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### MAIN FEATURES

There were 223,129 live births registered in Australia in 1979, 1,052 fewer than in 1978. The crude birth rate has declined further, to 15.5 per 1,000 mean population in 1979. South Australia has the lowest crude birthrate (14.3), followed by Victoria (15.0). The highest crude birthrates are in the Northern Territory (24.5) and the Australian Capital Territory (20.2), both of which have substantially younger population distributions than the national average.

The (female) net reproduction rate for Australia fell below replacement level in 1976 and declined further in 1979 to 0.922.

The median age of parents of nuptial children continued to rise in 1979. Median ages were 29.5 and 26.5 for fathers and mothers respectively. The median age of mothers experiencing their first nuptial confinement in 1979 was 25.1 years. This median age has increased since 1966 when it was 23.0 years.

Of those mothers experiencing nuptial confinements in 1979, 39.5 per cent had no previous issue from the existing marriage. The average issue of all mothers experiencing nuptial confinements was 2.0.

The median duration of marriage for nuptial first confinements was 2.4 years. 1979 was the first year since 1963 in which the duration did not increase.

The number of ex-nuptial births increased slightly in 1979 to 26,110 (11.7 per cent of live births registered in 1979).

There were 1,910 still births recorded in 1979, 210 less than the previous year. The still birth rate, 8.5 per 1,000 live and still births, is the lowest on record, about half the rates of the early 1950s.

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Date of occurrence and date of registration

With the exception of Table 21, the statistics in this publication refer to births registered by the State and Territorial registrars during the year shown. There is usually an interval between the occurrence and registration of a birth and, as a result of delay in registration, some births occurring in one year are not registered until the following year or even later. However, 98 per cent of all births are usually registered within 3 months of occurrence.

#### Statistics for States and Territories

2. Statistics for States and Territories are compiled and presented in respect of the State or Territory where the registration took place. A birth may take place in a State other than the State in which the mother usually resides, particularly in an area near a State border. Table 20 indicates the extent to which this occurs. Births which took place outside Australia are excluded from the statistics.

### Definitions

3. *Births*. For statistics in this publication, the term birth relates, unless otherwise stated, to a *live birth* i.e. a product of conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, which, after expulsion or extraction from its mother, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as heart-beat.

4. *Confinements* are the number of pregnancies resulting in at least one live birth. *Multiple confinements* are confinements resulting in two or more births, at least one of which is live born.

5. *Stillbirths* are products of conception of at least 20 weeks gestation or at least 400 grammes weight which, after expulsion or extraction from their mother, did not breathe or show any other evidence of life such as heart-beat.

6. *Nuptiality*. Live births are identified as *nuptial* where the father registered was married to the mother at the time of the birth, or where the husband died during the pregnancy. Confinements and children of Aboriginal mothers considered to be tribally married are classified as *nuptial*. Other confinements, and the children resulting from them, are classified as *ex-nuptial* whether or not the parents were living together at the time of the birth and whether or not the child may subsequently have been legitimated or adopted. The high ex-nuptial rate for the Northern Territory is due in part to difficulties in determining whether Aboriginal mothers are, or are not, tribally married.

7. *Previous issue*. Tables relating to previous issue exclude stillbirths and the issue of former marriages. However, in some States they include children by the same father who were born to the mother before the marriage, and legally adopted children.

8. The *crude birth rate* is the number of live births registered during the calendar year per 1,000 of mean population.

9. *Age-specific birth rates* are the live births registered during the calendar year, according to age of mother, per 1,000 of the female population of the same age as estimated for 30 June. For calculating these rates, births to mothers under 15 are included in the 15-19 female age group, and births to mothers aged 50 and over are included in the 45-49 female age group. Pro rata adjustment is made in respect of births for which age of mother is not given.

10. *Total fertility* is obtained by summing the 5-year age-specific birth rates and multiplying by 5. It represents the number of children 1,000 women would bear during their lifetimes if they experienced the rates of the year shown.

11. The *female gross reproduction rate* is the sum of the female age-specific fertility rates (i.e. the number of female live births according to age of mother per 1,000 females of that age) multiplied by 5 and divided by 1,000. It represents the average number of daughters

that would be born per woman in a group of women all of whom survive to the end of the reproductive period and bear daughters at each age in accordance with the rates prevailing during that year. It is an indication of the extent to which the population would reproduce itself under these conditions, except that it does not allow for females who fail to survive to the end of the childbearing period.

12. The *female net reproduction rate* allows for such mortality. It is obtained by multiplying the female age-specific birth rates by the proportion of survivors at corresponding ages in a life table, adding the products and dividing by 1,000. The female net reproduction rate represents the average number of daughters born to a group of women who are subjected to the fertility rates of that year and to the mortality rates of the life table.

13. *Masculinity* is the number of male live births per 100 female live births.

14. *Median* is that value (age or duration of marriage) which divides the relevant population into two equal parts, one half of the cases falling below this value and one half exceeding it.

15. The *stillbirth rate* is the number of stillbirths per 1,000 of births both live and stillborn.

#### Break in continuity of series

16. *Aboriginal births.* Figures for years prior to 1966 exclude births identified as full-blood Aboriginal. The rates for years prior to 1966 are based on the population excluding full-blood Aborigines.

17. *Stillbirths.* Prior to 1969, stillbirths were defined as products of conception not born alive and of at least 28 weeks gestation in all States and Territories except New South Wales where the gestation period was at least 7 months. From 1969 to 1972, a uniform

gestation period of at least 28 weeks applied in all States and Territories. The current definition of at least 20 weeks or 400 grammes weight was adopted by all States and Territories in 1973. In addition, the registration of stillbirths was voluntary in Tasmania prior to 1967. The registration of stillbirths is, for various reasons, not as complete as the registration of live births, particularly for the smaller States and Territories.

#### Additional statistics available

18. 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. A list of unpublished tables that are produced annually are attached in the Appendix.

#### Related publications

19. Other ABS publications which may be of interest to users of this publication include:

*Demography*, No. 86, 1969-70 (3101.0), which includes the number of live births registered and crude birth rates for each year from 1901 to 1970.

*Australian Demographic Statistics Quarterly* (3101.0)

*Deaths, Australia, 1978* (3302.0)

*Perinatal Deaths, Australia, 1978* (3304.0)

20. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any office of the ABS.

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## SUMMARY OF RESULTS

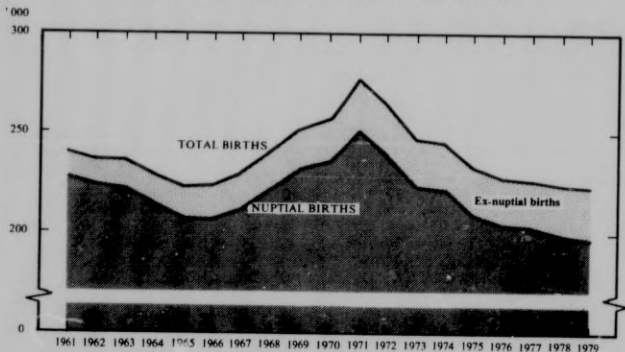
The trend since at least the early 1970s towards fewer births and lower fertility continued in 1979. The more important results are summarised below. This summary is not intended, and should not be taken, to be a detailed analysis of fertility trends.

**Numbers of births and confinements**

The 223,129 live births registered in 1979 continued the decline since the peak of 1971 (276,362). Nuptial births declined from 250,733 in 1971 to 197,019 in 1979, but ex-nuptial births increased slightly over the same period from 25,629 to 26,110.

The live births in 1979 were the result of 220,968 confinements.

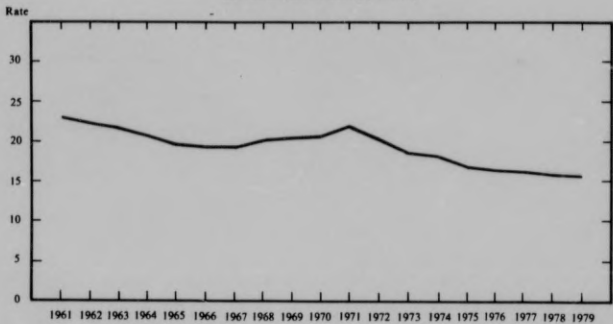
GRAPH 1. NUPTIAL AND EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS, AUSTRALIA, 1961-1979



**Crude birth rates**

The 1979 crude rate, at 15.5 per thousand of mean population, was the lowest ever recorded for Australia. It compares with 15.7 in 1978 and 16.4 in 1934, the lowest before the recent downturn.

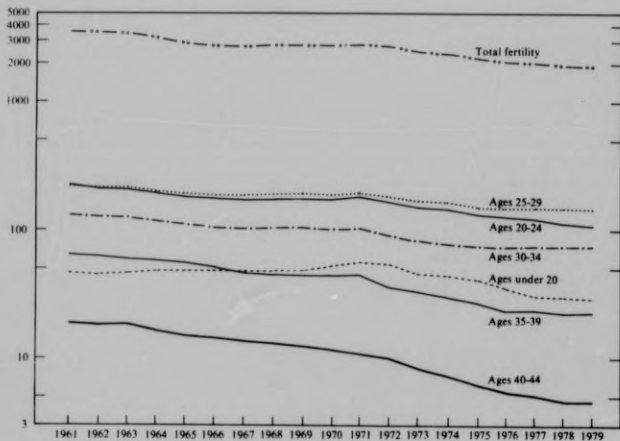
**GRAPH 2. CRUDE BIRTH RATES, AUSTRALIA, 1961-1979**  
(Live births per 1000 mean population)



### Age-specific and total fertility rates

The following graph shows age-specific and total fertility rates plotted against a logarithmic scale, so that rates of increase or decrease at different levels of fertility are indicated by the slopes of the curves. After a continuous decline for more than thirty years in the rates for age groups 30-34 years and above, there were small increases in 1979. Fertility at ages 20-29 continued the decline which began in 1961, and fertility at ages 15-19, which had increased since the 1939-45 War until 1970, also began to decline thereafter. The total fertility rate, the sum of the age-specific rates, declined from its postwar peak of 3,547 in 1961 to the lowest rate ever recorded in Australia, 1,935 in 1979, which was well below the population replacement level.

**GRAPH 3. AGE SPECIFIC FERTILITY RATES AND TOTAL FERTILITY, AUSTRALIA, 1961-1979**  
(Number of births per 1000 female population in each age group of mother. Total fertility is the sum of the age-specific rates multiplied by 5.)

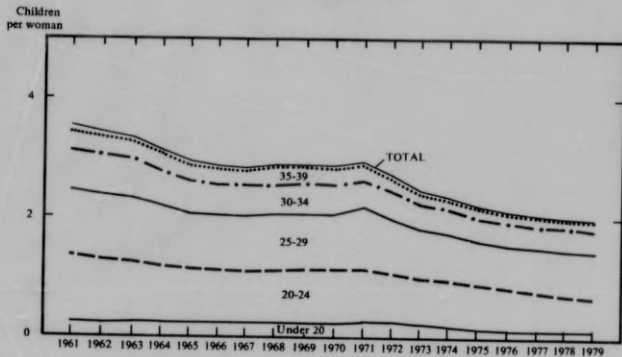


Note: The vertical scale is logarithmic.



The contribution of each age group to total fertility can be seen in the next graph. The relative contribution of those of older ages (30 and over) had declined from 30.3 per cent of total fertility in 1961 to 24.9 per cent in 1975 and 1976, thereafter increasing slightly to 26.7 per cent in 1979. The contribution of those of the most fertile ages (25-29) increased from 31.2 per cent of total fertility in 1961 to 37.3 per cent in 1979.

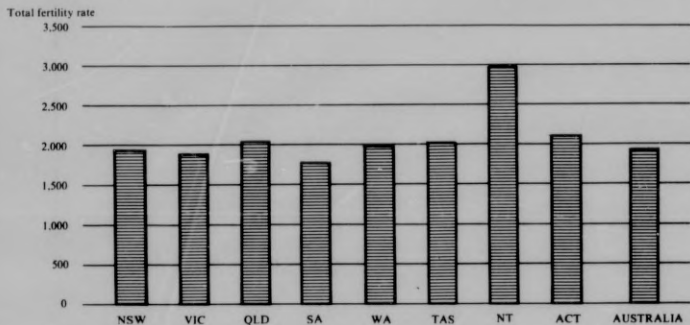
GRAPH 4. AGE SPECIFIC AND TOTAL FERTILITY, CUMULATIVE PRESENTATION, AUSTRALIA, 1961-1979



#### Total fertility rates in the States and Territories

The ranking in the level of fertility of the States and Territories has changed since 1961. The Northern Territory, because of the effect of Aboriginal fertility, has been consistently well above all States and the Australian Capital Territory. New South Wales, which had the lowest fertility in the early 1960s, moved up to a fertility level in 1979 which was higher than that of Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia. Since 1970, South Australia has become the lowest fertility State. In 1979, it had a total fertility rate of 1,756, which is well below population replacement level. The Northern Territory, the Australian Capital Territory and Queensland recorded rates of 2,971, 2,107 and 2,033 respectively in 1979, which are above the national average.

GRAPH 5. TOTAL FERTILITY RATES, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1979

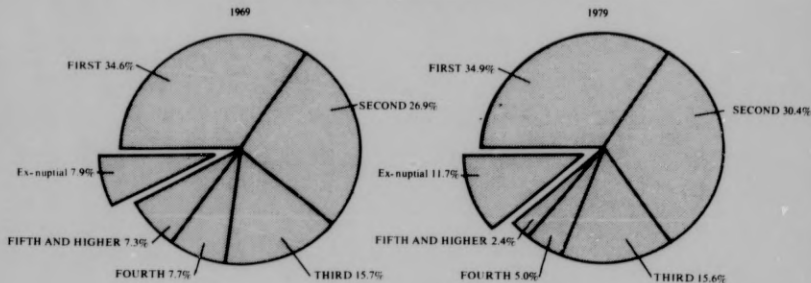


### Birth order

In Australia, declines in fertility were due to smaller families and, more recently, to the deferment of the first child. The proportions of higher order births to total births declined. This is indicated in the following graphs which (for 1969 and 1979) compare nuptial births, according to birth order, and ex-nuptial births, all as proportions of total births. Ex-nuptial births increased slightly while nuptial births declined in recent years resulting in an increase in the proportion of ex-nuptial births to total births. In 1979, 11.7 per cent of all births were ex-nuptial compared with 7.9 per cent in 1969. Second nuptial births as a proportion of all births increased from 26.9 per cent to 30.4 per cent while fourth nuptial births fell from 7.7 per cent to 5.0 per cent and those of higher order from 7.3 per cent to 2.4 per cent. The proportions of first and third nuptial births changed little on a comparison of the two years.

GRAPH 6. NUPTIAL BIRTHS BY BIRTH ORDER AND EXNUPTIAL BIRTHS, AUSTRALIA, 1969 and 1979

(Each category as percent of total births.)

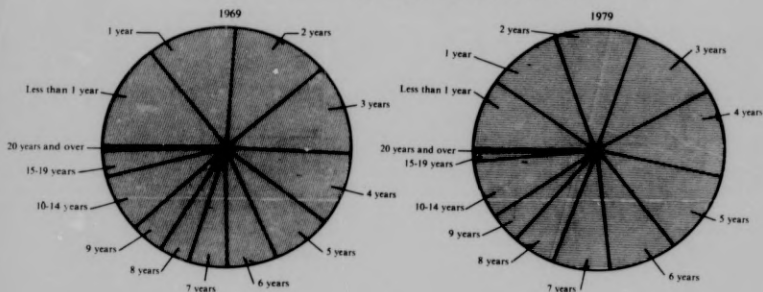


### Duration of marriage at birth of child

Over the last 10 years, the range of durations of marriage at birth of child has narrowed. During the same period the proportions of confinements of marriages of very short and very long duration have decreased notably, as appears from the graphs below. For instance, in 1969 14.2 per cent of nuptial confinements were to marriages of less than one year's duration, compared to 9.4 per cent in 1979 (and 9.3 per cent in 1978). For marriages whose duration was 10 years or over, the proportion of confinements fell from 12.7 to 9.6 per cent.

Confinements to marriages of one year and less than two years, and of two years and less than three years, changed little between 1978 and 1979 (from 10.2 per cent to 10.0 per cent, and from 11.1 per cent to 11.2 per cent respectively) after gradual declines in preceding years.

GRAPH 7. NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS BY DURATION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1969-1979  
(Number in each duration category as proportion of all nuptial confinements.)

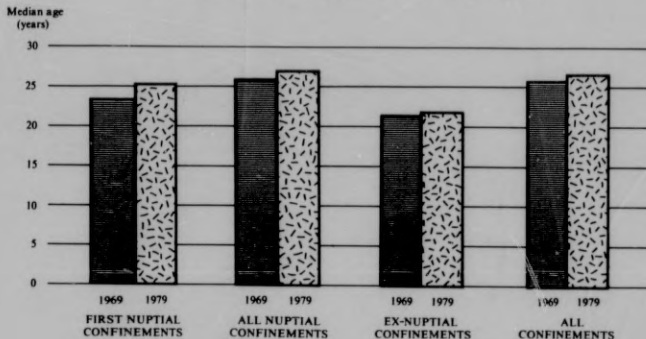


### Median age of mother at time of confinement

In the late 1960s, after a long period during which the median ages of mothers at time of confinement declined, median ages began to rise. The rise, which was most pronounced for first nuptial confinements, continued into 1979. The median age for first nuptial confinements increased from 24.9 years in 1978 to 25.1 years in 1979, for all nuptial confinements from 26.6 to 26.9 years and for all mothers from 26.3 to 26.5 years. The median age for mothers of ex-nuptial confinements was 21.6 years in 1979 which was slightly higher than in 1978.

The graph below shows median ages of the various categories of mothers in 1969 and 1979.

GRAPH 8. MEDIAN AGES OF MOTHERS AT TIME OF CONFINEMENT.



### Parents' birthplaces

The next graph shows the proportion of confinements in 1979 according to the birthplaces of the parents. In nearly 56 per cent of all confinements the parents were born in Australia. The proportion of confinements where only the mother was born overseas (10.4 per cent) was higher than that where only the father was born overseas (7.1 per cent) but less than that where both parents were born overseas (14.9 per cent). Father's birthplace is not recorded for all ex-nuptial confinements, and is not shown on the graph.

**GRAPH 9. BIRTHS ACCORDING TO BIRTHPLACES OF PARENTS, 1979**  
(Each category is presented as a proportion of all births.)

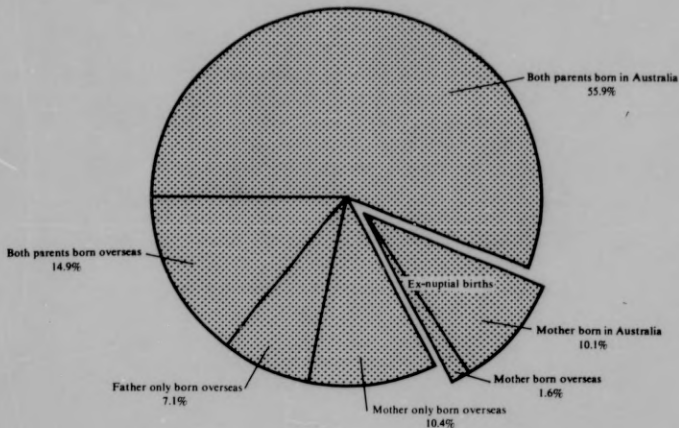


TABLE 1. LIVE BIRTHS: STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1946 TO 1979

|                   | N.S.W. | Vic.   | Qld    | S.A.   | W.A.   | Tas.  | N.T.  | A.C.T. | Australia |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|
| MALES             |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |           |
| Annual averages - |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |           |
| 1946-1950         | 35,397 | 24,322 | 14,398 | 8,356  | 6,730  | 3,608 | 145   | 379    | 93,335    |
| 1951-1955         | 37,796 | 27,572 | 15,909 | 9,264  | 8,028  | 3,973 | 243   | 472    | 103,257   |
| 1956-1960         | 40,889 | 31,493 | 17,586 | 10,200 | 8,713  | 4,370 | 358   | 679    | 114,288   |
| 1961-1965         | 42,586 | 33,549 | 18,155 | 11,008 | 8,668  | 4,357 | 466   | 988    | 119,777   |
| 1966-1970         | 42,369 | 35,245 | 18,134 | 10,945 | 10,012 | 4,096 | 1,087 | 1,438  | 123,326   |
| 1971-1975         | 46,025 | 35,115 | 19,629 | 10,854 | 11,027 | 3,850 | 1,385 | 2,162  | 130,047   |
| Annual totals -   |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |           |
| 1974              | 44,465 | 33,993 | 19,605 | 10,489 | 10,282 | 3,760 | 1,444 | 2,257  | 126,295   |
| 1975              | 41,646 | 31,904 | 18,666 | 10,212 | 10,460 | 3,605 | 1,111 | 2,246  | 119,850   |
| 1976              | 40,103 | 31,068 | 18,005 | 9,838  | 10,663 | 3,464 | 1,348 | 2,349  | 116,838   |
| 1977              | 39,908 | 30,803 | 18,009 | 9,907  | 10,717 | 3,463 | 1,342 | 2,402  | 116,551   |
| 1978              | 39,698 | 30,202 | 17,771 | 9,496  | 10,657 | 3,438 | 1,407 | 2,295  | 114,964   |
| 1979              | 39,679 | 29,709 | 18,146 | 9,520  | 10,405 | 3,418 | 1,451 | 2,285  | 114,613   |
| FEMALES           |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |           |
| Annual averages - |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |           |
| 1946-1950         | 33,459 | 23,050 | 13,605 | 7,914  | 6,400  | 3,456 | 144   | 355    | 88,383    |
| 1951-1955         | 35,941 | 26,198 | 15,074 | 8,781  | 7,696  | 3,801 | 225   | 450    | 98,166    |
| 1956-1960         | 38,724 | 29,786 | 16,585 | 9,777  | 8,209  | 4,147 | 336   | 607    | 108,171   |
| 1961-1965         | 40,311 | 31,644 | 17,202 | 10,369 | 8,192  | 4,082 | 431   | 944    | 113,175   |
| 1966-1970         | 40,191 | 33,510 | 17,244 | 10,365 | 9,414  | 3,883 | 1,047 | 1,345  | 116,999   |
| 1971-1975         | 43,606 | 33,390 | 18,679 | 10,228 | 10,467 | 3,720 | 1,273 | 2,026  | 123,389   |
| Annual totals -   |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |           |
| 1974              | 41,697 | 32,208 | 18,247 | 9,692  | 9,925  | 3,638 | 1,364 | 2,111  | 118,882   |
| 1975              | 39,272 | 29,993 | 17,737 | 9,774  | 9,878  | 3,377 | 1,007 | 2,124  | 113,162   |
| 1976              | 38,389 | 29,599 | 17,238 | 9,109  | 10,007 | 3,238 | 1,259 | 2,133  | 110,972   |
| 1977              | 38,088 | 28,715 | 16,926 | 9,353  | 9,934  | 3,272 | 1,216 | 2,236  | 109,740   |
| 1978              | 38,075 | 28,659 | 16,994 | 9,062  | 9,954  | 3,350 | 1,285 | 2,138  | 109,217   |
| 1979              | 37,455 | 28,058 | 17,049 | 8,958  | 10,064 | 3,339 | 1,391 | 2,202  | 108,516   |
| TOTAL             |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |           |
| Annual averages - |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |           |
| 1946-1950         | 68,856 | 47,372 | 28,003 | 16,270 | 13,130 | 7,064 | 289   | 734    | 181,718   |
| 1951-1955         | 73,737 | 53,770 | 30,983 | 18,045 | 15,724 | 7,774 | 468   | 922    | 201,423   |
| 1956-1960         | 79,613 | 61,279 | 34,171 | 19,977 | 16,922 | 8,517 | 694   | 1,286  | 222,459   |
| 1961-1965         | 82,897 | 65,193 | 35,357 | 21,377 | 16,860 | 8,439 | 897   | 1,932  | 232,952   |
| 1966-1970         | 82,560 | 68,755 | 35,378 | 21,310 | 19,426 | 7,979 | 2,134 | 2,783  | 240,325   |
| 1971-1975         | 89,631 | 68,505 | 38,308 | 21,082 | 21,494 | 7,570 | 2,658 | 4,188  | 253,436   |
| Annual totals -   |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |           |
| 1974              | 86,162 | 66,201 | 37,852 | 20,181 | 20,207 | 7,398 | 2,808 | 4,368  | 245,177   |
| 1975              | 80,918 | 61,897 | 36,403 | 19,986 | 20,338 | 6,982 | 2,118 | 4,370  | 233,012   |
| 1976              | 78,492 | 60,667 | 35,243 | 18,947 | 20,670 | 6,702 | 2,607 | 4,482  | 227,810   |
| 1977              | 77,996 | 59,518 | 34,935 | 19,260 | 20,651 | 6,735 | 2,558 | 4,638  | 226,291   |
| 1978              | 77,773 | 58,861 | 34,465 | 18,558 | 20,611 | 6,788 | 2,692 | 4,433  | 224,181   |
| 1979              | 77,134 | 57,767 | 35,195 | 18,478 | 20,469 | 6,757 | 2,842 | 4,487  | 223,129   |

TABLE 2. CRUDE BIRTH RATES: STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1946 TO 1979

|                        | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld  | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Australia |
|------------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|-----------|
| Average annual rates - |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| 1946-1950              | 22.6   | 22.5 | 24.7 | 24.4 | 25.2 | 26.7 | 23.8 | 37.9   | 23.4      |
| 1951-1955              | 21.8   | 22.4 | 24.1 | 23.3 | 25.4 | 25.6 | 29.4 | 32.2   | 22.9      |
| 1956-1960              | 21.6   | 22.5 | 23.8 | 22.3 | 24.2 | 25.4 | 31.5 | 30.1   | 22.6      |
| 1961-1965              | 20.5   | 21.4 | 22.5 | 21.1 | 21.7 | 23.4 | 29.3 | 26.3   | 21.3      |
| 1966-1970              | 18.9   | 20.6 | 20.4 | 18.9 | 21.1 | 21.0 | 31.5 | 24.6   | 20.0      |
| 1971-1975              | 18.7   | 18.9 | 19.3 | 17.3 | 19.7 | 19.1 | 27.5 | 25.1   | 19.0      |
| Annual rates -         |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| 1974                   | 17.8   | 18.0 | 18.5 | 16.3 | 18.1 | 18.5 | 26.8 | 24.4   | 18.0      |
| 1975                   | 16.6   | 16.6 | 17.5 | 16.0 | 17.7 | 17.3 | 23.5 | 22.9   | 16.9      |
| 1976                   | 16.0   | 16.2 | 16.7 | 15.0 | 17.7 | 16.4 | 25.6 | 22.1   | 16.4      |
| 1977                   | 15.7   | 15.7 | 16.3 | 15.1 | 17.3 | 16.4 | 24.0 | 22.2   | 16.1      |
| 1978                   | 15.5   | 15.4 | 15.9 | 14.4 | 16.9 | 16.4 | 24.0 | 20.6   | 15.7      |
| 1979                   | 15.2   | 15.0 | 16.0 | 14.3 | 16.5 | 16.2 | 24.5 | 20.2   | 15.5      |

TABLE 3. LIVE BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS : AGE GROUP OF MOTHER, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1979

| Age group (years)  | N.S.W. | Vic.   | Qld    | S.A.   | W.A.   | Tas.  | N.T.  | A.C.T. | Australia |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|
| MALE BIRTHS        |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |           |
| Under 15           | 10     | 6      | 14     | 8      | 17     | 2     | 14    | —      | 71        |
| 15-19              | 3,093  | 1,892  | 1,911  | 772    | 878    | 436   | 245   | 106    | 9,333     |
| 20-24              | 11,596 | 8,349  | 5,699  | 3,059  | 3,350  | 1,182 | 436   | 565    | 34,236    |
| 25-29              | 14,977 | 11,722 | 6,508  | 3,652  | 3,919  | 1,155 | 422   | 957    | 43,312    |
| 30-34              | 7,628  | 5,967  | 3,060  | 1,632  | 1,752  | 521   | 232   | 523    | 21,315    |
| 35-39              | 2,029  | 1,492  | 794    | 327    | 426    | 98    | 78    | 113    | 5,357     |
| 40-44              | 331    | 261    | 149    | 64     | 58     | 22    | 18    | 16     | 919       |
| 45 and over        | 15     | 17     | 11     | 6      | 5      | 2     | 4     | 5      | 65        |
| Not stated         | —      | 3      | —      | —      | —      | —     | 2     | —      | 5         |
| Total              | 39,679 | 29,709 | 18,146 | 9,520  | 10,405 | 3,418 | 1,451 | 2,285  | 114,613   |
| FEMALE BIRTHS      |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |           |
| Under 15           | 13     | 12     | 7      | 5      | 6      | —     | 15    | —      | 58        |
| 15-19              | 3,030  | 1,726  | 1,782  | 738    | 853    | 386   | 233   | 106    | 8,854     |
| 20-24              | 10,930 | 7,819  | 5,406  | 2,836  | 3,268  | 1,181 | 426   | 550    | 32,416    |
| 25-29              | 13,944 | 11,140 | 5,941  | 3,581  | 3,799  | 1,178 | 439   | 917    | 40,939    |
| 30-34              | 7,326  | 5,632  | 2,953  | 1,424  | 1,694  | 475   | 195   | 506    | 20,205    |
| 35-39              | 1,901  | 1,453  | 797    | 324    | 399    | 93    | 58    | 104    | 5,129     |
| 40-44              | 294    | 253    | 152    | 44     | 43     | 25    | 17    | 18     | 846       |
| 45 and over        | 16     | 14     | 11     | 6      | 2      | 1     | 4     | 1      | 55        |
| Not stated         | 1      | 9      | —      | —      | —      | —     | 4     | —      | 14        |
| Total              | 37,455 | 28,058 | 17,049 | 8,958  | 10,064 | 3,339 | 1,391 | 2,202  | 108,516   |
| TOTAL BIRTHS       |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |           |
| Under 15           | 23     | 18     | 21     | 13     | 23     | 2     | 29    | —      | 129       |
| 15-19              | 6,123  | 3,618  | 3,693  | 1,510  | 1,731  | 822   | 478   | 212    | 18,187    |
| 20-24              | 22,526 | 16,168 | 11,105 | 5,895  | 6,618  | 2,363 | 862   | 1,115  | 66,622    |
| 25-29              | 28,921 | 22,862 | 12,449 | 7,233  | 7,718  | 2,333 | 861   | 1,874  | 84,251    |
| 30-34              | 14,954 | 11,599 | 6,013  | 3,056  | 3,446  | 996   | 427   | 1,029  | 41,520    |
| 35-39              | 3,930  | 2,945  | 1,591  | 651    | 825    | 191   | 136   | 217    | 10,486    |
| 40-44              | 625    | 514    | 301    | 108    | 101    | 47    | 35    | 34     | 1,765     |
| 45 and over        | 31     | 31     | 22     | 12     | 7      | 3     | 8     | 6      | 120       |
| Not stated         | 1      | 12     | —      | —      | —      | —     | 6     | —      | 19        |
| Total births       | 77,134 | 57,767 | 35,195 | 18,478 | 20,469 | 6,757 | 2,842 | 4,487  | 223,129   |
| CONFINEMENTS (a)   |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |           |
| Under 15           | 23     | 18     | 21     | 13     | 23     | 2     | 29    | —      | 129       |
| 15-19              | 6,084  | 3,601  | 3,673  | 1,498  | 1,719  | 814   | 473   | 211    | 18,073    |
| 20-24              | 22,334 | 16,033 | 11,039 | 5,840  | 6,557  | 2,350 | 858   | 1,104  | 66,115    |
| 25-29              | 28,612 | 22,633 | 12,325 | 7,152  | 7,650  | 2,310 | 856   | 1,851  | 83,389    |
| 30-34              | 14,761 | 11,453 | 5,955  | 3,023  | 3,404  | 977   | 424   | 1,016  | 41,013    |
| 35-39              | 3,879  | 2,911  | 1,576  | 643    | 817    | 187   | 132   | 216    | 10,361    |
| 40-44              | 619    | 511    | 298    | 108    | 98     | 47    | 35    | 34     | 1,750     |
| 45 and over        | 31     | 30     | 22     | 12     | 7      | 3     | 8     | 6      | 119       |
| Not stated         | 1      | 12     | —      | —      | —      | —     | 6     | —      | 19        |
| Total confinements | 76,344 | 57,202 | 34,909 | 18,289 | 20,275 | 6,690 | 2,821 | 4,438  | 220,968   |

(a) Resulting in one or more live births.



TABLE 4. AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES: STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1979

| Age group (years) | N.S.W. | Vic.  | Qld   | S.A.  | W.A.  | Tas.  | N.T.  | A.C.T. | Australia |
|-------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|
| 15-19             | 28.4   | 21.6  | 37.3  | 25.8  | 31.7  | 40.6  | 122.5 | 22.3   | 29.0      |
| 20-24             | 108.8  | 99.4  | 120.7 | 105.8 | 122.3 | 132.2 | 178.9 | 108.6  | 110.3     |
| 25-29             | 143.2  | 145.3 | 145.9 | 137.5 | 147.9 | 143.6 | 150.7 | 164.1  | 144.5     |
| 30-34             | 76.2   | 78.5  | 73.1  | 61.6  | 71.4  | 65.1  | 83.4  | 92.3   | 74.7      |
| 35-39             | 24.8   | 25.1  | 23.9  | 16.9  | 21.5  | 15.5  | 40.2  | 27.5   | 23.7      |
| 40-44             | 4.5    | 4.9   | 5.3   | 3.2   | 3.0   | 4.4   | 14.4  | 5.5    | 4.6       |
| 45-49             | 0.2    | 0.3   | 0.4   | 0.4   | 0.2   | 0.3   | 4.2   | 1.2    | 0.3       |
| Total fertility   | 1,931  | 1,875 | 2,033 | 1,756 | 1,990 | 2,008 | 2,971 | 2,107  | 1,935     |

TABLE 5. AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES AND TOTAL FERTILITY, 1946 TO 1979

|                         | Age group (years) |       |       |       |       |       |       | Total fertility |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|
|                         | 15-19             | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 |                 |
| Average annual rates -- |                   |       |       |       |       |       |       |                 |
| 1946-1950               | 33.0              | 164.2 | 183.3 | 126.6 | 72.3  | 22.7  | 1.8   | 3,020           |
| 1951-1955               | 39.5              | 192.8 | 193.0 | 123.5 | 65.0  | 20.5  | 1.5   | 3,180           |
| 1956-1960               | 44.2              | 216.4 | 211.5 | 126.1 | 63.9  | 19.0  | 1.5   | 3,412           |
| 1961-1965               | 46.5              | 204.0 | 207.2 | 122.4 | 59.2  | 17.5  | 1.2   | 3,289           |
| 1966-1970               | 49.4              | 172.6 | 187.5 | 103.0 | 46.8  | 12.9  | 1.0   | 2,866           |
| 1971-1975               | 48.0              | 154.8 | 170.6 | 85.7  | 34.3  | 8.6   | 0.6   | 2,314           |
| Annual rates --         |                   |       |       |       |       |       |       |                 |
| 1974                    | 44.4              | 146.1 | 161.3 | 79.3  | 29.5  | 7.3   | 0.5   | 2,341           |
| 1975                    | 40.4              | 134.4 | 151.0 | 75.0  | 26.4  | 6.2   | 0.4   | 2,168           |
| 1976                    | 35.6              | 129.2 | 147.3 | 73.1  | 24.3  | 5.6   | 0.4   | 2,077           |
| 1977                    | 32.6              | 123.1 | 147.2 | 74.8  | 24.0  | 5.0   | 0.3   | 2,035           |
| 1978                    | 30.4              | 116.9 | 145.9 | 74.2  | 23.6  | 4.5   | 0.2   | 1,979           |
| 1979                    | 29.0              | 110.3 | 144.5 | 74.7  | 23.7  | 4.6   | 0.3   | 1,935           |

TABLE 6. FEMALE GROSS AND NET REPRODUCTION RATES, 1947 TO 1979

|          | Female net reproduction rate   |       |                                              |
|----------|--------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------|
|          | Female gross reproduction rate | Rate  | Life table experience on which rate is based |
| 1947 (a) | 1.494                          | 1.416 | 1946-1948                                    |
| 1954 (a) | 1.559                          | 1.499 | 1953-1955                                    |
| 1961 (a) | 1.728                          | 1.672 | 1960-1962                                    |
| 1966 (a) | 1.401                          | 1.357 | 1965-1967                                    |
| 1971 (a) | 1.427                          | 1.386 | 1970-1972                                    |
| 1974 (b) | 1.137                          | 1.108 |                                              |
| 1975 (b) | 1.053                          | 1.028 |                                              |
| 1976 (b) | 1.012                          | 0.988 |                                              |
| 1977 (b) | 0.987                          | 0.965 |                                              |
| 1978 (b) | 0.964                          | 0.944 |                                              |
| 1979 (b) | 0.941                          | 0.922 |                                              |

(a) Life tables are prepared by the Australian Government Actuary for the three years surrounding each census. The latest available are those for 1970-72.  
 (b) Based on Annual Life Tables calculated by the Australian Statistician. Because of the method of calculation, these figures are subject to annual fluctuation which may not be indicative of a longer term trend.

TABLE 7. LIVE BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS (a) : NUPTIALITY AND PLURALITY, 1979

|                    | N.S.W. | Vic.   | Qld    | S.A.   | W.A.   | Tas.  | N.T.  | A.C.T. | Australia |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|
| LIVE BIRTHS        |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |           |
| Nuptial -          |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |           |
| Single             | 66,658 | 51,698 | 29,571 | 16,041 | 17,343 | 5,704 | 2,033 | 4,073  | 193,121   |
| Twins              | 1,406  | 1,024  | 481    | 333    | 340    | 116   | 29    | 90     | 3,819     |
| Triplets and quads | 34     | 12     | 15     | 6      | 3      | 3     | ..    | 6      | 79        |
| Total nuptial      | 68,098 | 52,734 | 30,067 | 16,380 | 17,686 | 5,823 | 2,062 | 4,169  | 197,019   |
| Ex-nuptial -       |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |           |
| Single             | 8,884  | 4,926  | 5,051  | 2,057  | 2,734  | 918   | 767   | 316    | 25,653    |
| Twins and triplets | 152    | 107    | 77     | 41     | 49     | 16    | 13    | 2      | 457       |
| Total ex-nuptial   | 9,036  | 5,033  | 5,128  | 2,098  | 2,783  | 934   | 780   | 318    | 26,110    |
| Total births       | 77,134 | 57,767 | 35,195 | 18,478 | 20,469 | 6,757 | 2,842 | 4,487  | 223,129   |
| CONFINEMENTS (b)   |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |           |
| Nuptial -          |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |           |
| Single             | 66,658 | 51,698 | 29,571 | 16,041 | 17,343 | 5,704 | 2,033 | 4,073  | 193,121   |
| Twins              | 715    | 520    | 244    | 168    | 172    | 58    | 14    | 46     | 1,937     |
| Triplets and quads | 11     | 4      | 5      | 2      | 1      | 1     | ..    | 2      | 26        |
| Total nuptial      | 67,384 | 52,222 | 29,820 | 16,211 | 17,516 | 5,763 | 2,047 | 4,121  | 195,084   |
| Ex-nuptial -       |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |           |
| Single             | 8,884  | 4,926  | 5,051  | 2,057  | 2,734  | 918   | 767   | 316    | 25,653    |
| Twins and triplets | 76     | 54     | 38     | 21     | 25     | 9     | 7     | 1      | 231       |
| Total ex-nuptial   | 8,960  | 4,980  | 5,089  | 2,078  | 2,759  | 927   | 774   | 317    | 25,884    |
| Total confinements | 76,344 | 57,202 | 34,909 | 18,289 | 20,275 | 6,690 | 2,821 | 4,438  | 220,968   |

(a) The apparent discrepancy between the number of births occurring in multiple confinements and the number of such confinements is due to the exclusion of stillbirths. (b) Resulting in one or more live births.

TABLE 8. CONFINEMENTS : MEDIAN AGES OF PARENTS, 1946 TO 1979

|                   | Median age (years)          |                        |                      |                     |               |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
|                   | Mothers of -                |                        |                      |                     | Total mothers |
|                   | Fathers of nuptial children | First nuptial children | All nuptial children | Ex-nuptial children |               |
| Annual averages - |                             |                        |                      |                     |               |
| 1946-1950         | 30.8                        | 24.5                   | 27.6                 | 23.9                | 27.5          |
| 1951-1955         | 30.2                        | 24.1                   | 27.4                 | 24.5                | 27.3          |
| 1956-1960         | 30.4                        | 23.6                   | 27.2                 | 24.2                | 27.1          |
| 1961-1965         | 30.0                        | 23.1                   | 26.5                 | 22.5                | 26.4          |
| 1966-1970         | 29.1                        | 23.1                   | 25.9                 | 21.4                | 25.7          |
| 1971-1975         | 28.5                        | 23.7                   | 25.9                 | 21.1                | 25.6          |
| Annual -          |                             |                        |                      |                     |               |
| 1974              | 28.4                        | 23.9                   | 26.0                 | 21.1                | 25.7          |
| 1975              | 28.6                        | 24.0                   | 26.1                 | 21.3                | 25.8          |
| 1976              | 28.8                        | 24.2                   | 26.2                 | 21.6                | 25.9          |
| 1977              | 29.1                        | 24.6                   | 26.5                 | 21.5                | 26.1          |
| 1978              | 29.3                        | 24.9                   | 26.6                 | 21.5                | 26.3          |
| 1979              | 29.5                        | 25.1                   | 26.9                 | 21.6                | 26.5          |

TABLE 9. CONFINEMENTS : AGE OF PARENTS, 1979

| Age of father (years)      | Age of mother (years) |     |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |    |    |    |    |  |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----|----|----|----|--|
|                            | Under 15              | 15  | 16    | 17    | 18    | 19    | 20    | 21     | 22     | 23     | 24     | 25     | 26     | 27     | 28     | 29     | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 |  |
| Under 20                   | 1                     | 9   | 106   | 283   | 420   | 308   | 149   | 64     | 29     | 11     | 13     | 6      | 6      | 2      | 4      | 1      |    |    |    |    |  |
| 20                         | 1                     | 4   | 63    | 212   | 420   | 548   | 439   | 235    | 95     | 26     | 20     | 10     | 15     | 5      | 4      | 3      |    |    |    |    |  |
| 21                         | ..                    | 6   | 40    | 172   | 393   | 773   | 900   | 718    | 340    | 149    | 91     | 50     | 31     | 20     | 18     | 12     |    |    |    |    |  |
| 22                         | 1                     | 1   | 24    | 149   | 34    | 758   | 1,155 | 1,301  | 977    | 514    | 222    | 114    | 73     | 42     | 27     | 17     |    |    |    |    |  |
| 23                         | ..                    | 2   | 16    | 79    | 268   | 650   | 1,159 | 1,604  | 1,603  | 1,257  | 619    | 296    | 174    | 97     | 63     | 49     |    |    |    |    |  |
| 24                         | ..                    | 3   | 16    | 76    | 178   | 416   | 871   | 1,468  | 2,011  | 2,038  | 1,521  | 743    | 368    | 196    | 129    | 80     |    |    |    |    |  |
| 25                         | ..                    | 3   | 6     | 48    | 120   | 325   | 611   | 1,082  | 1,742  | 2,255  | 2,308  | 1,842  | 890    | 431    | 244    | 144    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 26                         | ..                    | 3   | 6     | 38    | 117   | 224   | 473   | 857    | 1,325  | 2,063  | 2,579  | 2,626  | 1,974  | 960    | 447    | 275    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 27                         | ..                    | 1   | 5     | 41    | 76    | 172   | 327   | 597    | 969    | 1,473  | 2,136  | 2,746  | 2,768  | 1,984  | 982    | 475    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 28                         | ..                    | 1   | 2     | 17    | 55    | 140   | 262   | 435    | 720    | 1,107  | 1,604  | 2,348  | 2,846  | 2,629  | 1,871  | 929    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 29                         | ..                    | 2   | 5     | 11    | 38    | 116   | 195   | 343    | 487    | 775    | 1,253  | 1,655  | 2,347  | 2,614  | 2,451  | 1,677  |    |    |    |    |  |
| 30                         | ..                    | 3   | 2     | 18    | 31    | 67    | 152   | 239    | 347    | 583    | 873    | 1,247  | 1,709  | 2,162  | 2,350  | 2,186  |    |    |    |    |  |
| 31                         | ..                    | 2   | 1     | 3     | 33    | 55    | 118   | 178    | 265    | 377    | 619    | 890    | 1,167  | 1,534  | 1,904  | 2,090  |    |    |    |    |  |
| 32                         | 1                     | 1   | 1     | 6     | 12    | 37    | 79    | 134    | 195    | 307    | 454    | 625    | 816    | 1,171  | 1,490  | 1,688  |    |    |    |    |  |
| 33                         | ..                    | ..  | 2     | 7     | 19    | 25    | 55    | 80     | 129    | 209    | 271    | 414    | 555    | 699    | 945    | 1,120  |    |    |    |    |  |
| 34                         | 1                     | ..  | ..    | 4     | 10    | 26    | 39    | 69     | 116    | 133    | 183    | 261    | 346    | 463    | 651    | 836    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 35                         | ..                    | ..  | ..    | 3     | 6     | 13    | 25    | 57     | 65     | 104    | 113    | 218    | 256    | 339    | 460    | 523    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 36                         | ..                    | ..  | ..    | 1     | 4     | 9     | 19    | 20     | 52     | 61     | 98     | 141    | 202    | 205    | 296    | 341    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 37                         | ..                    | 1   | 1     | 1     | 2     | 7     | 8     | 25     | 33     | 53     | 76     | 108    | 128    | 184    | 222    | 279    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 38                         | ..                    | ..  | ..    | 2     | 6     | 3     | 13    | 19     | 33     | 48     | 70     | 67     | 117    | 142    | 170    | 198    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 39                         | ..                    | ..  | ..    | 2     | 3     | 1     | 4     | 13     | 23     | 38     | 52     | 64     | 73     | 97     | 113    | 163    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 40                         | ..                    | ..  | ..    | 1     | 4     | 10    | 8     | 17     | 20     | 30     | 41     | 53     | 73     | 99     | 114    |        |    |    |    |    |  |
| 41                         | 1                     | ..  | ..    | 2     | 1     | 3     | 4     | 4      | 13     | 13     | 25     | 25     | 26     | 32     | 50     | 57     | 82 |    |    |    |  |
| 42                         | ..                    | ..  | ..    | ..    | 6     | 1     | 5     | 11     | 12     | 9      | 23     | 19     | 33     | 40     | 59     | 56     |    |    |    |    |  |
| 43                         | ..                    | ..  | ..    | ..    | ..    | 2     | 1     | 2      | 3      | 18     | 15     | 18     | 21     | 39     | 37     | 42     |    |    |    |    |  |
| 44                         | 1                     | ..  | ..    | ..    | ..    | 3     | 4     | 4      | 5      | 5      | 7      | 16     | 13     | 18     | 23     | 31     |    |    |    |    |  |
| 45-49                      | 1                     | 2   | ..    | 1     | 1     | 5     | 10    | 9      | 11     | 22     | 32     | 34     | 42     | 61     | 83     | 94     |    |    |    |    |  |
| 50-54                      | 2                     | ..  | 3     | ..    | 1     | 3     | 3     | 5      | 6      | 6      | 13     | 10     | 16     | 16     | 28     | 27     |    |    |    |    |  |
| 55 and over                | ..                    | 2   | 1     | 2     | 2     | ..    | 8     | 4      | 3      | 5      | 8      | 9      | 11     | 8      | 16     | 11     |    |    |    |    |  |
| Not stated                 | 1                     | 1   | 1     | 1     | 1     | ..    | 1     | 5      | 4      | 5      | ..     | 5      | 3      | 3      | 2      | 5      |    |    |    |    |  |
| Total nuptial confinements | 11                    | 45  | 303   | 1,181 | 2,560 | 4,698 | 7,113 | 9,589  | 11,631 | 13,681 | 15,342 | 16,644 | 17,090 | 16,288 | 15,232 | 13,553 |    |    |    |    |  |
| Ex-nuptial confinements    | 118                   | 469 | 1,330 | 2,233 | 2,676 | 2,578 | 2,285 | 2,007  | 1,698  | 1,483  | 1,286  | 1,163  | 1,042  | 856    | 817    | 704    |    |    |    |    |  |
| Total confinements         | 129                   | 514 | 1,633 | 3,414 | 5,236 | 7,276 | 9,398 | 11,596 | 13,329 | 15,164 | 16,628 | 17,807 | 18,132 | 17,144 | 16,049 | 14,257 |    |    |    |    |  |

| Age of father (years)      | Age of mother (years) |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |             |            |         |        | Total nuptial confinements | Ex-nuptial confinements | Total confinements |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|------------|---------|--------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
|                            | 30                    | 31     | 32    | 33    | 34    | 35    | 36    | 37    | 38    | 39    | 40-44 | 45 and over | Not stated | ..      |        |                            |                         |                    |
| Under 20                   | ..                    | ..     | ..    | ..    | ..    | 1     | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..          | ..         | ..      | 1,413  | 1,647                      | 3,060                   |                    |
| 20                         | 4                     | 2      | 2     | ..    | ..    | 1     | 1     | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..          | ..         | ..      | 2,110  | 995                        | 3,105                   |                    |
| 21                         | 4                     | 3      | 3     | 1     | 1     | 1     | 1     | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..          | ..         | ..      | 3,727  | 1,052                      | 4,779                   |                    |
| 22                         | 12                    | 6      | 7     | 3     | 2     | 3     | 1     | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..          | ..         | ..      | 5,754  | 1,010                      | 6,764                   |                    |
| 23                         | 28                    | 26     | 15    | 6     | 9     | 3     | 1     | ..    | 1     | ..    | ..    | ..          | ..         | ..      | 8,026  | 972                        | 8,998                   |                    |
| 24                         | 50                    | 31     | 27    | 9     | 8     | 7     | 3     | 3     | 2     | 2     | 2     | ..          | ..         | ..      | 10,258 | 933                        | 11,191                  |                    |
| 25                         | 94                    | 63     | 30    | 16    | 12    | 15    | 5     | 8     | 2     | 5     | 1     | ..          | ..         | ..      | 12,302 | 859                        | 13,161                  |                    |
| 26                         | 138                   | 97     | 77    | 39    | 28    | 11    | 9     | 12    | 2     | 4     | 5     | ..          | ..         | ..      | 14,387 | 783                        | 15,170                  |                    |
| 27                         | 269                   | 165    | 95    | 43    | 38    | 23    | 15    | 9     | 9     | 3     | 3     | ..          | ..         | ..      | 15,434 | 711                        | 16,145                  |                    |
| 28                         | 505                   | 259    | 186   | 95    | 50    | 34    | 24    | 21    | 8     | 9     | 12    | ..          | ..         | ..      | 16,169 | 685                        | 16,854                  |                    |
| 29                         | 871                   | 474    | 269   | 129   | 73    | 51    | 32    | 15    | 14    | 10    | 8     | ..          | ..         | ..      | 15,915 | 683                        | 16,598                  |                    |
| 30                         | 1,337                 | 766    | 396   | 182   | 123   | 89    | 47    | 26    | 15    | 11    | 17    | ..          | ..         | ..      | 14,978 | 578                        | 15,556                  |                    |
| 31                         | 1,617                 | 1,238  | 680   | 270   | 173   | 98    | 47    | 35    | 22    | 14    | 21    | 1           | ..         | ..      | 15,652 | 547                        | 16,199                  |                    |
| 32                         | 1,755                 | 1,561  | 1,123 | 520   | 257   | 141   | 92    | 52    | 30    | 23    | ..    | ..          | ..         | ..      | 12,595 | 515                        | 13,110                  |                    |
| 33                         | 1,189                 | 1,236  | 1,068 | 651   | 360   | 209   | 89    | 57    | 29    | 20    | 18    | ..          | ..         | ..      | 2,948  | 397                        | 9,855                   |                    |
| 34                         | 883                   | 989    | 1,023 | 701   | 485   | 257   | 140   | 77    | 35    | 31    | 30    | 1           | ..         | ..      | 7,790  | 353                        | 8,143                   |                    |
| 35                         | 657                   | 748    | 783   | 634   | 510   | 357   | 179   | 104   | 53    | 31    | 30    | ..          | ..         | ..      | 6,268  | 266                        | 6,534                   |                    |
| 36                         | 449                   | 507    | 584   | 498   | 487   | 342   | 254   | 114   | 49    | 43    | 38    | 2           | ..         | ..      | 4,807  | 219                        | 5,026                   |                    |
| 37                         | 343                   | 350    | 446   | 385   | 387   | 325   | 253   | 167   | 83    | 42    | 51    | ..          | ..         | ..      | 1,391  | 208                        | 4,169                   |                    |
| 38                         | 268                   | 238    | 329   | 294   | 309   | 292   | 246   | 139   | 109   | 50    | 59    | ..          | ..         | ..      | 3,221  | 210                        | 3,431                   |                    |
| 39                         | 173                   | 208    | 249   | 227   | 255   | 272   | 175   | 155   | 134   | 92    | 88    | 1           | ..         | ..      | 2,689  | 163                        | 2,852                   |                    |
| 40                         | 145                   | 156    | 215   | 165   | 183   | 173   | 152   | 145   | 107   | 96    | 97    | 1           | ..         | ..      | 2,106  | 136                        | 2,242                   |                    |
| 41                         | 86                    | 105    | 112   | 109   | 132   | 136   | 130   | 126   | 95    | 78    | 101   | 1           | ..         | ..      | 1,524  | 106                        | 1,630                   |                    |
| 42                         | 61                    | 97     | 115   | 103   | 114   | 114   | 111   | 93    | 75    | 83    | 143   | 4           | ..         | ..      | 1,367  | 100                        | 1,467                   |                    |
| 43                         | 54                    | 54     | 69    | 66    | 64    | 82    | 74    | 85    | 63    | 70    | 145   | 5           | ..         | ..      | 1,029  | 91                         | 1,120                   |                    |
| 44                         | 47                    | 40     | 62    | 60    | 61    | 60    | 53    | 54    | 57    | 63    | 120   | 5           | ..         | ..      | 943    | 65                         | 908                     |                    |
| 45-49                      | 107                   | 109    | 148   | 104   | 152   | 167   | 147   | 154   | 138   | 139   | 410   | 43          | ..         | ..      | 2,224  | 227                        | 2,451                   |                    |
| 50-54                      | 27                    | 38     | 39    | 40    | 50    | 49    | 36    | 43    | 44    | 35    | 115   | 25          | ..         | ..      | 680    | 98                         | 778                     |                    |
| 55 and over                | 14                    | 18     | 26    | 18    | 20    | 25    | 26    | 24    | 21    | 19    | 43    | 7           | ..         | ..      | 349    | 42                         | 391                     |                    |
| Not stated                 | 3                     | 2      | 1     | 1     | 1     | ..    | 3     | 1     | 2     | ..    | 1     | 1           | 3          | 58      | 11,233 | 11,291                     |                         |                    |
| Total nuptial confinements | 11,390                | 9,586  | 8,179 | 5,360 | 4,344 | 3,340 | 2,346 | 1,719 | 1,197 | 974   | 1,583 | 97          | 8          | 195,084 | ..     | ..                         |                         |                    |
| Ex-nuptial confinements    | 601                   | 480    | 451   | 319   | 303   | 241   | 183   | 143   | 109   | 109   | 167   | 22          | 11         | ..      | 25,884 | ..                         |                         |                    |
| Total confinements         | 11,991                | 10,066 | 8,630 | 5,679 | 4,647 | 3,581 | 2,529 | 1,862 | 1,306 | 1,083 | 1,750 | 119         | 19         | ..      | ..     | 220,968                    |                         |                    |

TABLE 10. CONFINEMENTS : BIRTHPLACE OF PARENTS (a), 1979

| Birthplace of mother | Nuptial confinements |                |               |                            |                         |                    |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
|                      | Birthplace of father |                |               | Total nuptial confinements | Ex-nuptial confinements | Total confinements |
|                      | Australia            | Same as mother | Other country |                            |                         |                    |
| Australia            | 123,590              | ..             | 23,038        | 146,628                    | 22,238                  | 168,866            |
| New Zealand          | 1,086                | 670            | 462           | 2,218                      | 554                     | 2,772              |
| Europe -             |                      |                |               |                            |                         |                    |
| Austria              | 137                  | 23             | 109           | 269                        | 27                      | 296                |
| France               | 67                   | 31             | 76            | 174                        | 16                      | 190                |
| Germany              | 921                  | 236            | 482           | 1,639                      | 195                     | 1,834              |
| Greece               | 135                  | 2,712          | 182           | 3,029                      | 32                      | 3,061              |
| Hungary              | 75                   | 67             | 78            | 220                        | 28                      | 248                |
| Italy                | 579                  | 3,393          | 315           | 4,287                      | 64                      | 4,351              |
| Malta                | 380                  | 1,045          | 201           | 1,626                      | 29                      | 1,655              |
| Netherlands          | 968                  | 348            | 350           | 1,666                      | 106                     | 1,772              |
| Poland               | 103                  | 121            | 130           | 354                        | 17                      | 371                |
| Portugal             | 9                    | 271            | 19            | 299                        | 9                       | 308                |
| Spain                | 25                   | 124            | 50            | 199                        | 10                      | 209                |
| U.K. and Ireland     | 7,794                | 4,070          | 2,636         | 14,500                     | 1,749                   | 16,249             |
| Yugoslavia           | 155                  | 2,772          | 159           | 3,086                      | 146                     | 3,232              |
| Other Europe         | 295                  | 233            | 273           | 801                        | 86                      | 887                |
| Total Europe         | 11,643               | 15,446         | 5,060         | 32,149                     | 2,514                   | 34,663             |
| Asia -               |                      |                |               |                            |                         |                    |
| China                | 45                   | 256            | 133           | 434                        | 16                      | 450                |
| Cyprus               | 54                   | 494            | 160           | 708                        | 10                      | 718                |
| Hong Kong            | 42                   | 134            | 223           | 399                        | 8                       | 407                |
| India                | 185                  | 451            | 173           | 809                        | 31                      | 840                |
| Indonesia            | 141                  | 116            | 131           | 388                        | 24                      | 412                |
| Lebanon              | 56                   | 2,529          | 140           | 2,725                      | 7                       | 2,732              |
| Malaysia             | 190                  | 248            | 183           | 621                        | 30                      | 651                |
| Philippines          | 247                  | 184            | 192           | 623                        | 21                      | 644                |
| Sri Lanka            | 74                   | 177            | 37            | 288                        | 10                      | 298                |
| Turkey               | 10                   | 631            | 40            | 681                        | 2                       | 683                |
| Vietnam              | 9                    | 476            | 24            | 509                        | 44                      | 553                |
| Other Asia           | 281                  | 667            | 524           | 1,472                      | 37                      | 1,509              |
| Total Asia           | 1,334                | 6,363          | 1,960         | 9,657                      | 240                     | 9,897              |
| Africa -             |                      |                |               |                            |                         |                    |
| South Africa         | 150                  | 114            | 114           | 378                        | 17                      | 395                |
| United Arab Republic | 115                  | 360            | 194           | 669                        | 11                      | 680                |
| Other Africa         | 232                  | 225            | 251           | 708                        | 45                      | 753                |
| Total Africa         | 497                  | 699            | 559           | 1,755                      | 73                      | 1,828              |
| America -            |                      |                |               |                            |                         |                    |
| Canada               | 193                  | 35             | 80            | 308                        | 26                      | 334                |
| U.S.A.               | 356                  | 156            | 125           | 637                        | 57                      | 694                |
| Other America        | 143                  | 573            | 291           | 1,007                      | 43                      | 1,050              |
| Total America        | 692                  | 764            | 496           | 1,952                      | 126                     | 2,078              |
| Pacific Islands      | 339                  | 156            | 209           | 704                        | 102                     | 806                |
| Other                | 1                    | -              | -             | 1                          | -                       | 1                  |
| Not stated           | 13                   | 3              | 4             | 20                         | 37                      | 57                 |
| Total                | 139,195              | 24,101         | 31,788        | 195,084                    | 25,884                  | 220,968            |

(a) Nuptial fathers only.

TABLE 11. CONFINEMENTS: AGE AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER, 1979

| Birthplace           | Age group (years) |        |        |        |        |        |       |             |            | Total   |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------------|------------|---------|
|                      | Under 15          | 15-19  | 20-24  | 25-29  | 30-34  | 35-39  | 40-44 | 45 and over | Not stated |         |
| Australia            | 119               | 15,139 | 52,557 | 64,828 | 28,237 | 6,778  | 1,115 | 84          | 9          | 168,866 |
| New Zealand          | -                 | 156    | 833    | 1,057  | 606    | 115    | 5     | -           | -          | 2,772   |
| Europe -             |                   |        |        |        |        |        |       |             |            |         |
| Austria              | -                 | 11     | 47     | 117    | 100    | 17     | 3     | 1           | -          | 296     |
| France               | -                 | 7      | 41     | 71     | 57     | 11     | 3     | -           | -          | 190     |
| Germany              | -                 | 56     | 237    | 543    | 880    | 104    | 12    | 2           | -          | 1,834   |
| Greece               | -                 | 180    | 910    | 975    | 649    | 276    | 68    | 3           | -          | 3,061   |
| Hungary              | -                 | 2      | 36     | 97     | 82     | 27     | 4     | -           | -          | 248     |
| Italy                | -                 | 110    | 1,079  | 1,693  | 1,015  | 356    | 88    | 10          | -          | 4,351   |
| Malta                | -                 | 46     | 376    | 633    | 445    | 121    | 32    | 2           | -          | 1,655   |
| Netherlands          | -                 | 22     | 323    | 777    | 519    | 113    | 17    | 1           | -          | 1,772   |
| Poland               | -                 | 3      | 74     | 134    | 114    | 39     | 7     | -           | -          | 371     |
| Portugal             | -                 | 27     | 81     | 94     | 77     | 24     | 4     | 1           | -          | 308     |
| Spain                | -                 | 11     | 56     | 77     | 42     | 16     | 7     | -           | -          | 209     |
| U.K. and Ireland     | 8                 | 1,156  | 4,369  | 5,554  | 3,978  | 1,019  | 158   | 7           | -          | 16,349  |
| Yugoslavia           | -                 | 265    | 1,086  | 1,076  | 545    | 208    | 49    | 3           | -          | 3,232   |
| Other Europe         | -                 | 34     | 187    | 249    | 271    | 126    | 19    | -           | 1          | 887     |
| Total Europe         | 8                 | 1,930  | 8,902  | 12,090 | 8,774  | 2,457  | 471   | 30          | 1          | 34,663  |
| Asia -               |                   |        |        |        |        |        |       |             |            |         |
| China                | -                 | 4      | 44     | 191    | 159    | 40     | 11    | 1           | -          | 450     |
| Cyprus               | -                 | 46     | 235    | 260    | 146    | 28     | 2     | 1           | -          | 718     |
| Hong Kong            | -                 | 5      | 81     | 201    | 109    | 8      | 3     | -           | -          | 407     |
| India                | -                 | 24     | 170    | 300    | 250    | 86     | 10    | -           | -          | 840     |
| Indonesia            | -                 | 15     | 93     | 159    | 116    | 21     | 8     | -           | -          | 412     |
| Lebanon              | -                 | 350    | 1,044  | 793    | 366    | 135    | 42    | 1           | 1          | 2,732   |
| Malaysia             | -                 | 26     | 102    | 287    | 170    | 60     | 6     | -           | -          | 651     |
| Philippines          | -                 | 12     | 85     | 274    | 192    | 72     | 9     | -           | -          | 644     |
| Sri Lanka            | -                 | 15     | 68     | 116    | 74     | 24     | 1     | -           | -          | 298     |
| Turkey               | -                 | 100    | 220    | 191    | 129    | 39     | 4     | -           | -          | 683     |
| Vietnam              | -                 | 32     | 223    | 190    | 74     | 30     | 4     | -           | -          | 553     |
| Other Asia           | -                 | 54     | 370    | 589    | 388    | 96     | 11    | 1           | -          | 1,509   |
| Total Asia           | -                 | 683    | 2,735  | 3,551  | 2,173  | 639    | 111   | 4           | 1          | 9,897   |
| Africa -             |                   |        |        |        |        |        |       |             |            |         |
| South Africa         | -                 | 7      | 72     | 161    | 131    | 21     | 3     | -           | -          | 395     |
| United Arab Republic | -                 | 12     | 120    | 280    | 191    | 64     | 13    | -           | -          | 680     |
| Other Africa         | -                 | 22     | 219    | 316    | 143    | 42     | 9     | 1           | 1          | 753     |
| Total Africa         | -                 | 41     | 411    | 757    | 465    | 127    | 25    | 1           | 1          | 1,828   |
| America -            |                   |        |        |        |        |        |       |             |            |         |
| Canada               | -                 | 8      | 59     | 116    | 113    | 36     | 2     | -           | -          | 334     |
| U.S.A.               | -                 | 16     | 134    | 278    | 218    | 45     | 3     | -           | -          | 694     |
| Other America        | 1                 | 33     | 207    | 390    | 284    | 121    | 14    | -           | -          | 1,050   |
| Total America        | 1                 | 57     | 400    | 784    | 615    | 202    | 19    | -           | -          | 2,078   |
| Pacific Islands      | -                 | 54     | 261    | 308    | 138    | 42     | 3     | -           | -          | 806     |
| Other                | -                 | -      | 1      | -      | -      | -      | -     | -           | -          | 1       |
| Not stated           | 1                 | 13     | 15     | 14     | 5      | 1      | 1     | -           | 7          | 57      |
| Total                | 129               | 18,073 | 66,115 | 83,389 | 41,013 | 10,361 | 1,750 | 119         | 19         | 220,968 |

TABLE 12. NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: PREVIOUS ISSUE OF MOTHER, 1946 TO 1979

| Married mothers with previous issue of - |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |            |           |
|------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|------------|-----------|
|                                          | 0      | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      | 5     | 6     | 7 and over | Total (a) |
| Annual Averages -                        |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |            |           |
| 1946-1950                                | 63,414 | 51,295 | 28,547 | 13,911 | 6,683  | 3,570 | 2,057 | 2,980      | 172,457   |
| 1951-1955                                | 63,062 | 56,020 | 35,943 | 18,415 | 8,569  | 4,175 | 2,176 | 2,878      | 191,238   |
| 1956-1960                                | 65,695 | 57,532 | 40,920 | 22,968 | 11,299 | 5,558 | 2,824 | 3,251      | 210,047   |
| 1961-1965                                | 69,281 | 57,971 | 40,818 | 23,612 | 12,125 | 6,160 | 3,199 | 3,663      | 216,829   |
| 1966-1970                                | 80,999 | 62,930 | 37,446 | 18,899 | 8,961  | 4,489 | 2,326 | 2,885      | 218,937   |
| 1971-1975                                | 88,120 | 74,641 | 36,914 | 15,216 | 6,006  | 2,805 | 1,374 | 1,586      | 226,674   |
| Annual totals -                          |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |            |           |
| 1974                                     | 86,248 | 75,996 | 34,810 | 13,362 | 4,784  | 2,195 | 1,038 | 1,175      | 219,629   |
| 1975                                     | 81,543 | 73,456 | 33,036 | 11,653 | 3,979  | 1,873 | 814   | 885        | 207,267   |
| 1976                                     | 78,086 | 73,338 | 33,505 | 11,130 | 3,584  | 1,497 | 723   | 811        | 202,692   |
| 1977                                     | 78,588 | 70,859 | 34,596 | 11,032 | 3,438  | 1,349 | 596   | 667        | 201,135   |
| 1978                                     | 76,999 | 68,759 | 34,783 | 11,248 | 3,307  | 1,224 | 561   | 573        | 197,461   |
| 1979                                     | 77,032 | 67,250 | 34,387 | 11,100 | 3,124  | 1,140 | 521   | 529        | 195,084   |

(a) Includes nuptial confinements where previous issue was not stated.

TABLE 13. NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: AGE AND PREVIOUS ISSUE OF MOTHER, 1979

| Age (years) | Married mothers with previous issue of - |        |        |        |       |       |     |            | Total confinements | Total issue | Average issue (a) |            |
|-------------|------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-----|------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|
|             | 0                                        | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4     | 5     | 6   | 7 and over |                    |             |                   | Not stated |
| Under 15    | 11                                       | ..     | ..     | ..     | ..    | ..    | ..  | ..         | ..                 | 11          | 11                | 1.00       |
| 15          | 42                                       | 3      | ..     | ..     | ..    | ..    | ..  | ..         | ..                 | 45          | 48                | 1.07       |
| 16          | 289                                      | 14     | ..     | ..     | ..    | ..    | ..  | ..         | ..                 | 303         | 317               | 1.05       |
| 17          | 1,083                                    | 94     | 4      | ..     | ..    | ..    | ..  | ..         | ..                 | 1,181       | 1,283             | 1.09       |
| 18          | 2,109                                    | 427    | 22     | 2      | ..    | ..    | ..  | ..         | ..                 | 2,560       | 3,037             | 1.19       |
| 19          | 3,453                                    | 1,147  | 90     | 8      | ..    | ..    | ..  | ..         | ..                 | 4,698       | 6,049             | 1.29       |
| 20          | 4,690                                    | 2,126  | 264    | 31     | 2     | ..    | ..  | ..         | ..                 | 7,113       | 9,868             | 1.39       |
| 21          | 5,808                                    | 3,137  | 572    | 65     | 6     | 1     | ..  | ..         | ..                 | 9,589       | 14,094            | 1.47       |
| 22          | 6,443                                    | 4,006  | 1,013  | 153    | 14    | 2     | ..  | ..         | ..                 | 11,631      | 18,188            | 1.56       |
| 23          | 6,882                                    | 5,030  | 1,514  | 219    | 31    | 4     | 1   | ..         | ..                 | 13,681      | 22,546            | 1.65       |
| 24          | 7,181                                    | 5,737  | 1,991  | 364    | 62    | 6     | 1   | ..         | ..                 | 15,342      | 26,437            | 1.72       |
| 25          | 7,232                                    | 6,340  | 2,441  | 513    | 91    | 20    | 5   | 2          | ..                 | 16,644      | 29,913            | 1.80       |
| 26          | 6,675                                    | 6,688  | 2,912  | 684    | 102   | 21    | 6   | 2          | ..                 | 17,090      | 32,218            | 1.89       |
| 27          | 5,723                                    | 6,389  | 3,211  | 762    | 150   | 42    | 10  | 1          | ..                 | 16,288      | 32,262            | 1.98       |
| 28          | 4,634                                    | 5,908  | 3,457  | 939    | 208   | 63    | 17  | 6          | ..                 | 15,232      | 32,162            | 2.11       |
| 29          | 3,777                                    | 5,020  | 3,388  | 1,061  | 226   | 57    | 17  | 7          | ..                 | 13,553      | 29,875            | 2.20       |
| 30          | 2,771                                    | 4,134  | 3,079  | 1,047  | 254   | 72    | 18  | 15         | ..                 | 11,390      | 26,425            | 2.32       |
| 31          | 2,170                                    | 3,150  | 2,795  | 1,071  | 269   | 78    | 32  | 21         | ..                 | 9,586       | 23,355            | 2.44       |
| 32          | 1,771                                    | 2,572  | 2,391  | 1,011  | 275   | 95    | 38  | 26         | ..                 | 8,179       | 20,566            | 2.52       |
| 33          | 1,096                                    | 1,611  | 1,518  | 747    | 234   | 87    | 44  | 23         | ..                 | 5,360       | 14,058            | 2.62       |
| 34          | 914                                      | 1,169  | 1,186  | 685    | 242   | 74    | 44  | 30         | ..                 | 4,344       | 11,768            | 2.71       |
| 35          | 709                                      | 873    | 861    | 515    | 206   | 99    | 41  | 36         | ..                 | 3,340       | 9,327             | 2.79       |
| 36          | 489                                      | 553    | 579    | 389    | 164   | 80    | 51  | 41         | ..                 | 2,346       | 6,902             | 2.94       |
| 37          | 350                                      | 405    | 395    | 262    | 146   | 75    | 41  | 45         | ..                 | 1,719       | 5,270             | 3.07       |
| 38          | 231                                      | 246    | 268    | 176    | 135   | 59    | 38  | 44         | ..                 | 1,197       | 3,932             | 3.29       |
| 39          | 208                                      | 200    | 179    | 136    | 117   | 57    | 32  | 45         | ..                 | 974         | 3,242             | 3.33       |
| 40-44       | 278                                      | 259    | 248    | 247    | 180   | 134   | 79  | 158        | ..                 | 1,583       | 6,271             | 3.96       |
| 45 and over | 12                                       | 8      | 9      | 13     | 9     | 14    | 6   | 26         | ..                 | 97          | 531               | 5.47       |
| Not stated  | 1                                        | 4      | ..     | ..     | 1     | ..    | ..  | 1          | 1                  | 8           | 22                | 2.75       |
| Total       | 77,032                                   | 67,250 | 34,387 | 11,100 | 3,124 | 1,140 | 521 | 529        | 1                  | 195,084     | 389,977           | 2.00       |

(a) Includes only the eldest born in present multiple confinement.

TABLE 14. NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS : DURATION OF MARRIAGE, 1946 TO 1979

| TABLE 14. NUPITAL CONFINEMENTS : DURATION OF MARRIAGE, 1946 TO 1979 |        |                              |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |       |       |         |             |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|---------|-------------|-----------|
|                                                                     | Under  | Duration of marriage (years) |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |       |       |         | 20 and over | Total (a) |
|                                                                     | 1      | 1                            | 2      | 3      | 4      | 5      | 6      | 7      | 8      | 9     | 10-14  | 15-19 |       |         |             |           |
| Annual averages -                                                   |        |                              |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |       |       |         |             |           |
| 1946-1950                                                           | 24,302 | 22,413                       | 18,864 | 16,847 | 15,082 | 13,232 | 11,663 | 9,800  | 8,094  | 6,447 | 17,847 | 6,049 | 1,816 | 172,457 |             |           |
| 1951-1955                                                           | 24,406 | 23,070                       | 21,727 | 20,194 | 18,021 | 15,312 | 12,521 | 10,291 | 8,525  | 7,106 | 21,604 | 6,664 | 1,737 | 191,238 |             |           |
| 1956-1960                                                           | 27,590 | 24,161                       | 23,475 | 20,987 | 18,605 | 16,099 | 13,778 | 11,882 | 10,080 | 8,659 | 24,531 | 8,387 | 1,862 | 210,047 |             |           |
| 1961-1965                                                           | 31,046 | 24,775                       | 24,885 | 22,237 | 18,843 | 16,062 | 13,614 | 11,416 | 9,546  | 8,217 | 25,149 | 8,957 | 2,081 | 216,829 |             |           |
| 1966-1970                                                           | 31,920 | 25,903                       | 27,566 | 25,253 | 20,831 | 16,903 | 13,597 | 10,964 | 8,752  | 7,241 | 20,415 | 7,318 | 1,782 | 218,937 |             |           |
| 1971-1975                                                           | 27,249 | 25,841                       | 30,072 | 29,674 | 25,544 | 20,644 | 16,079 | 12,016 | 9,137  | 6,814 | 16,676 | 5,169 | 1,204 | 226,674 |             |           |
| Annual totals -                                                     |        |                              |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |       |       |         |             |           |
| 1974                                                                | 24,238 | 24,339                       | 29,524 | 30,133 | 26,487 | 21,332 | 15,902 | 11,769 | 9,009  | 6,531 | 14,546 | 4,311 | 946   | 219,629 |             |           |
| 1975                                                                | 20,890 | 23,327                       | 26,657 | 28,089 | 25,725 | 20,990 | 16,326 | 11,835 | 8,762  | 6,389 | 13,519 | 3,556 | 756   | 207,267 |             |           |
| 1976                                                                | 18,774 | 21,231                       | 25,706 | 26,555 | 25,359 | 22,060 | 17,576 | 12,757 | 9,009  | 6,266 | 13,136 | 3,112 | 710   | 202,692 |             |           |
| 1977                                                                | 18,757 | 20,583                       | 23,507 | 25,774 | 24,269 | 21,842 | 17,947 | 13,664 | 9,940  | 6,976 | 13,960 | 2,973 | 587   | 201,135 |             |           |
| 1978                                                                | 18,269 | 20,205                       | 21,919 | 23,830 | 23,745 | 20,941 | 17,746 | 14,216 | 10,826 | 7,730 | 14,322 | 2,803 | 524   | 197,461 |             |           |
| 1979                                                                | 18,355 | 19,484                       | 21,716 | 22,117 | 22,156 | 21,162 | 17,418 | 14,431 | 10,976 | 8,098 | 15,417 | 2,677 | 556   | 195,084 |             |           |
| (a) Includes 'not stated' duration of marriage.                     |        |                              |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |       |       |         |             |           |

(a) Includes 'not stated' duration of marriage.

TABLE 15. NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS : DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND PREVIOUS ISSUE OF MOTHER, 1979

| Duration of marriage (years) | Married mothers with previous issue of -- |        |        |        |       |       |     |            |            | Total   | Total issue (a) | Average issue (a) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-----|------------|------------|---------|-----------------|-------------------|
|                              | 0                                         | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4     | 5     | 6   | 7 and over | Not stated |         |                 |                   |
| Under 1                      | 17,092                                    | 1,081  | 153    | 21     | 6     | 1     | ..  | 1          | ..         | 18,355  | 19,842          | 1.08              |
| 1                            | 15,988                                    | 3,195  | 255    | 36     | 6     | 2     | 2   | ..         | ..         | 19,484  | 23,343          | 1.20              |
| 2                            | 12,817                                    | 8,260  | 555    | 69     | 11    | 1     | 2   | ..         | 1          | 21,716  | 31,353          | 1.44              |
| 3                            | 9,926                                     | 10,583 | 1,461  | 129    | 16    | ..    | 2   | ..         | ..         | 22,117  | 36,085          | 1.63              |
| 4                            | 7,790                                     | 11,210 | 2,833  | 292    | 24    | 5     | 2   | ..         | ..         | 22,156  | 40,041          | 1.81              |
| 5                            | 5,447                                     | 10,612 | 4,434  | 603    | 57    | 7     | 2   | ..         | ..         | 21,162  | 42,726          | 2.02              |
| 6                            | 3,198                                     | 7,995  | 5,100  | 979    | 122   | 18    | 3   | 3          | ..         | 17,418  | 39,168          | 2.25              |
| 7                            | 1,985                                     | 5,673  | 5,161  | 1,359  | 210   | 37    | 4   | 2          | ..         | 14,431  | 35,566          | 2.47              |
| 8                            | 1,151                                     | 3,590  | 4,403  | 1,482  | 273   | 59    | 14  | 4          | ..         | 10,976  | 29,319          | 2.67              |
| 9                            | 575                                       | 2,147  | 3,415  | 1,481  | 354   | 100   | 23  | 3          | ..         | 8,098   | 23,597          | 2.91              |
| 10-14                        | 831                                       | 2,593  | 5,907  | 3,824  | 1,390 | 510   | 222 | 140        | ..         | 15,417  | 51,786          | 3.36              |
| 15-19                        | 64                                        | 182    | 579    | 685    | 493   | 287   | 178 | 209        | ..         | 2,677   | 12,227          | 4.57              |
| 20 and over                  | 10                                        | 16     | 57     | 88     | 96    | 81    | 55  | 153        | ..         | 556     | 3,379           | 6.08              |
| Not stated                   | 158                                       | 113    | 74     | 52     | 66    | 32    | 12  | 14         | ..         | 521     | 1,545           | 2.97              |
| Total                        | 77,032                                    | 67,250 | 34,387 | 11,100 | 3,124 | 1,140 | 521 | 529        | 1          | 195,084 | 389,977         | 2.00              |

(a) Includes only the oldest born in present multiple confinement.

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TABLE 16. NUPITAL FIRST CONFINEMENTS : DURATION OF MARRIAGE, 1946 TO 1979

|                   | Duration of marriage (years) |        |        |        |       |        |             | Total (a) | Median duration (years) |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------|
|                   | 0                            | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4     | 5-9    | 10 and over |           |                         |
| Annual averages - |                              |        |        |        |       |        |             |           |                         |
| 1946-1950         | 24,123                       | 18,717 | 7,992  | 4,399  | 2,805 | 4,677  | 699         | 63,413    | 1.4                     |
| 1951-1955         | 24,308                       | 18,645 | 8,144  | 4,440  | 2,649 | 4,064  | 812         | 63,062    | 1.4                     |
| 1956-1960         | 27,385                       | 18,281 | 7,730  | 4,306  | 2,615 | 4,460  | 917         | 65,695    | 1.3                     |
| 1961-1965         | 30,763                       | 17,951 | 8,099  | 4,434  | 2,645 | 4,355  | 1,033       | 69,280    | 1.2                     |
| 1966-1970         | 31,400                       | 19,902 | 12,510 | 7,403  | 4,011 | 4,795  | 874         | 80,998    | 1.5                     |
| 1971-1975         | 26,497                       | 20,690 | 15,825 | 10,820 | 6,320 | 7,135  | 682         | 88,120    | 1.8                     |
| Annual totals -   |                              |        |        |        |       |        |             |           |                         |
| 1974              | 23,411                       | 19,811 | 16,244 | 11,427 | 6,904 | 7,641  | 655         | 86,248    | 2.0                     |
| 1975              | 20,063                       | 19,240 | 14,808 | 11,177 | 7,199 | 8,326  | 585         | 81,543    | 2.1                     |
| 1976              | 17,892                       | 17,644 | 14,705 | 10,810 | 7,288 | 9,059  | 596         | 78,086    | 2.2                     |
| 1977              | 17,625                       | 17,095 | 13,871 | 11,000 | 7,774 | 10,442 | 685         | 78,588    | 2.3                     |
| 1978              | 17,140                       | 16,476 | 12,912 | 10,478 | 7,703 | 11,385 | 746         | 76,999    | 2.4                     |
| 1979              | 17,091                       | 15,988 | 12,817 | 9,924  | 7,790 | 12,356 | 905         | 77,024    | 2.4                     |

(a) Includes 'not stated' duration of marriage.

TABLE 17. NUPITAL FIRST CONFINEMENTS : AGE OF MOTHER, 1946 TO 1979

|                   | Age group (years) |        |        |        |       |       |       |             | Total (a) | Median age |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-----------|------------|
|                   | Under 15          | 15-19  | 20-24  | 25-29  | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45 and over |           |            |
| Annual averages - |                   |        |        |        |       |       |       |             |           |            |
| 1946-1950         | 3                 | 6,400  | 28,318 | 18,037 | 7,137 | 2,833 | 650   | 34          | 63,413    | 24.5       |
| 1951-1955         | 6                 | 7,583  | 28,636 | 17,192 | 6,474 | 2,501 | 635   | 34          | 63,062    | 24.1       |
| 1956-1960         | 9                 | 9,868  | 31,102 | 15,717 | 6,125 | 2,280 | 561   | 33          | 65,695    | 23.6       |
| 1961-1965         | 9                 | 12,824 | 33,523 | 15,072 | 5,161 | 2,118 | 541   | 31          | 69,280    | 23.1       |
| 1966-1970         | 13                | 15,042 | 39,980 | 19,035 | 4,784 | 1,687 | 427   | 27          | 80,998    | 23.1       |
| 1971-1975         | 16                | 14,486 | 41,307 | 24,917 | 5,536 | 1,508 | 322   | 22          | 88,120    | 23.7       |
| Annual totals -   |                   |        |        |        |       |       |       |             |           |            |
| 1974              | 17                | 13,363 | 39,475 | 25,815 | 5,758 | 1,475 | 319   | 21          | 86,248    | 23.9       |
| 1975              | 7                 | 11,723 | 36,730 | 25,424 | 5,932 | 1,444 | 263   | 16          | 81,543    | 24.0       |
| 1976              | 8                 | 10,171 | 34,691 | 25,344 | 6,169 | 1,432 | 252   | 17          | 78,086    | 24.2       |
| 1977              | 13                | 8,888  | 33,574 | 26,524 | 7,609 | 1,673 | 293   | 12          | 78,588    | 24.6       |
| 1978              | 9                 | 7,829  | 31,724 | 27,276 | 8,116 | 1,758 | 278   | 8           | 76,999    | 24.9       |
| 1979              | 11                | 6,974  | 31,001 | 28,039 | 8,722 | 1,986 | 278   | 12          | 77,024    | 25.1       |

(a) Includes 'not stated' ages of mothers.





TABLE 19. EX-NUPITAL LIVE BIRTHS: NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS, 1946 TO 1979

|                       | N.S.W. | Vic.  | Qld   | S.A.  | W.A.  | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Australia |
|-----------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|--------|-----------|
| NUMBER                |        |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |           |
| Annual averages -     |        |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |           |
| 1946-1950             | 2,901  | 1,603 | 1,500 | 494   | 505   | 290  | 42   | 14     | 7,349     |
| 1951-1955             | 2,975  | 1,825 | 1,594 | 559   | 689   | 283  | 57   | 17     | 7,999     |
| 1956-1960             | 3,741  | 2,190 | 2,023 | 723   | 855   | 372  | 99   | 24     | 10,027    |
| 1961-1965             | 5,058  | 3,077 | 2,735 | 1,130 | 1,189 | 463  | 106  | 40     | 13,798    |
| 1966-1970             | 6,654  | 3,992 | 3,720 | 1,506 | 2,053 | 608  | 313  | 91     | 18,937    |
| 1971-1975             | 8,965  | 4,682 | 5,054 | 1,841 | 2,545 | 741  | 471  | 217    | 24,516    |
| Annual totals -       |        |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |           |
| 1974                  | 8,371  | 4,394 | 4,955 | 1,879 | 2,352 | 788  | 458  | 211    | 23,408    |
| 1975                  | 8,291  | 4,395 | 5,034 | 1,943 | 2,527 | 758  | 495  | 262    | 23,705    |
| 1976                  | 7,991  | 4,426 | 4,664 | 1,789 | 2,621 | 706  | 614  | 253    | 23,064    |
| 1977                  | 8,219  | 4,391 | 4,656 | 1,896 | 2,528 | 783  | 577  | 264    | 23,314    |
| 1978                  | 8,612  | 4,718 | 4,836 | 2,050 | 2,654 | 877  | 703  | 294    | 24,744    |
| 1979                  | 9,036  | 5,033 | 5,128 | 2,098 | 2,783 | 934  | 780  | 318    | 26,110    |
| PROPORTION (Per cent) |        |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |           |
| Annual averages -     |        |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |           |
| 1946-1950             | 4.2    | 3.4   | 5.4   | 3.0   | 3.8   | 4.1  | 14.4 | 2.0    | 4.0       |
| 1951-1955             | 4.0    | 3.4   | 5.1   | 3.1   | 4.4   | 3.6  | 12.1 | 1.8    | 4.0       |
| 1956-1960             | 4.7    | 3.6   | 5.9   | 3.6   | 5.1   | 4.4  | 14.3 | 1.8    | 4.5       |
| 1961-1965             | 6.1    | 4.7   | 7.7   | 5.3   | 7.1   | 5.5  | 11.8 | 2.1    | 5.9       |
| 1966-1970             | 8.1    | 5.8   | 10.5  | 7.1   | 10.6  | 7.6  | 14.7 | 3.3    | 7.9       |
| 1971-1975             | 10.0   | 6.8   | 13.2  | 8.8   | 11.9  | 9.8  | 18.0 | 5.2    | 9.7       |
| Annual totals -       |        |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |           |
| 1974                  | 9.7    | 6.6   | 13.1  | 9.3   | 11.6  | 10.7 | 16.3 | 4.8    | 9.6       |
| 1975                  | 10.2   | 7.1   | 13.8  | 9.7   | 12.4  | 10.9 | 23.4 | 6.0    | 10.2      |
| 1976                  | 10.2   | 7.3   | 13.2  | 9.4   | 12.7  | 10.5 | 23.6 | 5.6    | 10.1      |
| 1977                  | 10.5   | 7.4   | 13.3  | 9.8   | 12.2  | 11.6 | 22.6 | 5.7    | 10.3      |
| 1978                  | 11.1   | 8.0   | 14.0  | 11.0  | 12.9  | 12.9 | 26.1 | 6.6    | 11.0      |
| 1979                  | 11.7   | 8.7   | 14.5  | 11.3  | 13.5  | 13.8 | 27.4 | 7.0    | 11.7      |

TABLE 20. LIVE BIRTHS: STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER, STATE OR TERRITORY OF REGISTRATION AND NUPITALITY, 1979

| State of usual residence     | State of registration |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
|                              | N.S.W.                | Vic.   | Qld    | S.A.   | W.A.   | Tas.  | N.T.  | A.C.T. |
| TOTAL BIRTHS                 |                       |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |
| New South Wales              | 76,443                | 446    | 216    | 43     | 4      | 4     | 1     | 312    |
| Victoria                     | 288                   | 57,215 | 25     | 82     | 10     | 4     | ..    | 4      |
| Queensland                   | 261                   | 24     | 34,908 | 15     | 3      | 1     | 4     | 3      |
| South Australia              | 23                    | 21     | 7      | 18,297 | 6      | 2     | 53    | 2      |
| Western Australia            | 16                    | 19     | 4      | 12     | 20,442 | 1     | 20    | 1      |
| Tasmania                     | 11                    | 24     | 5      | 5      | 1      | 6,743 | ..    | ..     |
| Northern Territory           | 27                    | 8      | 27     | 21     | 3      | 1     | 2,764 | ..     |
| Australian Capital Territory | 65                    | 10     | 3      | 3      | ..     | 1     | ..    | 4,165  |
| Australia                    | 77,134                | 57,767 | 35,195 | 18,478 | 20,469 | 6,757 | 2,842 | 4,487  |
| EX-NUPITAL BIRTHS            |                       |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |
| New South Wales              | 8,898                 | 68     | 61     | 11     | 1      | 3     | ..    | 37     |
| Victoria                     | 42                    | 4,946  | 10     | 18     | 8      | 3     | ..    | 1      |
| Queensland                   | 69                    | 8      | 5,046  | 8      | 1      | 1     | 3     | 1      |
| South Australia              | 10                    | 3      | 2      | 2,048  | 2      | 1     | 33    | 1      |
| Western Australia            | 2                     | 3      | 1      | 3      | 2,770  | ..    | 13    | ..     |
| Tasmania                     | 4                     | 4      | 1      | 1      | 1      | 926   | ..    | ..     |
| Northern Territory           | 1                     | 1      | 7      | 7      | ..     | ..    | 731   | ..     |
| Australian Capital Territory | 10                    | ..     | ..     | 2      | ..     | ..    | ..    | 278    |
| Australia                    | 9,036                 | 5,033  | 5,128  | 2,098  | 2,783  | 934   | 780   | 318    |

TABLE 21. LIVE BIRTHS : MONTH OF OCCURRENCE (a), NUMBER AND PROPORTION, 1974 TO 1979

| Month of occurrence   | 1974    | 1975    | 1976    | 1977    | 1978    | 1979       |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| NUMBER                |         |         |         |         |         |            |
| January               | 20,815  | 19,930  | 19,198  | 18,575  | 18,671  | 18,399     |
| February              | 19,471  | 18,586  | 18,545  | 17,841  | 17,940  | 17,861     |
| March                 | 21,582  | 20,102  | 20,156  | 19,980  | 20,134  | 19,885     |
| April                 | 20,459  | 19,026  | 19,107  | 18,620  | 18,735  | 18,829     |
| May                   | 21,571  | 20,380  | 19,166  | 19,745  | 19,223  | 19,522     |
| June                  | 20,473  | 19,076  | 18,705  | 19,196  | 18,539  | 18,101     |
| July                  | 21,000  | 19,995  | 18,798  | 19,348  | 18,356  | 18,811     |
| August                | 20,421  | 18,960  | 18,270  | 19,042  | 19,152  | 18,562     |
| September             | 19,927  | 19,231  | 18,666  | 18,920  | 18,721  | 18,010     |
| October               | 20,533  | 19,354  | 18,956  | 18,950  | 18,653  | 18,021     |
| November              | 19,002  | 18,124  | 18,021  | 17,695  | 17,640  | 15,376     |
| December              | 19,551  | 19,008  | 18,561  | 17,966  | 18,022  | 5,384      |
| Total                 | 244,805 | 231,772 | 226,149 | 225,878 | 223,786 | (a)206,761 |
| PROPORTION (Per cent) |         |         |         |         |         |            |
| January               | 8.5     | 8.6     | 8.5     | 8.2     | 8.3     | 8.9        |
| February              | 8.0     | 8.0     | 8.2     | 7.9     | 8.0     | 8.6        |
| March                 | 8.8     | 8.7     | 8.9     | 8.8     | 9.0     | 9.6        |
| April                 | 8.4     | 8.2     | 8.4     | 8.2     | 8.4     | 9.1        |
| May                   | 8.8     | 8.8     | 8.5     | 8.7     | 8.6     | 9.4        |
| June                  | 8.4     | 8.2     | 8.3     | 8.5     | 8.3     | 8.8        |
| July                  | 8.6     | 8.6     | 8.3     | 8.6     | 8.2     | 9.1        |
| August                | 8.3     | 8.2     | 8.1     | 8.4     | 8.6     | 9.0        |
| September             | 8.1     | 8.3     | 8.3     | 8.4     | 8.4     | 8.7        |
| October               | 8.4     | 8.4     | 8.4     | 8.4     | 8.3     | 8.7        |
| November              | 7.8     | 7.8     | 8.0     | 7.8     | 7.9     | 7.4        |
| December              | 8.0     | 8.2     | 8.2     | 8.0     | 8.1     | 2.6        |
| Total                 | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0      |

(a) Figures are subject to the addition of late registrations, particularly in the more recent months.

TABLE 22. MASCULINITY OF LIVE BIRTHS, 1946 TO 1979

|                        | N.S.W. | Vic.  | Qld   | S.A.  | W.A.  | Tas.  | N.T.  | A.C.T. | Australia |
|------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|
| Average annual rates - |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
| 1946-1950              | 105.8  | 105.5 | 105.8 | 105.6 | 105.2 | 104.4 | 100.7 | 106.8  | 105.6     |
| 1951-1955              | 105.2  | 105.2 | 105.5 | 105.5 | 104.3 | 104.5 | 108.0 | 104.9  | 105.2     |
| 1956-1960              | 105.6  | 105.7 | 106.0 | 104.3 | 106.1 | 105.4 | 106.5 | 111.9  | 105.7     |
| 1961-1965              | 105.6  | 106.0 | 105.5 | 106.2 | 105.8 | 106.7 | 108.1 | 104.7  | 105.8     |
| 1966-1970              | 105.4  | 105.2 | 105.2 | 105.6 | 106.4 | 105.5 | 103.8 | 106.9  | 105.4     |
| 1971-1975              | 105.6  | 105.2 | 105.1 | 106.1 | 105.3 | 103.6 | 109.0 | 106.7  | 105.4     |
| Annual rates -         |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
| 1974                   | 106.6  | 105.5 | 107.4 | 108.2 | 103.6 | 103.4 | 105.9 | 106.9  | 106.2     |
| 1975                   | 106.0  | 106.4 | 105.2 | 104.5 | 105.9 | 107.8 | 110.3 | 105.7  | 105.9     |
| 1976                   | 104.5  | 105.0 | 104.4 | 108.0 | 106.6 | 107.0 | 107.1 | 110.1  | 105.3     |
| 1977                   | 104.8  | 107.3 | 106.4 | 105.9 | 107.9 | 105.8 | 110.4 | 107.4  | 106.2     |
| 1978                   | 104.3  | 105.4 | 106.5 | 104.8 | 107.1 | 102.6 | 109.5 | 107.3  | 105.3     |
| 1979                   | 105.9  | 105.9 | 106.4 | 106.3 | 103.4 | 102.4 | 104.3 | 103.8  | 105.6     |

TABLE 23. STILLBIRTHS : STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1946 TO 1979

|                   | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Australia |
|-------------------|--------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|--------|-----------|
| Annual averages - |        |      |     |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| 1946-1950         | 1,405  | 949  | 626 | 368  | 274  | 161  | n.a. | 12     | (a)3,795  |
| 1951-1955         | 1,239  | 849  | 581 | 290  | 271  | 139  | 8    | 16     | 3,393     |
| 1956-1960         | 1,253  | 839  | 558 | 274  | 235  | 109  | 6    | 19     | 3,293     |
| 1961-1965         | 1,104  | 794  | 468 | 264  | 194  | 87   | 17   | 18     | 2,946     |
| 1966-1970         | 876    | 767  | 341 | 215  | 192  | 86   | 39   | 27     | 2,543     |
| 1971-1975         | 981    | 781  | 371 | 219  | 249  | 85   | 41   | 45     | 2,772     |
| Annual totals -   |        |      |     |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| 1974              | 1,036  | 787  | 406 | 236  | 274  | 82   | 51   | 42     | 2,914     |
| 1975              | 795    | 713  | 306 | 189  | 236  | 88   | 47   | 40     | 2,414     |
| 1976              | 836    | 616  | 303 | 210  | 242  | 101  | 44   | 51     | 2,403     |
| 1977              | 759    | 567  | 260 | 178  | 190  | 70   | 59   | 47     | 2,130     |
| 1978              | 729    | 575  | 277 | 178  | 199  | 79   | 42   | 41     | 2,120     |
| 1979              | 718    | 452  | 283 | 163  | 184  | 41   | 32   | 37     | 1,910     |

(a) Excluding Northern Territory.

TABLE 24. STILLBIRTH RATES : STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1946 TO 1979

|                   | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld  | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Australia |
|-------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|-----------|
| Annual averages - |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| 1946-1950         | 20.0   | 19.6 | 21.9 | 22.1 | 20.5 | 22.3 | n.a. | 16.1   | (a)20.5   |
| 1951-1955         | 16.5   | 15.5 | 18.4 | 15.8 | 17.0 | 17.5 | 16.8 | 17.1   | 16.6      |
| 1956-1960         | 15.5   | 13.5 | 16.1 | 13.5 | 13.7 | 12.6 | 8.6  | 14.6   | 14.6      |
| 1961-1965         | 13.1   | 12.0 | 13.1 | 12.2 | 11.4 | 10.2 | 18.6 | 9.2    | 12.5      |
| 1966-1970         | 10.5   | 11.0 | 9.5  | 10.0 | 9.8  | 10.7 | 18.3 | 9.7    | 10.5      |
| 1971-1975         | 10.8   | 11.3 | 9.6  | 10.4 | 11.6 | 11.1 | 15.6 | 10.6   | 10.9      |
| Annual totals -   |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |        |           |
| 1974              | 11.9   | 11.8 | 10.6 | 11.6 | 13.4 | 11.0 | 17.8 | 9.5    | 11.8      |
| 1975              | 9.7    | 11.4 | 8.3  | 9.4  | 11.5 | 12.4 | 21.7 | 9.1    | 10.3      |
| 1976              | 10.5   | 10.1 | 8.5  | 11.0 | 11.6 | 14.8 | 16.6 | 11.3   | 10.4      |
| 1977              | 9.6    | 9.4  | 7.4  | 9.2  | 9.1  | 10.3 | 22.5 | 10.0   | 9.3       |
| 1978              | 9.3    | 9.7  | 8.0  | 9.5  | 9.6  | 11.5 | 15.4 | 9.2    | 9.4       |
| 1979              | 9.2    | 7.8  | 8.0  | 8.7  | 8.9  | 6.0  | 11.1 | 8.2    | 8.5       |

(a) Excluding Northern Territory.

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