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This issue is devoted to a summary of the marriage statistics for Australia for the year 1960. Detailed tables will be published later in Demography Bulletin No. 78, 1960. Comparative statistics for years prior to those shown herein will be found in Demography Bulletin No. 77, 1959, and earlier issues.

TABLE 1 : MARRIAGES : NUMBER

State or Territory	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
New South Wales	27,313	28,767	28,554	28,201	29,328
Victoria	20,137	20,239	20,649	20,456	20,627
Queensland	9,934	10,271	10,255	10,581	10,227
South Australia	6,277	6,581	6,505	6,614	6,607
Western Australia	5,080	4,897	5,038	5,387	5,323
Tasmania	2,601	2,507	2,475	2,567	2,713
Northern Territory	160	178	201	205	208
Australian Capital Territory	278	256	324	352	395
<u>Australia:</u>	71,780	73,696	74,001	74,363	75,428

TABLE 2 : MARRIAGES : CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES (a)

State or Territory	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
New South Wales	7.68	7.94	7.73	7.50	7.66
Victoria	7.73	7.57	7.54	7.27	7.13
Queensland	7.27	7.38	7.25	7.36	7.01
South Australia	7.40	7.53	7.25	7.18	6.99
Western Australia	7.50	7.08	7.14	7.49	7.28
Tasmania	8.07	7.59	7.33	7.45	7.74
Northern Territory	8.94	9.50	10.45	10.01	9.75
Australian Capital Territory	(b)8.01	(b)6.80	7.88	7.55	7.51
<u>Australia:</u>	7.61	7.64	7.51	7.39	7.34

(a) Number of marriages per 1,000 of mean population. (b) Revised rates based on population estimates adjusted in accordance with the June, 1957 Population Count of Canberra are as follows:- 1956, 7.86; 1957, 6.74.

TABLE 3 : MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN EACH MONTH, 1960

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	AUST.
January	2,373	1,806	907	675	527	261	11	47	6,607
February	2,611	1,839	794	525	446	234	22	30	6,501
March	2,544	1,632	717	454	501	190	9	18	6,065
April	2,517	2,471	833	822	467	333	25	52	7,520
May	2,861	1,539	1,035	504	501	200	16	24	6,680
June	2,295	1,437	856	494	350	195	14	34	5,675
July	1,680	1,333	587	405	304	187	15	22	4,533
August	2,121	1,261	810	431	388	189	19	20	5,239
September	2,472	1,484	959	597	470	188	24	29	6,223
October	2,803	1,966	847	670	454	230	24	40	7,034
November	2,582	1,711	832	468	461	247	11	30	6,342
December	2,469	2,148	1,050	562	454	259	18	49	7,009
<u>TOTAL:</u>	29,328	20,627	10,227	6,607	5,323	2,713	208	395	75,428



TABLE 4 : MARRIAGES IN EACH DENOMINATION, AUSTRALIA

Denomination	1959		1960	
	Number	Proportion of Total Marriages	Number	Proportion of Total Marriages
Church of England	20,238	27.21	20,993	27.83
Roman Catholic	19,470	26.18	20,139	26.70
Methodist	9,440	12.69	9,367	12.42
Presbyterian	8,920	12.00	8,609	11.41
Orthodox (Greek, Russian, etc.)	1,994	2.68	1,679	2.22
Baptist	1,179	1.59	1,235	1.64
Lutheran	1,114	1.50	1,125	1.49
Congregational	1,013	1.36	1,003	1.33
Church of Christ	326	1.11	836	1.11
Salvation Army	432	0.58	421	0.56
Seventh-Day Adventist	190	0.26	231	0.31
Unitarian	51	0.07	28	0.04
United Church	32	0.04	26	0.03
Other Christian	685	0.92	701	0.93
Hebrew	295	0.40	322	0.43
Other Non-Christian	6	0.01	5	0.01
Total, Denominational	65,885	88.60	66,720	88.46
Civil Officers	8,478	11.40	8,708	11.54
Grand Total:	74,363	100.00	75,428	100.00

TABLE 5 : MARRIAGES CELEBRATED BY MINISTERS OF RELIGION AND CIVIL OFFICERS : AUSTRALIA

Year	Number of Marriages			Proportion of Total Marriages	
	Celebrated by Ministers of Religion	Celebrated by Civil Officers	Total	Celebrated by Ministers of Religion	Celebrated by Civil Officers
1956	63,683	8,097	71,780	88.72	11.28
1957	65,449	8,247	73,696	88.81	11.19
1958	65,790	8,211	74,001	88.90	11.10
1959	65,885	8,478	74,363	88.60	11.40
1960	66,720	8,708	75,428	88.46	11.54

TABLE 6 : MARRIAGES : CONJUGAL CONDITION OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES, 1960

Marriages Between -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	AUST.
Bachelors and -									
Spinsters	24,259	17,695	8,890	5,621	4,447	2,308	170	332	63,722
Widows	547	340	187	112	95	40	2	7	1,330
Divorced Women	1,262	707	318	233	213	96	18	15	2,862
Total Bachelors:	26,068	18,742	9,395	5,966	4,755	2,444	190	354	67,914
Widowers and -									
Spinsters	389	288	149	80	47	34	4	3	994
Widows	545	368	156	151	95	55	1	4	1,375
Divorced Women	276	174	63	58	49	22	1	3	646
Total Widowers:	1,210	830	368	289	191	111	6	10	3,015
Divorced Men and -									
Spinsters	1,089	558	255	169	178	86	5	21	2,361
Widows	270	150	66	60	61	25	3	3	638
Divorced Women	691	347	143	123	138	47	4	7	1,500
Total Divorced Men:	2,050	1,055	464	352	377	158	12	31	4,499
Total Spinsters	25,737	18,541	9,294	5,870	4,672	2,428	179	356	67,077
Total Widows	1,362	858	409	323	251	120	6	14	3,343
Total Divorced Women	2,229	1,228	524	414	400	165	23	25	5,008
Total Marriages:	29,328	20,627	10,227	6,607	5,323	2,713	208	395	75,428

TABLE 7 : AGE AND CONJUGAL CONDITION OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES : AUSTRALIA, 1960

Age (Years)	Bridegrooms				Brides			
	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	Total	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced	Total
13	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
14	-	-	-	-	31	-	-	31
15	3	-	-	3	306	-	-	306
16	41	-	-	41	1,616	-	-	1,616
17	277	-	-	277	3,428	1	-	3,429
18	1,177	-	-	1,177	6,228	2	2	6,232
19	2,413	-	-	2,413	8,290	4	6	8,300
20	3,964	-	1	3,965	8,947	6	5	8,958
21	7,418	1	4	7,423	10,432	13	35	10,480
22	8,150	1	5	8,156	7,025	22	43	7,090
23	7,835	5	18	7,858	4,887	17	90	4,994
24	6,514	2	22	6,538	3,311	28	126	3,465
25	5,186	8	34	5,228	2,288	18	141	2,447
26	4,177	8	74	4,259	1,798	28	154	1,980
27	3,425	9	70	3,504	1,335	32	181	1,548
28	2,786	18	136	2,940	1,051	33	163	1,247
29	2,441	14	148	2,603	870	46	216	1,132
30	2,111	27	160	2,298	727	50	245	1,022
31	1,628	23	158	1,809	590	48	223	861
32	1,343	27	171	1,541	491	58	256	805
33	1,114	30	198	1,342	427	64	225	716
34	925	20	202	1,147	368	60	212	640
35	736	29	194	959	314	72	243	629
36	585	40	191	816	269	59	229	557
37	506	37	197	740	239	65	215	519
38	416	49	182	647	203	70	175	448
39	336	39	187	562	193	88	194	475
40	314	59	174	547	161	84	178	423
41	206	41	151	398	129	92	156	377
42	180	44	140	364	110	88	138	336
43	184	48	125	357	95	102	130	327
44	158	51	136	345	77	90	119	286
45-49	650	349	636	1,635	355	507	493	1,355
50-54	337	375	401	1,113	218	450	240	908
55-59	185	452	210	847	120	362	111	593
60-64	97	417	100	614	81	331	40	452
65 and over	96	792	74	962	64	353	24	441
Minors	7,875	-	1	7,876	28,849	13	13	28,875
Adults	60,039	3,015	4,498	67,552	38,228	3,330	4,995	46,553
Total:	67,914	3,015	4,499	75,428	67,077	3,343	5,008	75,428

TABLE 8 : MARRIAGES : AVERAGE AGE OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES : AUSTRALIA

Year	Average Age of Bridegrooms (Years)				Average Age of Brides (Years)			
	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	All Bride- grooms	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced	All Brides
1956	26.57	55.33	40.60	28.66	23.28	48.02	36.51	25.34
1957	26.47	55.62	40.80	28.54	23.16	47.68	36.72	25.18
1958	26.33	55.59	40.57	28.36	23.03	47.83	36.86	25.00
1959	26.26	55.77	40.73	28.39	22.91	48.36	36.93	25.01
1960	26.07	55.94	40.90	28.15	22.76	48.54	36.90	24.84

TABLE 9 : MARRIAGES OF MINORS : AUSTRALIA

Year	Number of Minors Married			Proportion of Minors to Total Number Married		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
1956	6,088	25,310	31,398	8.48	35.26	21.87
1957	6,563	26,749	33,312	8.91	36.30	22.60
1958	7,004	27,340	34,344	9.46	36.95	23.21
1959	7,196	27,860	35,056	9.68	37.46	23.57
1960	7,876	28,875	36,751	10.44	38.28	24.36

TABLE 10 : MARRIAGES OF MINORS : STATES

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	AUST.
1956	12,304	7,793	4,664	2,685	2,315	1,455	65	117	31,398
1957	13,265	8,343	4,882	2,939	2,291	1,423	69	100	33,312
1958	13,508	8,715	4,968	3,046	2,409	1,467	104	127	34,344
1959	13,386	8,708	5,410	3,197	2,572	1,538	91	154	35,056
1960	14,329	9,215	5,336	3,288	2,631	1,692	88	172	36,751

TABLE 11 : MARRIAGES OF MINORS : PROPORTION TO TOTAL NUMBER MARRIED

(Per cent.)

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	AUST.
1956	22.52	19.35	23.47	21.39	22.79	27.97	20.31	21.04	21.87
1957	23.06	20.61	23.77	22.33	23.39	28.38	19.38	19.53	22.60
1958	23.65	21.10	24.22	23.41	23.91	29.64	25.87	19.60	23.21
1959	23.73	21.28	25.56	24.17	23.87	29.96	22.20	21.88	23.57
1960	24.43	22.34	26.09	24.88	24.71	31.18	21.15	21.77	24.36

TABLE 12 - MARRIAGES : RELATIVE BIRTHPLACES OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, AUSTRALIA, 1960

Birthplace of Bridegroom	Birthplace of Bride															Total Bridegrooms
	AUST.	N.Z.	U.K. (a)	Germany	Greece	Italy	Malta	Nether- lands	Poland	Yugo- slavia	Other European	Asia	Africa	America	Other and Unspecified	
Australia	54,309	228	2,336	208	27	85	42	271	38	43	185	216	50	37	52	58,127
New Zealand	327	34	34	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	-	2	2	406
United Kingdom (a)	3,272	32	1,001	37	3	4	8	39	5	4	47	47	13	7	9	4,528
Germany	393	5	61	414	6	3	2	21	21	9	61	16	4	-	2	1,018
Greece	143	1	13	8	1,664	3	2	3	3	7	7	16	17	-	-	1,887
Italy	703	8	53	42	19	2,352	16	34	6	55	42	7	25	1	1	3,364
Malta	163	1	13	3	2	6	201	10	1	-	5	1	13	-	-	419
Netherlands	490	8	65	29	3	4	2	412	2	6	18	24	1	-	1	1,065
Poland	163	-	24	41	2	4	-	6	305	9	52	12	1	1	-	620
Yugoslavia	187	2	18	33	44	41	9	14	13	384	56	10	5	1	1	818
Other European	674	10	128	138	35	27	2	35	43	50	637	48	10	7	7	1,856
Asia	406	3	53	19	20	5	-	17	7	1	20	246	2	-	5	804
Africa	127	4	12	9	45	9	3	2	2	2	5	4	82	-	-	306
America	107	2	12	2	1	3	-	1	1	-	4	3	1	4	-	141
Other and Unspecified	55	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	8	59
Total Brides:	61,519	340	3,824	985	1,871	2,546	287	866	452	570	1,142	653	224	61	88	75,428

(a) Including Ireland.

TABLE 13 : MARRIAGES : RELATIVE AGES OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, 1960

Age of Bridegroom (Years)	Age of Bride (years)								Total Bride- grooms
	Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	
15-19	16	3,275	598	17	4	1	-	-	3,911
20-24	12	12,832	19,628	1,265	150	36	14	3	33,940
25-29	3	3,094	11,025	3,400	745	210	38	19	18,534
30-34	2	540	2,942	2,389	1,465	543	192	64	8,137
35-39	1	102	581	876	925	728	321	190	3,724
40-44	-	25	139	262	431	518	375	261	2,011
45-49	-	10	40	94	220	345	377	549	1,635
50 and over	-	5	34	51	104	247	432	2,663	3,536
<u>Total Brides:</u>	34	19,883	34,987	8,354	4,044	2,628	1,749	3,749	75,428

TABLE 14 : MARRIAGES : OCCUPATION OF BRIDEGROOM, 1960

Occupation	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	AUST.
Rural, Fishing and Hunting	2,300	1,771	1,478	727	753	324	12	16	7,381
Professional and Semi-Professional	1,842	1,323	560	352	320	145	10	30	4,582
Administrative	1,108	807	371	249	190	83	12	28	2,848
Commercial and Clerical	5,615	3,869	1,882	1,240	1,028	492	22	88	14,236
Domestic and Protective Service	1,728	1,040	570	328	319	116	35	40	4,176
Craftsmen	8,101	6,038	2,453	2,080	1,314	657	53	122	20,818
Operatives	5,086	3,072	1,534	820	880	548	32	34	12,006
Labourers	2,890	2,053	1,071	670	375	234	29	29	7,351
Indefinite or Not Stated	390	417	176	62	95	95	2	5	1,242
Persons not gain- fully occupied	268	237	132	79	49	19	1	3	788
<u>TOTAL:</u>	29,328	20,627	10,227	6,607	5,323	2,713	208	395	75,428

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