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## MAIN FEATURES

The Family Formation Survey conducted in September 1986 revealed that

- between 1976 and 1986, the average number of children ever-born to married women aged 20-39 years declined from 1.98 to 1.85 children per woman. The decline in fertility for women under 30 years was more rapid than for women of older ages.
- married women aged 15-44 years had an average of 1.99 children ever-born compared with 1.53 for all women of the same ages.
- women who were in the labour force at the time of the survey had a lower average number of children ever-born than those not in the labour force, 1.25 compared with 2.09 children.
- women who left school early had more children ever-born than women who left school later in their lives.
- the stated life-time average number of children expected per woman aged 15-44 years was 2.37, with little variation between age groups. However, this average expectation is rather high in view of the current level of the total fertility rate of 1.87 children per woman in 1986. It is likely that this high stated level of birth expectation will not be fully realised, particularly among younger women.
- a two-child family is expected to remain the norm. 87.3 per cent of women with two children did not expect to have an additional child. Of those with only one child, 58.7 per cent expected to have additional children.

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

### Children ever-born and life-time average number of children expected

At the time of the survey (September 1986), the average number of children ever-born to married women ranged from 2.56 for those aged 40-44 years to 0.52 for those aged 15-19 years. A comparison of these averages with results of past birth expectation surveys conducted in 1976 and 1979 reveals a decline in marital fertility which is consistent with the decline in fertility of all women since 1970 shown by birth registration statistics.

Between 1976 and 1986, the average number of children ever-born to married women aged 20-24, 25-29, 30-34 and 35-39 years declined from 0.84 to 0.68, from 1.67 to 1.39, from 2.42 to 2.13 and from 2.85 to 2.42 respectively. The decline in fertility for women under 30 has been more rapid than for women of older ages (Figure 1, Table 7).

The average number of children ever-born varied according to the marital status, age at leaving school and workforce participation of women and their geographic

location (State and Territory, metropolitan and ex-metropolitan residence). Married women aged 15-44 years had an average number of children ever-born of 1.99 as compared with 1.53 for all women at the same ages. Women who left school early had more children ever-born than women who left school later in their lives (Tables 7 and 8). Women who were in the labour force at the time of the survey had a lower average number of children ever-born (1.25) than those not in the labour force (2.09) (Table 8).

Women in the Northern Territory, Tasmania, Queensland and Western Australia achieved a higher average number of children ever-born (1.72, 1.65, 1.57 and 1.54 respectively) and the Australian Capital Territory, South Australia and Victoria a lower average number of children ever-born (1.41, 1.45 and 1.50 respectively) than the national average of 1.53 children per woman. Women in New South Wales achieved the national average number of children ever-born. Women residing in non-metropolitan areas had an average number of children ever-born (1.75) 24.1 per cent higher than women residing in metropolitan areas (1.41) (Table 8).

Between 1976 and 1986, the average expectation of additional children has increased slightly. This is particularly so among married women under 30 years of age, contributing to a small increase in the life-time number of children expected by those aged less than 30 years. The life-time average number of children expected by married women aged 25-29 years increased from 2.38 in 1976 to 2.42 in 1979 and to 2.49 in 1986, and by those aged 20-24 years, from 2.33 in 1976 to 2.43 in 1979 and to 2.46 in 1986. For married women aged 30 years and over, increases in the number of additional children expected have not compensated for the declines in the average number of children already born, and the life-time average number of children expected has declined. For those aged 35-39 years, the life-time number of children expected has declined from 2.89 in 1976 to 2.48 in 1986 (Figure 1, Table 7).

The life-time average number of children expected by women aged 15-44 years was highest for married women (2.50). Never married women expected to have a total of 2.03 children in their lives. The differences in life-time average number of children expected between married and never-married women of the same age group were smaller at younger age groups (15-24), and were significantly larger at older age groups (35-44), as demonstrated in the following table:

### LIFE-TIME AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXPECTED

| Age group of women | All women | Married | Never married |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|
| 15-19              | 2.43      | 2.85    | 2.43          |
| 20-24              | 2.33      | 2.46    | 2.25          |
| 25-29              | 2.34      | 2.49    | 1.78          |
| 30-34              | 2.30      | 2.47    | 1.04          |
| 35-39              | 2.37      | 2.48    | 0.47          |
| 40-44              | 2.48      | 2.57    | 0.43          |
| All ages           | 2.37      | 2.50    | 2.03          |

The life-time average number of children expected per woman irrespective of her age or marital status in 1986, was 2.37 children, with little variation between age groups. This observation is at variance with (i) the current level of the total fertility rate which is around 1.87 children per woman, and (ii) the current socio-economic conditions which are not conducive to an increase in fertility.

Results of the survey are also affected by a large number of women who did not respond to the questions on birth expectation (12.3 per cent). This level of non-response indicates that many women were uncertain of their future family size. Further, compared with respondents, non-respondents were younger and had fewer children ever-born. A higher proportion were never married. These characteristics, coupled with the uncertainty of their future family size, may result in non-respondents achieving a level of fertility lower than that of the respondents.

The above considerations indicate the possibility that the stated additional children expected, and therefore, the life-time average number of children expected may be exaggerated and may not be realised. Research on birth expectation data in the USA and the UK supports such a view (O'Connell and Rogers: 1983, Werner: 1986).

#### Family size and composition

Australian women expect to maintain the current two-child family norm. Of all women aged 15-44 years with two children already born, 87.3 per cent did not expect to have an additional child. Of those with only one child, 58.7 per cent expected to have more (Table 9).

The data also indicate that expectations of additional children beyond the two-child family are influenced by the sex composition of the children already born. 16.7 per

cent of all the women with two children of the same sex expected to have another child compared with 9.4 per cent of those who had one boy and one girl (Tables 13 and 14).

53.9 per cent of women aged 15-44 years with two children already born gave the reason for not wanting to have another child as 'do not want any more/family is large enough', while 7.9 per cent did not expect to have another child because of 'financial reasons' (Table 14).

7.5 per cent of all women aged 15-44 years were childless and expected to have no children in the future. The percentage varied from 7.3 per cent for those aged 15-24 years to 8.1 per cent for the age group 40-44 years. This percentage was higher among women in the labour force (9.3 per cent) compared with those who were not in the labour force (3.8 per cent) (Table 9).

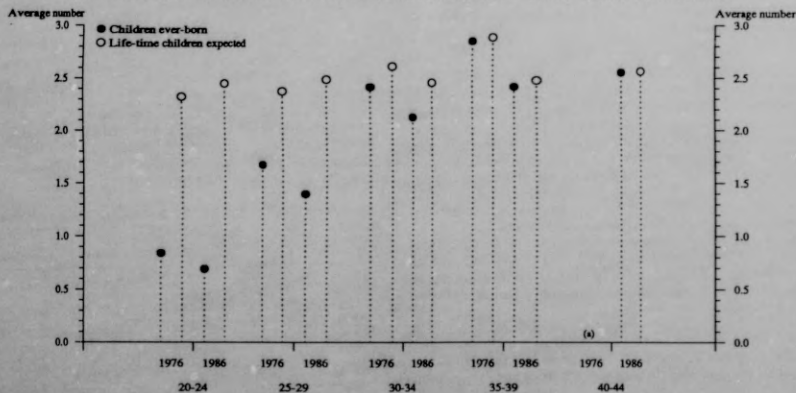
#### 'Ideal' birth interval

Attitudes concerning the 'ideal' interval between marriage and first birth did not vary significantly between women of different marital status categories. The average ideal interval was 2.8 years for those married, 2.6 years for those never married, 2.7 years for those living in a de facto relationship, and 2.9 years for those divorced, separated or widowed. Women also expressed similar views in regard to the ideal interval between first and second births being of around 2.2 years (Tables 21 and 22).

O'Connell M. and Rogers C.C. (1983) Assessing cohort birth expectations data from the current population survey, 1971-1981, *Demography*, Vol. 20, No. 3.

Werner B. (1986) Family building intentions of different generations of women: results from the General Household Survey 1979-83, *Population Trends*, 44, U.K.

FIGURE 1. AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER-BORN, ADDITIONAL CHILDREN EXPECTED AND LIFE-TIME AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXPECTED BY CURRENTLY MARRIED WOMEN BY AGE GROUP, AUSTRALIA



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

## Introduction

This publication contains results of a survey in September 1986 of the marriage histories, child-bearing histories and birth expectations of women in Australia.

2. Survey data on other aspects viz. trends and patterns of marriage, marriage dissolution, birth intervals etc., will be analysed and reported on as part of ongoing research activities of the ABS Demography Section.

3. The survey was conducted as a supplement to the regular Monthly Population Survey. Questions were directed to women aged 15-44 years excluding 15-17 year-olds who had never been married. Information was obtained on current marital status, previous marriages and marital breakdown; number of children ever-born, their sex and date of birth; number of babies expected in the future and the reasons for wanting them; and lastly, opinions on the ideal intervals between marriage and first birth and between first and second birth.

4. The survey is the third to be undertaken on this topic by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The first survey was made in November 1976 and referred only to ever married women aged 15-39 years. Summary results from this survey were released in June 1979 in *Birth Expectations of Married Women, November 1976* (3215.0). The second survey was made in June 1979 and referred to ever married women aged 15-44 years. Results from this survey were released in May 1980 in *Birth Expectations of Married Women, June 1979* (3215.0). A comparison of the results of the 1976, 1979 and 1986 surveys is shown in Table 7.

5. Apart from the progressive increase in coverage of these surveys (the 1986 survey is the first in the series to obtain information from all women over 17 years of age irrespective of their marital status) the range of information collected has also broadened. The 1986 survey is the first to include questions on attitudes to birth-spacing and also questions on reasons for wanting/not wanting to have children. The information obtained from the surveys supplements data from conventional sources viz. vital registrations and the population census.

## The Population Survey

6. The population survey, of which the Family Formation Survey is a supplement, is based on a multi-stage area sample of private and some non-private dwellings (including hotels, motels, etc. but excluding institutions), and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers. The interviews on family formation were conducted during the two weeks commencing Monday 8th September 1986.

7. The sampling fraction differs from State to State. This enables estimates of reasonable accuracy to be produced for all States and Territories as well as for

Australia as a whole. Sampling fractions are as follows: New South Wales and Victoria, 1 in 200; Queensland, 1 in 140; Western Australia, South Australia, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory, 1 in 100; and Tasmania, 1 in 60.

## Scope

8. The population survey includes all persons aged 15 and over except:

- (a) members of the permanent defence forces;
  - (b) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated populations;
  - (c) overseas residents in Australia; and
  - (d) members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependents) stationed in Australia.
- The family formation supplement also excludes:
- (e) males;
  - (f) females aged 45 years and over;
  - (g) never married females aged 15-17 years;
  - (h) female boarding school students;
  - (i) females in institutions (including hospitals).

## Estimation

9. The survey estimates have been derived using a ratio estimation procedure which ensures that the estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the female civilian population (including institutionalised women) aged 15-44 years by State and single years of age, rather than to the age distributions within the sample itself. These independent estimates (benchmarks) were necessarily derived from incomplete information about population changes (deaths, internal and overseas migration) and may differ from estimates of the population published by the ABS. For estimates of the population and other demographic statistics reference should be made to the quarterly publication *Australian Demographic Statistics* (3101.0).

## Reliability of the estimates

10. Estimates in this publication are subject to two sources of error:

- (a) *sampling error*: since the estimates are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. More information on this topic is given in the Technical note; and

- (b) *non-sampling error*: inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents and interviewers and errors made in the coding and processing of data. These inaccuracies may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

#### Imputation of certain data items

11. The survey question on the number of expected children was expressed to allow the answers 'one or two', 'two or three' etc, but to compile the statistics given in the following tables women have been allocated evenly to one number or the other. The original values, however, have been retained on file and tables may be made available subject to the ABS charging policy.

12. The survey question on when women expect their first/next baby to be born was expressed to allow the answers 'less than 12 months', '1 to less than 2 years', '2 to less than 3 years', etc. In order to compile data on derived intervals such as the interval between marriage and first expected child, or interval between last and next expected child it was assumed that the time expected to elapse before the first/next child fell at the mid-point i.e. 6 months, 18 months, 30 months, etc. Again, the original values have been retained on file and may be made available subject to the ABS charging policy.

13. For more information on the questions asked in the survey see Appendix III.

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TABLE 1. WOMEN AGED 15-44 YEARS BY LIVING ARRANGEMENT AND MARITAL STATUS: VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS OF WOMEN, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986 ('000)

| Characteristics of women               | Not in de facto relationship |                   |            |          |                              |                          |          |               | Total |              |       |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------|----------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------------|-------|--------------|-------|
|                                        | Ever married                 |                   |            |          |                              | In de facto relationship |          |               |       |              |       |
|                                        | Never married (a)            | Currently married |            |          | Separated, divorced, widowed | Total ever married       | Total(a) | Never married |       | Ever married | Total |
|                                        |                              | Married once      | Re-married |          |                              |                          |          |               |       |              |       |
| Age-group(years)—                      |                              |                   |            |          |                              |                          |          |               |       |              |       |
| 15-19                                  | (a)233.9                     | 11.2              | —          | *0.3     | 11.5                         | (a)245.4                 | 10.6     | —             | 10.6  | 256.0        |       |
| 20-24                                  | 383.1                        | 211.2             | 1.9        | 15.0     | 228.0                        | 611.1                    | 37.0     | 3.1           | 40.1  | 651.3        |       |
| 25-29                                  | 147.5                        | 425.6             | 15.6       | 43.4     | 464.6                        | 632.1                    | 22.3     | 6.2           | 28.5  | 660.6        |       |
| 30-34                                  | 61.5                         | 458.0             | 40.8       | 51.9     | 550.8                        | 612.3                    | 8.9      | 10.5          | 19.4  | 631.7        |       |
| 35-39                                  | 37.1                         | 449.0             | 54.4       | 69.2     | 572.6                        | 609.7                    | 2.2      | 7.9           | 10.1  | 619.8        |       |
| 40-44                                  | 17.7                         | 368.6             | 44.8       | 66.8     | 480.2                        | 497.9                    | 1.9      | 4.4           | 6.3   | 504.2        |       |
| Birthplace—                            |                              |                   |            |          |                              |                          |          |               |       |              |       |
| Australia                              | 729.9                        | 1,392.8           | 110.8      | 190.5    | 1,694.0                      | 2,423.9                  | 66.2     | 25.4          | 91.6  | 2,515.5      |       |
| Overseas—                              |                              |                   |            |          |                              |                          |          |               |       |              |       |
| United Kingdom and Ireland             | 46.5                         | 159.4             | 21.4       | 21.8     | 202.6                        | 249.0                    | 7.1      | 3.6           | 10.7  | 259.7        |       |
| Other Europe                           | 45.6                         | 196.1             | 14.0       | 20.8     | 230.9                        | 276.5                    | 7.0      | 1.8           | 8.9   | 285.3        |       |
| Other                                  | 58.8                         | 175.2             | 11.4       | 13.5     | 200.2                        | 259.0                    | 2.6      | 1.4           | 4.0   | 263.0        |       |
| Total overseas                         | 150.9                        | 530.8             | 46.8       | 56.1     | 633.6                        | 784.5                    | 16.7     | 6.8           | 23.5  | 808.0        |       |
| Employment status—                     |                              |                   |            |          |                              |                          |          |               |       |              |       |
| Employed—                              |                              |                   |            |          |                              |                          |          |               |       |              |       |
| Full-time                              | 544.8                        | 581.1             | 49.3       | 90.4     | 720.8                        | 1,265.6                  | 39.8     | 14.0          | 53.8  | 1,319.5      |       |
| Part-time                              | 106.7                        | 520.9             | 40.9       | 38.1     | 599.9                        | 706.6                    | 11.9     | 6.2           | 18.0  | 724.7        |       |
| Total                                  | 651.5                        | 1,102.0           | 90.2       | 128.5    | 1,320.8                      | 1,972.3                  | 51.7     | 20.2          | 71.9  | 2,044.2      |       |
| Unemployed                             | 88.2                         | 72.2              | 6.5        | 22.9     | 101.6                        | 189.8                    | 6.1      | 2.9           | 9.0   | 198.8        |       |
| Total in the labour force              | 739.7                        | 1,174.2           | 96.7       | 151.4    | 1,422.4                      | 2,162.1                  | 57.8     | 23.1          | 80.9  | 2,243.0      |       |
| Not in the labour force                | 141.1                        | 749.4             | 60.8       | 95.1     | 905.2                        | 1,046.3                  | 25.1     | 9.1           | 34.2  | 1,080.5      |       |
| State or Territory of usual residence— |                              |                   |            |          |                              |                          |          |               |       |              |       |
| N.S.W.                                 | 315.9                        | 649.1             | 56.8       | 87.4     | 793.2                        | 1,109.1                  | 23.1     | 8.7           | 31.8  | 1,140.9      |       |
| Vic.                                   | 239.9                        | 516.4             | 37.6       | 52.2     | 606.2                        | 846.1                    | 17.4     | 8.1           | 25.5  | 871.6        |       |
| Qld                                    | 131.3                        | 310.4             | 23.2       | 41.2     | 374.8                        | 506.2                    | 19.9     | 6.3           | 26.2  | 532.3        |       |
| S.A.                                   | 71.4                         | 162.0             | 15.0       | 25.9     | 202.8                        | 274.2                    | 6.6      | 2.9           | 9.6   | 283.8        |       |
| W.A.                                   | 77.3                         | 172.9             | 15.9       | 24.1     | 212.9                        | 290.2                    | 11.0     | 5.2           | 16.3  | 306.5        |       |
| Tas.                                   | 21.5                         | 54.9              | 4.8        | 8.3      | 68.0                         | 89.6                     | 2.2      | *0.5          | 2.6   | 92.2         |       |
| N.T.                                   | 7.3                          | 22.9              | 1.3        | 2.4      | 26.6                         | 33.8                     | 1.1      | *0.1          | 1.2   | 35.0         |       |
| A.C.T.                                 | 16.2                         | 34.9              | 3.0        | 5.2      | 43.0                         | 59.2                     | 1.6      | *0.3          | 2.0   | 61.2         |       |
| Type of locality—                      |                              |                   |            |          |                              |                          |          |               |       |              |       |
| Metropolitan                           | 625.7                        | 1,218.2           | 105.4      | 161.8    | 1,485.4                      | 2,111.1                  | 46.7     | 18.9          | 65.6  | 2,176.6      |       |
| Non-metropolitan                       | 255.1                        | 705.4             | 52.1       | 84.7     | 842.2                        | 1,097.4                  | 36.2     | 13.3          | 49.5  | 1,146.9      |       |
| Age left school(years)—                |                              |                   |            |          |                              |                          |          |               |       |              |       |
| Under 15                               | 22.5                         | 166.5             | 20.6       | 37.9     | 225.0                        | 247.5                    | 4.7      | 3.7           | 8.4   | 255.9        |       |
| 15                                     | 135.8                        | 510.1             | 48.9       | 75.8     | 634.8                        | 770.6                    | 22.0     | 11.7          | 33.7  | 804.3        |       |
| 16                                     | 218.9                        | 536.1             | 45.2       | 68.3     | 649.6                        | 868.5                    | 23.8     | 9.9           | 33.7  | 902.2        |       |
| 17                                     | 295.3                        | 426.9             | 25.6       | 41.7     | 494.1                        | 789.4                    | 20.5     | 4.5           | 25.0  | 814.4        |       |
| 18 and over                            | 189.0                        | 279.9             | 17.2       | 22.6     | 319.7                        | 508.7                    | 11.9     | 2.3           | 14.2  | 522.9        |       |
| Still attending school                 | 18.2                         | —                 | —          | —        | —                            | 18.2                     | —        | —             | —     | 18.2         |       |
| Never went to school                   | 1.1                          | 4.1               | —          | *0.3     | 4.4                          | 5.6                      | —        | —             | —     | 5.6          |       |
| Total all women 15-44                  | 880.8                        | 1,923.6           | 157.5      | (b)246.5 | 2,327.6                      | 3,208.4                  | 82.9     | 32.2          | 115.1 | 3,323.5      |       |

(a) Women aged 15 to 17 years who had never been married and were not in a de facto relationship were excluded from the survey. (b) Total numbers of separated, divorced and widowed women are 97.3, 131.2 and 18.0 respectively.

TABLE 2. EVER MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15-44 YEARS BY STATUS OF FIRST MARRIAGE: VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS OF WOMEN, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986

| Characteristics of women            | Status of first marriage |      |           |       |               |      |           |      |          |       |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------|-----------|-------|---------------|------|-----------|------|----------|-------|
|                                     | Intact                   |      | Separated |       | Dissolved by— |      |           |      | Total    |       |
|                                     |                          |      |           |       | Divorce       |      | Widowhood |      |          |       |
|                                     | No. '000                 | %    | No. '000  | %     | No. '000      | %    | No. '000  | %    | No. '000 | %     |
| Age at first marriage (years)—      |                          |      |           |       |               |      |           |      |          |       |
| Under 20                            | 562.9                    | 73.7 | 33.5      | 4.4   | 155.8         | 20.4 | 11.2      | 1.5  | 763.5    | 100.0 |
| 20-21                               | 554.7                    | 81.4 | 27.3      | 4.0   | 90.8          | 13.3 | 9.1       | 1.3  | 681.9    | 100.0 |
| 22-23                               | 381.8                    | 86.9 | 13.2      | 3.0   | 39.5          | 9.0  | 4.6       | 1.1  | 439.1    | 100.0 |
| 24-25                               | 197.7                    | 88.3 | 8.3       | 3.7   | 15.8          | 7.1  | 2.0       | 0.9  | 223.8    | 100.0 |
| 26 and over                         | 226.5                    | 90.0 | 9.0       | 3.6   | 13.9          | 5.5  | 2.2       | 0.9  | 251.6    | 100.0 |
| Age left school (years)—            |                          |      |           |       |               |      |           |      |          |       |
| Under 15                            | 166.5                    | 72.8 | 13.9      | 6.1   | 43.4          | 19.0 | 4.9       | 2.1  | 228.7    | 100.0 |
| 15                                  | 510.1                    | 78.9 | 28.0      | 4.3   | 99.3          | 15.4 | 9.1       | 1.4  | 646.5    | 100.0 |
| 16                                  | 536.1                    | 81.3 | 26.3      | 4.0   | 90.9          | 13.8 | 6.2       | 0.9  | 659.5    | 100.0 |
| 17                                  | 426.9                    | 85.6 | 14.4      | 2.9   | 51.3          | 10.3 | 6.1       | 1.2  | 498.6    | 100.0 |
| 18 and over                         | 279.9                    | 86.9 | 8.6       | 2.7   | 30.9          | 9.6  | 2.6       | 0.8  | 322.0    | 100.0 |
| Still attending school              | —                        | —    | —         | —     | —             | —    | —         | —    | —        | —     |
| Never went to school                | 4.1                      | 92.6 | *0.1      | *2.4  | —             | —    | *0.2      | *5.0 | 4.4      | 100.0 |
| Birthplace—                         |                          |      |           |       |               |      |           |      |          |       |
| Australia                           | 1,392.8                  | 81.0 | 71.3      | 4.1   | 232.7         | 13.5 | 22.6      | 1.3  | 1,719.4  | 100.0 |
| Overseas—                           |                          |      |           |       |               |      |           |      |          |       |
| United Kingdom and Ireland          | 159.4                    | 77.3 | 7.2       | 3.5   | 38.3          | 18.6 | 1.2       | 0.6  | 206.1    | 100.0 |
| Other Europe                        | 196.1                    | 84.3 | 7.4       | 3.2   | 26.5          | 11.4 | 2.8       | 1.2  | 232.7    | 100.0 |
| Other                               | 175.2                    | 86.9 | 5.5       | 2.7   | 18.4          | 9.1  | 2.4       | 1.2  | 201.6    | 100.0 |
| Total overseas                      | 530.8                    | 82.9 | 20.0      | 3.1   | 83.2          | 13.0 | 6.4       | 1.0  | 640.4    | 100.0 |
| Number of children already born—    |                          |      |           |       |               |      |           |      |          |       |
| 0                                   | 324.0                    | 82.9 | 17.6      | 4.5   | 46.0          | 11.8 | 3.4       | 0.9  | 391.1    | 100.0 |
| 1                                   | 297.1                    | 77.9 | 17.3      | 4.5   | 63.7          | 16.7 | 3.5       | 0.9  | 381.6    | 100.0 |
| 2                                   | 711.6                    | 83.1 | 30.3      | 3.5   | 106.5         | 12.4 | 8.3       | 1.0  | 856.7    | 100.0 |
| 3                                   | 412.9                    | 82.8 | 18.1      | 3.6   | 59.2          | 11.9 | 8.4       | 1.7  | 498.6    | 100.0 |
| 4 and over                          | 177.9                    | 76.8 | 7.9       | 3.4   | 40.6          | 17.5 | 5.4       | 2.3  | 231.8    | 100.0 |
| Duration of first marriage (years)— |                          |      |           |       |               |      |           |      |          |       |
| 0-4                                 | 445.1                    | 79.0 | ..        | ..    | 109.0         | 19.3 | 9.4       | 1.7  | 563.5    | 100.0 |
| 5-9                                 | 405.7                    | 77.3 | ..        | ..    | 109.8         | 20.9 | 9.3       | 1.8  | 524.9    | 100.0 |
| 10-14                               | 418.8                    | 86.7 | ..        | ..    | 58.6          | 12.1 | 5.8       | 1.2  | 483.2    | 100.0 |
| 15-19                               | 405.7                    | 92.4 | ..        | ..    | 30.4          | 6.9  | 3.1       | 0.7  | 439.2    | 100.0 |
| 20-24                               | 221.7                    | 96.2 | ..        | ..    | 7.4           | 3.2  | 1.4       | 0.6  | 230.5    | 100.0 |
| 25 and over                         | 26.7                     | 97.5 | ..        | ..    | 0.7           | 2.5  | —         | —    | 27.3     | 100.0 |
| Not applicable                      | ..                       | ..   | 91.3      | 100.0 | ..            | ..   | ..        | ..   | 91.3     | 100.0 |
| Total                               | 1,923.6                  | 81.5 | 91.3      | 3.9   | 315.9         | 13.4 | 29.0      | 1.2  | 2,359.8  | 100.0 |



TABLE 3. EVER MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15-44 YEARS WHOSE FIRST MARRIAGE IS DISSOLVED, BY DURATION OF FIRST MARRIAGE: VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS OF WOMEN, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1966 ('000)

| Characteristics of women                                             | Duration of first marriage(years)— |      |      |       |             | Total women |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------------|-------------|
|                                                                      | Under 1                            | 1    | 2-4  | 5-9   | 10 and over |             |
| WOMEN WHOSE FIRST MARRIAGE DISSOLVED BY DIVORCE                      |                                    |      |      |       |             |             |
| Age at first marriage (years)—                                       |                                    |      |      |       |             |             |
| Under 20                                                             | 2.3                                | 8.0  | 39.9 | 52.7  | 53.0        | 155.8       |
| 20-21                                                                | 2.6                                | 3.8  | 23.1 | 33.5  | 27.8        | 90.8        |
| 22-23                                                                | 1.4                                | 1.9  | 11.4 | 14.0  | 10.8        | 39.5        |
| 24-25                                                                | *0.2                               | *0.4 | 6.6  | 4.8   | 3.7         | 15.8        |
| 26 and over                                                          | *0.5                               | 1.6  | 5.2  | 4.9   | 1.8         | 13.9        |
| Age left school(years)—                                              |                                    |      |      |       |             |             |
| Under 15                                                             | 1.5                                | 1.7  | 8.4  | 13.6  | 18.1        | 43.4        |
| 15                                                                   | 1.6                                | 3.5  | 23.4 | 35.8  | 35.0        | 99.3        |
| 16                                                                   | 1.9                                | 5.4  | 26.6 | 32.4  | 24.7        | 90.9        |
| 17                                                                   | 1.1                                | 3.4  | 17.5 | 17.5  | 11.9        | 51.3        |
| 18 and over                                                          | 0.9                                | 1.7  | 10.3 | 10.5  | 7.4         | 30.9        |
| Still attending school                                               | —                                  | —    | —    | —     | —           | —           |
| Never went to school                                                 | —                                  | —    | —    | —     | —           | —           |
| Birthplace—                                                          |                                    |      |      |       |             |             |
| Australia                                                            | 5.5                                | 10.5 | 63.0 | 80.4  | 73.4        | 232.7       |
| Overseas—                                                            |                                    |      |      |       |             |             |
| United Kingdom and Ireland                                           | *0.2                               | 2.3  | 10.0 | 14.6  | 11.2        | 38.3        |
| Other Europe                                                         | *0.6                               | 1.3  | 7.6  | 8.3   | 8.6         | 26.5        |
| Other                                                                | *0.6                               | 1.6  | 5.7  | 6.6   | 3.9         | 18.4        |
| Total overseas                                                       | 1.5                                | 5.2  | 23.3 | 29.4  | 23.8        | 83.2        |
| Number of children already born—                                     |                                    |      |      |       |             |             |
| 0                                                                    | 2.0                                | 2.7  | 21.5 | 13.8  | 6.0         | 46.0        |
| 1                                                                    | 2.2                                | 4.4  | 23.7 | 23.5  | 9.9         | 63.7        |
| 2                                                                    | 1.1                                | 5.6  | 23.1 | 37.2  | 39.5        | 106.5       |
| 3                                                                    | 0.8                                | 1.6  | 12.8 | 21.4  | 22.6        | 59.2        |
| 4 and over                                                           | 0.9                                | 1.3  | 5.2  | 14.1  | 19.1        | 40.6        |
| Total                                                                | 7.0                                | 15.7 | 86.3 | 109.8 | 97.1        | 315.9       |
| TOTAL WOMEN WHOSE FIRST MARRIAGE DISSOLVED (BY DIVORCE OR WIDOWHOOD) |                                    |      |      |       |             |             |
| Age at first marriage (years)—                                       |                                    |      |      |       |             |             |
| Under 20                                                             | 2.9                                | 8.7  | 42.7 | 54.8  | 58.0        | 167.0       |
| 20-21                                                                | 3.0                                | 4.2  | 24.8 | 37.3  | 30.6        | 99.9        |
| 22-23                                                                | 1.8                                | 2.1  | 12.6 | 15.3  | 12.4        | 44.1        |
| 24-25                                                                | *0.2                               | *0.6 | 7.1  | 5.7   | 4.2         | 17.8        |
| 26 and over                                                          | *0.5                               | 1.6  | 5.8  | 6.1   | 2.1         | 16.1        |
| Age left school(years)—                                              |                                    |      |      |       |             |             |
| Under 15                                                             | 1.8                                | 2.2  | 9.6  | 15.2  | 19.5        | 48.3        |
| 15                                                                   | 1.9                                | 3.9  | 24.9 | 38.9  | 38.8        | 108.4       |
| 16                                                                   | 2.4                                | 5.8  | 28.0 | 33.9  | 27.1        | 97.1        |
| 17                                                                   | 1.3                                | 3.6  | 19.2 | 19.6  | 13.6        | 57.4        |
| 18 and over                                                          | 0.9                                | 1.7  | 11.2 | 11.6  | 8.1         | 33.5        |
| Still attending school                                               | —                                  | —    | —    | —     | —           | —           |
| Never went to school                                                 | —                                  | —    | —    | —     | *0.2        | *0.2        |
| Birthplace—                                                          |                                    |      |      |       |             |             |
| Australia                                                            | 6.7                                | 11.8 | 68.5 | 86.8  | 81.5        | 255.3       |
| Overseas—                                                            |                                    |      |      |       |             |             |
| United Kingdom and Ireland                                           | *0.4                               | 2.3  | 10.0 | 15.3  | 11.6        | 39.5        |
| Other Europe                                                         | *0.6                               | 1.5  | 7.9  | 9.4   | 9.8         | 29.2        |
| Other                                                                | *0.6                               | 1.6  | 6.4  | 7.7   | 4.5         | 20.8        |
| Total overseas                                                       | 1.6                                | 5.4  | 24.4 | 32.6  | 25.8        | 89.6        |
| Number of children already born—                                     |                                    |      |      |       |             |             |
| 0                                                                    | 2.3                                | 2.7  | 22.7 | 14.8  | 6.9         | 49.4        |
| 1                                                                    | 2.4                                | 5.0  | 24.7 | 24.8  | 10.3        | 67.2        |
| 2                                                                    | 1.4                                | 5.9  | 24.9 | 39.2  | 43.5        | 114.8       |
| 3                                                                    | 1.4                                | 2.3  | 13.9 | 25.0  | 25.0        | 67.6        |
| 4 and over                                                           | 1.0                                | 1.3  | 6.8  | 15.4  | 21.6        | 45.9        |
| Total                                                                | 8.3                                | 17.2 | 92.9 | 119.1 | 107.4       | 344.9       |



**TABLE 4. REMARRIED WOMEN AGED 15-44 YEARS BY INTERVAL BETWEEN FIRST MARRIAGE DISSOLUTION AND SECOND MARRIAGE: VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS OF WOMEN, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986**  
(<sup>1</sup> 000)

| Characteristics of women                                             | Interval between dissolution of first marriage and date of second marriage (years)— |      |      |             | Total women |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|-------------|-------------|
|                                                                      | Under 2                                                                             | 2-4  | 5-9  | 10 and over |             |
| WOMEN WHOSE FIRST MARRIAGE DISSOLVED BY DIVORCE                      |                                                                                     |      |      |             |             |
| Age at first dissolution (years)—                                    |                                                                                     |      |      |             |             |
| Under 25                                                             | 0.7                                                                                 | 15.9 | 32.5 | 14.7        | 63.7        |
| 25-29                                                                | —                                                                                   | 4.0  | 30.0 | 31.2        | 65.2        |
| 30-34                                                                | —                                                                                   | 0.8  | 3.4  | 28.8        | 33.0        |
| 35 and over                                                          | —                                                                                   | —    | *0.2 | 11.9        | 12.1        |
| Age left school (years)—                                             |                                                                                     |      |      |             |             |
| Under 15                                                             | *0.5                                                                                | 2.3  | 7.6  | 14.1        | 24.5        |
| 15                                                                   | *0.1                                                                                | 5.0  | 20.0 | 30.5        | 55.7        |
| 16                                                                   | —                                                                                   | 5.7  | 19.0 | 23.8        | 48.5        |
| 17                                                                   | —                                                                                   | 4.4  | 12.1 | 11.1        | 27.7        |
| 18 and over                                                          | *0.1                                                                                | 3.3  | 7.5  | 6.9         | 17.7        |
| Still attending school                                               | —                                                                                   | —    | —    | —           | —           |
| Never went to school                                                 | —                                                                                   | —    | —    | —           | —           |
| Birthplace—                                                          |                                                                                     |      |      |             |             |
| Australia                                                            | *0.1                                                                                | 13.9 | 47.9 | 61.8        | 123.6       |
| Overseas—                                                            |                                                                                     |      |      |             |             |
| United Kingdom and Ireland                                           | —                                                                                   | 2.3  | 9.0  | 12.7        | 24.0        |
| Other Europe                                                         | —                                                                                   | 2.3  | 4.8  | 7.7         | 14.8        |
| Other                                                                | *0.6                                                                                | 2.2  | 4.5  | 4.4         | 11.6        |
| Total overseas                                                       | *0.6                                                                                | 6.8  | 18.3 | 24.8        | 50.5        |
| Number of children already born—                                     |                                                                                     |      |      |             |             |
| 0                                                                    | *0.1                                                                                | 2.2  | 9.7  | 8.3         | 20.2        |
| 1                                                                    | *0.2                                                                                | 4.9  | 14.3 | 12.3        | 31.7        |
| 2                                                                    | *0.2                                                                                | 7.6  | 21.5 | 30.4        | 59.7        |
| 3                                                                    | *0.1                                                                                | 3.3  | 12.8 | 20.0        | 36.2        |
| 4 and over                                                           | —                                                                                   | 2.6  | 8.0  | 15.6        | 26.2        |
| Age of youngest child at dissolution of first marriage (years)—      |                                                                                     |      |      |             |             |
| Under 5                                                              | —                                                                                   | 3.3  | 18.3 | 25.5        | 47.2        |
| 5-9                                                                  | —                                                                                   | *0.1 | 2.5  | 21.5        | 24.2        |
| 10 and over                                                          | *0.6                                                                                | 13.1 | 33.2 | 30.8        | 77.6        |
| No children at dissolution of marriage                               | *0.1                                                                                | 4.1  | 12.2 | 8.8         | 25.1        |
| Total                                                                | 0.7                                                                                 | 20.6 | 66.2 | 86.6        | 174.1       |
| TOTAL WOMEN WHOSE FIRST MARRIAGE DISSOLVED (BY DIVORCE OR WIDOWHOOD) |                                                                                     |      |      |             |             |
| Age at first dissolution (years)—                                    |                                                                                     |      |      |             |             |
| Under 25                                                             | 1.1                                                                                 | 17.6 | 34.7 | 15.9        | 69.2        |
| 25-29                                                                | *0.2                                                                                | 4.1  | 31.3 | 33.4        | 69.1        |
| 30-34                                                                | —                                                                                   | 0.8  | 3.4  | 29.9        | 34.1        |
| 35 and over                                                          | —                                                                                   | —    | *0.2 | 13.0        | 13.3        |
| Age left school (years)—                                             |                                                                                     |      |      |             |             |
| Under 15                                                             | *0.6                                                                                | 2.9  | 8.1  | 14.9        | 26.6        |
| 15                                                                   | *0.3                                                                                | 5.6  | 20.5 | 33.0        | 59.4        |
| 16                                                                   | *0.2                                                                                | 5.9  | 20.2 | 24.8        | 51.2        |
| 17                                                                   | —                                                                                   | 4.8  | 12.7 | 12.1        | 29.6        |
| 18 and over                                                          | *0.1                                                                                | 3.3  | 8.1  | 7.5         | 19.0        |
| Still attending school                                               | —                                                                                   | —    | —    | —           | —           |
| Never went to school                                                 | —                                                                                   | —    | —    | —           | —           |
| Birthplace—                                                          |                                                                                     |      |      |             |             |
| Australia                                                            | *0.6                                                                                | 15.7 | 50.2 | 66.1        | 132.5       |
| Overseas—                                                            |                                                                                     |      |      |             |             |
| United Kingdom and Ireland                                           | —                                                                                   | 2.3  | 9.2  | 12.7        | 24.3        |
| Other Europe                                                         | *0.2                                                                                | 2.3  | 5.4  | 8.5         | 16.3        |
| Other                                                                | *0.6                                                                                | 2.2  | 4.8  | 5.0         | 12.6        |
| Total overseas                                                       | 0.7                                                                                 | 6.8  | 19.5 | 26.1        | 53.1        |
| Number of children already born—                                     |                                                                                     |      |      |             |             |
| 0                                                                    | *0.1                                                                                | 2.2  | 9.8  | 8.5         | 20.7        |
| 1                                                                    | *0.5                                                                                | 5.3  | 14.6 | 12.8        | 33.1        |
| 2                                                                    | *0.2                                                                                | 8.2  | 22.6 | 30.9        | 62.0        |
| 3                                                                    | *0.5                                                                                | 3.9  | 13.5 | 22.3        | 40.2        |
| 4 and over                                                           | —                                                                                   | 2.9  | 9.1  | 17.7        | 29.7        |
| Age of youngest child at dissolution of first marriage (years)—      |                                                                                     |      |      |             |             |
| Under 5                                                              | —                                                                                   | 3.6  | 19.6 | 27.2        | 50.4        |
| 5-9                                                                  | —                                                                                   | *0.1 | 2.5  | 23.2        | 25.8        |
| 10 and over                                                          | 1.2                                                                                 | 14.6 | 35.0 | 32.7        | 83.6        |
| No children at dissolution of marriage                               | *0.1                                                                                | 4.1  | 12.6 | 9.1         | 25.8        |
| Total                                                                | 1.3                                                                                 | 22.5 | 69.6 | 92.2        | 185.6       |

TABLE 5. WOMEN AGED 15-44 YEARS LIVING IN A DE FACTO RELATIONSHIP BY DURATION OF RELATIONSHIP :  
NEVER MARRIED BY AGE AND EVER MARRIED BY HOW LAST MARRIAGE ENDED, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

| Duration of de facto<br>relationship<br>(years) | Never married      |       |                |       | Ever married |                            |       | Total<br>de facto<br>women |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------|-------|--------------|----------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
|                                                 | Age-group (years)— |       |                |       | Divorced     | Separated<br>or<br>widowed | Total |                            |
|                                                 | Under<br>25        | 25-29 | 30 and<br>over | Total |              |                            |       |                            |
| Under 1                                         | 12.8               | 4.7   | 1.5            | 19.1  | 3.5          | 4.1                        | 7.6   | 26.7                       |
| 1-2                                             | 14.0               | 3.6   | 1.0            | 18.5  | 5.0          | 1.3                        | 6.3   | 24.9                       |
| 2-3                                             | 6.1                | 1.8   | 1.2            | 9.1   | 3.5          | 0.7                        | 4.2   | 13.3                       |
| 3-4                                             | 3.7                | 0.8   | *0.6           | 5.1   | 2.4          | *0.1                       | 2.5   | 7.6                        |
| 4-5                                             | 2.7                | 1.5   | 0.7            | 4.8   | 2.4          | —                          | 2.4   | 7.2                        |
| 5-6                                             | 2.9                | 1.1   | 1.6            | 5.7   | 2.1          | —                          | 2.1   | 7.8                        |
| 6-7                                             | 2.7                | 1.4   | 0.6            | 4.7   | 1.2          | *0.1                       | 1.4   | 6.1                        |
| 7-8                                             | *0.6               | 1.8   | 1.1            | 3.5   | 0.8          | —                          | 0.8   | 4.3                        |
| 8-14                                            | —                  | 4.7   | 2.0            | 6.8   | 2.5          | *0.3                       | 2.9   | 9.7                        |
| 14 and over                                     | —                  | —     | 1.6            | 1.6   | —            | —                          | —     | 1.6                        |
| Not known                                       | 2.1                | 0.9   | 1.1            | 4.1   | 1.3          | *0.5                       | 1.8   | 5.9                        |
| Total                                           | 47.6               | 22.3  | 13.0           | 82.9  | 24.9         | 7.3                        | 32.2  | 115.1                      |

TABLE 6. DIVORCED WOMEN AGED 15-44 YEARS LIVING IN A DE FACTO RELATIONSHIP  
BY AGE : INTERVAL BETWEEN DIVORCE AND  
COMMENCEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986

| Interval between divorce<br>and commencement of<br>relationship  | Age group (years)— |             |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------|
|                                                                  | Under 30           | 30 and over | Total |
| WOMEN WHOSE DIVORCE OCCURRED BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP |                    |             |       |
| —'000—                                                           |                    |             |       |
| More than 2 years before                                         | 1.5                | 8.7         | 10.3  |
| 1-2 years before                                                 | 1.0                | 2.6         | 3.6   |
| Less than 1 year before                                          | 1.0                | 2.3         | 3.3   |
| Total                                                            | 3.5                | 13.6        | 17.1  |
| —years—                                                          |                    |             |       |
| Average interval                                                 | 2.6                | 3.8         | 3.6   |
| WOMEN WHOSE DIVORCE OCCURRED AFTER COMMENCEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP  |                    |             |       |
| —'000—                                                           |                    |             |       |
| Less than 1 year after                                           | 0.8                | 2.3         | 3.1   |
| 1-2 years after                                                  | *0.6               | 1.8         | 2.4   |
| More than 2 years after                                          | *0.4               | *0.6        | 0.9   |
| Total                                                            | 1.7                | 4.7         | 6.5   |
| —years—                                                          |                    |             |       |
| Average interval                                                 | 1.9                | 1.1         | 1.3   |
| DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP NOT KNOWN                   |                    |             |       |
| —'000—                                                           |                    |             |       |
| —                                                                | —                  | 1.3         | 1.3   |
| TOTAL WOMEN                                                      |                    |             |       |
| —'000—                                                           |                    |             |       |
| —                                                                | 5.2                | 19.6        | 24.9  |

TABLE 7. MARRIED WOMEN (a) AGED 15-44 YEARS BY AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN, AVERAGE NUMBER EXPECTED TO BE BORN, AND LIFE-TIME AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXPECTED: VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS OF WOMEN, AUSTRALIA, SURVEYS 1976, 1979 AND 1986

| Characteristics of women               | Number of women ('000) |         |         | Average number of children |      |      |          |      |      |       |      |      |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|----------------------------|------|------|----------|------|------|-------|------|------|
|                                        | 1976                   | 1979    | 1986    | Already born               |      |      | Expected |      |      | Total |      |      |
|                                        |                        |         |         | 1976                       | 1979 | 1986 | 1976     | 1979 | 1986 | 1976  | 1979 | 1986 |
| Age-group (years)—                     |                        |         |         |                            |      |      |          |      |      |       |      |      |
| 15-19                                  | 40.0                   | 26.5    | 9.9     | 0.53                       | 0.46 | 0.52 | 1.82     | 2.04 | 2.33 | 2.35  | 2.49 | 2.85 |
| 20-24                                  | 307.8                  | 254.4   | 191.4   | 0.84                       | 0.78 | 0.68 | 1.47     | 1.65 | 1.78 | 2.33  | 2.43 | 2.46 |
| 25-29                                  | 429.7                  | 403.8   | 389.7   | 1.67                       | 1.58 | 1.39 | 0.70     | 0.84 | 1.11 | 2.38  | 2.42 | 2.49 |
| 30-34                                  | 394.4                  | 421.0   | 444.7   | 2.42                       | 2.26 | 2.13 | 0.19     | 0.24 | 0.34 | 2.61  | 2.50 | 2.47 |
| 35-39                                  | 348.3                  | 350.3   | 478.6   | 2.85                       | 2.65 | 2.42 | 0.04     | 0.06 | 0.06 | 2.89  | 2.71 | 2.48 |
| 40-44                                  | —                      | 312.9   | 407.2   | —                          | 2.94 | 2.56 | —        | —    | 0.01 | —     | 2.94 | 2.57 |
| Birthplace—                            |                        |         |         |                            |      |      |          |      |      |       |      |      |
| Australia                              | 1,121.6                | 1,291.8 | 1,389.7 | 1.94                       | 2.07 | 1.99 | 0.63     | 0.56 | 0.54 | 2.57  | 2.63 | 2.53 |
| Overseas—                              |                        |         |         |                            |      |      |          |      |      |       |      |      |
| United Kingdom and Ireland             | 151.5                  | 169.4   | 169.8   | 1.94                       | 2.10 | 1.97 | 0.53     | 0.39 | 0.39 | 2.47  | 2.49 | 2.36 |
| Other Europe                           | 183.9                  | 199.8   | 194.8   | 2.00                       | 2.13 | 2.15 | 0.49     | 0.35 | 0.35 | 2.49  | 2.48 | 2.50 |
| Other                                  | 63.2                   | 107.9   | 167.1   | 1.73                       | 1.78 | 1.86 | 0.76     | 0.68 | 0.59 | 2.49  | 2.46 | 2.45 |
| Total overseas                         | 398.5                  | 477.1   | 531.7   | 1.94                       | 2.04 | 2.00 | 0.55     | 0.44 | 0.44 | 2.49  | 2.48 | 2.44 |
| State or Territory of usual residence— |                        |         |         |                            |      |      |          |      |      |       |      |      |
| N.S.W.                                 | 523.3                  | 612.0   | 647.5   | 1.93                       | 2.00 | 2.00 | 0.61     | 0.53 | 0.49 | 2.54  | 2.53 | 2.49 |
| Vic.                                   | 403.0                  | 467.4   | 510.4   | 1.94                       | 2.08 | 2.01 | 0.61     | 0.56 | 0.54 | 2.55  | 2.64 | 2.55 |
| Qld                                    | 226.9                  | 271.8   | 311.0   | 2.01                       | 2.20 | 2.00 | 0.63     | 0.52 | 0.52 | 2.64  | 2.72 | 2.52 |
| S.A.                                   | 144.1                  | 162.0   | 165.7   | 1.82                       | 1.94 | 1.86 | 0.57     | 0.51 | 0.50 | 2.39  | 2.45 | 2.36 |
| W.A.                                   | 136.1                  | 159.4   | 176.6   | 1.94                       | 2.09 | 1.99 | 0.60     | 0.51 | 0.48 | 2.54  | 2.60 | 2.47 |
| Tas                                    | 46.0                   | 51.9    | 55.1    | 2.09                       | 2.16 | 2.04 | 0.54     | 0.50 | 0.49 | 2.63  | 2.66 | 2.53 |
| N.T.                                   | 12.6                   | 12.7    | 21.2    | 2.16                       | 2.27 | 2.10 | 0.50     | 0.37 | 0.48 | 2.66  | 2.64 | 2.58 |
| A.C.T.                                 | 28.2                   | 31.7    | 34.0    | 1.70                       | 2.08 | 1.87 | 0.71     | 0.52 | 0.54 | 2.41  | 2.60 | 2.41 |
| Type of locality—                      |                        |         |         |                            |      |      |          |      |      |       |      |      |
| Metropolitan                           | 962.2                  | 1,093.8 | 1,222.7 | 1.84                       | 1.94 | 1.91 | 0.63     | 0.56 | 0.53 | 2.47  | 2.50 | 2.44 |
| Non-metropolitan                       | 557.9                  | 675.1   | 698.7   | 2.11                       | 2.26 | 2.13 | 0.58     | 0.48 | 0.47 | 2.69  | 2.74 | 2.60 |
| Labour force status—                   |                        |         |         |                            |      |      |          |      |      |       |      |      |
| In labour force                        | 731.6                  | 915.0   | 1,182.2 | 1.60                       | 1.79 | 1.82 | 0.75     | 0.63 | 0.57 | 2.35  | 2.42 | 2.39 |
| Not in labour force                    | 788.5                  | 853.9   | 739.3   | 2.25                       | 2.35 | 2.26 | 0.47     | 0.42 | 0.42 | 2.72  | 2.77 | 2.68 |
| Total                                  | 1,520.2                | 1,768.9 | 1,921.4 | 1.94                       | 2.06 | 1.99 | 0.61     | 0.53 | 0.51 | 2.55  | 2.59 | 2.50 |

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

**TABLE 5. WOMEN (a)(b) AGED 15-44 YEARS BY NUMBER AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN, AVERAGE NUMBER EXPECTED TO BE BORN, AND LIFE-TIME AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXPECTED: VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS OF WOMEN, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986**

| Characteristics of women                                     | Number of children already born— |              |              |              |              |                | Average number of children |              |             |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                                              | 0                                | 1            | 2            | 3            | 4 and over   | Total          | Total children born        | Already born | Expected    | Total       |
|                                                              | ('000)                           | ('000)       | ('000)       | ('000)       | ('000)       | ('000)         | ('000)                     |              |             |             |
| <b>Age-group (years)—</b>                                    |                                  |              |              |              |              |                |                            |              |             |             |
| 15-19(a)                                                     | 189.9                            | 9.2          | 2.5          | —            | —            | 201.6          | 14.2                       | 0.07         | 2.36        | 2.43        |
| 20-24                                                        | 408.1                            | 79.7         | 40.5         | 8.6          | 1.3          | 538.2          | 192.7                      | 0.36         | 1.97        | 2.33        |
| 25-29                                                        | 220.5                            | 122.3        | 143.6        | 54.9         | 16.5         | 557.8          | 642.4                      | 1.15         | 1.19        | 2.34        |
| 30-34                                                        | 90.5                             | 83.0         | 206.6        | 118.8        | 47.0         | 545.8          | 1,054.7                    | 1.93         | 0.37        | 2.30        |
| 35-39                                                        | 55.2                             | 58.5         | 231.2        | 154.5        | 77.8         | 577.3          | 1,326.7                    | 2.30         | 0.07        | 2.37        |
| 40-44                                                        | 41.4                             | 44.2         | 184.6        | 141.9        | 83.1         | 495.2          | 1,222.8                    | 2.47         | 0.01        | 2.48        |
| <b>Birthplace—</b>                                           |                                  |              |              |              |              |                |                            |              |             |             |
| Australia                                                    | 800.9                            | 285.9        | 587.3        | 353.1        | 169.4        | 2,196.7        | 3,270.4                    | 1.49         | 0.89        | 2.38        |
| <b>Overseas—</b>                                             |                                  |              |              |              |              |                |                            |              |             |             |
| United Kingdom and Ireland                                   | 67.5                             | 37.0         | 72.3         | 44.0         | 15.7         | 236.6          | 384.8                      | 1.63         | 0.60        | 2.23        |
| Other Europe                                                 | 61.7                             | 35.5         | 84.8         | 53.4         | 22.0         | 257.5          | 461.8                      | 1.79         | 0.57        | 2.37        |
| Other                                                        | 75.5                             | 38.4         | 64.7         | 28.1         | 18.5         | 225.1          | 336.5                      | 1.49         | 0.85        | 2.35        |
| Total overseas                                               | 204.7                            | 110.9        | 221.7        | 125.6        | 56.2         | 719.2          | 1,183.1                    | 1.64         | 0.67        | 2.32        |
| <b>Marital status—</b>                                       |                                  |              |              |              |              |                |                            |              |             |             |
| Not in de facto relationship—                                |                                  |              |              |              |              |                |                            |              |             |             |
| Ever married                                                 | 340.1                            | 331.6        | 780.8        | 467.5        | 218.0        | 2,138.1        | 4,260.9                    | 1.99         | 0.48        | 2.48        |
| Never married(a)                                             | 618.8                            | 42.7         | 12.1         | 2.9          | 2.1          | 678.5          | 86.8                       | 0.13         | 1.90        | 2.03        |
| In de facto relationship                                     | 46.8                             | 22.6         | 16.1         | 8.3          | 5.5          | 99.2           | 105.7                      | 1.06         | 1.20        | 2.26        |
| <b>Age at first marriage (years)—</b>                        |                                  |              |              |              |              |                |                            |              |             |             |
| Under 20                                                     | 52.4                             | 85.3         | 267.7        | 198.2        | 106.2        | 709.8          | 1,689.9                    | 2.38         | 0.31        | 2.69        |
| 20-21                                                        | 92.9                             | 91.5         | 240.9        | 139.9        | 64.0         | 629.2          | 1,275.3                    | 2.03         | 0.48        | 2.51        |
| 22-23                                                        | 81.8                             | 63.5         | 142.3        | 84.6         | 30.3         | 402.5          | 734.8                      | 1.83         | 0.62        | 2.45        |
| 24-25                                                        | 54.4                             | 43.1         | 66.9         | 25.6         | 10.6         | 200.6          | 299.0                      | 1.49         | 0.75        | 2.24        |
| 26 and over                                                  | 64.4                             | 54.2         | 71.0         | 25.1         | 9.6          | 224.2          | 313.8                      | 1.40         | 0.57        | 1.97        |
| Never married                                                | 659.7                            | 59.3         | 20.2         | 5.4          | 5.0          | 749.6          | 140.7                      | 0.19         | 1.86        | 2.05        |
| <b>Age at commencement of de facto relationship (years)—</b> |                                  |              |              |              |              |                |                            |              |             |             |
| Under 20                                                     | 14.2                             | 6.5          | 3.4          | 1.5          | 1.2          | 26.8           | 22.6                       | 0.84         | 1.41        | 2.25        |
| 20-21                                                        | 9.2                              | 3.2          | 1.6          | 0.4          | 0.6          | 15.1           | 10.6                       | 0.70         | 1.84        | 2.54        |
| 22-23                                                        | 7.2                              | 3.3          | 1.1          | 0.6          | 0.2          | 12.6           | 9.0                        | 0.71         | 1.62        | 2.34        |
| 24-25                                                        | 4.8                              | 1.9          | 0.3          | 0.6          | 0.1          | 7.8            | 5.1                        | 0.65         | 1.22        | 1.87        |
| 26 and over                                                  | 10.0                             | 6.6          | 7.9          | 4.6          | 3.1          | 32.1           | 51.5                       | 1.60         | 0.56        | 2.17        |
| Not known                                                    | 1.3                              | 1.1          | 1.7          | 0.4          | 0.2          | 4.8            | 6.9                        | 1.45         | 1.11        | 2.56        |
| Not applicable                                               | 958.9                            | 374.3        | 792.9        | 470.4        | 220.1        | 2,816.6        | 4,347.7                    | 1.54         | 0.83        | 2.37        |
| <b>State or Territory of usual residence—</b>                |                                  |              |              |              |              |                |                            |              |             |             |
| N.S.W.                                                       | 336.9                            | 138.3        | 276.2        | 164.9        | 73.1         | 989.4          | 1,516.4                    | 1.53         | 0.83        | 2.36        |
| Vic.                                                         | 271.7                            | 99.4         | 207.4        | 123.1        | 59.7         | 761.3          | 1,142.9                    | 1.50         | 0.88        | 2.38        |
| Qld                                                          | 160.2                            | 64.4         | 131.1        | 77.2         | 41.7         | 474.6          | 744.7                      | 1.57         | 0.83        | 2.40        |
| S.A.                                                         | 89.7                             | 36.3         | 73.3         | 37.9         | 16.2         | 253.4          | 368.0                      | 1.45         | 0.81        | 2.26        |
| W.A.                                                         | 94.3                             | 35.7         | 75.7         | 48.1         | 21.2         | 275.0          | 424.8                      | 1.54         | 0.84        | 2.39        |
| Tas.                                                         | 24.4                             | 11.5         | 22.8         | 14.6         | 7.1          | 80.3           | 132.4                      | 1.65         | 0.73        | 2.38        |
| N.T.                                                         | 8.6                              | 4.3          | 7.9          | 5.3          | 3.2          | 29.3           | 50.3                       | 1.72         | 0.67        | 2.38        |
| A.C.T.                                                       | 19.8                             | 7.0          | 14.5         | 7.6          | 3.6          | 52.5           | 73.9                       | 1.41         | 0.89        | 2.29        |
| <b>Type of locality—</b>                                     |                                  |              |              |              |              |                |                            |              |             |             |
| Metropolitan                                                 | 723.6                            | 267.9        | 510.4        | 283.1        | 126.6        | 1,911.7        | 2,698.7                    | 1.41         | 0.90        | 2.31        |
| Non-metropolitan                                             | 282.0                            | 129.0        | 298.6        | 195.6        | 99.0         | 1,004.2        | 1,754.7                    | 1.75         | 0.73        | 2.48        |
| <b>Labour force status—</b>                                  |                                  |              |              |              |              |                |                            |              |             |             |
| In labour force                                              | 886.5                            | 209.9        | 481.3        | 269.4        | 108.6        | 1,955.7        | 2,450.7                    | 1.25         | 0.99        | 2.25        |
| Not in labour force                                          | 119.1                            | 187.0        | 327.7        | 209.3        | 117.1        | 960.2          | 2,002.7                    | 2.09         | 0.52        | 2.61        |
| <b>Age left school (years)—</b>                              |                                  |              |              |              |              |                |                            |              |             |             |
| Under 15                                                     | 23.3                             | 26.5         | 78.9         | 61.6         | 45.5         | 235.8          | 580.2                      | 2.46         | 0.20        | 2.66        |
| 15                                                           | 147.4                            | 95.9         | 249.3        | 158.4        | 78.5         | 729.5          | 1,417.8                    | 1.94         | 0.51        | 2.46        |
| 16                                                           | 254.0                            | 114.4        | 241.6        | 136.2        | 53.1         | 799.3          | 1,238.4                    | 1.55         | 0.78        | 2.33        |
| 17                                                           | 340.2                            | 94.3         | 146.6        | 80.6         | 32.2         | 694.0          | 767.3                      | 1.11         | 1.18        | 2.29        |
| 18 and over                                                  | 225.4                            | 65.7         | 91.9         | 40.5         | 14.9         | 438.4          | 437.1                      | 1.00         | 1.25        | 2.25        |
| Still attending school                                       | 14.0                             | —            | —            | —            | —            | 14.0           | —                          | —            | 2.36        | 2.36        |
| Never went to school                                         | 1.4                              | 0.1          | 0.7          | 1.4          | 1.4          | 5.0            | 12.6                       | 2.53         | 0.06        | 2.60        |
| <b>Total</b>                                                 | <b>1,085.7</b>                   | <b>396.9</b> | <b>809.0</b> | <b>478.7</b> | <b>225.7</b> | <b>2,915.9</b> | <b>4,453.4</b>             | <b>1.53</b>  | <b>0.84</b> | <b>2.37</b> |

(a) Women aged 15 to 17 years who had never been married and were not in a de facto relationship were excluded from the survey. (b) Excludes women who did not know their birth expectations and women who were expecting to have (more) children but were uncertain of the number.

TABLE 9. WOMEN (a)(b) AGED 15-44 YEARS BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN, AND PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN AT EACH PARITY WHO EXPECT TO HAVE (MORE) CHILDREN : VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS OF WOMEN, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1966

| Characteristics of women                              | Number of children already born— |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|
|                                                       | 0                                |                                      | 1                |                                           | 2                |                                           | 3                |                                           | 4 and over       |                                           | Total            |                                             |
|                                                       | No. women ('000)                 | Per cent who expect to have children | No. women ('000) | Per cent who expect to have more children | No. women ('000) | Per cent who expect to have more children | No. women ('000) | Per cent who expect to have more children | No. women ('000) | Per cent who expect to have more children | No. women ('000) | Per cent who expect to have (more) children |
| Age-group (years)—                                    |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                             |
| 15-19(a)                                              | 212.7                            | 92.3                                 | 9.7              | 79.4                                      | 2.5              | 66.2                                      | —                | —                                         | —                | —                                         | 224.9            | 91.5                                        |
| 20-24                                                 | 445.2                            | 90.5                                 | 84.0             | 84.0                                      | 42.0             | 45.7                                      | 8.6              | 30.7                                      | 1.3              | —                                         | 581.0            | 85.3                                        |
| 25-29                                                 | 235.6                            | 83.0                                 | 127.2            | 83.1                                      | 144.9            | 33.2                                      | 55.3             | 17.5                                      | 16.5             | 11.2                                      | 579.4            | 62.3                                        |
| 30-34                                                 | 95.6                             | 55.6                                 | 85.0             | 54.2                                      | 207.4            | 13.9                                      | 119.3            | 9.6                                       | 47.4             | 6.0                                       | 554.8            | 25.7                                        |
| 35-39                                                 | 56.0                             | 18.6                                 | 58.7             | 15.9                                      | 231.8            | 2.0                                       | 154.7            | 1.9                                       | 77.8             | 2.2                                       | 579.0            | 5.0                                         |
| 40-44                                                 | 41.4                             | 2.7                                  | 44.7             | 2.2                                       | 184.6            | 0.5                                       | 141.9            | 0.1                                       | 83.3             | 0.6                                       | 495.8            | 0.7                                         |
| Birthplace—                                           |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                             |
| Australia                                             | 869.8                            | 80.5                                 | 295.6            | 60.4                                      | 590.3            | 13.8                                      | 354.0            | 5.7                                       | 170.0            | 3.1                                       | 2,279.8          | 43.2                                        |
| Overseas—                                             |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                             |
| United Kingdom and Ireland                            | 70.6                             | 70.2                                 | 37.7             | 51.0                                      | 72.9             | 7.7                                       | 44.2             | 5.4                                       | 15.7             | 1.4                                       | 241.2            | 31.9                                        |
| Other Europe                                          | 65.5                             | 74.1                                 | 35.9             | 49.5                                      | 84.8             | 6.7                                       | 53.4             | 4.4                                       | 22.0             | 1.1                                       | 261.5            | 28.5                                        |
| Other                                                 | 80.6                             | 76.4                                 | 40.1             | 61.9                                      | 65.2             | 16.1                                      | 28.1             | 7.0                                       | 18.5             | 5.8                                       | 232.5            | 43.0                                        |
| Total overseas                                        | 216.7                            | 73.7                                 | 113.7            | 54.4                                      | 222.8            | 9.8                                       | 125.7            | 5.3                                       | 56.2             | 2.7                                       | 735.2            | 34.2                                        |
| Marital status—                                       |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                             |
| Not in de facto relationship—                         |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                             |
| Ever married                                          | 354.4                            | 74.9                                 | 341.5            | 59.3                                      | 784.5            | 12.2                                      | 468.2            | 5.4                                       | 218.5            | 2.8                                       | 2,167.2          | 27.5                                        |
| Never married(a)                                      | 682.2                            | 81.1                                 | 44.3             | 49.0                                      | 12.3             | 23.2                                      | 2.9              | 16.0                                      | 2.1              | —                                         | 743.8            | 77.7                                        |
| In de facto relationship                              | 49.9                             | 82.0                                 | 23.5             | 68.1                                      | 16.3             | 28.7                                      | 8.6              | 15.6                                      | 5.7              | 13.1                                      | 104.0            | 61.2                                        |
| Age at commencement of de facto relationship (years)— |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                             |
| Under 20                                              | 14.9                             | 88.3                                 | 7.1              | 80.2                                      | 3.4              | 32.5                                      | 1.5              | —                                         | 1.2              | 9.2                                       | 28.0             | 71.5                                        |
| 20-21                                                 | 9.5                              | 100.0                                | 3.2              | 61.9                                      | 1.6              | 38.4                                      | *0.6             | *77.5                                     | 0.7              | *35.6                                     | 15.6             | 82.2                                        |
| 22-23                                                 | 8.2                              | 85.7                                 | 3.3              | 87.1                                      | 1.4              | 54.5                                      | 0.7              | *10.7                                     | *0.3             | —                                         | 13.8             | 77.8                                        |
| 24-25                                                 | 5.3                              | 74.3                                 | 1.9              | 82.6                                      | *0.3             | *71.9                                     | 0.7              | *22.0                                     | *0.1             | —                                         | 8.3              | 70.7                                        |
| 26 and over                                           | 10.5                             | 60.5                                 | 6.9              | 40.9                                      | 7.9              | 18.2                                      | 4.8              | 9.8                                       | 3.2              | 12.6                                      | 33.4             | 34.5                                        |
| Not known                                             | 1.4                              | 61.7                                 | 1.1              | 100.0                                     | 1.7              | 30.9                                      | *0.4             | *51.9                                     | *0.3             | —                                         | 4.9              | 55.4                                        |
| Not applicable                                        | 1,036.6                          | 79.0                                 | 385.9            | 58.1                                      | 796.8            | 12.4                                      | 471.1            | 5.4                                       | 220.6            | 2.8                                       | 2,911.0          | 40.3                                        |

See footnote at end of table.

TABLE 9. WOMEN (a)(b) AGED 15-44 YEARS BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN, AND PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN AT EACH PARITY WHO EXPECT TO HAVE (MORE) CHILDREN: VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS OF WOMEN, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986—continued

| Characteristics of women               | Number of children already born— |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           | Total   |      |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------|------|
|                                        | 0                                |                                      | 1                |                                           | 2                |                                           | 3                |                                           | 4 and over       |                                           |         |      |
|                                        | No. women ('000)                 | Per cent who expect to have children | No. women ('000) | Per cent who expect to have more children | No. women ('000) | Per cent who expect to have more children | No. women ('000) | Per cent who expect to have more children | No. women ('000) | Per cent who expect to have more children |         |      |
| State or Territory of usual residence— |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |         |      |
| N.S.W.                                 | 366.2                            | 78.2                                 | 142.1            | 58.7                                      | 278.4            | 12.7                                      | 164.9            | 5.2                                       | 73.3             | 3.5                                       | 1,024.9 | 40.6 |
| Vic.                                   | 295.2                            | 80.1                                 | 103.6            | 66.2                                      | 208.1            | 13.2                                      | 123.3            | 6.3                                       | 59.9             | 2.6                                       | 790.1   | 43.3 |
| Qld                                    | 170.3                            | 79.3                                 | 66.1             | 52.2                                      | 131.8            | 12.6                                      | 77.8             | 6.4                                       | 41.8             | 2.5                                       | 487.8   | 39.4 |
| S.A.                                   | 94.6                             | 79.6                                 | 37.3             | 54.5                                      | 73.6             | 11.9                                      | 37.9             | 5.7                                       | 16.2             | 2.5                                       | 259.5   | 41.2 |
| W.A.                                   | 102.2                            | 80.6                                 | 36.2             | 52.3                                      | 76.0             | 12.8                                      | 48.3             | 4.9                                       | 21.2             | 3.1                                       | 283.8   | 40.2 |
| Tas.                                   | 26.6                             | 76.3                                 | 12.0             | 55.8                                      | 22.8             | 10.7                                      | 14.6             | 4.0                                       | 7.1              | 7.0                                       | 83.2    | 36.7 |
| N.T.                                   | 10.0                             | 75.1                                 | 4.8              | 66.5                                      | 7.9              | 11.8                                      | 5.3              | 2.4                                       | 3.2              | —                                         | 31.3    | 37.8 |
| A.C.T.                                 | 21.3                             | 76.6                                 | 7.2              | 63.9                                      | 14.6             | 13.4                                      | 7.6              | 4.4                                       | 3.6              | 2.9                                       | 54.3    | 42.9 |
| Type of locality—                      |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |         |      |
| Metropolitan                           | 776.3                            | 79.6                                 | 276.2            | 57.7                                      | 512.9            | 11.8                                      | 283.5            | 5.4                                       | 127.0            | 3.5                                       | 1,975.9 | 43.4 |
| Non-metropolitan                       | 310.2                            | 78.0                                 | 133.1            | 60.8                                      | 300.3            | 14.3                                      | 196.2            | 5.9                                       | 99.3             | 2.4                                       | 1,039.1 | 36.5 |
| Employment status—                     |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |         |      |
| Employed—                              |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |         |      |
| Full-time                              | 732.9                            | 80.5                                 | 103.6            | 45.9                                      | 199.4            | 4.7                                       | 107.1            | 2.0                                       | 39.4             | 0.3                                       | 1,182.3 | 54.9 |
| Part-time                              | 139.2                            | 77.1                                 | 89.6             | 56.5                                      | 249.6            | 10.1                                      | 140.1            | 3.6                                       | 57.8             | 1.1                                       | 676.3   | 27.9 |
| Total                                  | 872.1                            | 80.0                                 | 193.1            | 50.8                                      | 449.0            | 7.7                                       | 247.2            | 2.9                                       | 97.2             | 0.8                                       | 1,858.5 | 45.1 |
| Unemployed                             | 86.2                             | 82.1                                 | 23.3             | 55.0                                      | 33.0             | 16.1                                      | 22.6             | 5.3                                       | 11.4             | 3.1                                       | 176.6   | 51.3 |
| Total in the labour force              | 958.3                            | 80.2                                 | 216.4            | 51.3                                      | 482.0            | 8.3                                       | 269.8            | 3.1                                       | 108.6            | 1.0                                       | 2,035.1 | 45.6 |
| Not in the labour force                | 128.2                            | 71.2                                 | 192.9            | 67.0                                      | 331.1            | 19.1                                      | 209.9            | 8.8                                       | 117.7            | 4.8                                       | 979.9   | 31.4 |
| Age left school (years)—               |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |         |      |
| Under 15                               | 25.3                             | 53.4                                 | 27.6             | 32.2                                      | 79.1             | 6.0                                       | 61.6             | 2.4                                       | 45.7             | 1.7                                       | 239.3   | 12.3 |
| 15                                     | 158.3                            | 72.0                                 | 99.4             | 50.1                                      | 250.6            | 11.5                                      | 158.9            | 4.7                                       | 78.7             | 3.8                                       | 745.9   | 27.2 |
| 16                                     | 272.7                            | 79.1                                 | 117.6            | 60.0                                      | 242.7            | 12.1                                      | 136.7            | 5.9                                       | 53.3             | 2.9                                       | 823.1   | 39.5 |
| 17                                     | 371.5                            | 82.1                                 | 96.6             | 66.3                                      | 147.5            | 16.6                                      | 80.7             | 7.6                                       | 32.2             | 2.3                                       | 728.6   | 55.0 |
| 18 and over                            | 242.1                            | 81.6                                 | 68.0             | 68.8                                      | 92.5             | 17.3                                      | 40.5             | 9.4                                       | 14.9             | 4.2                                       | 457.9   | 57.8 |
| Still attending school                 | 15.2                             | 89.6                                 | —                | —                                         | —                | —                                         | —                | —                                         | —                | —                                         | 15.2    | 89.6 |
| Never went to school                   | 1.4                              | —                                    | *0.1             | 100.0                                     | 0.7              | —                                         | 1.4              | —                                         | 1.4              | 15.7                                      | 5.0     | 6.5  |
| Total                                  | 1,086.5                          | 79.1                                 | 409.3            | 58.7                                      | 813.1            | 12.7                                      | 479.7            | 5.6                                       | 226.3            | 3.0                                       | 3,015.0 | 41.0 |

(a) Women aged 15 to 17 years who had never been married and were not in a de facto relationship were excluded from the survey. (b) Excludes women who did not know their birth expectations.

TABLE 10. MARRIED WOMEN (a) AGED 15-44 YEARS BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN AND PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN AT EACH PARITY WHO EXPECT TO HAVE (MORE) CHILDREN : AGE OF YOUNGEST CHILD, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986

| Age of youngest child (years) | Number of children already born— |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                             |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|
|                               | 0                                |                                      | 1                |                                           | 2                |                                           | 3                |                                           | 4 and over       |                                           | Total            |                                             |
|                               | No. women ('000)                 | Per cent who expect to have children | No. women ('000) | Per cent who expect to have more children | No. women ('000) | Per cent who expect to have more children | No. women ('000) | Per cent who expect to have more children | No. women ('000) | Per cent who expect to have more children | No. women ('000) | Per cent who expect to have (more) children |
| WOMEN AGED 15-19 YEARS        |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                             |
| Under 5                       | ..                               | ..                                   | 3.2              | 100.0                                     | 1.2              | 100.0                                     | —                | —                                         | —                | —                                         | 4.4              | 100.0                                       |
| Total                         | 6.3                              | 98.3                                 | 3.2              | 100.0                                     | 1.2              | 100.0                                     | —                | —                                         | —                | —                                         | 10.6             | 99.0                                        |
| WOMEN AGED 20-24 YEARS        |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                             |
| Under 5                       | ..                               | ..                                   | 49.7             | 91.7                                      | 28.9             | 50.4                                      | 5.9              | 29.8                                      | 1.0              | —                                         | 85.5             | 72.4                                        |
| 5-9                           | ..                               | ..                                   | 2.8              | 74.3                                      | *0.6             | *81.6                                     | —                | —                                         | —                | —                                         | 3.4              | 75.7                                        |
| Total                         | 109.9                            | 95.3                                 | 52.5             | 90.8                                      | 29.5             | 51.1                                      | 5.9              | 29.8                                      | 1.0              | —                                         | 198.9            | 85.1                                        |
| WOMEN AGED 25-29 YEARS        |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                             |
| Under 5                       | ..                               | ..                                   | 94.1             | 92.3                                      | 104.9            | 36.1                                      | 38.2             | 19.6                                      | 12.8             | 11.0                                      | 250.1            | 53.4                                        |
| 5-9                           | ..                               | ..                                   | 8.7              | 66.0                                      | 20.2             | 19.7                                      | 6.9              | 8.5                                       | *0.3             | —                                         | 36.1             | 28.5                                        |
| 10 and over                   | ..                               | ..                                   | 1.6              | 37.7                                      | 0.7              | —                                         | *0.4             | —                                         | —                | —                                         | 2.6              | 22.6                                        |
| Total                         | 112.9                            | 90.7                                 | 104.3            | 89.3                                      | 125.8            | 33.2                                      | 45.5             | 17.8                                      | 13.2             | 10.7                                      | 401.7            | 61.4                                        |
| WOMEN AGED 30-34 YEARS        |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                             |
| Under 5                       | ..                               | ..                                   | 42.4             | 79.3                                      | 94.6             | 24.9                                      | 69.9             | 12.4                                      | 31.9             | 6.2                                       | 238.8            | 28.4                                        |
| 5-9                           | ..                               | ..                                   | 11.3             | 32.9                                      | 68.9             | 3.7                                       | 36.7             | 4.3                                       | 5.4              | 5.4                                       | 125.3            | 6.6                                         |
| 10 and over                   | ..                               | ..                                   | 10.9             | 19.2                                      | 25.0             | 2.2                                       | 4.3              | 4.0                                       | 1.7              | —                                         | 41.9             | 6.7                                         |
| Total                         | 43.5                             | 69.8                                 | 64.6             | 61.1                                      | 188.5            | 14.1                                      | 110.8            | 9.4                                       | 42.0             | 5.8                                       | 449.5            | 24.3                                        |
| WOMEN AGED 35-44 YEARS        |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                             |
| Under 5                       | ..                               | ..                                   | 15.2             | 42.9                                      | 40.2             | 5.8                                       | 36.7             | 4.7                                       | 35.0             | 2.6                                       | 127.1            | 9.0                                         |
| 5-9                           | ..                               | ..                                   | 13.1             | 13.6                                      | 89.3             | 1.0                                       | 85.4             | 0.7                                       | 46.5             | 2.0                                       | 234.2            | 1.8                                         |
| 10 and over                   | ..                               | ..                                   | 47.6             | 2.0                                       | 235.8            | 0.7                                       | 140.8            | 0.2                                       | 54.4             | 0.3                                       | 478.6            | 0.7                                         |
| Total                         | 47.3                             | 15.3                                 | 75.9             | 12.2                                      | 365.3            | 1.4                                       | 262.9            | 1.0                                       | 135.8            | 1.5                                       | 887.2            | 2.9                                         |
| TOTAL WOMEN AGED 15-44 YEARS  |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                             |
| Under 5                       | ..                               | ..                                   | 204.6            | 85.9                                      | 269.7            | 29.4                                      | 150.7            | 13.0                                      | 80.8             | 5.3                                       | 705.8            | 39.5                                        |
| 5-9                           | ..                               | ..                                   | 35.8             | 37.1                                      | 179.1            | 4.4                                       | 128.9            | 2.1                                       | 55.2             | 2.5                                       | 399.1            | 6.4                                         |
| 10 and over                   | ..                               | ..                                   | 60.1             | 6.0                                       | 261.5            | 0.9                                       | 145.4            | 0.3                                       | 56.0             | 0.3                                       | 523.0            | 1.3                                         |
| Total                         | 319.9                            | 78.4                                 | 300.4            | 64.1                                      | 710.3            | 12.6                                      | 425.1            | 5.4                                       | 192.1            | 3.0                                       | 1,947.8          | 28.9                                        |

(a) Excludes women who did not know their birth expectations.

TABLE 11. MARRIED WOMEN (a) AGED 15-44 YEARS BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN AND PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN AT EACH PARITY WHO EXPECT TO HAVE (MORE) CHILDREN : DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986

| Duration of current marriage (years) | Number of children already born— |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |         | Total  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------|--------|
|                                      | 0                                |                                      | 1                |                                           | 2                |                                           | 3                |                                           | 4 and over       |                                           |         |        |
|                                      | No. women ('000)                 | Per cent who expect to have children | No. women ('000) | Per cent who expect to have more children | No. women ('000) | Per cent who expect to have more children | No. women ('000) | Per cent who expect to have more children | No. women ('000) | Per cent who expect to have more children |         |        |
| WOMEN AGED 15-19 YEARS               |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |         |        |
| 0-4                                  | 6.3                              | 98.3                                 | 3.2              | 100.0                                     | 1.2              | 100.0                                     | —                | —                                         | —                | —                                         | 10.6    | 99.0   |
| Total                                | 6.3                              | 98.3                                 | 3.2              | 100.0                                     | 1.2              | 100.0                                     | —                | —                                         | —                | —                                         | 10.6    | 99.0   |
| WOMEN AGED 20-24 YEARS               |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |         |        |
| 0-4                                  | 108.2                            | 95.2                                 | 47.6             | 91.3                                      | 20.3             | 53.0                                      | 3.8              | 27.6                                      | *0.4             | —                                         | 180.4   | 87.8   |
| 5-9                                  | 1.7                              | 100.0                                | 4.9              | 86.3                                      | 9.0              | 45.5                                      | 2.2              | 33.5                                      | *0.5             | —                                         | 18.3    | 58.7   |
| 10-14                                | —                                | —                                    | —                | —                                         | *0.2             | *100.0                                    | —                | —                                         | —                | —                                         | *0.2    | *100.0 |
| Total                                | 109.9                            | 95.3                                 | 52.5             | 90.8                                      | 29.5             | 51.1                                      | 5.9              | 29.8                                      | 1.0              | —                                         | 198.9   | 85.1   |
| WOMEN AGED 25-29 YEARS               |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |         |        |
| 0-4                                  | 90.3                             | 93.0                                 | 56.1             | 92.5                                      | 26.2             | 46.5                                      | 3.8              | 34.4                                      | 1.3              | 10.6                                      | 177.7   | 84.1   |
| 5-9                                  | 21.3                             | 82.5                                 | 44.7             | 88.1                                      | 83.4             | 33.2                                      | 30.4             | 20.7                                      | 8.0              | 11.5                                      | 187.8   | 48.9   |
| 10-14                                | 1.3                              | 64.1                                 | 3.4              | 52.1                                      | 16.2             | 12.3                                      | 11.1             | 4.3                                       | 3.8              | 9.4                                       | 35.7    | 15.1   |
| 15-19                                | —                                | —                                    | *0.1             | *100.0                                    | —                | —                                         | *0.2             | —                                         | *0.1             | —                                         | *0.5    | *30.0  |
| Total                                | 112.9                            | 90.7                                 | 104.3            | 89.3                                      | 125.8            | 33.2                                      | 45.5             | 17.8                                      | 13.2             | 10.7                                      | 401.7   | 61.4   |
| WOMEN AGED 30-34 YEARS               |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |         |        |
| 0-4                                  | 20.4                             | 82.0                                 | 21.6             | 77.3                                      | 14.6             | 30.3                                      | 6.5              | 26.9                                      | 2.4              | 4.1                                       | 65.5    | 60.6   |
| 5-9                                  | 12.3                             | 64.1                                 | 25.1             | 69.7                                      | 54.9             | 24.7                                      | 24.7             | 13.1                                      | 7.1              | 3.2                                       | 124.1   | 34.2   |
| 10-14                                | 10.5                             | 54.9                                 | 15.8             | 32.9                                      | 102.9            | 8.2                                       | 63.9             | 7.6                                       | 25.1             | 6.4                                       | 218.2   | 11.8   |
| 15-19                                | *0.4                             | —                                    | 2.0              | —                                         | 16.1             | 1.5                                       | 15.6             | 3.6                                       | 7.5              | 6.9                                       | 41.6    | 3.2    |
| 20-24                                | —                                | —                                    | —                | —                                         | —                | —                                         | *0.1             | —                                         | —                | —                                         | *0.1    | —      |
| Total                                | 43.5                             | 69.8                                 | 64.6             | 61.1                                      | 188.5            | 14.1                                      | 110.8            | 9.4                                       | 42.0             | 5.8                                       | 449.5   | 24.3   |
| WOMEN AGED 35-44 YEARS               |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |         |        |
| 0-4                                  | 11.6                             | 25.6                                 | 8.8              | 42.0                                      | 15.7             | 7.6                                       | 8.5              | 11.9                                      | 7.1              | 7.6                                       | 51.6    | 18.2   |
| 5-9                                  | 11.8                             | 18.5                                 | 13.0             | 19.2                                      | 31.7             | 9.9                                       | 13.7             | 3.4                                       | 8.1              | 5.2                                       | 78.4    | 8.7    |
| 10-14                                | 10.2                             | 10.1                                 | 16.0             | 14.6                                      | 71.2             | 2.3                                       | 38.1             | 2.2                                       | 15.8             | 2.9                                       | 151.3   | 4.1    |
| 15-19                                | 10.1                             | 10.4                                 | 21.2             | 3.3                                       | 158.5            | 0.6                                       | 115.8            | 0.2                                       | 22.9             | 0.6                                       | 359.4   | 0.9    |
| 20-24                                | 3.2                              | —                                    | 14.7             | —                                         | 81.4             | —                                         | 76.3             | 0.1                                       | 44.3             | 0.5                                       | 219.8   | 0.2    |
| 25 and over                          | *0.5                             | —                                    | 2.2              | —                                         | 6.9              | —                                         | 10.5             | —                                         | 6.7              | —                                         | 26.7    | —      |
| Total                                | 47.3                             | 15.3                                 | 75.9             | 12.2                                      | 365.3            | 1.4                                       | 262.9            | 1.0                                       | 135.8            | 1.5                                       | 837.2   | 2.9    |
| TOTAL WOMEN AGED 15-44 YEARS         |                                  |                                      |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |                  |                                           |         |        |
| 0-4                                  | 236.8                            | 89.9                                 | 137.3            | 86.6                                      | 78.0             | 38.1                                      | 22.6             | 22.6                                      | 11.2             | 6.9                                       | 485.8   | 75.6   |
| 5-9                                  | 47.2                             | 62.3                                 | 87.8             | 72.5                                      | 179.0            | 26.0                                      | 70.9             | 15.1                                      | 23.8             | 6.6                                       | 408.6   | 37.2   |
| 10-14                                | 22.0                             | 34.5                                 | 35.2             | 26.4                                      | 190.5            | 6.4                                       | 113.1            | 5.4                                       | 44.7             | 5.4                                       | 405.4   | 9.3    |
| 15-19                                | 10.4                             | 10.0                                 | 23.3             | 3.6                                       | 174.6            | 0.7                                       | 131.6            | 0.6                                       | 61.5             | 1.4                                       | 401.4   | 1.2    |
| 20-24                                | 3.2                              | —                                    | 14.7             | —                                         | 81.4             | —                                         | 76.4             | 0.1                                       | 44.3             | 0.5                                       | 219.9   | 0.2    |
| 25 and over                          | *0.5                             | —                                    | 2.2              | —                                         | 6.9              | —                                         | 10.5             | —                                         | 6.7              | —                                         | 26.7    | —      |
| Total                                | 319.9                            | 78.4                                 | 304.4            | 64.1                                      | 710.3            | 12.6                                      | 425.1            | 5.4                                       | 192.1            | 3.0                                       | 1,947.8 | 28.9   |

(a) Excludes women who did not know their birth expectations.



TABLE 12. AVERAGE DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE OF MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15-44 YEARS BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN: AGE OF WOMEN, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986

| Age of women (years) | Number of children already born— |      |      |      |            | Total |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------------|-------|
|                      | 0                                | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4 and over |       |
| 15-19                | 0.66                             | 1.34 | 2.56 | —    | —          | 1.07  |
| 20-24                | 1.71                             | 2.78 | 4.00 | 4.20 | —          | 2.24  |
| 25-29                | 2.94                             | 4.67 | 6.15 | 6.70 | 8.87       | 4.29  |
| 30-34                | 5.20                             | 6.10 | 8.25 | 9.33 | 12.33      | 6.82  |
| 35-44                | 7.02                             | 7.50 | 9.74 | 8.27 | 11.26      | 8.16  |
| Total 15-44          | 2.76                             | 4.57 | 6.57 | 7.88 | 11.13      | 4.29  |

TABLE 13. WOMEN (MARRIED AND TOTAL) AGED 15-44 YEARS WHO EXPECT TO HAVE (MORE) CHILDREN, BY NUMBER AND SEX OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN: REASONS FOR WANTING TO HAVE (MORE) CHILDREN, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986 ('000)

| Reason for wanting to have<br>(more) children                              | Number and sex of children already born— |               |                |                        |           |            |               | Total   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|---------|
|                                                                            | 0                                        | 1 boy<br>only | 1 girl<br>only | 1 boy<br>and<br>1 girl | 2<br>boys | 2<br>girls | 3 and<br>over |         |
|                                                                            | MARRIED WOMEN                            |               |                |                        |           |            |               |         |
| Company for existing child(ren)                                            | (a)3.3                                   | 45.2          | 41.5           | 3.5                    | 1.7       | 2.3        | 2.5           | 100.0   |
| Family not complete without children/would like<br>a family/likes children | 232.1                                    | 44.4          | 35.6           | 19.2                   | 10.0      | 10.3       | 8.8           | 360.4   |
| Wants a boy/girl                                                           | 2.1                                      | 6.7           | 4.6            | 0.4                    | 11.7      | 7.8        | 5.6           | 39.0    |
| Likes large families                                                       | 4.1                                      | 5.2           | 4.7            | 6.9                    | 5.1       | 3.2        | 7.0           | 36.4    |
| Other reasons                                                              | 9.1                                      | 2.9           | 1.9            | 3.8                    | 2.4       | 1.2        | 4.7           | 26.1    |
| Total                                                                      | 250.9                                    | 104.3         | 88.3           | 33.8                   | 31.0      | 24.9       | 28.7          | 561.9   |
| TOTAL WOMEN(b)                                                             |                                          |               |                |                        |           |            |               |         |
| Company for existing child(ren)                                            | (a)6.5                                   | 52.6          | 52.6           | 4.9                    | 2.2       | 2.5        | 2.9           | 124.2   |
| Family not complete without children/would like<br>a family/likes children | 797.9                                    | 54.9          | 46.8           | 22.3                   | 11.3      | 12.2       | 10.5          | 955.9   |
| Wants a boy/girl                                                           | 5.8                                      | 8.1           | 6.4            | *0.5                   | 12.3      | 8.6        | 6.5           | 48.3    |
| Likes large families                                                       | 16.2                                     | 6.2           | 5.7            | 8.1                    | 5.1       | 3.7        | 7.8           | 52.9    |
| Other reasons                                                              | 33.2                                     | 3.8           | 3.1            | 5.0                    | 2.7       | 2.0        | 5.9           | 55.6    |
| Total                                                                      | 859.6                                    | 125.6         | 114.6          | 40.8                   | 33.6      | 29.0       | 33.7          | 1,236.8 |

(a) These are likely to be women with adopted or step-children.

(b) Women aged 15 to 17 years who had never been married and were not in a de facto relationship were excluded from the survey.

TABLE 14. WOMEN (MARRIED AND TOTAL) AGED 15-44 YEARS WHO DO NOT EXPECT TO HAVE (MORE) CHILDREN, BY NUMBER AND SEX OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN: REASONS FOR NOT WANTING TO HAVE (MORE) CHILDREN, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986 ('000)

| Reason for not wanting to have<br>(more) children | Number and sex of children already born— |               |                |                        |           |            |               | Total   |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|---------|
|                                                   | 0                                        | 1 boy<br>only | 1 girl<br>only | 1 boy<br>and<br>1 girl | 2<br>boys | 2<br>girls | 3 and<br>over |         |
|                                                   | MARRIED WOMEN                            |               |                |                        |           |            |               |         |
| Does not want any (more)/ family is large enough  | 27.6                                     | 24.5          | 20.6           | 192.0                  | 72.3      | 73.0       | 331.4         | 741.3   |
| Financial reasons                                 | 3.1                                      | 3.6           | 4.0            | 30.4                   | 12.4      | 10.1       | 37.6          | 101.1   |
| Medical reasons/sterilised                        | 24.3                                     | 16.6          | 15.1           | 78.0                   | 36.8      | 30.8       | 143.0         | 344.6   |
| Too old                                           | 8.9                                      | 10.4          | 10.2           | 40.8                   | 17.2      | 17.8       | 70.2          | 175.4   |
| Other reasons                                     | 5.3                                      | 1.5           | 1.4            | 4.6                    | 2.5       | 2.0        | 6.2           | 23.5    |
| Total                                             | 69.1                                     | 56.5          | 51.3           | 345.8                  | 141.2     | 133.7      | 588.5         | 1,385.9 |
| TOTAL WOMEN(a)                                    |                                          |               |                |                        |           |            |               |         |
| Does not want any (more)/family is large enough   | 110.8                                    | 41.5          | 32.6           | 216.6                  | 81.5      | 84.3       | 365.1         | 932.5   |
| Financial reasons                                 | 7.6                                      | 4.6           | 5.8            | 32.5                   | 13.2      | 10.5       | 41.1          | 115.3   |
| Medical reasons/sterilised                        | 41.3                                     | 21.9          | 20.8           | 89.2                   | 41.4      | 33.7       | 171.1         | 419.4   |
| Too old                                           | 24.8                                     | 14.3          | 15.7           | 49.0                   | 21.3      | 21.2       | 85.4          | 231.8   |
| Other reasons                                     | 42.4                                     | 6.2           | 5.7            | 7.6                    | 4.5       | 3.3        | 9.5           | 79.1    |
| Total                                             | 226.9                                    | 88.5          | 80.6           | 395.0                  | 161.8     | 153.0      | 672.3         | 1,778.1 |

(a) Women aged 15 to 17 years who had never been married and were not in a de facto relationship were excluded from the survey.

TABLE 15. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15-44 YEARS BY LABOUR FORCE STATUS, EMPLOYED AND TOTAL HUSBANDS, NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN, AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN: REASONS FOR WANTING OR NOT WANTING TO HAVE (MORE) CHILDREN, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986 ('000)

| Womans reason for wanting or not wanting to have (more) children         | Labour force status of women—    |       |           |         |                                  |       |           |       |                                  |       |           |         | Average number of children already born to women— |                     |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|-----------|---------|----------------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|----------------------------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------|
|                                                                          | In labour force                  |       |           |         | Not in labour force              |       |           |       | Total                            |       |           |         |                                                   |                     |       |
|                                                                          | Number of children already born— |       |           |         | Number of children already born— |       |           |       | Number of children already born— |       |           |         |                                                   |                     |       |
|                                                                          | 0                                | 1     | 2 or more | Total   | 0                                | 1     | 2 or more | Total | 0                                | 1     | 2 or more | Total   | In labour force                                   | Not in labour force | Total |
| WOMEN WHOSE HUSBAND WAS EMPLOYED                                         |                                  |       |           |         |                                  |       |           |       |                                  |       |           |         |                                                   |                     |       |
| Reason for wanting to have (more) children—                              | (a)1.5                           | 37.4  | 2.9       | 41.8    | (a)1.8                           | 39.7  | 5.7       | 47.2  | (a)3.3                           | 77.1  | 8.6       | 89.0    | 1.06                                              | 1.12                | 1.09  |
| Company for existing child(ren)                                          |                                  |       |           |         |                                  |       |           |       |                                  |       |           |         |                                                   |                     |       |
| Family not complete without children/ would like a family/likes children | 189.2                            | 31.2  | 17.0      | 237.4   | 21.6                             | 40.1  | 26.8      | 88.5  | 210.9                            | 71.3  | 43.8      | 325.9   | 0.28                                              | 1.12                | 0.51  |
| Wants a boy/girl                                                         | 1.8                              | 4.2   | 7.6       | 13.6    | *0.2                             | 5.1   | 13.5      | 18.8  | 2.0                              | 9.2   | 21.1      | 32.4    | 1.51                                              | 1.95                | 1.76  |
| Likes large families                                                     | 3.0                              | 4.9   | 7.7       | 15.6    | *0.5                             | 4.0   | 12.2      | 16.6  | 3.5                              | 8.9   | 19.9      | 32.2    | 1.39                                              | 2.10                | 1.76  |
| Other reasons                                                            | 7.7                              | 2.4   | 4.0       | 14.2    | 0.7                              | 1.7   | 5.9       | 8.4   | 8.5                              | 4.1   | 10.0      | 22.5    | 0.85                                              | 1.87                | 1.23  |
| Total                                                                    | 203.3                            | 80.1  | 39.2      | 322.7   | 24.8                             | 90.6  | 64.0      | 179.4 | 228.1                            | 170.7 | 103.3     | 502.1   | 0.51                                              | 1.33                | 0.81  |
| Reason for not wanting to have (more) children—                          |                                  |       |           |         |                                  |       |           |       |                                  |       |           |         |                                                   |                     |       |
| Does not want any (more)/family is large enough                          | 21.9                             | 27.9  | 361.1     | 410.8   | 2.0                              | 11.6  | 238.5     | 252.1 | 23.8                             | 39.6  | 599.6     | 662.9   | 2.40                                              | 2.67                | 2.50  |
| Financial reasons                                                        | 2.4                              | 5.5   | 43.3      | 51.2    | *0.4                             | 1.5   | 34.1      | 35.9  | 2.7                              | 6.9   | 77.5      | 87.1    | 2.12                                              | 2.57                | 2.31  |
| Medical reasons/sterilised                                               | 14.5                             | 16.3  | 158.9     | 189.7   | 6.1                              | 10.9  | 87.8      | 104.8 | 20.6                             | 27.2  | 246.7     | 294.5   | 2.29                                              | 2.47                | 2.36  |
| Too old                                                                  | 6.3                              | 12.8  | 86.5      | 105.6   | 1.8                              | 4.7   | 43.4      | 49.9  | 8.1                              | 17.5  | 129.9     | 155.4   | 2.26                                              | 2.44                | 2.32  |
| Other reasons                                                            | 4.3                              | 1.7   | 8.8       | 14.7    | *0.3                             | 0.8   | 5.4       | 6.6   | 4.6                              | 2.5   | 14.2      | 21.3    | 1.59                                              | *3.40               | 1.84  |
| Total                                                                    | 49.3                             | 64.3  | 638.5     | 772.0   | 10.6                             | 29.5  | 409.3     | 449.3 | 59.8                             | 93.7  | 1,067.7   | 1,221.3 | 2.32                                              | 2.59                | 2.42  |
| Don't know (b)                                                           | 17.2                             | 12.1  | 37.5      | 66.8    | 1.5                              | 8.6   | 39.1      | 49.2  | 18.6                             | 20.8  | 76.7      | 116.1   | 1.57                                              | 2.13                | 1.81  |
| Total                                                                    | 269.7                            | 156.5 | 735.2     | 1,161.5 | 36.9                             | 128.7 | 512.4     | 678.0 | 306.6                            | 285.2 | 1,247.6   | 1,839.4 | 1.77                                              | 2.22                | 1.94  |
| TOTAL WOMEN (c)                                                          |                                  |       |           |         |                                  |       |           |       |                                  |       |           |         |                                                   |                     |       |
| Reason for wanting to have (more) children—                              | (a)1.5                           | 39.8  | 3.3       | 44.6    | (a)1.8                           | 46.9  | 6.7       | 55.4  | (a)3.3                           | 86.6  | 10.0      | 100.0   | 1.06                                              | 1.14                | 1.11  |
| Company for existing child(ren)                                          |                                  |       |           |         |                                  |       |           |       |                                  |       |           |         |                                                   |                     |       |
| Family not complete without children/ would like a family/likes children | 205.4                            | 33.4  | 17.7      | 256.5   | 26.7                             | 46.6  | 30.6      | 104.0 | 232.1                            | 80.0  | 48.3      | 360.4   | 0.28                                              | 1.11                | 0.52  |
| Wants a boy/girl                                                         | 1.9                              | 4.9   | 9.0       | 15.8    | *0.2                             | 6.4   | 16.6      | 23.2  | 2.1                              | 11.3  | 25.6      | 39.0    | 1.54                                              | 1.94                | 1.78  |
| Likes large families                                                     | 3.5                              | 5.4   | 7.9       | 16.8    | *0.6                             | 4.6   | 14.4      | 19.5  | 4.1                              | 10.0  | 22.3      | 36.4    | 1.36                                              | 2.18                | 1.80  |
| Other reasons                                                            | 8.3                              | 2.5   | 5.3       | 16.1    | 0.8                              | 2.2   | 6.9       | 10.0  | 9.1                              | 4.8   | 12.2      | 26.1    | 0.97                                              | 1.89                | 1.32  |
| Total                                                                    | 220.7                            | 86.0  | 43.1      | 349.8   | 30.2                             | 106.7 | 75.2      | 212.1 | 250.9                            | 192.7 | 118.3     | 561.9   | 0.52                                              | 1.35                | 0.83  |
| Reason for not wanting to have (more) children—                          |                                  |       |           |         |                                  |       |           |       |                                  |       |           |         |                                                   |                     |       |
| Does not want any (more)/family is large enough                          | 24.9                             | 30.2  | 392.3     | 447.4   | 2.7                              | 14.9  | 276.4     | 294.0 | 27.6                             | 45.2  | 668.6     | 741.3   | 2.40                                              | 2.69                | 2.52  |
| Financial reasons                                                        | 2.7                              | 5.7   | 47.3      | 55.7    | *0.4                             | 1.9   | 43.1      | 45.4  | 3.1                              | 7.6   | 90.4      | 101.1   | 2.15                                              | 2.57                | 2.34  |
| Medical reasons/sterilised                                               | 15.5                             | 18.0  | 176.8     | 210.5   | 8.7                              | 13.6  | 111.7     | 134.1 | 24.3                             | 31.7  | 288.7     | 344.6   | 2.31                                              | 2.49                | 2.38  |
| Too old                                                                  | 7.0                              | 14.2  | 97.3      | 118.5   | 1.9                              | 6.3   | 48.7      | 56.9  | 8.9                              | 20.5  | 146.0     | 175.4   | 2.28                                              | 2.46                | 2.34  |
| Other reasons                                                            | 4.4                              | 1.9   | 9.4       | 15.7    | 0.9                              | 0.9   | 6.0       | 7.8   | 5.3                              | 2.9   | 15.3      | 23.5    | 1.61                                              | 2.21                | 1.81  |
| Total                                                                    | 54.5                             | 70.1  | 723.1     | 847.7   | 14.6                             | 37.7  | 486.0     | 538.2 | 69.1                             | 107.8 | 1,209.1   | 1,385.9 | 2.33                                              | 2.60                | 2.44  |
| Don't know (b)                                                           | 19.3                             | 14.0  | 40.2      | 73.5    | 2.6                              | 10.5  | 46.7      | 59.8  | 21.9                             | 24.5  | 86.9      | 133.3   | 1.57                                              | 2.14                | 1.82  |
| Total                                                                    | 294.4                            | 170.0 | 806.5     | 1,271.0 | 47.3                             | 154.9 | 607.9     | 810.1 | 341.8                            | 324.9 | 1,414.4   | 2,081.1 | 1.79                                              | 2.24                | 1.96  |

(a) These are likely to be women with adopted or step-children.  
not available.

(b) Refers to women who at the time of the survey did not know if they wanted to have (more) children.

(c) Includes those women whose husbands' labour force status was

TABLE 16. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15-44 YEARS WITH NO CHILDREN BY WHETHER THEY EXPECT TO HAVE CHILDREN AND EXPECTED INTERVAL BETWEEN MARRIAGE AND FIRST BIRTH: AGE AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF WOMEN, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986  
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| Age of women<br>(years)   | Women<br>who do not<br>expect<br>to have<br>children | Women who expect to have children(a)                        |                     |                     |                     |              |       | Average<br>expected<br>interval<br>(years) |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------|--------------------------------------------|
|                           |                                                      | Expected interval between marriage and first birth (years)— |                     |                     |                     |              | Total |                                            |
|                           |                                                      | Under 2                                                     | 2 to<br>less than 3 | 3 to<br>less than 4 | 4 to<br>less than 5 | 5 or<br>more |       |                                            |
| WOMEN IN LABOUR FORCE     |                                                      |                                                             |                     |                     |                     |              |       |                                            |
| 15-19                     | *0.1                                                 | *0.5                                                        | 1.0                 | *0.4                | 0.8                 | 1.2          | 3.9   | 3.6                                        |
| 20-24                     | 4.8                                                  | 4.8                                                         | 10.2                | 17.5                | 13.1                | 34.7         | 80.3  | 4.5                                        |
| 25-29                     | 9.3                                                  | 2.8                                                         | 7.8                 | 13.7                | 15.6                | 42.5         | 82.3  | 5.1                                        |
| 30-34                     | 8.9                                                  | *0.4                                                        | 1.4                 | 1.6                 | 2.6                 | 13.9         | 19.9  | 7.6                                        |
| 35+                       | 31.4                                                 | 0.7                                                         | *0.4                | *0.3                | *0.2                | 2.3          | 3.9   | 16.9                                       |
| Total                     | 54.5                                                 | 9.2                                                         | 20.8                | 33.4                | 32.3                | 94.5         | 190.3 | 5.1                                        |
| WOMEN NOT IN LABOUR FORCE |                                                      |                                                             |                     |                     |                     |              |       |                                            |
| 15-19                     | —                                                    | *0.5                                                        | *0.4                | *0.5                | *0.2                | —            | 1.6   | 2.2                                        |
| 20-24                     | *0.3                                                 | 3.9                                                         | 3.2                 | 2.2                 | 1.1                 | 1.6          | 12.0  | 2.6                                        |
| 25-29                     | 1.3                                                  | 1.6                                                         | 1.4                 | 0.7                 | 0.8                 | 3.1          | 7.6   | 4.0                                        |
| 30-34                     | 4.3                                                  | *0.3                                                        | 0.7                 | *0.3                | *0.4                | 1.9          | 3.6   | 6.8                                        |
| 35+                       | 8.7                                                  | —                                                           | —                   | *0.3                | *0.2                | *0.5         | 1.0   | 9.9                                        |
| Total                     | 14.6                                                 | 6.3                                                         | 5.6                 | 4.1                 | 2.8                 | 7.0          | 25.8  | 3.9                                        |
| TOTAL WOMEN               |                                                      |                                                             |                     |                     |                     |              |       |                                            |
| 15-19                     | *0.1                                                 | 1.0                                                         | 1.4                 | 0.8                 | 1.0                 | 1.2          | 5.4   | 3.2                                        |
| 20-24                     | 5.2                                                  | 8.7                                                         | 13.4                | 19.7                | 14.2                | 36.2         | 92.3  | 4.3                                        |
| 25-29                     | 10.5                                                 | 4.4                                                         | 9.2                 | 14.4                | 16.3                | 45.6         | 90.0  | 5.0                                        |
| 30-34                     | 13.2                                                 | 0.7                                                         | 2.1                 | 2.0                 | 3.0                 | 15.8         | 23.5  | 7.5                                        |
| 35+                       | 40.0                                                 | 0.7                                                         | *0.4                | *0.6                | *0.5                | 2.8          | 5.0   | 17.4                                       |
| Total                     | 69.1                                                 | 15.5                                                        | 26.5                | 37.5                | 35.1                | 101.5        | 216.2 | 5.0                                        |

(a) Excludes 34.0 thousand women who did not know expected interval.

**TABLE 17. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15-4 YEARS WITH ONE OR MORE CHILDREN BY WHETHER THEY EXPECT TO HAVE MORE CHILDREN AND EXPECTED INTERVAL BETWEEN MOST RECENT AND NEXT EXPECTED CHILD: NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN, AGE AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF WOMEN, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986**  
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| Number of children<br>already born and<br>age of women<br>(years) | Women<br>who do not<br>expect<br>to have<br>more<br>children | Women who expect to have more children(a)                              |                        |                        |                        |              |       | Average<br>expected<br>interval<br>(years) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                                                   |                                                              | Expected interval between most recent and next expected child (years)— |                        |                        |                        |              | Total |                                            |
|                                                                   |                                                              | Under 2                                                                | 2 to<br>less than<br>3 | 3 to<br>less than<br>4 | 4 to<br>less than<br>5 | 5 or<br>more |       |                                            |
| WOMEN IN LABOUR FORCE                                             |                                                              |                                                                        |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |
| 1 child already born                                              |                                                              |                                                                        |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |
| 15-19                                                             | —                                                            | —                                                                      | *0.4                   | 1.0                    | *0.2                   | —            | 1.6   | 3.1                                        |
| 20-24                                                             | 2.4                                                          | 0.3                                                                    | 3.6                    | 4.6                    | 3.4                    | 3.4          | 15.2  | 3.7                                        |
| 25-29                                                             | 6.1                                                          | 1.3                                                                    | 9.8                    | 12.5                   | 5.7                    | 8.2          | 37.5  | 3.6                                        |
| 30-34                                                             | 16.2                                                         | *0.6                                                                   | 3.7                    | 5.6                    | 2.9                    | 6.5          | 19.3  | 4.8                                        |
| 35+                                                               | 45.4                                                         | —                                                                      | 0.8                    | 1.1                    | *0.5                   | 2.2          | 4.8   | 4.5                                        |
| Total                                                             | 70.1                                                         | 2.2                                                                    | 18.3                   | 25.0                   | 12.7                   | 20.2         | 78.4  | 4.0                                        |
| 2 or more children already born                                   |                                                              |                                                                        |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |
| 20-24                                                             | 4.9                                                          | *0.4                                                                   | *0.4                   | 1.6                    | 0.9                    | 1.0          | 4.2   | 3.6                                        |
| 25-29                                                             | 57.2                                                         | *0.2                                                                   | 1.9                    | 6.0                    | 2.1                    | 4.5          | 14.7  | 4.0                                        |
| 30-34                                                             | 171.0                                                        | 0.8                                                                    | 3.4                    | 3.9                    | 2.0                    | 5.6          | 15.4  | 4.3                                        |
| 35+                                                               | 490.1                                                        | —                                                                      | —                      | *0.4                   | *0.5                   | 2.3          | 3.3   | 6.4                                        |
| Total                                                             | 723.1                                                        | 1.4                                                                    | 5.7                    | 11.9                   | 5.3                    | 13.3         | 37.6  | 4.4                                        |
| Total                                                             |                                                              |                                                                        |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |
| 15-19                                                             | —                                                            | —                                                                      | *0.4                   | 1.0                    | *0.2                   | —            | 1.6   | 3.1                                        |
| 20-24                                                             | 7.3                                                          | 0.7                                                                    | 4.0                    | 6.2                    | 4.2                    | 4.3          | 19.4  | 3.7                                        |
| 25-29                                                             | 63.3                                                         | 1.5                                                                    | 11.7                   | 18.5                   | 7.7                    | 12.7         | 52.2  | 3.7                                        |
| 30-34                                                             | 187.2                                                        | 1.3                                                                    | 6.9                    | 9.5                    | 4.8                    | 12.1         | 34.7  | 4.6                                        |
| 35+                                                               | 535.5                                                        | —                                                                      | 1.0                    | 1.6                    | 1.0                    | 4.5          | 8.1   | 6.2                                        |
| Total in the labour<br>force                                      | 793.2                                                        | 3.5                                                                    | 24.0                   | 36.9                   | 18.0                   | 33.6         | 116.0 | 4.2                                        |

(a) Excludes 13.2 thousand women who did not know expected interval.

TABLE 17. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15-44 YEARS WITH ONE OR MORE CHILDREN BY WHETHER THEY EXPECT TO HAVE MORE CHILDREN AND EXPECTED INTERVAL BETWEEN MOST RECENT AND NEXT EXPECTED CHILD : NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN, AGE AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF WOMEN, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986—continued  
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| Number of children<br>already born and<br>age of women<br>(years) | Women<br>who do not<br>expect<br>to have<br>more<br>children | Women who expect to have more children(a)                              |                        |                        |                        |              | Total | Average<br>expected<br>interval<br>(years) |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------|--------------------------------------------|--|
|                                                                   |                                                              | Expected interval between most recent and next expected child (years)— |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |  |
|                                                                   |                                                              | Under 2                                                                | 2 to<br>less than<br>3 | 3 to<br>less than<br>4 | 4 to<br>less than<br>5 | 5 or<br>more |       |                                            |  |
| WOMEN NOT IN LABOUR FORCE                                         |                                                              |                                                                        |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |  |
| 1 child already born                                              |                                                              |                                                                        |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |  |
| 15-19                                                             | —                                                            | *0.1                                                                   | *0.4                   | *0.5                   | *0.4                   | —            | 1.3   | 2.6                                        |  |
| 20-24                                                             | 2.5                                                          | 2.4                                                                    | 8.6                    | 10.1                   | 4.0                    | 3.9          | 28.9  | 3.0                                        |  |
| 25-29                                                             | 5.1                                                          | 1.2                                                                    | 16.3                   | 19.1                   | 4.1                    | 5.6          | 46.2  | 3.1                                        |  |
| 30-34                                                             | 8.9                                                          | *0.1                                                                   | 6.5                    | 4.9                    | 2.2                    | 3.5          | 17.2  | 3.3                                        |  |
| 35+                                                               | 21.2                                                         | *0.1                                                                   | *0.6                   | 0.8                    | *0.1                   | 1.3          | 2.9   | 5.2                                        |  |
| Total                                                             | 37.7                                                         | 3.9                                                                    | 32.3                   | 35.5                   | 10.6                   | 14.4         | 96.6  | 3.2                                        |  |
| 2 or more children already born                                   |                                                              |                                                                        |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |  |
| 20-24                                                             | 14.7                                                         | 0.9                                                                    | 3.5                    | 4.6                    | 2.2                    | 0.9          | 12.2  | 2.4                                        |  |
| 25-29                                                             | 76.0                                                         | *0.6                                                                   | 6.9                    | 10.2                   | 7.4                    | 7.5          | 32.6  | 3.7                                        |  |
| 30-34                                                             | 131.0                                                        | 0.8                                                                    | 4.4                    | 4.5                    | 5.2                    | 5.4          | 20.3  | 3.9                                        |  |
| 35+                                                               | 264.3                                                        | *0.3                                                                   | 1.2                    | 1.0                    | *0.1                   | 1.7          | 4.4   | 6.2                                        |  |
| Total                                                             | 486.0                                                        | 2.6                                                                    | 16.2                   | 20.3                   | 14.8                   | 15.5         | 69.4  | 3.7                                        |  |
| Total                                                             |                                                              |                                                                        |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |  |
| 15-19                                                             | —                                                            | *0.1                                                                   | *0.6                   | 0.7                    | 0.9                    | —            | 2.3   | 3.0                                        |  |
| 20-24                                                             | 17.1                                                         | 3.3                                                                    | 11.9                   | 14.5                   | 5.6                    | 4.8          | 40.1  | 3.0                                        |  |
| 25-29                                                             | 81.1                                                         | 1.7                                                                    | 23.2                   | 29.3                   | 11.5                   | 13.1         | 78.8  | 3.4                                        |  |
| 30-34                                                             | 139.9                                                        | 0.9                                                                    | 10.9                   | 9.5                    | 7.3                    | 8.9          | 37.5  | 3.6                                        |  |
| 35+                                                               | 285.5                                                        | 0.4                                                                    | 1.9                    | 1.8                    | *0.2                   | 3.1          | 7.3   | 6.3                                        |  |
| Total not in the labour<br>force                                  | 523.6                                                        | 6.4                                                                    | 48.5                   | 55.8                   | 25.4                   | 29.9         | 166.0 | 3.4                                        |  |

(a) Excludes 15.9 thousand women who did not know expected interval.

TABLE 17. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15-44 YEARS WITH ONE OR MORE CHILDREN BY WHETHER THEY EXPECT TO HAVE MORE CHILDREN AND EXPECTED INTERVAL BETWEEN MOST RECENT AND NEXT EXPECTED CHILD : NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN, AGE AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF WOMEN, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986—continued  
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| Number of children<br>already born and<br>age of women<br>(years) | Women<br>who do not<br>expect<br>to have<br>more<br>children | Women who expect to have more children(a)                              |                        |                        |                        |              |       | Average<br>expected<br>interval<br>(years) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                                                   |                                                              | Expected interval between most recent and next expected child (years)— |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |
|                                                                   |                                                              |                                                                        |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |
|                                                                   |                                                              | Under 2                                                                | 2 to<br>less than<br>3 | 3 to<br>less than<br>4 | 4 to<br>less than<br>5 | 5 or<br>more | Total |                                            |
| TOTAL WOMEN                                                       |                                                              |                                                                        |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |
| 1 child already born                                              |                                                              |                                                                        |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |
| 15-19                                                             | —                                                            | *0.1                                                                   | 0.8                    | 1.6                    | *0.5                   | —            | 3.0   | 2.9                                        |
| 20-24                                                             | 4.8                                                          | 2.6                                                                    | 12.2                   | 14.7                   | 7.4                    | 7.3          | 44.1  | 3.3                                        |
| 25-29                                                             | 11.2                                                         | 2.5                                                                    | 26.1                   | 31.6                   | 9.7                    | 13.8         | 83.7  | 3.3                                        |
| 30-34                                                             | 25.2                                                         | 0.7                                                                    | 10.2                   | 10.6                   | 5.0                    | 10.0         | 36.5  | 4.1                                        |
| 35+                                                               | 66.6                                                         | *0.1                                                                   | 1.4                    | 1.9                    | *0.6                   | 3.6          | 7.7   | 4.8                                        |
| Total                                                             | 107.8                                                        | 6.0                                                                    | 50.6                   | 60.5                   | 23.3                   | 34.6         | 175.0 | 3.6                                        |
| 2 or more children already born                                   |                                                              |                                                                        |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |
| 20-24                                                             | 19.6                                                         | 1.3                                                                    | 3.8                    | 6.2                    | 3.1                    | 1.9          | 16.3  | 3.1                                        |
| 25-29                                                             | 133.2                                                        | 0.7                                                                    | 8.9                    | 16.2                   | 9.5                    | 12.0         | 47.3  | 3.8                                        |
| 30-34                                                             | 301.9                                                        | 1.6                                                                    | 7.6                    | 8.4                    | 7.1                    | 11.0         | 35.7  | 4.1                                        |
| 35+                                                               | 754.4                                                        | *0.3                                                                   | 1.4                    | 1.4                    | *0.5                   | 4.0          | 7.7   | 6.3                                        |
| Total                                                             | 1,209.1                                                      | 3.9                                                                    | 21.9                   | 32.2                   | 20.1                   | 28.8         | 107.0 | 4.0                                        |
| Total                                                             |                                                              |                                                                        |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |
| 15-19                                                             | —                                                            | *0.1                                                                   | 1.0                    | 1.7                    | 1.1                    | —            | 3.9   | 3.0                                        |
| 20-24                                                             | 24.4                                                         | 3.9                                                                    | 15.9                   | 20.7                   | 9.8                    | 9.1          | 59.4  | 3.2                                        |
| 25-29                                                             | 144.3                                                        | 3.2                                                                    | 34.9                   | 47.8                   | 19.2                   | 25.8         | 131.0 | 3.5                                        |
| 30-34                                                             | 327.1                                                        | 2.3                                                                    | 17.8                   | 19.0                   | 12.2                   | 21.0         | 72.2  | 4.1                                        |
| 35+                                                               | 821.0                                                        | *0.4                                                                   | 2.9                    | 3.4                    | 1.1                    | 7.6          | 15.4  | 6.2                                        |
| Total women                                                       | 1,316.9                                                      | 9.9                                                                    | 72.5                   | 92.7                   | 43.4                   | 63.5         | 281.9 | 3.7                                        |

(a) Excludes 29.1 thousand women who did not know expected interval.

TABLE 18. WOMEN AGED 15-44 YEARS LIVING IN A DE-FACTO RELATIONSHIP BY WHETHER CHILDREN ALREADY BORN, WHETHER THEY EXPECT TO HAVE (MORE) CHILDREN AND EXPECTED INTERVAL BETWEEN SURVEY DATE/MOST RECENT CHILD AND NEXT EXPECTED BIRTH: AGE OF WOMEN, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986 ('000)

| Age of women<br>(years) | Women<br>who do not<br>expect<br>to have<br>(more)<br>children | Women who expect to have (more) children(a)                                            |                        |                        |                        |              | Total | Average<br>expected<br>interval<br>(years) |  |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------|--------------------------------------------|--|
|                         |                                                                | Expected interval between survey/most recent<br>child and next expected child (years)— |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |  |
|                         |                                                                | Under 2                                                                                | 2 to<br>less than<br>3 | 3 to<br>less than<br>4 | 4 to<br>less than<br>5 | 5 or<br>more |       |                                            |  |
| WOMEN WITHOUT CHILDREN  |                                                                |                                                                                        |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |  |
| 15-19                   | *0.6                                                           | 2.0                                                                                    | 0.8                    | 0.9                    | 0.7                    | 1.2          | 5.6   | 3.3                                        |  |
| 20-24                   | 1.5                                                            | 4.2                                                                                    | 3.4                    | 3.3                    | 2.8                    | 3.8          | 17.5  | 3.7                                        |  |
| 25-29                   | 1.6                                                            | 2.3                                                                                    | 2.0                    | 1.1                    | 0.8                    | 1.1          | 7.3   | 3.1                                        |  |
| 30-34                   | 3.2                                                            | 2.0                                                                                    | *0.1                   | 2.4                    | —                      | —            | 1.5   | 4.1                                        |  |
| 35-39                   | 1.5                                                            | —                                                                                      | *0.1                   | —                      | —                      | —            | *0.1  | *2.5                                       |  |
| 40-44                   | 0.7                                                            | —                                                                                      | —                      | —                      | —                      | —            | —     | —                                          |  |
| Total                   | 9.0                                                            | 10.5                                                                                   | 6.4                    | 5.6                    | 4.3                    | 6.1          | 32.9  | 3.3                                        |  |
| TOTAL WOMEN             |                                                                |                                                                                        |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |  |
| 15-19                   | 0.8                                                            | 2.2                                                                                    | 1.2                    | 1.8                    | 0.7                    | 1.2          | 7.1   | 3.1                                        |  |
| 20-24                   | 6.4                                                            | 4.4                                                                                    | 5.0                    | 5.2                    | 4.8                    | 6.9          | 26.3  | 3.9                                        |  |
| 25-29                   | 7.8                                                            | 2.3                                                                                    | 2.6                    | 3.1                    | 1.5                    | 3.5          | 13.1  | 4.0                                        |  |
| 30-34                   | 10.9                                                           | 2.0                                                                                    | 0.9                    | 0.9                    | *0.4                   | 1.6          | 5.8   | 4.1                                        |  |
| 35-39                   | 8.5                                                            | —                                                                                      | *0.1                   | *0.2                   | —                      | *0.2         | *0.6  | *10.0                                      |  |
| 40-44                   | 6.0                                                            | —                                                                                      | *0.2                   | —                      | —                      | —            | *0.2  | *1.9                                       |  |
| Total                   | 40.3                                                           | 10.9                                                                                   | 9.9                    | 11.3                   | 7.4                    | 13.5         | 53.1  | 3.9                                        |  |

(a) Excludes 10.7 thousand women who did not know expected interval.

TABLE 19. NEVER MARRIED WOMEN(a) AGED 15-44 YEARS BY WHETHER CHILDREN ALREADY BORN, WHETHER THEY EXPECT TO HAVE (MORE) CHILDREN AND EXPECTED INTERVAL BETWEEN SURVEY DATE/MOST RECENT CHILD AND NEXT EXPECTED BIRTH: AGE OF WOMEN, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986 ('000)

| Age of women<br>(years) | Women<br>who do not<br>expect<br>to have<br>(more)<br>children | Women who expect to have (more) children(b)                                            |                        |                        |                        |              | Average<br>expected<br>interval<br>(years) |     |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------|-----|
|                         |                                                                | Expected interval between survey/most recent<br>child and next expected child (years)— |                        |                        |                        |              |                                            |     |
|                         |                                                                | Under 2                                                                                | 2 to<br>less than<br>3 | 3 to<br>less than<br>4 | 4 to<br>less than<br>5 | 5 or<br>more |                                            |     |
| WOMEN WITHOUT CHILDREN  |                                                                |                                                                                        |                        |                        |                        |              |                                            |     |
| 15-19(a)                | 15.7                                                           | 3.4                                                                                    | 3.4                    | 8.5                    | 14.5                   | 77.9         | 107.7                                      | 6.1 |
| 20-24                   | 34.4                                                           | 8.0                                                                                    | 19.0                   | 21.3                   | 32.5                   | 90.1         | 170.8                                      | 5.4 |
| 25-29                   | 25.0                                                           | 4.3                                                                                    | 10.8                   | 8.7                    | 10.6                   | 14.4         | 48.8                                       | 4.4 |
| 30-34                   | 20.9                                                           | 0.9                                                                                    | 2.7                    | 0.9                    | 0.7                    | 1.9          | 7.1                                        | 3.9 |
| 35-39                   | 19.4                                                           | *0.4                                                                                   | 0.7                    | —                      | —                      | —            | 1.2                                        | 2.0 |
| 40-44                   | 13.6                                                           | —                                                                                      | —                      | —                      | —                      | —            | —                                          | —   |
| Total                   | 129.1                                                          | 17.0                                                                                   | 36.7                   | 39.3                   | 58.3                   | 184.3        | 335.6                                      | 5.4 |
| TOTAL WOMEN             |                                                                |                                                                                        |                        |                        |                        |              |                                            |     |
| 15-19(a)                | 18.3                                                           | 3.6                                                                                    | 3.7                    | 8.6                    | 14.5                   | 78.9         | 109.3                                      | 6.1 |
| 20-24                   | 45.6                                                           | 8.2                                                                                    | 19.4                   | 21.9                   | 34.4                   | 95.1         | 179.0                                      | 5.4 |
| 25-29                   | 34.5                                                           | 4.3                                                                                    | 10.8                   | 9.0                    | 11.9                   | 15.9         | 51.9                                       | 4.5 |
| 30-34                   | 26.5                                                           | 0.9                                                                                    | 2.7                    | 1.0                    | 0.7                    | 3.0          | 8.3                                        | 4.8 |
| 35-39                   | 24.8                                                           | *0.4                                                                                   | 0.7                    | —                      | —                      | —            | 1.2                                        | 2.0 |
| 40-44                   | 16.0                                                           | —                                                                                      | —                      | —                      | —                      | —            | —                                          | —   |
| Total                   | 165.7                                                          | 17.4                                                                                   | 37.4                   | 40.5                   | 61.4                   | 192.9        | 349.7                                      | 5.5 |

(a) Women aged 15 to 17 years who had never been married and were not in a de facto relationship were excluded from the survey. (b) Excludes 228.5 thousand women who did not know expected interval.

**TABLE 28. NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, SEPARATED AND DIVORCED WOMEN(a) AGED 15-44 YEARS BY WHETHER CHILDREN ALREADY BORN, WHETHER THEY EXPECT TO HAVE (MORE) CHILDREN AND EXPECTED INTERVAL BETWEEN SURVEY DATE/MOST RECENT CHILD AND NEXT EXPECTED BIRTH: AGE OF WOMEN, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986**  
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| Age of women<br>(years) | Women<br>who do not<br>expect<br>to have<br>(more)<br>children | Women who expect to have (more) children(b)                                            |                        |                        |                        |              | Total | Average<br>expected<br>interval<br>(years) |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------|--------------------------------------------|
|                         |                                                                | Expected interval between survey/most recent<br>child and next expected child (years)— |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |
|                         |                                                                | Under 2                                                                                | 2 to<br>less than<br>3 | 3 to<br>less than<br>4 | 4 to<br>less than<br>5 | 5 or<br>more |       |                                            |
| WOMEN WITHOUT CHILDREN  |                                                                |                                                                                        |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |
| 15-19(a)                | 15.7                                                           | 3.4                                                                                    | 3.4                    | 8.5                    | 14.5                   | 77.9         | 107.7 | 6.1                                        |
| 20-24                   | 35.5                                                           | 8.5                                                                                    | 19.3                   | 21.3                   | 33.0                   | 90.5         | 172.6 | 5.3                                        |
| 25-29                   | 28.0                                                           | 5.1                                                                                    | 11.6                   | 9.5                    | 11.4                   | 15.2         | 52.9  | 4.3                                        |
| 30-34                   | 26.1                                                           | 1.5                                                                                    | 3.1                    | 1.1                    | 0.8                    | 2.4          | 8.9   | 3.8                                        |
| 35-39                   | 23.1                                                           | 0.9                                                                                    | 0.7                    | —                      | —                      | —            | 1.6   | 1.9                                        |
| 40-44                   | 20.5                                                           | *0.2                                                                                   | —                      | —                      | —                      | —            | *0.2  | 0.5                                        |
| Total                   | 148.9                                                          | 19.6                                                                                   | 38.2                   | 40.3                   | 59.7                   | 186.0        | 343.9 | 5.4                                        |
| TOTAL WOMEN             |                                                                |                                                                                        |                        |                        |                        |              |       |                                            |
| 15-19(a)                | 18.3                                                           | 3.6                                                                                    | 3.7                    | 8.6                    | 14.5                   | 79.1         | 109.5 | 6.1                                        |
| 20-24                   | 49.7                                                           | 8.7                                                                                    | 19.9                   | 22.2                   | 35.2                   | 97.8         | 183.7 | 5.4                                        |
| 25-29                   | 56.0                                                           | 5.1                                                                                    | 12.0                   | 10.0                   | 13.2                   | 20.0         | 60.4  | 4.6                                        |
| 30-34                   | 61.5                                                           | 1.5                                                                                    | 3.1                    | 1.2                    | 0.8                    | 6.1          | 12.7  | 5.9                                        |
| 35-39                   | 84.7                                                           | 0.9                                                                                    | 0.7                    | —                      | —                      | 1.1          | 2.7   | 6.3                                        |
| 40-44                   | 81.7                                                           | *0.2                                                                                   | —                      | —                      | —                      | —            | *0.2  | *0.5                                       |
| Total                   | 351.9                                                          | 20.0                                                                                   | 39.4                   | 42.0                   | 63.7                   | 204.1        | 369.2 | 5.5                                        |

(a) Women aged 15 to 17 years who had never been married and were not in a de facto relationship were excluded from the survey. (b) Excludes 242.1 thousand women who did not know expected interval.



TABLE 21. WOMEN(a) AGED 15-44 YEARS BY IDEAL INTERVAL BETWEEN MARRIAGE AND FIRST BIRTH : VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS OF WOMEN, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986 ('000)

| Characteristics of women               | Ideal interval between marriage and first birth (years)— |                  |                  |                  |                  |           |                          |                          |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                        | Under 1                                                  | 1 to less than 2 | 2 to less than 3 | 3 to less than 4 | 4 to less than 5 | 5 or more | Depends on circumstances | Average interval (years) |
| Age-group (years)—                     |                                                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |           |                          |                          |
| 15-19(a)                               | 7.1                                                      | 56.7             | 59.9             | 21.5             | 9.7              | 9.8       | 73.7                     | 2.5                      |
| 20-24                                  | 22.0                                                     | 130.3            | 166.0            | 51.4             | 26.8             | 27.2      | 183.4                    | 2.6                      |
| 25-29                                  | 25.0                                                     | 110.8            | 163.6            | 55.8             | 23.7             | 38.6      | 207.4                    | 2.7                      |
| 30-34                                  | 20.9                                                     | 85.8             | 144.5            | 62.4             | 37.0             | 51.9      | 200.9                    | 3.0                      |
| 35-39                                  | 22.5                                                     | 76.8             | 151.5            | 54.9             | 34.4             | 42.6      | 207.2                    | 2.9                      |
| 40-44                                  | 15.7                                                     | 70.3             | 127.5            | 36.2             | 20.4             | 27.0      | 184.0                    | 2.7                      |
| Marital status—                        |                                                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |           |                          |                          |
| Not in de facto relationship—          |                                                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |           |                          |                          |
| Never married(a)                       | 24.9                                                     | 170.7            | 210.2            | 64.6             | 30.7             | 38.2      | 266.7                    | 2.6                      |
| Currently married                      | 76.4                                                     | 310.9            | 517.4            | 191.0            | 105.1            | 131.9     | 666.5                    | 2.8                      |
| Separated, divorced, widowed           | 7.4                                                      | 30.5             | 59.7             | 20.4             | 11.7             | 19.4      | 82.1                     | 2.9                      |
| In de facto relationship               | 4.4                                                      | 18.6             | 25.6             | 6.2              | 4.6              | 7.6       | 41.4                     | 2.7                      |
| Birthplace—                            |                                                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |           |                          |                          |
| Australia                              | 68.3                                                     | 395.8            | 614.1            | 217.1            | 118.0            | 149.6     | 817.3                    | 2.8                      |
| Overseas—                              |                                                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |           |                          |                          |
| United Kingdom and Ireland             | 6.3                                                      | 28.2             | 69.0             | 23.0             | 13.8             | 22.1      | 87.3                     | 3.0                      |
| Other Europe                           | 17.8                                                     | 49.7             | 65.5             | 21.8             | 11.3             | 14.9      | 87.1                     | 2.6                      |
| Other                                  | 20.6                                                     | 57.0             | 64.3             | 20.2             | 9.0              | 10.4      | 65.1                     | 2.4                      |
| Total overseas                         | 44.7                                                     | 134.9            | 198.8            | 65.1             | 34.1             | 47.4      | 239.4                    | 2.6                      |
| Type of locality—                      |                                                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |           |                          |                          |
| Metropolitan                           | 71.0                                                     | 324.1            | 549.0            | 197.0            | 101.9            | 140.4     | 684.4                    | 2.8                      |
| Non-metropolitan                       | 42.0                                                     | 206.6            | 264.0            | 85.2             | 50.2             | 56.7      | 372.3                    | 2.6                      |
| Employment status—                     |                                                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |           |                          |                          |
| Employed                               | 56.6                                                     | 308.7            | 512.5            | 182.1            | 99.2             | 129.1     | 658.7                    | 2.8                      |
| Unemployed                             | 9.3                                                      | 38.8             | 47.1             | 10.8             | 8.5              | 12.1      | 60.0                     | 2.6                      |
| Total in labour force                  | 65.9                                                     | 347.4            | 559.6            | 192.8            | 107.6            | 141.2     | 718.7                    | 2.8                      |
| Not in labour force                    | 47.1                                                     | 183.3            | 253.4            | 89.3             | 44.5             | 55.9      | 338.0                    | 2.6                      |
| State or Territory of usual residence— |                                                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |           |                          |                          |
| N.S.W.                                 | 47.3                                                     | 189.9            | 275.4            | 98.1             | 48.8             | 69.0      | 339.7                    | 2.7                      |
| Vic.                                   | 25.3                                                     | 137.5            | 215.0            | 74.0             | 38.4             | 46.9      | 292.3                    | 2.7                      |
| Qld                                    | 16.4                                                     | 84.0             | 132.5            | 45.1             | 26.8             | 34.3      | 170.6                    | 2.8                      |
| S.A.                                   | 6.8                                                      | 42.9             | 64.5             | 27.4             | 13.6             | 18.0      | 97.3                     | 2.9                      |
| W.A.                                   | 9.6                                                      | 51.1             | 79.7             | 24.6             | 16.5             | 18.4      | 88.7                     | 2.8                      |
| Tas.                                   | 3.2                                                      | 12.7             | 22.8             | 7.0              | 2.9              | 4.3       | 34.3                     | 2.7                      |
| N.T.                                   | 2.0                                                      | 4.6              | 8.0              | 1.8              | 1.7              | 1.9       | 13.2                     | 2.9                      |
| A.C.T.                                 | 2.4                                                      | 8.1              | 15.2             | 4.2              | 3.4              | 4.3       | 20.5                     | 2.7                      |
| Age left school (years)—               |                                                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |           |                          |                          |
| Under 15                               | 18.5                                                     | 48.4             | 62.4             | 12.7             | 10.4             | 12.2      | 73.2                     | 2.5                      |
| 15                                     | 28.7                                                     | 128.2            | 201.0            | 62.2             | 36.9             | 50.2      | 248.6                    | 2.8                      |
| 16                                     | 29.0                                                     | 138.7            | 228.8            | 77.6             | 39.2             | 52.0      | 293.3                    | 2.8                      |
| 17                                     | 18.0                                                     | 120.2            | 196.1            | 79.0             | 37.9             | 51.0      | 273.2                    | 2.8                      |
| 18 and over                            | 17.8                                                     | 90.9             | 119.7            | 48.0             | 26.6             | 30.9      | 163.1                    | 2.8                      |
| Still attending school                 | *0.2                                                     | 3.8              | 4.1              | 2.2              | 1.1              | 0.6       | 3.7                      | 2.7                      |
| Never went to school                   | 0.7                                                      | *0.5             | 0.9              | *0.5             | —                | *0.2      | 1.6                      | 2.3                      |
| Number of children already born—       |                                                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |           |                          |                          |
| 0                                      | 29.3                                                     | 214.4            | 302.2            | 101.6            | 52.3             | 65.4      | 399.6                    | 2.7                      |
| 1                                      | 18.6                                                     | 70.8             | 106.9            | 37.8             | 20.1             | 33.0      | 145.5                    | 2.8                      |
| 2                                      | 29.7                                                     | 121.7            | 220.5            | 89.5             | 50.0             | 58.4      | 274.4                    | 2.9                      |
| 3                                      | 18.5                                                     | 80.6             | 129.7            | 41.7             | 20.8             | 30.3      | 157.0                    | 2.7                      |
| 4 and over                             | 16.9                                                     | 43.2             | 53.7             | 11.6             | 8.1              | 10.0      | 80.2                     | 2.4                      |
| Age at first marriage (years)—         |                                                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |           |                          |                          |
| Under 20                               | 32.9                                                     | 117.2            | 183.9            | 69.5             | 39.3             | 55.2      | 228.7                    | 2.8                      |
| 20-21                                  | 22.3                                                     | 91.1             | 174.8            | 66.3             | 39.5             | 52.3      | 213.5                    | 2.8                      |
| 22-23                                  | 12.5                                                     | 62.3             | 113.8            | 40.9             | 26.3             | 26.3      | 143.0                    | 2.7                      |
| 24-25                                  | 6.3                                                      | 35.0             | 56.7             | 23.4             | 7.8              | 10.5      | 75.6                     | 2.8                      |
| 26 and over                            | 11.0                                                     | 40.2             | 56.0             | 12.8             | 8.8              | 10.0      | 99.1                     | 2.5                      |
| Not applicable                         | 28.0                                                     | 184.9            | 227.8            | 69.3             | 33.7             | 42.7      | 296.8                    | 2.6                      |
| Total all women 15-44 years(a)         | 113.0                                                    | 536.7            | 813.0            | 282.2            | 152.1            | 197.0     | 1,056.7                  | 2.8                      |

(a) Women aged 15 to 17 years who had never been married and were not in a de facto relationship (402.2 thousands) were excluded from the survey.

TABLE 22. WOMEN(a) AGED 15-44 YEARS BY IDEAL INTERVAL BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND BIRTHS : VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS OF WOMEN, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1986 ('000)

| Characteristics of women                      | Ideal interval between first and second births (years)— |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |                          |              | Total women    | Average interval (years) |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------------|
|                                               | Under 1                                                 | 1 to less than 2 | 2 to less than 3 | 3 to less than 4 | 4 to less than 5 | 5 or more   | Depends on circumstances | Don't know   |                |                          |
| <b>Age-group (years)—</b>                     |                                                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |                          |              |                |                          |
| 15-19(a)                                      | 5.6                                                     | 86.9             | 84.3             | 14.9             | 3.4              | 2.2         | 40.0                     | 18.8         | 256.0          | 2.2                      |
| 20-24                                         | 16.9                                                    | 213.1            | 238.0            | 30.1             | 8.6              | 4.8         | 98.8                     | 40.9         | 651.3          | 2.1                      |
| 25-29                                         | 21.3                                                    | 196.6            | 252.4            | 42.5             | 8.1              | 6.1         | 106.7                    | 26.9         | 660.6          | 2.2                      |
| 30-34                                         | 14.9                                                    | 160.3            | 251.1            | 53.5             | 10.6             | 6.1         | 112.4                    | 22.7         | 631.7          | 2.3                      |
| 35-39                                         | 14.4                                                    | 162.3            | 247.5            | 46.6             | 10.2             | 4.8         | 109.8                    | 24.2         | 619.8          | 2.3                      |
| 40-44                                         | 9.3                                                     | 140.8            | 194.7            | 30.2             | 6.0              | 4.5         | 98.0                     | 20.6         | 504.2          | 2.2                      |
| <b>Marital status—</b>                        |                                                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |                          |              |                |                          |
| Not in de facto relationship—                 |                                                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |                          |              |                |                          |
| Never married(a)                              | 20.9                                                    | 274.4            | 292.4            | 45.8             | 11.1             | 7.2         | 155.1                    | 73.8         | 880.8          | 2.2                      |
| Currently married                             | 51.5                                                    | 577.4            | 843.3            | 151.7            | 30.6             | 17.7        | 345.9                    | 63.0         | 2,081.1        | 2.3                      |
| Separated, divorced, widowed                  | 6.1                                                     | 72.2             | 90.3             | 14.7             | 3.1              | 2.7         | 45.3                     | 12.2         | 246.5          | 2.2                      |
| In de facto relationship                      | 3.9                                                     | 36.1             | 42.0             | 5.7              | 2.1              | 0.9         | 19.4                     | 5.0          | 115.1          | 2.2                      |
| <b>Birthplace—</b>                            |                                                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |                          |              |                |                          |
| Australia                                     | 60.3                                                    | 740.5            | 964.7            | 150.6            | 30.4             | 17.1        | 438.1                    | 113.9        | 2,515.5        | 2.2                      |
| Overseas—                                     |                                                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |                          |              |                |                          |
| United Kingdom and Ireland                    | 6.6                                                     | 74.7             | 101.3            | 19.0             | 3.1              | 2.1         | 44.9                     | 8.1          | 259.7          | 2.2                      |
| Other Europe                                  | 8.3                                                     | 82.4             | 97.9             | 24.7             | 6.7              | 3.2         | 46.6                     | 15.7         | 285.3          | 2.3                      |
| Other                                         | 7.2                                                     | 62.6             | 104.1            | 23.6             | 6.7              | 6.1         | 36.2                     | 16.4         | 263.0          | 2.4                      |
| Total overseas                                | 22.0                                                    | 219.6            | 303.3            | 67.3             | 16.5             | 11.5        | 127.7                    | 40.2         | 808.0          | 2.3                      |
| <b>Type of locality—</b>                      |                                                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |                          |              |                |                          |
| Metropolitan                                  | 49.5                                                    | 597.4            | 856.9            | 158.1            | 32.5             | 20.3        | 362.6                    | 99.3         | 2,176.6        | 2.3                      |
| Non-metropolitan                              | 32.9                                                    | 362.7            | 411.1            | 59.8             | 14.4             | 8.2         | 203.1                    | 54.7         | 1,146.9        | 2.2                      |
| <b>Employment status—</b>                     |                                                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |                          |              |                |                          |
| Employed                                      | 47.9                                                    | 595.8            | 771.1            | 136.0            | 24.5             | 15.8        | 360.3                    | 92.6         | 2,044.2        | 2.2                      |
| Unemployed                                    | 6.8                                                     | 62.5             | 69.5             | 13.0             | 3.0              | 1.7         | 31.3                     | 11.0         | 198.8          | 2.2                      |
| Total in labour force                         | 54.7                                                    | 658.3            | 840.5            | 149.0            | 27.6             | 17.5        | 391.7                    | 103.6        | 2,243.0        | 2.2                      |
| Not in labour force                           | 27.7                                                    | 301.8            | 427.5            | 68.9             | 19.3             | 11.0        | 174.1                    | 50.4         | 1,080.5        | 2.3                      |
| <b>State or Territory of usual residence—</b> |                                                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |                          |              |                |                          |
| N.S.W.                                        | 30.3                                                    | 317.3            | 441.5            | 76.3             | 17.0             | 9.6         | 190.8                    | 58.1         | 1,140.9        | 2.2                      |
| Vic.                                          | 17.7                                                    | 256.4            | 323.4            | 61.8             | 12.5             | 6.0         | 150.7                    | 43.1         | 871.6          | 2.2                      |
| Qld                                           | 14.2                                                    | 161.8            | 215.2            | 27.4             | 6.5              | 6.4         | 82.5                     | 18.2         | 532.3          | 2.2                      |
| S.A.                                          | 6.1                                                     | 82.4             | 104.4            | 18.7             | 4.0              | 3.0         | 54.2                     | 11.0         | 283.8          | 2.2                      |
| W.A.                                          | 8.2                                                     | 90.2             | 118.6            | 20.5             | 4.6              | 2.2         | 47.5                     | 14.6         | 306.5          | 2.2                      |
| Tas.                                          | 2.4                                                     | 26.8             | 31.9             | 4.9              | 1.1              | *0.6        | 20.1                     | 4.3          | 92.2           | 2.2                      |
| N.T.                                          | 1.6                                                     | 7.6              | 12.8             | 2.9              | 0.8              | *0.4        | 7.4                      | 1.6          | 35.0           | 2.3                      |
| A.C.T.                                        | 1.8                                                     | 17.6             | 20.1             | 5.5              | *0.2             | *0.3        | 12.6                     | 3.1          | 61.2           | 2.2                      |
| <b>Age left school (years)—</b>               |                                                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |                          |              |                |                          |
| Under 15                                      | 9.3                                                     | 82.6             | 90.2             | 18.3             | 2.8              | 3.7         | 35.4                     | 13.6         | 255.9          | 2.2                      |
| 15                                            | 25.1                                                    | 247.9            | 313.4            | 46.2             | 10.4             | 6.5         | 120.1                    | 34.7         | 804.3          | 2.2                      |
| 16                                            | 21.7                                                    | 261.8            | 356.3            | 56.6             | 13.9             | 6.3         | 146.3                    | 39.3         | 902.2          | 2.2                      |
| 17                                            | 13.5                                                    | 226.3            | 313.2            | 49.8             | 8.8              | 5.5         | 162.9                    | 34.4         | 814.4          | 2.2                      |
| 18 and over                                   | 12.3                                                    | 134.8            | 187.7            | 45.5             | 9.8              | 6.1         | 98.4                     | 28.3         | 522.9          | 2.3                      |
| Still attending school                        | *0.3                                                    | 5.9              | 5.7              | 1.1              | 0.7              | —           | 2.0                      | 2.5          | 18.2           | 2.2                      |
| Never went to school                          | *0.2                                                    | 0.9              | 1.4              | *0.4             | *0.4             | *0.5        | 0.7                      | 1.1          | 5.6            | 2.9                      |
| <b>Number of children already born—</b>       |                                                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |                          |              |                |                          |
| 0                                             | 31.8                                                    | 395.9            | 422.8            | 58.9             | 14.1             | 8.7         | 226.8                    | 85.5         | 1,244.5        | 2.1                      |
| 1                                             | 8.1                                                     | 112.7            | 181.9            | 38.0             | 10.4             | 6.2         | 78.0                     | 20.3         | 455.6          | 2.4                      |
| 2                                             | 18.8                                                    | 226.7            | 368.5            | 77.0             | 14.1             | 8.7         | 142.2                    | 25.6         | 881.6          | 2.3                      |
| 3                                             | 13.3                                                    | 144.2            | 215.1            | 31.9             | 6.2              | 4.0         | 75.7                     | 14.3         | 504.8          | 2.2                      |
| 4 and over                                    | 10.3                                                    | 80.7             | 79.8             | 12.0             | 2.1              | 1.0         | 43.0                     | 8.2          | 237.0          | 2.1                      |
| <b>Age at first marriage (years)—</b>         |                                                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |             |                          |              |                |                          |
| Under 20                                      | 23.9                                                    | 231.2            | 298.5            | 57.7             | 12.6             | 6.4         | 109.0                    | 24.3         | 763.5          | 2.2                      |
| 20-21                                         | 13.5                                                    | 186.0            | 284.8            | 45.8             | 7.7              | 6.9         | 117.7                    | 19.6         | 681.9          | 2.3                      |
| 22-23                                         | 11.7                                                    | 113.8            | 180.1            | 31.9             | 6.6              | 4.5         | 80.1                     | 10.4         | 439.1          | 2.3                      |
| 24-25                                         | 3.9                                                     | 60.5             | 88.8             | 16.8             | 2.0              | 1.4         | 41.0                     | 9.4          | 223.8          | 2.3                      |
| 26 and over                                   | 5.5                                                     | 67.9             | 94.3             | 16.7             | 5.2              | 1.5         | 48.1                     | 12.3         | 251.6          | 2.3                      |
| Not applicable                                | 23.9                                                    | 300.7            | 321.5            | 49.0             | 12.8             | 7.8         | 169.8                    | 78.0         | 963.6          | 2.2                      |
| <b>Total all women 15-44 years(a)</b>         | <b>82.4</b>                                             | <b>960.1</b>     | <b>1,268.0</b>   | <b>217.9</b>     | <b>46.9</b>      | <b>28.5</b> | <b>565.7</b>             | <b>154.0</b> | <b>3,323.5</b> | <b>2.2</b>               |

(a) Women aged 15 to 17 years who had never been married and were not in a de facto relationship (402.2 thousands) were excluded from the survey.

## APPENDIX I

## TECHNICAL NOTE

## Reliability of the estimates

Two types of error are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling error and non-sampling error.

## Sampling error

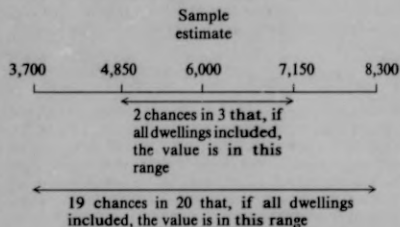
2. The *sampling error* is a measure of the variability that occurs by chance because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the surveys. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. The magnitude of the variability is measured by using the calculated standard error to establish a bound on the error of estimation. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Another measure of sampling variability is the *relative standard error* which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate to which it refers. The relative standard error is a useful measure in that it provides an immediate indication of the percentage errors likely to have occurred due to sampling, and thus avoids the need to refer also to the size of the estimate.

3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. A table of standard errors for general application to sample estimates of women is given below in Table A. (To derive the standard errors applicable to estimates of children, see paragraph 6).

4. Although the size of the standard error increases with the level of the estimate it should be noted that proportional to the estimate it decreases. Thus, larger sample estimates will be relatively more reliable than smaller estimates. Very small estimates are subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. For the family formation survey, estimates which have a relative standard error larger than 30 per cent are considered to be unreliable. To assist users, the sizes of estimates at which the relative standard error is 30 per cent are shown in Table B. In the tables in this publication, estimates below the levels shown in Table B, and percentages based on such estimates, are indicated with an asterisk. (See paragraph 6 concerning different standard errors for women and children.)

5. Examples of the calculation and use of standard errors are given below:

From Table A it will be seen that an estimate of 6,000 women in New South Wales has a standard error of 1,150. Therefore there are about two chances in three that the number that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey would have been within the range 4,850 to 7,150 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range 3,700 to 8,300.



6. The relative standard errors of estimates of the number of children are obtained by first finding the relative standard error of the estimate of the total number of women contributing to the estimate (see Table A) and then multiplying the figure so obtained by the following relevant factors. The factor for the average number of children per woman is shown in brackets:

|                                               | Factor    |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of children already born               | 1.6 (1.2) |
| Number of children expected to be born        | 2.1 (1.9) |
| Life-time average number of children expected | 1.3 (0.9) |

The corresponding sizes of estimates for women and children at which the relative standard error is 30 per cent are shown in Table B. (See paragraph 4).

7. An example of the calculation of standard errors for estimates of children by the use of these factors is as follows:

Assume that the estimated average number of children already born to currently married women aged 40-44 years is 2.48 and that the total number of women in the age group is estimated to be 500,000. From Table A the estimate for the number of women has a standard error of 7,500 and therefore a relative standard error of 1.5 per cent. The relative standard error of the estimated average number of children already born is then



TABLE B. SIZE OF ESTIMATES AT WHICH RELATIVE STANDARD  
ERROR IS 30 PER CENT(a)

|                               | N.S.W. | Vic.   | Qld   | S.A.  | W.A.  | Tas.  | N.T.  | A.C.T. | Australia |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|
| NUMBER OF WOMEN               |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
|                               | 3,000  | 3,000  | 2,000 | 1,300 | 1,500 | 800   | 1,300 | 1,000  | 700       |
| NUMBER OF CHILDREN(b)         |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
| Already born                  | 6,300  | 6,300  | 4,500 | 2,900 | 3,200 | 1,700 | 2,500 | 1,900  | 5,500     |
| Expected                      | 10,300 | 10,300 | 7,400 | 4,700 | 5,100 | 2,800 | 3,900 | 3,000  | 9,400     |
| Total                         | 4,200  | 4,300  | 3,000 | 2,000 | 2,200 | 1,200 | 1,800 | 1,400  | 3,600     |
| AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN(b) |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
| Already born                  | 3,600  | 3,700  | 2,600 | 1,700 | 1,900 | 1,000 | 1,500 | 1,200  | 3,000     |
| Expected                      | 8,600  | 8,600  | 6,200 | 3,900 | 4,300 | 3,300 | 3,300 | 2,500  | 7,700     |
| Total                         | 2,100  | 2,100  | 1,500 | 1,000 | 1,100 | 600   | 1,000 | 700    | 1,700     |

(a) Estimates below these levels are subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses.  
 (b) Numbers of women to which the children relate.

## APPENDIX II

## DATA ITEMS AND CLASSIFICATIONS

**Characteristics of women**

*State and locality* (metropolitan/non-metropolitan) of usual residence. A regional classification is also available.

*Age* — single years 15 to 44.

*Marital status* — never married, married, de facto, separated, divorced, widowed.

*Country of birth* — approximately 78 countries or groups of countries are identified.

*Year of arrival in Australia*

*Duration of residence in Australia (years)* } — for overseas-born women

*School attendance* — still attending school, never went to school, age left school (years), date (month and year) left school. The latter item is only available for women aged 15-20 years at the time of the survey.

*Employment status* — employed (full-time, part-time), unemployed, not in the labour force. Definitions of these terms are published in the monthly and annual bulletins *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0 and 6204.0).

*Hours worked* (during the week prior to the survey).

*Number of times married*

*Date of marriage* (month and year) — first, second, third, most recent marriage.

*Age at marriage* (years) — first, second, third, most recent marriage.

*Duration of marriage* (years and months) — first, second, third, most recent, current marriage.

*Date of commencement of current de facto relationship* (month and year)

*Age at commencement of current de facto relationship* (years)

*Duration of current de facto relationship* (years and months)

*Interval between successive marriages* (years and months) — first to second, second to third, third to most recent marriage.

*Status of first marriage* — intact, separated, ended by divorce, ended by widowhood.

*Type of dissolution of marriage* — widowhood or divorce for first, second, third, fourth or most recent marriage.

*Date of dissolution of marriage* (month and year) — for first, second, third, fourth or most recent marriage.

*Age at dissolution of marriage* (years) — for first, second, third, fourth or most recent marriage.

*Interval between last divorce and commencement of de facto relationship* (years)

*Number of children ever born*

*Number of surviving children*

*Interval between first marriage and first birth* (years and months)

*Birth intervals* (years and months) — between first and second, second and third, third and fourth, fourth and last, first and last birth.

*Number of expected children* — the classification used is: none, one, one or two, two, two or three, three, three or four, four, four or five, five, six, seven etc., not known.

*Number of expected children (adjusted)* — none, one, two, three, four, five or more, don't know. ('One or two', 'two or three' etc. were allocated evenly to the two numbers involved in each case).

## APPENDIX II—continued

## DATA ITEMS AND CLASSIFICATIONS—continued

**Characteristics of women—continued***Expected interval from date of survey to next (first) child (years)**Expected interval between first marriage and first birth (years), and for women who are currently in a de facto relationship, between commencement of relationship and first birth.**Expected interval between first (already born) and second (expected) births (years and months)**Expected interval between last child already born and next expected child (years and months)**Life-time average number of children expected — total of live-born children and expected children.**Reasons for wanting to have (more) children — the classification used is : company for existing child(ren), family not complete without children/ would like a family/likes children, wants boy/girl, likes large families, other reasons.**Reasons for not wanting to have (more) children — the classification used is : doesn't want any (more)/family large enough, financial reasons, medical reasons/sterilized, too old, other reasons.**Ideal interval between marriage and first birth — years (number specified), depends on circumstances, not known.**Ideal interval between first and second births — years (number specified), depends on circumstances, not known.***Characteristics of children***Date of birth (month and year)**Age (years)**Sex***Characteristics of husbands***Employment status — employed (full-time, part-time), unemployed, not in the labour-force.*



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| 2. SEX |                            |
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| Female | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |

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| 4. MARITAL STATUS |                            |
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| Separated . . . . | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 |
| Divorced . . . .  | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Widowed . . . .   | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Never married . . | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

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| 5. S.D. ONLY                                         |                            |
| S.D. Institutionalised person<br>(No more questions) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 |
| S.D. Boarding school pupil<br>(No more questions)    | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| S.D. Other . . . .                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 |

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| 6. COUNTRY OF BIRTH   |                              |
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| Greece . . . . .      | <input type="checkbox"/> 004 |
| Yugoslavia . . . .    | <input type="checkbox"/> 005 |
| Holland . . . . .     | <input type="checkbox"/> 006 |
| Germany . . . . .     | <input type="checkbox"/> 007 |
| New Zealand . . . .   | <input type="checkbox"/> 008 |
| Other . . . . .       | <input type="checkbox"/>     |

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| 8. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE<br>(If age 15 to 20)<br>Date of leaving school<br>Enter month followed by year | <input type="text"/>     | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Still attending                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1111                 |                      |                      |

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- . If male, no more questions . . . . .
- . If female, 45 years or older, no more questions . . . . .
- . If female, 15-17 years and never married (6' in Q.4), no more questions . . . . .
- . Otherwise, go to Q.127 . . . . .

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |



127. Sequence Guide

- If defacto ('2' in Q.4), go to Q.128 . . .
- If never married ('6' in Q.4), go to Q.135 . . .
- Otherwise, go to Q.130 . . .

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128. Interviewer: Make the required number of calls to obtain a personal interview.

I WOULD (NOW) LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT FAMILY FORMATION.

IN WHAT MONTH AND YEAR DID YOU START LIVING WITH YOUR PARTNER?

Specify . . .

| month                | year                 |
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| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Unsure/Don't know

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## 129. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MARRIED?

Yes . . .

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No (Go to Q.135) . . .

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130. Interviewer: Make the required number of calls to obtain a personal interview.

(I WOULD (NOW) LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT FAMILY FORMATION.)

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU BEEN MARRIED?

Specify no. . .

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| <input type="text"/> |
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131. Interviewer: Ask of each marriage in Q.130 —

IN WHAT MONTH AND YEAR WERE YOU MARRIED (THE FIRST/ SECOND/THIRD/MOST RECENT) TIME?

First marriage . . . a

| month                | year                 |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Second marriage . . . b

| month                | year                 |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Third marriage . . . c

| month                | year                 |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Interviewer:  
If four or more marriages —

Most recent marriage . . . d

| month                | year                 |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

132. Sequence Guide

- If '1' in Q.130 and married now ('1' in Q.4), or separated ('3' in Q.4), go to Q.135 . . .
- If '1' in Q.130 and divorced ('4' in Q.4), or widowed ('5' in Q.4), go to Q.134 . . .
- Otherwise, go to Q.133 . . .

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133. Interviewer:

- If divorced ('4' in Q.4), or widowed ('5' in Q.4), code respective marriage ended as divorced or widowed.  
Then ask how each previous marriage ended.

- Otherwise, ask how each marriage ended.

HOW DID YOUR (FIRST/SECOND/THIRD/MOST RECENT) MARRIAGE END?

First marriage

Separated

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|---|
| 1 |
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Divorced a

|   |
|---|
| 2 |
|---|

Widowed

|   |
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| 3 |
|---|

Second marriage

Separated

|   |
|---|
| 1 |
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Divorced b

|   |
|---|
| 2 |
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Widowed

|   |
|---|
| 3 |
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Third marriage

Separated

|   |
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| 1 |
|---|

Divorced c

|   |
|---|
| 2 |
|---|

Widowed

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|---|
| 3 |
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Interviewer:

If four or more marriages ended —

Most recent marriage ended

Separated

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| 1 |
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Divorced d

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| 2 |
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Widowed

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| 3 |
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134. Interviewer:

Ask of each marriage ended in divorce or widowhood —

IN WHAT MONTH AND YEAR DID YOUR (FIRST/SECOND/ THIRD/ MOST RECENT) MARRIAGE END?

First marriage . . . a

| month                | year                 |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Second marriage . . . b

| month                | year                 |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Third marriage . . . c

| month                | year                 |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Interviewer:

If four or more marriages ended —

Most recent marriage ended

| month                | year                 |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

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| <p><b>135. Interviewer:</b> Make the required number of calls to obtain a personal interview.</p> <p>(I WOULD (NOW) LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT FAMILY FORMATION).</p> <p>HAVE YOU EVER HAD ANY BABIES?</p> <p>Yes . . . . .</p> <p>No (Go to Q.141) . .</p> | <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> 2         </div>                       | <p><b>138. Interviewer:</b><br/>Ask of each child in Q.136 —</p> <p>IN WHAT MONTH AND YEAR WAS YOUR (FIRST/SECOND/THIRD/FOURTH) CHILD BORN (AND WAS IT A BOY OR A GIRL)?</p> <p>First child . . . a</p> <p>Male . . . . .</p> <p>Female . . . . . b</p> <p>Second child . . . c</p> <p>Male . . . . .</p> <p>Female . . . . . d</p> <p>Third child . . . e</p> <p>Male . . . . .</p> <p>Female . . . . . f</p> <p>Fourth child . . . g</p> <p>Male . . . . .</p> <p>Female . . . . . h</p> | <div> <div>month year</div> <div><input type="text"/></div> <div><input type="text"/></div> </div> <div> <div>month year</div> <div><input type="text"/></div> <div><input type="text"/></div> </div> <div> <div>month year</div> <div><input type="text"/></div> <div><input type="text"/></div> </div> <div> <div>month year</div> <div><input type="text"/></div> <div><input type="text"/></div> </div> |
| <p><b>136. HOW MANY OF THESE WERE BORN ALIVE?</b></p> <p>One (Go to Q.137B) . .</p> <p>Two or more (Specify no.) (Go to Q.137A) . .</p> <p>None (Go to Q.141) . .</p>                                                                                                 | <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 01<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> 99         </div>                     | <p><b>Interviewer:</b><br/>If person has 5 children or more ask —</p> <p>NOW ABOUT YOUR MOST RECENT LIVE BIRTH, IN WHAT MONTH AND YEAR WAS YOUR MOST RECENT CHILD BORN AND WAS IT A BOY OR A GIRL?</p> <p>Most recent child . . . j</p> <p>Male . . . . .</p> <p>Female . . . . . k</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <div> <div>month year</div> <div><input type="text"/></div> <div><input type="text"/></div> </div> <div> <div>month year</div> <div><input type="text"/></div> <div><input type="text"/></div> </div>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p><b>137A. HOW MANY WERE BOYS AND HOW MANY WERE GIRLS?</b></p> <p>No. of boys . . . a</p> <p>No. of girls . . . b</p>                                                                                                                                                | <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/><br/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> </div> | <p><b>139. (ARE ALL THESE CHILDREN/IS THAT CHILD) STILL ALIVE?</b></p> <p>Yes (Go to Q.141) . .</p> <p>No . . . . .</p> <p>Don't know (Go to Q.141) . .</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> 2<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> 3         </div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p><b>140. HOW MANY OF THESE CHILDREN ARE STILL ALIVE?</b></p> <p>Specify no. . . . .</p> <p>None . . . . .</p>                                                                                                                                                       | <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/><br/> <input type="checkbox"/> 99         </div>       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| <b>141. DO YOU EXPECT TO HAVE ANY (MORE) BABIES?</b><br>Yes . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 1<br>No ( <i>Go to Q.146</i> ) . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 2<br>Don't know ( <i>Go to Q.147</i> ) . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1<br><input type="checkbox"/> 2<br><input type="checkbox"/> 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>147. HOW LONG DO YOU THINK A NEWLY-WED COUPLE SHOULD WAIT BEFORE THE BIRTH OF THEIR FIRST BABY?</b><br>Less than 12 months <input type="checkbox"/> 1<br>1 to less than 2 years <input type="checkbox"/> 2<br>2 to less than 3 years <input type="checkbox"/> 3<br>3 to less than 4 years <input type="checkbox"/> 4<br>4 to less than 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5<br>5 years or more . . <input type="checkbox"/> 6<br>Depends on circumstances . . <input type="checkbox"/> 7<br>Don't know . . <input type="checkbox"/> 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1<br><input type="checkbox"/> 2<br><input type="checkbox"/> 3<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4<br><input type="checkbox"/> 5<br><input type="checkbox"/> 6<br><input type="checkbox"/> 7<br><input type="checkbox"/> 8 |
| <b>142. HOW MANY (MORE) BABIES ARE YOU LIKELY TO HAVE?</b><br>One . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 21<br>One or two . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 22<br>Two . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 23<br>Two or three . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 24<br>Three . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 25<br>Three or four . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 26<br>Four . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 27<br>Four or five . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 28<br>Five or more ( <i>Specify no.</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/><br>Don't know . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 29 | <input type="checkbox"/> 21<br><input type="checkbox"/> 22<br><input type="checkbox"/> 23<br><input type="checkbox"/> 24<br><input type="checkbox"/> 25<br><input type="checkbox"/> 26<br><input type="checkbox"/> 27<br><input type="checkbox"/> 28<br><input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/> 29 | <b>148. HOW LONG DO YOU THINK COUPLES SHOULD WAIT BETWEEN HAVING THEIR FIRST AND SECOND BABIES?</b><br>Less than 12 months <input type="checkbox"/> 1<br>1 to less than 2 years <input type="checkbox"/> 2<br>2 to less than 3 years <input type="checkbox"/> 3<br>3 to less than 4 years <input type="checkbox"/> 4<br>4 to less than 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5<br>5 years or more . . <input type="checkbox"/> 6<br>Depends on circumstances . . <input type="checkbox"/> 7<br>Don't know . . <input type="checkbox"/> 8    | <input type="checkbox"/> 1<br><input type="checkbox"/> 2<br><input type="checkbox"/> 3<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4<br><input type="checkbox"/> 5<br><input type="checkbox"/> 6<br><input type="checkbox"/> 7<br><input type="checkbox"/> 8 |
| <b>143. WHEN DO YOU EXPECT YOUR (FIRST/ NEXT) BABY TO BE BORN?</b><br>Less than 12 months . . <input type="checkbox"/> 1<br>1 to less than 2 years . . <input type="checkbox"/> 2<br>2 to less than 3 years . . <input type="checkbox"/> 3<br>3 to less than 4 years . . <input type="checkbox"/> 4<br>4 to less than 5 years . . <input type="checkbox"/> 5<br>5 or more years . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 6<br>Don't know . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 7                                                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> 1<br><input type="checkbox"/> 2<br><input type="checkbox"/> 3<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4<br><input type="checkbox"/> 5<br><input type="checkbox"/> 6<br><input type="checkbox"/> 7                                                                                                  | <b>149. Sequence Guide</b><br>. If still attending school ('1111' in Q.8), go to Q.151 . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 1<br>. Otherwise, go to Q.150 . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 1<br><input type="checkbox"/> 2                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>144. WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE (MORE) BABIES?</b><br>Company for existing child(ren) . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 1<br>Family not complete without children/would like a family/likes children <input type="checkbox"/> 2<br>Wants boy/girl . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 3<br>Likes large families . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 4<br>Other ( <i>Specify</i> ) . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 5<br>. . . . .<br>. . . . .                                                                                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 1<br><input type="checkbox"/> 2<br><input type="checkbox"/> 3<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4<br><input type="checkbox"/> 5                                                                                                                                                              | <b>150. AT WHAT AGE DID YOU LEAVE SCHOOL?</b><br>Never went to school . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 1<br>Under 14 years . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 2<br>14 years . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 3<br>15 years . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 4<br>16 years . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 5<br>17 years . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 6<br>18 years or more . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 7                                                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 1<br><input type="checkbox"/> 2<br><input type="checkbox"/> 3<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4<br><input type="checkbox"/> 5<br><input type="checkbox"/> 6<br><input type="checkbox"/> 7                               |
| <b>145. Go to Q.147</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>151. Interviewer.</b><br>Code respondents date of birth from household form                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | month year <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>146. WHY DON'T YOU EXPECT TO HAVE (MORE) BABIES?</b><br>Doesn't want any (more)/family large enough . . <input type="checkbox"/> 1<br>Financial reasons . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 2<br>Medical reasons/sterilized <input type="checkbox"/> 3<br>Too old . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 4<br>Other ( <i>Specify</i> ) . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 5<br>. . . . .<br>. . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 1<br><input type="checkbox"/> 2<br><input type="checkbox"/> 3<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4<br><input type="checkbox"/> 5                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |