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Introduction

This publication contains annual statistics of divorces granted in Victoria, supplementing those published in the national publication Divorces, Australia (3307.0). Similar publications are produced by most ABS State Offices commencing with the 1983 calendar year.

2. The Family Law Act 1975 came into operation throughout Australia on 5 January 1976, repealing the Matrimonial Causes legislation which had been operative since 1961. Under Family Law legislation the irretrievable breakdown of the marriage is the only ground on which a dissolution of marriage is granted. This ground is established by the husband and wife having lived apart for 12 months or more and there being no reasonable likelihood of reconciliation. Applications for nullity of marriage under Family Law legislation must be on the ground that the marriage is void because of failure to meet a legal requirement such as that neither party be already lawfully married to another person. There is no provision for judicial separation under Family Law legislation.

3. Successful applicants for a decree of dissolution of marriage under Family Law legislation are initially granted a decree nisi. This becomes absolute after one month unless it is rescinded, appealed against, or the Court has not declared its satisfaction as to proper arrangements having been made for the welfare of children involved.

Statistics

4. The statistics shown in this publication relate to calendar years and are compiled by the ABS from a Statistical Report completed by the Family Court in respect of each application which resulted in a decree absolute being granted. Such reports are forwarded to the ABS on finalisation of proceedings. A reproduction of the Statistical Report appears in Appendix A.

5. In the interpretation of data it is important to bear in mind that the availability of judges and the complexity of the cases brought before them can affect the number of decrees made absolute or granted in any one year. A rise in numbers in one year may be due wholly or in part to the clearing of a backlog of cases from an earlier period.

6. The number of divorces shown for Victoria is dependent on the number of cases heard by Family Courts in Victoria. As there is no residential requirement under Family Law, applicants may be resident anywhere in Australia. Caution should therefore be exercised in interpreting the rates shown in this publication.

Definitions

7. Divorces. The term divorce, as used in this publication refers to a decree of dissolution of marriage made absolute. Prior to 1980 the term was used to include nullities of marriage, details of which have not been collected by the ABS from 1980 onwards.

8. The crude divorce rate is the number of divorces granted per 1,000 of the mean estimated resident population. In the interpretation of this rate it must be kept in mind that a large and varying proportion of the population used in the denominator is unmarried or below the minimum age of marriage.

9. The age-specific divorce rate (per 1,000 population) relates the number of divorces by age at decree made absolute to the estimated resident population in specific age groups. Males under 18 and females under 16 are excluded from the population, as are 'not stated' ages.

10. The median value (age, duration, or interval) is that value which divides the relevant population into two equal parts, one half of cases falling below this value and one half of cases exceeding it.

11. Children are unmarried children of the marriage who were aged under 18 years at the time of application for divorce as defined by the Family Law Act 1975; these may include adopted, ex-nuptial and foster children, and children from a former marriage. Children who are married or aged 18 years or more are not subject to custody and guardianship orders and are excluded.

12. Duration of marriage is the interval between the date of marriage and the date the decree was made absolute. The period given for the duration of marriage is based on completed years of the marriage. Date of final separation is the date, given on the application for divorce, from which the period of living apart is calculated for the purpose of establishing the ground for divorce. In determining the date of final separation, a

single period of resumed co-habitation of less than 3 months may be ignored, provided the periods of living apart before and after resumed co-habitation amount to 12 months or more in total.

Unpublished statistics

13. In some cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published. This information may be made available in one or more of the following forms: microfiche, photocopy, data tape, computer printout, clerically-extracted tabulation. Generally, a charge is made for providing unpublished information.

Related publications

14. Other ABS publications which may be of interest are:

- Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)
(quarterly)
- Estimated Resident Population by Sex and Age, States and Territories of Australia (3201.2)

- Marriages, Australia (3306.0)
- Divorces, Australia (3307.0)
- Marriages, Victoria (3307.2)

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Symbols and other usages

- .. not applicable
- nil or rounded to zero

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

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Divorces granted and crude divorce rate

In 1985, 9,688 divorces were granted in Victoria, a decrease of 7.7 per cent from 1984 (10,501).

The crude divorce rate also declined for 1985 to 2.4 as did the rate for Australia to 2.5.

Diagram 1

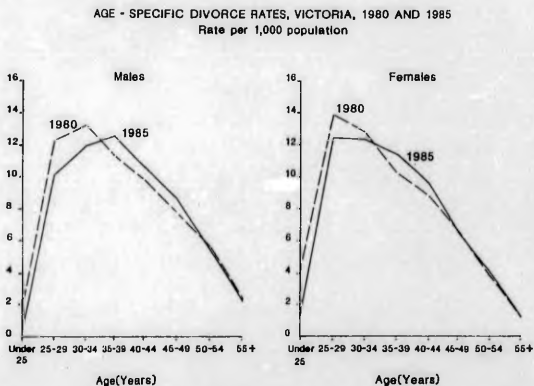


(a) Introduction of Family Law Act 1975, effective 5 January 1976.

Age-specific divorce rates

The divorce rates for females remained highest in the two age groups 25 to 29 years and 30 to 34 years at 12.4 and 12.3 respectively. This compares with 1984 where the rates were 13.9 for both age groups and 1980 when the rates were again 13.9 for the 25 to 29 years age group and 12.8 for the 30 to 34 years age group.

Diagram 2



In 1985, for the first time since the introduction of the Family Law Act in 1976, the highest divorce rate for males was in the age group 35 to 39 years at 12.5. Previously, it had consistently been higher in the younger age group of 30 to 34 years (13.2 in 1980 and 14.3 in 1984 compared with 11.9 in 1985).

Median ages

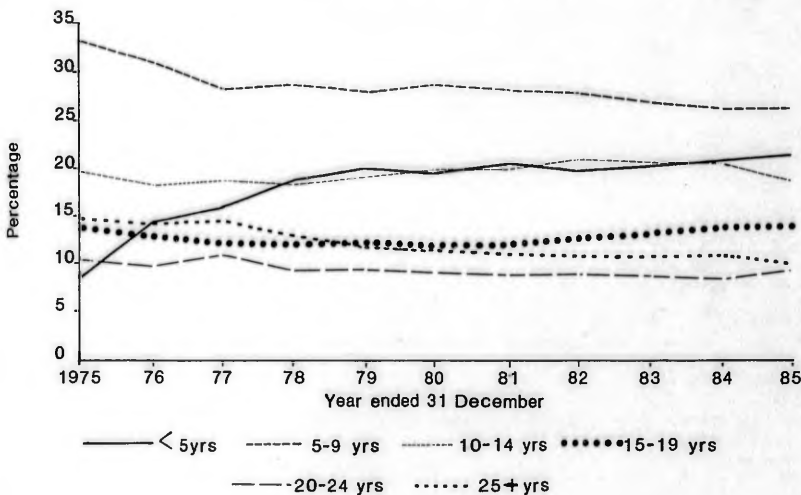
Median ages for both husbands and wives at marriage, final separation, and divorce have continued to rise over the period 1980 to 1985. In 1985, the median ages of husbands and wives at the date of marriage were 23.9 and 21.5 years, respectively. Median ages for husbands and wives at final separation were 34.4 and 31.7 years, and at divorce 37.1 and 34.4 years, respectively.

Median duration of marriages ending in divorce

The median duration of marriages ending in divorce during 1985 was 10.6 years compared with 10.7 years in 1984 and 10.3 years in 1980. The median interval between marriage and final separation was 7.8 years in 1985. Of the 9,688 divorces granted in 1985, 21.3 per cent had a duration of marriage of less than 5 years (19.6 in 1980), and 47.7 per cent a duration of less than 10 years (48.2 in 1980).

Diagram 3

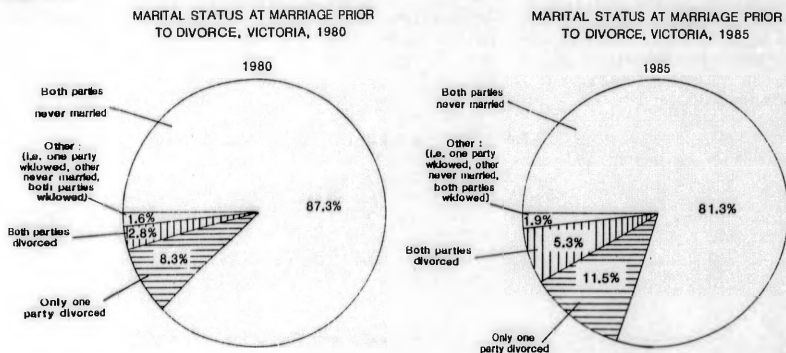
DURATION OF MARRIAGE, VICTORIA, 1975-85



Marital status of parties at date of marriage

The proportion of persons who have had more than one divorce has continued to increase. In 1985 5.3 per cent (515) of all divorces (9,688) involved both parties who had previously been divorced, and 11.5 per cent (1,115) involved divorces where only one party had previously been divorced, giving a total of 16.8 per cent (1,630) where either or both parties had previously been divorced. This percentage compares with 16.0 per cent in 1984 and 11.1 per cent in 1980.

Diagram 4



Expressed as a percentage of husbands and wives involved in divorce, 11.4 per cent of males and 10.7 per cent of females divorced in 1985 had previously been divorced, compared with 6.9 and 7.0 per cent, respectively in 1980.

Children

There were 11,304 children of persons divorced in Victoria in 1985, compared with 12,234 in 1984. The average number of children of couples divorced with children was 1.9. This average has changed little in recent years.

The proportion of divorces involving children remained unchanged at 60.0 per cent in 1985.

Diagram 5

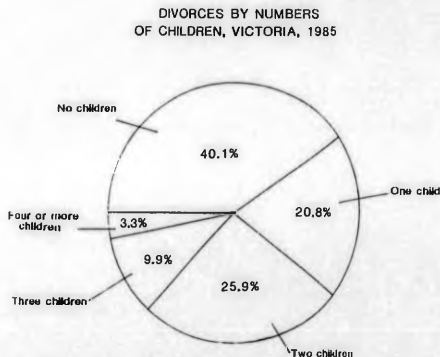


TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF DIVORCES, VICTORIA

Particulars		1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Divorces granted	No.	9,207	9,769	11,266	10,663	10,501	9,688
Crude divorce rate		2.4	2.5	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.4
Divorces granted on application from -							
Husband	No.	3,797	4,003	4,595	4,453	4,455	3,942
Wife	No.	5,410	5,766	6,671	6,210	6,027	5,466
Both husband and wife	No.	19	280
Applications for divorce	No.	9,855	10,715	10,842	10,401	9,395	8,448
Median duration of marriage	Years	10.3	10.3	10.6	10.7	10.7	10.6
Median interval between marriage and separation	Years	7.7	7.6	7.8	8.0	7.9	7.8
Divorces involving children -	No.	5,619	5,942	6,867	6,577	6,296	5,809
Percentage of total	Per cent	61.0	60.8	61.0	61.7	60.0	60.0
Average number of children	No.	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9
HUSBAND							
Age-specific divorce rate -							
Age group (years) -							
Under 25		2.0	1.8	2.0	1.6	1.5	0.4
25 - 29		12.2	12.9	13.1	11.7	9.7	10.1
30 - 34		13.2	13.6	16.2	14.3	14.3	11.9
35 - 39		11.3	12.3	14.1	13.5	13.3	12.5
40 - 44		9.8	10.0	12.2	12.0	11.3	10.6
45 - 49		7.8	8.0	9.7	9.2	9.4	8.6
50 - 54		5.6	6.6	6.8	6.8	6.5	5.4
55 and over		2.3	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.2
Marital status at marriage -							
Never married	No.	8,462	8,885	10,120	9,430	9,246	8,341
Widowed	No.	108	104	139	137	154	152
Divorced	No.	637	780	1,007	1,096	1,101	1,105
Median age at marriage	Years	23.4	23.5	23.6	23.7	23.9	23.9
Median age at separation	Years	32.7	32.9	33.3	33.9	34.0	34.4
Median age at divorce	Years	35.3	35.5	35.8	36.5	36.7	37.1
WIFE							
Age-specific divorce rate -							
Age group (years) -							
Under 25		4.1	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.3	1.2
25 - 29		13.9	15.1	16.2	14.8	13.9	12.4
30 - 34		12.8	12.9	15.8	13.9	13.9	12.3
35 - 39		10.2	11.1	13.1	12.3	12.3	11.4
40 - 44		8.8	9.0	10.5	10.2	10.2	9.5
45 - 49		6.6	6.8	8.0	7.5	7.5	6.5
50 - 54		3.9	4.7	5.2	5.1	4.7	4.1
55 and over		1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2
Marital status at marriage -							
Never married	No.	8,398	8,869	10,037	9,437	9,209	8,477
Widowed	No.	165	150	158	178	192	171
Divorced	No.	644	750	1,071	1,048	1,100	1,040
Median age at marriage	Years	21.0	21.1	21.2	21.2	21.4	21.5
Median age at separation	Years	30.1	30.2	30.8	31.2	31.3	31.7
Median age at divorce	Years	32.7	32.9	33.5	33.7	34.1	34.4

TABLE 2. DIVORCES, RELATIVE AGES OF PARTIES AT DATE OF MARRIAGE, VICTORIA, 1985

Age of husband (years)	Age of wife (years)										Total	
	Under									55 and over		Not stated
	20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54				
Under 20	565	157	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	736
20-24	1,923	2,720	266	40	9	2	1	-	-	-	17	4,978
25-29	381	1,221	487	127	23	7	3	5	1	1	9	2,264
30-34	60	265	248	158	52	16	-	3	1	1	1	804
35-39	18	67	108	81	51	18	10	3	-	-	2	358
40-44	5	10	42	48	50	31	8	3	-	-	2	199
45-49	3	6	19	14	27	26	21	5	1	1	1	123
50-54	1	4	7	4	8	23	14	12	4	1	1	78
55 and over	-	3	1	5	7	10	13	19	46	1	1	105
Not stated	12	13	9	2	2	3	1	-	-	-	1	43
Total	2,968	4,466	1,196	480	229	136	71	50	53	39	9,688	

TABLE 3. DIVORCES, RELATIVE AGES OF PARTIES AT FINAL SEPARATION, VICTORIA, 1985

Age of husband (years)	Age of wife (years)										Total	
	Under									55 and over		Not stated
	20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54				
Under 20	14	16	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	32
20-24	108	701	1,000	25	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	938
25-29	36	811	1,028	147	22	10	2	3	1	11	2,071	
30-34	6	161	818	882	140	21	4	3	2	2	2,039	
35-39	1	43	191	677	679	99	10	4	2	4	1,710	
40-44	2	8	52	146	486	427	53	8	2	9	1,193	
45-49	-	2	12	41	123	287	203	36	11	4	719	
50-54	-	6	5	12	28	97	166	113	35	2	464	
55 and over	-	2	2	8	12	36	69	120	221	3	473	
Not stated	1	9	11	6	7	4	3	-	1	7	49	
Total	168	1,759	2,220	1,944	1,498	982	510	287	275	45	9,688	

TABLE 4. DIVORCES, RELATIVE AGES OF PARTIES AT DIVORCE, VICTORIA, 1985

Age of husband (years)	Age of wife (years)										Total	
	Under									55 and over		Not stated
	20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54				
Under 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24	9	263	54	8	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	338
25-29	5	537	1,003	140	16	7	2	1	1	5	1,717	
30-34	2	102	784	882	138	19	5	3	2	2	1,939	
35-39	-	26	194	773	857	111	17	8	4	4	1,994	
40-44	1	7	45	146	587	492	62	8	3	5	1,356	
45-49	-	1	9	42	143	401	274	43	12	7	932	
50-54	-	3	5	11	34	85	220	136	44	4	542	
55 and over	-	2	2	13	13	47	99	191	450	10	827	
Not stated	-	1	8	6	7	8	5	3	4	1	43	
Total	17	942	2,104	2,021	1,797	1,171	684	393	520	39	9,688	

TABLE 5. DIVORCES, AGE OF PARTIES AT DATE OF MARRIAGE AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE, VICTORIA, 1985

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Duration of marriage years	Age group (years)										Total	
	Under									55 and over		Not stated
	20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54				
HUSBAND												
1	4	49	48	21	9	7	3	1	12	2	156	
2	27	242	138	66	34	25	13	9	20	3	577	
3	33	286	178	90	42	23	9	14	14	3	692	
4	31	293	144	73	32	27	19	7	14	1	641	
5	34	298	133	64	34	20	14	5	8	3	613	
6	30	242	118	62	31	20	9	12	4	2	530	
7	37	214	113	46	23	9	6	12	8	2	470	
8	36	239	129	46	20	8	15	6	6	2	507	
9	48	207	108	37	17	8	7	4	1	3	440	
10-14	180	1,026	392	104	41	24	16	3	12	5	1,803	
15-19	130	825	295	64	29	16	8	3	5	4	1,379	
20 and over	146	1,057	468	131	46	12	4	2	1	13	1,880	
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	736	4,978	2,264	804	358	199	123	78	105	43	9,688	
WIFE												
1	21	66	22	17	10	6	2	1	8	3	156	
2	99	258	97	41	33	19	11	10	8	1	577	
3	137	319	114	53	25	26	4	4	9	1	692	
4	153	283	95	47	30	13	6	3	9	2	641	
5	167	255	92	47	26	12	4	3	4	3	613	
6	132	234	72	45	19	10	14	3	1	-	530	
7	137	169	75	34	12	9	4	5	4	1	470	
8	149	204	85	28	17	10	3	5	2	4	507	
9	159	191	51	22	10	3	2	1	1	-	440	
10-14	650	851	187	62	14	12	10	9	5	3	1,803	
15-19	495	708	106	27	17	7	9	4	2	4	1,379	
20 and over	669	908	200	57	16	9	2	2	-	17	1,880	
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	2,968	4,466	1,196	480	229	136	71	50	53	39	9,688	

TABLE 6. DIVORCES, AGES OF PARTIES AT FINAL SEPARATION AND INTERVAL BETWEEN MARRIAGE AND FINAL SEPARATION, VICTORIA, 1985

Interval (years)	Age group (years)									Total	
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55 and over		Not stated
HUSBAND											
Under 1	25	250	203	104	45	34	13	14	32	7	727
1	6	265	265	103	55	30	14	19	25	7	789
2	1	217	292	123	72	30	19	12	11	6	783
3	-	121	285	109	58	32	22	19	21	2	669
4	-	51	266	121	44	28	12	11	8	3	544
5	-	24	230	133	49	27	14	5	13	1	496
6	-	8	220	150	56	23	9	9	16	1	492
7	-	1	142	154	65	27	13	8	11	2	423
8	-	-	92	207	51	19	15	7	4	-	395
9	-	-	51	184	75	26	7	4	6	2	355
10-14	-	-	23	629	698	173	51	22	27	7	1,630
15-19	-	-	-	21	421	489	136	41	30	2	1,140
20 and over	-	-	-	-	21	254	393	292	269	3	1,232
Not stated	-	1	2	1	-	1	1	1	-	6	13
Total	32	938	2,071	2,039	1,710	1,193	719	464	473	49	9,688
WIFE											
Under 1	106	301	134	77	34	31	12	8	19	5	727
1	42	393	186	68	30	25	17	12	14	2	789
2	17	389	204	85	37	25	13	4	6	3	783
3	2	291	202	76	36	29	12	6	10	5	669
4	1	179	205	74	42	21	9	6	5	2	544
5	-	110	241	76	35	16	5	6	7	-	496
6	-	69	270	79	39	11	9	6	6	3	492
7	-	19	243	86	38	18	5	5	5	4	423
8	-	4	214	118	34	12	7	2	4	-	395
9	-	1	140	161	29	16	2	-	6	-	355
10-14	-	1	179	918	391	89	19	9	20	4	1,630
15-19	-	-	-	126	659	269	54	17	12	3	1,140
20 and over	-	-	-	-	93	420	346	205	160	8	1,232
Not stated	-	2	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	6	13
Total	168	1,759	2,220	1,944	1,498	982	510	287	275	45	9,688

TABLE 7. DIVORCES, AGES OF PARTIES AT DIVORCE AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE, VICTORIA, 1985

Duration of marriage (years)	Age group (years)										Total
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55 and over	Not stated	
HUSBAND											
1	-	30	58	29	12	8	4	1	12	2	156
2	-	133	222	86	55	24	20	11	23	3	577
3	-	100	295	131	81	30	17	10	25	3	692
4	-	58	294	125	69	30	25	20	19	1	641
5	-	13	293	148	71	34	22	14	15	3	613
6	-	3	207	159	67	43	20	12	17	2	530
7	-	1	152	163	71	37	11	10	23	2	470
8	-	-	97	226	101	28	20	10	23	2	507
9	-	-	66	209	95	33	14	9	11	3	440
10-14	-	-	33	644	789	196	71	26	39	5	1,803
15-19	-	-	-	19	565	547	161	40	43	4	1,379
20 and over	-	-	-	-	18	346	547	379	577	13	1,880
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	338	1,717	1,939	1,994	1,356	932	542	827	43	9,688
WIFE											
1	4	64	33	23	11	4	4	2	8	3	156
2	11	242	161	63	32	29	15	8	15	1	577
3	2	261	235	95	34	28	21	5	10	1	692
4	-	184	269	81	49	26	13	5	12	2	641
5	-	125	285	99	51	22	16	5	7	3	613
6	-	48	268	100	53	29	12	12	8	-	530
7	-	15	245	115	47	17	11	7	12	1	470
8	-	3	230	150	68	22	12	10	8	4	507
9	-	-	185	174	45	20	10	2	4	-	440
10-14	-	-	193	970	459	105	34	6	33	3	1,803
15-19	-	-	-	151	825	306	46	21	26	4	1,379
20 and over	-	-	-	-	123	563	490	310	377	17	1,880
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	17	942	2,104	2,021	1,797	1,171	684	393	520	39	9,688

TABLE 8. DIVORCES, RELATIVE MARITAL STATUS OF PARTIES AT DATE OF MARRIAGE, VICTORIA, 1985

Marital status of husband	Marital status of wife			Total
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	
Never married	7,876	65	490	8,431
Widowed	61	56	35	152
Divorced	540	50	515	1,105
Total	8,477	171	1,040	9,688

TABLE 9. DIVORCES, MARITAL STATUS OF PARTIES AT DATE OF MARRIAGE AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE, VICTORIA, 1985

Duration of marriage (years)	Previous marital status of husband				Previous marital status of wife			
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
1	118	8	30	156	119	7	30	156
2	459	16	102	577	461	13	103	577
3	536	13	143	692	539	16	137	692
4	501	15	125	641	520	15	106	641
5	486	13	114	613	499	13	101	613
6	417	12	101	530	415	15	100	530
7	367	9	94	470	371	12	87	470
8	400	12	95	507	392	17	98	507
9	366	7	67	440	386	7	47	440
10-14	1,661	21	121	1,803	1,658	26	119	1,803
15-19	1,307	15	57	1,379	1,322	9	48	1,379
20-24	870	3	27	900	870	9	21	900
25-29	462	2	17	481	456	6	19	481
30 and over	481	6	12	499	469	6	24	499
Total	8,431	152	1,105	9,688	8,477	171	1,040	9,688
Median duration	11.7	6.5	6.2	10.6	11.6	7.3	6.2	10.6

TABLE 10. DIVORCES, DURATION OF MARRIAGE, PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, VICTORIA

Duration of marriage (years)	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
1	1.1	1.5	1.3	1.8	1.5	1.6
2	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.3	5.6	6.0
3	6.6	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.5	7.1
4	7.0	7.3	6.7	6.6	7.0	6.6
5	6.2	6.1	6.7	6.1	6.4	6.3
6	6.2	6.0	5.7	5.9	5.8	5.5
7	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.2	5.3	4.9
8	5.2	5.2	5.2	4.6	4.7	5.2
9	5.6	5.0	4.6	4.8	4.0	4.5
10-14	19.8	20.0	20.7	20.5	20.4	18.6
15-19	11.8	12.0	12.7	13.3	13.6	14.2
20 and over	20.0	19.6	19.3	19.5	19.2	19.5
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Median duration	10.3	10.3	10.6	10.7	10.7	10.6

TABLE 11. DIVORCES, NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE, VICTORIA, 1985

Duration of marriage (years)	Number of children					Total divorces	Total children
	0	1	2	3	4 or more		
1	126	15	11	2	2	156	53
2	437	95	26	12	7	577	217
3	471	144	60	11	6	692	322
4	359	168	94	15	5	641	430
5	302	163	115	27	6	613	499
6	238	129	118	34	11	530	515
7	191	124	119	25	11	470	485
8	166	131	153	41	15	507	623
9	111	103	165	49	12	440	632
10-14	323	312	758	311	99	1,803	3,179
15-19	142	172	614	338	113	1,379	2,900
20 and over	1,013	463	276	91	7	1,880	1,449
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total divorces	3,879	2,019	2,509	956	324	9,688	..
Total children	..	2,019	5,018	2,868	1,399	..	11,304

TABLE 12. DIVORCES, AGE OF YOUNGEST CHILD AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN, VICTORIA, 1985

Age of youngest child (years)	Number of children				Total divorces involving children	Total children	Average number of children
	1	2	3	4 or more			
Under 1	15	13	9	5	42	88	2.1
1	103	107	39	15	264	499	1.9
2	211	166	59	39	475	897	1.9
3	213	188	88	40	529	1,024	1.9
4	177	195	90	31	493	971	2.0
5 - 9	482	880	390	139	1,891	4,000	2.1
10 - 14	379	773	260	49	1,461	2,918	2.0
15 - 17	424	169	13	4	610	821	1.3
Not stated	15	18	8	2	43	86	2.0
Total divorces involving children	2,019	2,509	956	324	5,808
Total children	2,019	5,018	2,868	1,399	..	11,304	1.9

TABLE 13. DIVORCES, RELATIVE BIRTHPLACES OF PARTIES, VICTORIA, 1985

Country of birth	Number of divorces involving -							
	Husband born in country shown and wife born in -				Wife born in country shown and husband born in -			
	Australia	Different overseas		Total husbands	Australia	Different overseas		Total wives
		Same country	country (a)			Same country	country (a)	
Oceania -								
Australia	5,823	..	885	6,708	5,823	..	1,277	7,100
New Zealand	58	77	18	153	55	77	32	164
Other Oceania	8	5	6	19	8	5	13	26
Total Oceania	5,889	82	909	6,800	5,886	82	1,322	7,290
Africa -								
Egypt	20	19	9	48	8	19	8	35
South Africa	13	8	1	22	3	8	8	19
Other Africa	23	13	14	50	16	13	13	42
Total Africa	56	40	24	120	27	40	29	96
America -								
Canada	12	5	2	19	18	5	1	24
United States	22	7	7	36	19	7	7	33
Other America	4	21	7	32	1	21	11	33
Total America	38	33	16	87	38	33	19	90
Asia -								
Cyprus	6	5	3	14	1	5	8	14
India	16	15	19	50	7	15	9	31
Indonesia	7	3	3	13	2	3	3	8
Lebanon	7	18	7	32	1	18	1	20
Malaysia	16	9	4	29	9	9	11	29
Philippines	4	8	1	13	22	8	18	48
Turkey	4	24	4	32	-	24	2	26
Vietnam	-	31	3	34	-	31	4	35
Other Asia	46	54	32	132	29	54	31	114
Total Asia	106	167	76	349	71	167	87	325
Europe -								
Germany	81	38	26	145	58	38	43	139
Greece	30	83	16	129	12	83	14	109
Italy	90	80	32	202	32	80	18	130
Malta	45	26	8	79	22	26	14	62
Netherlands	89	34	29	152	46	34	31	111
Poland	16	38	21	75	8	38	13	59
UK and Ireland	518	427	97	1,042	457	427	83	967
USSR	11	11	9	31	5	11	8	24
Yugoslavia	45	109	36	190	7	109	16	132
Other Europe	71	63	52	186	28	63	47	138
Total Europe	996	909	326	2,231	675	909	287	1,871
Other and not stated	15	-	6	21	11	-	5	16
Total	7,100	1,231	1,357	9,688	6,708	1,231	1,749	9,688

(a) Includes not stated.

TABLE 14. MEAN POPULATION AND DIVORCES, VICTORIA

Year	Mean estimated population (a)	Number of divorces (b)	Crude divorce rate	Year	Mean estimated population (a)	Number of divorces (b)	Crude divorce rate
1901	1,203,137	83	0.07	1944	1,989,870	1,694	0.85
1902	1,207,527	109	0.09	1945	2,006,649	1,759	0.88
1903	1,205,296	101	0.08	1946	2,025,475	1,651	0.82
1904	1,202,814	141	0.12	1947	2,053,916	2,294	1.12
1905	1,206,046	137	0.11	1948	2,091,581	1,681	0.80
1906	1,213,672	125	0.10	1949	2,142,529	1,780	0.83
1907	1,225,503	134	0.11	1950	2,209,013	1,604	0.73
1908	1,240,488	152	0.12	1951	2,276,272	1,730	0.76
1909	1,261,169	139	0.11	1952	2,343,610	1,616	0.69
1910	1,282,477	141	0.11	1953	2,395,851	2,128	0.89
1911	1,320,652	214	0.16	1954	2,452,741	1,539	0.63
1912	1,357,824	252	0.19	1955	2,520,481	1,691	0.67
1913	1,395,881	239	0.17	1956	2,592,670	1,270	0.49
1914	1,427,512	243	0.17	1957	2,656,363	1,362	0.51
1915	1,431,632	219	0.15	1958	2,717,371	1,717	0.63
1916	1,414,480	207	0.15	1959	2,783,951	1,877	0.67
1917	1,411,381	202	0.14	1960	2,857,032	1,313	0.46
1918	1,424,054	236	0.17	1961	2,926,075	1,257	0.43
1919	1,473,013	348	0.24	1962	2,983,715	1,623	0.54
1920	1,512,093	375	0.25	1963	3,041,442	1,626	0.53
1921	1,537,042	389	0.25	1964	3,105,685	2,151	0.69
1922	1,570,883	378	0.24	1965	3,165,994	2,103	0.66
1923	1,607,850	431	0.27	1966	3,221,403	2,144	0.67
1924	1,641,944	408	0.25	1967	3,277,183	2,054	0.63
1925	1,671,537	458	0.27	1968	3,328,451	2,525	0.76
1926	1,696,758	470	0.28	1969	3,388,417	2,235	0.66
1927	1,727,734	517	0.30	1970	3,450,523	2,604	0.75
1928	1,751,974	484	0.28	1971 (c)	3,519,881	3,079	0.87
1929	1,770,133	548	0.31	1972	3,661,084	3,664	1.00
1930	1,786,217	388	0.22	1973	3,707,460	3,313	0.89
1931	1,799,241	425	0.24	1974	3,754,761	4,465	1.19
1932	1,808,618	459	0.25	1975	3,788,394	5,683	1.50
1933	1,820,497	499	0.27	1976	3,811,360	16,633	4.36
1934	1,830,326	621	0.34	1977	3,837,834	10,859	2.83
1935	1,838,206	608	0.33	1978	3,864,925	10,820	2.80
1936	1,845,941	690	0.37	1979	3,886,929	9,471	2.44
1937	1,853,765	800	0.43	1980	3,914,238	9,207	2.35
1938	1,865,251	830	0.44	1981	3,949,277	9,769	2.47
1939	1,878,918	805	0.43	1982	3,992,951	11,266	2.82
1940	1,900,426	822	0.43	1983	4,036,925	10,663	2.64
1941	1,932,412	842	0.44	1984	4,078,082	10,501	2.57
1942	1,959,496	959	0.49	1985	4,121,014	9,688	2.35
1943	1,973,533	1,383	0.70				

(a) Mean population for year 31 December. (b) Includes nullities of marriage (from 1910 to 1975) and judicial separations (from 1901 to 1975). (c) From 1971 onwards, population figures are mean estimated resident population.

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Instructions

1. This report is to be made out in respect of applications for dissolution of marriage.

2. All fields should be right-justified with leading zeros (e.g. "4 March 1908" show as

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SEX OF APPLICANT

(Male 1, Female 2, Joint 3)

OCCUPATION OF HUSBAND (14-73)

(Please write in detail from Form 4)

OCCUPATION OF WIFE (74-133)

(Please write in detail from Form 4)

DATE OF MARRIAGE

(if date of marriage unknown enter 99 99)

Month	134	135
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Year	136	137
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MARITAL STATUS OF HUSBAND AT TIME OF MARRIAGE

(Bachelor 1, Widowed 3, Divorced 4)

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MARITAL STATUS OF WIFE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE

(Spinster 1, Widowed 3, Divorced 4)

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PLACE OF BIRTH OF HUSBAND

Please code Australia or country (abroad) as per code list — see back of form for common codes (if unable to code country, please write in any details available)

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DATE OF BIRTH OF HUSBAND

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Year	145	146
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PLACE OF BIRTH OF WIFE

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DATE OF BIRTH OF WIFE

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Year	152	153
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DATE OF FINAL SEPARATION

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STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE AT FINAL SEPARATION

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NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF THE MARRIAGE

(AGED UNDER 18 AT TIME OF APPLICATION)

(if no children, please code 00)

Number	159	160
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DATE OF BIRTH OF YOUNGEST CHILD OF THE MARRIAGE

(if no children please leave code boxes blank; if date of birth unknown enter 99 99)

Month	161	162
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DATE DECREE MADE ABSOLUTE

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