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NO. 46 : NUMBER OF ROOMS AND NUMBER OF INMATES IN OCCUPIED
PRIVATE DWELLINGS : AUSTRALIA.

This statement shows the numbers of occupied private houses and flats and total private dwellings in each State and Territory of Australia, according to the number of rooms and number of inmates, at the Census of 30th June, 1954. A table showing the average number of rooms, average number of inmates and average number of inmates per room for both private houses and flats is also included. The following Dwelling Summaries for each State and the whole of Australia have already been issued:- No. 31, Classes of Occupied Dwellings, No. 33, Nature of Occupancy of Occupied Private Dwellings, and No. 36, Material of Outer Walls of Occupied Private Dwellings.

For the purpose of the Census, a "dwelling" is any habitation occupied by a household group living together as a domestic unit, whether comprising the whole or only part of a building. "Private dwellings" comprise mainly private houses (including sheds, huts, garages, etc. used for dwelling purposes), shares of private houses, flats, and rooms, apartments, etc. A "flat" is part of a house or other building which can be completely closed off and which includes both cooking and bathing facilities.

All figures shown herein are exclusive of full-blood aboriginals and dwellings occupied solely by them.

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A. - ROOMS.

TABLE 1. - OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS, ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF ROOMS (a), IN EACH STATE AND TERRITORY, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1954.

(Exclusive of dwellings occupied solely by full-blood Aborigines)

Number of Rooms (a)	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
PRIVATE HOUSES (b)									
1	9,486	4,294	4,953	1,241	2,734	896	388	60	24,052
2	18,899	8,524	7,099	4,006	4,566	1,627	336	60	45,117
3	35,224	18,347	12,583	9,197	8,736	2,478	475	97	87,137
4	145,083	106,446	43,019	33,778	38,176	11,797	649	1,190	380,138
5	242,497	214,296	84,417	74,288	46,781	26,128	599	3,038	692,044
6	205,358	147,784	86,081	46,569	29,162	17,796	288	1,382	534,420
7	68,039	45,410	37,828	14,320	9,262	5,984	104	365	181,342
8	23,136	15,902	14,597	4,969	3,120	2,193	60	115	64,092
9	8,062	5,625	5,098	1,678	1,071	831	24	41	22,430
10 and over	8,016	5,239	4,096	1,588	875	914	42	38	20,808
Not Stated	1,945	654	1,101	232	380	71	82	4	4,469
TOTAL	765,745	572,521	300,872	191,866	144,863	70,715	3,047	6,390	2,056,019

FLATS									
1	476	201	33	18	31	9	1	-	769
2	4,134	1,367	877	374	384	187	7	3	7,333
3	13,777	5,732	3,897	1,635	1,561	543	30	95	27,270
4	27,257	11,090	6,258	1,970	1,943	812	49	169	49,548
5	15,114	6,366	3,621	1,068	905	580	16	31	27,701
6	5,872	2,445	1,463	395	296	267	3	11	10,752
7	1,267	592	391	111	87	77	-	-	2,525
8	366	201	139	42	24	34	-	-	806
9	114	60	23	24	7	16	-	-	244
10 and over	62	6	8	17	4	1	-	-	98
Not Stated	181	88	61	20	15	8	1	-	374
TOTAL	68,620	28,148	16,771	5,674	5,257	2,534	107	309	127,420

TOTAL OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS (c)									
1	24,168	13,776	5,989	3,064	4,340	1,382	405	162	53,286
2	42,817	22,227	11,598	7,732	7,268	2,746	365	126	94,886
3	62,622	35,155	20,721	14,430	12,271	4,112	525	242	150,078
4	181,154	124,259	52,461	38,280	41,514	13,410	715	1,427	453,220
5	262,600	225,222	89,738	76,874	48,632	27,208	620	3,099	733,993
6	213,905	153,186	88,446	47,898	30,047	18,341	292	1,407	553,522
7	70,185	47,173	38,512	14,755	9,556	6,190	104	368	186,843
8	23,823	16,613	14,848	5,150	3,224	2,294	61	115	66,128
9	8,276	5,829	5,148	1,754	1,115	875	24	41	23,062
10 and over	8,124	5,288	4,107	1,600	891	937	42	38	21,047
Not Stated	2,485	2,145	1,315	491	638	152	84	6	7,316
TOTAL	900,159	650,873	332,883	212,095	159,496	77,647	3,237	7,031	2,343,421

(a) Includes kitchen and permanently enclosed sleep-out, but does not include bathroom, pantry, laundry or storehouse unless generally used for sleeping.
(b) Includes houses, sheds, huts, etc. and shared private houses for which only one Householder's Schedule was received.
(c) In addition to private houses and flats, includes shares of private houses, and rooms, apartments, etc.

Occupied private houses throughout Australia with four, five or six rooms numbered 1,606,602 at 30th June, 1954, representing 78.1 per cent. of the total. Four-roomed houses constituted 18.5 per cent.; 5-roomed houses (which predominated in all States except Queensland, where 6-roomed houses were most numerous), 33.6 per cent.; 6-roomed houses, 26.0 per cent.; and 7-roomed houses 8.8 per cent.

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The greatest numerical increases since 1947 in occupied private houses were in respect of 6-roomed private houses which increased by 150,634 or 39.2 per cent., and 5-roomed private houses, which increased by 149,540 or 27.6 per cent. Seven, eight and nine-roomed houses showed the greatest proportional increases, however, their numbers being about 48 per cent. greater than in 1947. One-room private houses decreased by 6,457 or 21.2 per cent.

In flats, those with four rooms predominated in all States, and constituted 38.9 per cent. of the total for Australia. Five-roomed flats were next with 21.7 per cent., and then 3-room flats with 21.4 per cent.

Four-roomed flats showed the greatest numerical increase since 1947 (6,118 or 14.1 per cent.), followed by 5-roomed flats (4,012 or 16.9 per cent.), but the greatest proportional increases were amongst flats with more than five rooms.

B. - INMATES.

TABLE 2. - OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS, ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF INMATES, IN EACH STATE AND TERRITORY, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1954.

(Exclusive of dwellings occupied solely by full-blood Aborigines)

Number of inmates	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
PRIVATE HOUSES (a)									
1	53,936	38,917	24,364	12,712	11,310	5,324	496	249	147,308
2	162,832	128,109	63,974	44,168	29,094	14,167	632	1,203	444,179
3	162,908	124,374	61,581	41,888	28,825	14,131	564	1,408	435,679
4	167,633	126,088	61,838	42,784	31,425	14,782	521	1,616	446,687
5	108,546	79,915	42,354	26,864	22,341	10,291	354	1,041	291,706
6	57,716	41,110	23,795	13,370	12,031	5,957	208	504	154,691
7	27,508	18,861	11,931	5,731	5,519	3,084	108	213	72,955
8	13,734	8,586	6,057	2,590	2,535	1,589	70	82	35,243
9	5,506	3,455	2,549	982	995	711	34	36	14,268
10 and over	5,426	3,106	2,429	777	788	679	60	38	13,303
TOTAL	765,745	572,521	300,872	191,866	144,863	70,715	3,047	6,390	2,056,019

FLATS									
1	11,940	5,213	2,689	1,078	1,074	441	7	65	22,507
2	26,029	11,266	6,473	2,382	2,064	915	35	139	49,303
3	16,112	6,561	3,786	1,197	1,025	569	35	66	29,351
4	9,176	3,414	2,249	638	598	345	18	30	16,468
5	3,526	1,129	960	250	298	155	10	7	6,335
6	1,210	401	385	80	122	64	1	-	2,263
7	429	98	154	32	47	34	-	2	796
8	131	41	49	11	17	7	-	-	256
9	44	17	17	5	7	2	-	-	92
10 and over	23	8	9	1	5	2	1	-	49
TOTAL	68,620	28,148	16,771	5,674	5,257	2,534	107	309	127,420

TOTAL OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS (b)									
1	83,855	59,214	30,408	17,586	14,292	6,838	512	383	213,086
2	209,858	155,902	75,405	51,657	34,342	16,498	698	1,426	545,786
3	191,817	140,019	68,400	45,958	31,873	15,611	618	1,558	495,854
4	184,723	134,768	66,012	44,992	33,214	15,644	548	1,697	481,598
5	115,374	83,422	44,296	27,809	23,238	10,711	370	1,072	306,292
6	60,523	42,552	24,684	13,740	12,420	6,131	211	518	160,779
7	28,625	19,439	12,324	5,906	5,683	3,169	109	219	75,474
8	14,206	8,861	6,244	2,663	2,606	1,627	72	84	36,363
9	5,660	3,535	2,621	1,001	1,018	727	36	36	14,634
10 and over	5,518	3,161	2,489	783	810	691	63	38	13,553
TOTAL	900,159	650,873	332,883	212,095	159,496	77,647	3,237	7,031	2,343,421

(a) Includes houses, sheds, huts, etc. and shared private houses for which only one Householder's Schedule was received.
(b) In addition to houses and flats, includes shares of private houses, and rooms, apartments, etc.

Houses with four inmates constituted the largest group for Australia as a whole (21.7 per cent.), but in three of the States, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia, houses with two inmates were most numerous. The next largest group for Australia as a whole was the two-inmate group (21.6 per cent.), followed by the three-inmate group (21.2 per cent.). These three groups constituted 64.5 per cent. of the total number of occupied houses in Australia. Although the numerical order of these groups varied from State to State, the differences between the groups were small. Flats with two inmates predominated in all States and Territories, constituting 38.7 per cent. of the total occupied flats in Australia.

For all occupied private dwellings, those with two inmates predominated, having increased by 43.5 per cent. (165,559 dwellings) since 1947, and displaced dwellings with three inmates from first position. This group showed the largest numerical and proportional increases of any group over 1947 figures. All other groups up to and including dwellings with six inmates showed substantial increases, but dwellings with 7 or more inmates decreased.

At 30th June, 1954, there were 2,042,618 occupied private dwellings with five inmates or less (87.2 per cent. of the total) compared with 1,575,413 such dwellings (84.1 per cent.) in 1947.

C. - AVERAGE ROOMS AND INMATES.

TABLE 3. - OCCUPIED PRIVATE HOUSES (a) AND FLATS - AVERAGE NUMBER OF ROOMS (b), INMATES AND INMATES PER ROOM IN EACH STATE

AND TERRITORY, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1954.

(Exclusive of full-blood Aborigines and dwellings occupied solely by them).

State, etc.	Private Houses (a)			Flats		
	Average Number of Rooms (b)	Average Number of Inmates	Average Number of Inmates per Room	Average Number of Rooms (b)	Average Number of Inmates	Average Number of Inmates per Room
New South Wales	5.24	3.71	0.71	4.14	2.60	0.63
Victoria	5.27	3.64	0.69	4.18	2.50	0.60
Queensland	5.47	3.72	0.68	4.16	2.67	0.64
South Australia	5.20	3.60	0.69	4.03	2.48	0.62
Western Australia	4.91	3.74	0.76	3.90	2.56	0.66
Tasmania	5.29	3.83	0.72	4.25	2.70	0.64
Northern Territory	3.95	3.57	0.90	3.76	2.99	0.80
Aust. Cap. Territory	5.18	3.83	0.74	3.84	2.30	0.60
Australia	5.26	3.69	0.70	4.14	2.58	0.62

(a) Includes houses, sheds, huts, etc. and shared private houses for which only one Householder's Schedule was received.

(b) Includes kitchen and permanently enclosed sleep-out, but does not include bathroom, pantry, laundry or storehouse unless generally used for sleeping.

The average number of rooms per private house for Australia as a whole increased from 5.12 at the 1947 Census to 5.26 at the 1954 Census, and the average number of rooms per flat from 4.06 to 4.14.

The average number of inmates per private house decreased from 3.91 in 1947 to 3.69 in 1954, and the average number of inmates per room from 0.76 to 0.70. The average number of inmates per flat decreased from 2.84 in 1947 to 2.58 in 1954, and the average number of inmates per room from 0.70 to 0.62.

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