	1.8	2.4
20-24	24.5	0.8	1.6	2.4
25-29	36.2	1.6	0.7	2.4
30-34	38.1	2.3	0.2	2.5
35-39	31.2	2.7	0.1	2.8
40-44	26.9	3.0	*	3.0
Total	159.4	2.1	0.5	2.6
TASMANIA				
15-19	0.7	*	2.0	2.5
20-24	8.5	1.0	1.6	2.5
25-29	12.4	1.7	0.7	2.4
30-34	11.9	2.5	0.2	2.7
35-39	10.4	2.7	*	2.8
40-44	8.0	3.0	*	3.0
Total	51.9	2.2	0.5	2.7

TABLE 10. AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN TO AND EXPECTED TO BE BORN TO MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 44 YEARS (a) : BY AGE OF WOMEN, STATES AND TERRITORIES, JUNE 1979 - *continued*

Average number of children per married woman -				
Age group	Married women '000	Already born	Expected	Total
NORTHERN TERRITORY				
20-24	1.6	1.2	*	2.0
25-29	3.7	2.0	0.7	2.6
30-34	3.6	2.6	*	2.8
35-39	2.0	2.7	*	2.7
40-44	1.5	3.1	*	3.1
Total (b)	12.7	2.3	0.4	2.6
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY				
20-24	3.7	0.8	1.8	2.6
25-29	8.4	1.6	0.8	2.4
30-34	8.0	2.3	0.2	2.6
35-39	6.2	2.7	*	2.7
40-44	5.0	2.9	*	2.9
Total (b)	31.7	2.1	0.5	2.6
AUSTRALIA				
15-19	26.5	0.5	2.0	2.5
20-24	254.4	0.8	1.7	2.4
25-29	403.8	1.6	0.8	2.4
30-34	421.0	2.3	0.2	2.5
35-39	350.3	2.7	0.1	2.7
40-44	312.9	2.9	*	2.9
Total	1,768.9	2.1	0.5	2.6

(a) Excludes women who did not know their birth expectations and women who were expecting more children but were uncertain of the number. (b) Compares all age groups 15 to 44. All figures in the 15-19 age group are subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.

TABLE 11. AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN TO AND EXPECTED TO BE BORN TO MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 44 YEARS (a) : BY AGE OF WOMEN AND TYPE OF LOCALITY, JUNE 1979

Average number of children per married woman -				
Age group	Married women '000	Already born	Expected	Total
METROPOLITAN (b)				
15-19	16.5	0.3	2.1	2.5
20-24	151.2	0.7	1.7	2.4
25-29	251.6	1.5	0.9	2.4
30-34	260.8	2.1	0.3	2.4
35-39	215.1	2.5	0.1	2.6
40-44	198.5	2.8	*	2.8
Total	1,093.8	1.9	0.6	2.5
NON-METROPOLITAN				
15-19	10.0	0.6	1.9	2.5
20-24	103.2	1.0	1.5	2.5
25-29	152.2	1.8	0.7	2.5
30-34	160.2	2.5	0.2	2.7
35-39	135.2	2.8	(c)	2.9
40-44	114.4	3.2	*	3.2
Total	675.1	2.3	0.5	2.7
TOTAL, MARRIED WOMEN				
15-19	26.5	0.5	2.0	2.5
20-24	254.4	0.8	1.7	2.4
25-29	403.8	1.6	0.8	2.4
30-34	421.0	2.3	0.2	2.5
35-39	350.3	2.7	0.1	2.7
40-44	312.9	2.9	*	2.9
Total	1,768.9	2.1	0.5	2.6

(a) Excludes women who did not know their birth expectations and women who were expecting more children but were uncertain of the number. (b) Compares the six State capital cities (Statistical Divisions). (c) Less than 0.05.

TABLE 12. TOTAL AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN TO AND EXPECTED TO BE BORN TO MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 44 YEARS (a): BY AGE AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF WOMEN, JUNE 1979

OF WOMEN, TOTAL 1979				
Average number of children per married woman -				
Age group	Married women '000	Already born	Expected	Total
WOMEN IN THE LABOUR FORCE				
15-19	15.7	*	2.3	2.3
20-24	147.2	0.4	1.9	2.3
25-29	187.6	1.1	1.1	2.2
30-34	191.3	2.0	0.2	2.3
35-39	192.3	2.5	0.1	2.5
40-44	180.9	2.8	*	2.8
Total	915.0	1.8	0.6	2.4
WOMEN NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE				
15-19	10.8	0.9	1.6	2.5
20-24	107.2	1.3	1.3	2.6
25-29	216.2	2.0	0.6	2.6
30-34	229.7	2.4	0.2	2.7
35-39	157.9	2.8	0.1	2.9
40-44	132.0	3.2	*	3.2
Total	853.9	2.4	0.4	2.8
TOTAL, MARRIED WOMEN				
15-19	26.5	0.5	2.0	2.5
20-24	254.4	0.8	1.7	2.4
25-29	403.8	1.6	0.8	2.4
30-34	421.0	2.3	0.2	2.5
35-39	350.3	2.7	0.1	2.7
40-44	312.9	2.9	*	2.9
Total	1,768.9	2.1	0.5	2.6

(a) Excludes women who did not know their birth expectations and women who were expecting more children but were uncertain of the number.

TABLE 13. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 44 YEARS WITH ONE OR MORE CHILDREN :
BY AGE AND INTERVALS BETWEEN BIRTHS, JUNE 1979

Age group	Interval					Total	Average interval (months)
	Less than 1 year (a)	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years (000 women)	3 to 4 years	4 years or more		
INTERVAL BETWEEN FIRST MARRIAGE AND FIRST BIRTH (b)							
Women with one or more children							
15-19	7.2	2.6	*	*	*	10.0	9.5
20-24	45.6	39.7	20.9	9.3	5.3	120.7	18.6
25-29	93.6	82.9	56.9	39.4	51.3	324.1	26.6
30-34	109.7	104.4	70.3	46.1	71.4	401.8	28.5
35-39	102.4	109.3	52.7	32.7	43.9	341.0	25.7
40-44	91.1	102.0	43.9	23.0	34.6	294.7	24.8
Total	449.5	441.0	244.9	150.4	206.5	1,492.3	25.8
INTERVAL BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND CHILD							
Women with two or more children							
20-24	2.9	28.9	20.0	8.3	6.8	66.9	28.3
25-29	6.7	84.1	89.0	37.8	29.0	246.6	31.2
30-34	8.3	128.6	122.7	47.7	53.0	360.2	32.0
35-39	10.0	122.2	100.0	39.2	45.6	317.1	32.5
40-44	7.0	114.9	83.3	31.8	39.9	276.9	32.2
Total (c)	34.9	479.9	415.5	165.1	174.3	1,269.7	31.8
INTERVAL BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD CHILD							
Women with three or more children							
20-24	*	5.0	3.9	*	*	12.6	23.5
25-29	*	26.1	25.5	15.2	15.8	84.8	34.4
30-34	5.2	48.3	41.9	27.2	44.1	166.7	18.7
35-39	7.8	52.8	46.6	27.6	47.5	182.2	39.6
40-44	7.7	62.2	45.9	23.6	47.2	186.5	39.6
Total (c)	25.0	194.4	163.7	94.9	155.0	633.0	38.3
INTERVAL BETWEEN THIRD AND FOURTH CHILD							
Women with four or more children							
25-29	*	8.5	4.1	*	*	17.7	27.9
30-34	2.4	20.9	13.3	6.4	7.0	50.1	30.6
35-39	2.7	22.5	18.4	13.6	20.7	77.9	39.7
40-44	2.5	33.0	21.9	11.2	24.8	93.5	40.2
Total (c)	9.8	85.6	58.7	33.3	54.5	242.0	37.9

(a) Includes interval for multiple births which is, necessarily, nil. (b) Excludes women with one or more children born prior to the date of first marriage. (c) Composites all age groups 15 to 44. All figures in the five-year age groups not shown separately are subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.

TABLE 14. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 44 YEARS WITH ONE OR MORE CHILDREN (a):
BY AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE, BIRTHPLACE AND INTERVAL BETWEEN FIRST MARRIAGE AND FIRST BIRTH,
JUNE 1979

Age at first marriage	Interval between first marriage and first birth -					Total	Average interval (months)
	Less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 years	4 years or more		
	(000 women)						
AUSTRALIAN-BORN WOMEN							
15-19	177.1	114.6	50.5	27.4	40.2	409.9	20.5
20-24	125.9	161.7	105.0	73.1	99.7	565.5	29.5
25-29	17.8	23.9	18.0	9.4	11.5	80.6	28.0
30-34	*	3.5	*	*	*	8.4	23.9
Total (b)	323.0	303.9	175.4	110.5	152.2	1,065.0	25.9
OVERSEAS-BORN WOMEN							
15-19	51.7	52.3	23.9	10.9	17.9	156.6	23.7
20-24	59.2	66.2	36.3	21.9	31.8	215.5	27.5
25-29	12.8	16.0	7.9	6.9	4.0	47.6	24.2
30-34	2.4	*	*	*	*	6.8	21.3
Total (b)	126.5	137.1	69.5	40.0	54.3	427.4	25.6
TOTAL, MARRIED WOMEN							
15-19	228.8	166.9	74.4	38.3	58.1	566.5	21.4
20-24	185.2	227.9	141.3	95.0	131.6	781.0	28.9
25-29	30.6	39.8	25.9	16.2	15.5	128.1	26.6
30-34	4.3	5.7	3.0	*	*	15.3	22.8
Total	449.5	441.0	244.9	150.4	206.5	1,492.3	25.8

(a) Excludes women with one or more children born prior to the date of first marriage. (b) Comprises all age groups 15 to 44. All figures in the five-year age groups not shown separately are subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.

TABLE 15. ONCE-MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 44 YEARS WITH NO CHILDREN (a) : BY AGE AND EXPECTED INTERVAL BETWEEN MARRIAGE AND FIRST BIRTH, JUNE 1979

Age group	Expected interval between marriage and first birth -						Total women	Average interval (months)(b)
	Less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 years (^c 000 women)	4 years or more	Not known		
15-19	*	2.7	2.4	4.3	4.3	*	15.6	39.7
20-24	*	9.4	19.4	22.6	59.7	8.6	121.5	51.1
25-29	*	2.6	7.8	8.7	46.5	6.0	72.2	64.1
30-34	*	*	*	*	6.6	2.6	13.1	74.8
Total (c)	3.7	16.3	30.5	37.3	118.0	18.8	234.6	55.9

(a) Excludes women who are not expecting any children or who don't know their birth expectations. (b) Excludes women who do not know their expected interval between marriage and first birth. (c) Comprises all age groups 15 to 44. All figures in the 35-39 and 40-44 age groups are subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.

TABLE 16. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 44 YEARS WITH TWO OR MORE CHILDREN (a) : BY SEX OF CHILDREN AND BIRTH EXPECTATIONS, JUNE 1979
(^c000 women)

Sex of children already born	Married women with 2 children		Married women with 3 or more children	
	Expecting more	Not expecting more	Expecting more	Not expecting more
WOMEN AGED 15 TO 24 YEARS				
Males	5.4	6.8	*	*
Females	8.0	5.1	*	*
Male(s) and female(s)	5.0	19.7	*	6.4
Total	18.5	31.6	2.3	8.8
WOMEN AGED 25 TO 34 YEARS				
Males	17.8	59.3	3.1	22.8
Females	16.1	58.2	3.5	21.4
Male(s) and female(s)	23.1	149.5	17.3	169.7
Total	57.0	267.0	23.9	214.0
WOMEN AGED 35 TO 44 YEARS				
Males	*	49.3	*	34.1
Females	*	45.6	*	33.8
Male(s) and female(s)	*	121.7	3.1	288.0
Total	4.3	216.6	4.3	355.9
WOMEN AGED 15 TO 44 YEARS				
Males	25.1	115.5	4.1	58.4
Females	25.3	108.9	4.2	56.2
Male(s) and female(s)	29.3	290.9	22.2	464.1
Total	79.8	515.2	30.5	578.7

(a) Excludes women who did not know their birth expectations and women who were expecting more children but were uncertain of the number.

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ATTACHMENT II

ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND CLASSIFICATIONS

The following items were obtained direct or imputed from the survey results. All data are on tape and tables can be produced if required. Details of imputation methods may also be obtained on request.

AGE OF WOMAN - in completed years at the date of the survey (15-44 years).

BIRTHDATE OF WOMAN - month and year of birth.

MARITAL STATUS OF WOMAN - once married, re-married, separated, widowed and divorced.

COUNTRY OF BIRTH OF WOMAN - approximately 90 countries, or groups of countries, are identified.

YEAR OF ARRIVAL OF WOMAN IN AUSTRALIA - for overseas-born respondents.

EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF WOMAN - employed, unemployed, not in the labour force.

HOURS WORKED BY WOMAN - this applies to the week preceding the survey and allows identification of women working part-time (i.e. less than 35 hours per week). The classification is in single hours.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OF WOMAN (ages 15 to 20 only) - date of leaving school (month and year), still attending school.

DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE OF WOMAN - month and year.

MONTHS SINCE FIRST MARRIAGE OF WOMAN

AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE OF WOMAN - in completed years.

DATE OF CURRENT MARRIAGE OF REMARRIED WOMEN - month and year.

DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE OF WOMAN - in months.

AGE AT CURRENT MARRIAGE OF WOMAN - in completed years.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN - all live-born children born to the woman.

BIRTHDATES OF CHILDREN - month and year for the first four children and, for women with more than four children, the most recent child.

AGE OF YOUNGEST CHILD - in years and months.

INTERVAL BETWEEN FIRST MARRIAGE AND FIRST BIRTH - in months.

BIRTH INTERVALS - in months. Interval from first to second, second to third, third to fourth and fourth to last; also first to last.

SEX OF CHILDREN.

NUMBER OF EXPECTED CHILDREN - the classification used is : none, one, at least one, one or two, two, two or three, three, three or four, four, four or five, five or more, not stated.

NUMBER OF EXPECTED CHILDREN (ADJUSTED) - none, one, two, three, four, five or more. ('One or two', 'two or three' etc. were allocated evenly to the two numbers involved in each case; 'at least one' and 'not stated' were allocated proportionately).

EXPECTED INTERVAL FROM DATE OF SURVEY TO NEXT (FIRST) CHILD - the classification used is : within 12 months, 1 to less than 2 years, 2 to less than 3 years, 3 to less than 4 years, 4 to less than 5 years, 5 years or more, not stated.

EXPECTED INTERVAL BETWEEN FIRST MARRIAGE AND FIRST EXPECTED BIRTH - in months.

EXPECTED INTERVAL BETWEEN LAST AND NEXT EXPECTED BIRTH - in months.

EXPECTED COMPLETED FAMILY SIZE - sum of live-born children and expected children.