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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This publication contains a summary of marriage statistics for Australia for the year 1970.

2. The statistics refer to marriages registered by the different State and Territorial Registrars during the year shown. Tribal marriages are excluded from the statistics. There is usually an interval of at least some days between the celebration and the registration of a marriage. As a result of the delay in registration some marriages celebrated in one year are not registered until the following year. Table 3 shows the relationship between month of celebration and month of registration during 1969 and 1970.
3. Figures for years before 1967 exclude registered marriages identified as those of full-blood Aborigines. The rates for years prior to 1967 are based on the population excluding full-blood Aborigines.
4. Marriage statistics covering longer periods of years, more detailed figures, and additional cross-classification of various characteristics will be published later in the bulletin Demography (Reference No. 4.9).
5. A line drawn across a column between two consecutive figures (or a double line between two columns) indicates a break in continuity in the series.
6. Legislation relating to marriages is contained in the (Commonwealth) Marriage Act 1961 which came into full operation on 1 September 1963. The following two paragraphs outline some of the more important provisions contained in the Act. Further particulars may be obtained by reference to the publication, "Handbook for Marriage Celebrants", prepared by the Attorney-Generals's Department, Canberra.
7. Marriages may be celebrated only by a minister of religion registered as an authorised celebrant or by a district registrar. Notice of the intended marriage must be given to the celebrant at least seven days before the marriage. A minister who celebrates a marriage must transmit an official certificate of the marriage to a district registrar for registration.
8. The marriage of minors is not permissible without the consent of parents or guardians or (where this is not obtainable) of a magistrate or some other prescribed authority. The (Commonwealth) Marriage Act provides that the minimum marriageable age at which persons are legally free to marry is 18 years for males and 16 years for females. A judge or magistrate may, in exceptional circumstances, make an order authorising a male who has attained 16 years or a female who has attained 14 years to marry a person of marriageable age.

TABLE 1. - MARRIAGES REGISTERED : STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1966 TO 1970 (a)

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1966	35,575	27,089	13,325	9,051	7,001	2,946	312	747	96,046
1967	37,077	28,004	13,634	9,434	7,430	3,213	325	883	100,000
1968	39,213	29,724	14,860	9,652	8,086	3,426	419	965	106,345
1969	41,286	30,860	15,669	10,599	8,993	3,532	413	1,118	112,470
1970	42,928	31,729	16,082	10,864	9,227	3,535	501	1,200	116,066

(a) Excludes particulars of full-blood Aborigines before 1967.

TABLE 2. - CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES : STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1966 TO 1970 (a)

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1966	8.40	8.41	8.01	8.29	8.36	7.93	8.31	7.74	8.31
1967	8.60	8.55	8.01	8.49	8.47	8.53	5.45	8.51	8.46
1968	8.94	8.93	8.57	8.57	8.89	8.96	6.52	8.56	8.83
1969	9.22	9.11	8.86	9.26	9.49	9.09	6.05	9.15	9.14
1970	9.38	9.20	8.93	9.32	9.39	9.00	6.97	8.99	9.23

(a) Number of marriages per 1,000 of mean population. Excludes particulars of full-blood Aborigines before 1967.

**TABLE 3. - MARRIAGES, BY MONTH OF CELEBRATION AND MONTH OF REGISTRATION :
AUSTRALIA, 1969 AND 1970**

Year and month	Marriages celebrated in months shown and registered -				Marriages registered during months and celebrated in -			
	in same month	before the end of -			same month	pre- vious eleven months	twelfth pre- ceding month or earlier	Total
		first subsequent month	second subsequent month	eleventh subsequent month				
1969 -								
January	9,379	10,300	10,349	10,370	9,379	1,499	..	10,878
February	7,991	8,895	8,933	8,969	7,991	1,006	2	8,999
March	8,084	9,898	9,943	9,974	8,084	984	1	9,069
April	9,022	10,201	10,241	10,282	9,022	1,872	2	10,896
May	8,211	9,960	10,005	10,041	8,211	1,258	3	9,472
June	6,466	7,904	7,934	7,959	6,466	1,817	4	8,287
July	5,795	6,365	6,387	6,400	5,795	1,509	18	7,322
August	7,226	9,392	9,424	9,454	7,226	650	1	7,877
September	7,680	8,910	8,955	8,971	7,680	2,219	8	9,907
October	8,450	9,192	9,230	9,254	8,450	1,275	..	9,725
November	7,596	9,866	9,899	9,949	7,596	820	2	8,418
December	9,288	10,534	10,619	10,663	9,288	2,328	4	11,620
Total	95,188	111,417	111,919	112,286	95,188	17,237	45	112,470
1970 -								
January	9,814	12,126	12,174	12,225	9,814	1,292	11	11,117
February	6,735	9,134	9,187	..	6,735	2,449	3	9,187
March	7,430	10,090	10,153	..	7,430	2,469	7	9,906
April	8,329	9,099	9,150	..	8,329	2,749	..	11,078
May	9,080	10,946	11,012	..	9,080	877	2	9,959
June	6,973	8,213	8,282	..	6,973	1,957	5	8,935
July	6,011	6,723	6,763	..	6,011	1,343	4	7,358
August	7,719	9,454	9,504	..	7,719	837	3	8,559
September	7,565	8,758	8,795	..	7,565	1,876	2	9,443
October	8,416	10,550	10,610	..	8,416	1,267	5	9,688
November	6,773	8,794	..	..	6,773	2,196	2	8,971
December	9,742	..	..	..	9,742	2,122	1	11,865
Total	94,587	..	..	..	94,587	21,434	45	116,066

Symbol '..' shown in place of 1970 figures denotes months where data will not be complete until 1971 marriage registrations become available.
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**TABLE 4. - MARRIAGES BY CATEGORY OF CELEBRANT, NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF TOTAL MARRIAGES,
AUSTRALIA, 1969 AND 1970 (a)**

Category of celebrant	1969		1970	
	Number	Proportion of total %	Number	Proportion of total %
Ministers of religion -				
Recognised denominations (a) -				
Roman Catholic Church	30,963	27.5	32,028	27.6
Church of England in Australia	30,647	27.3	31,068	26.8
The Methodist Church of Australasia	13,995	12.4	14,209	12.2
The Presbyterian Church of Australia	12,087	10.7	12,106	10.4
Orthodox Church (b)	3,031	2.7	3,061	2.6
The Baptist Union of Australia	1,988	1.8	2,042	1.8
Lutheran Church (b)	1,619	1.4	1,635	1.4
Churches of Christ in Australia	1,417	1.3	1,387	1.2
Congregational Union of Australia	1,397	1.2	1,356	1.2
The Salvation Army	528	0.5	560	0.5
Jewry	479	0.4	474	0.4
Seventh-day Adventist Church	310	0.3	352	0.3
Jehovah's Witnesses	275	0.2	272	0.2
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	177	0.2	186	0.2
Christian Brethren	176	0.2	195	0.2
Unitarians	119	0.1	205	0.2
Assemblies of God in Australia	107	0.1	131	0.1
Other recognised denominations	516	0.5	525	0.4
Other ministers	367	0.3	439	0.4
Total ministers of religion	100,198	89.1	102,231	88.1
Civil officers	12,272	10.9	13,835	11.9
<u>TOTAL MARRIAGES</u>	112,470	100.0	116,066	100.0

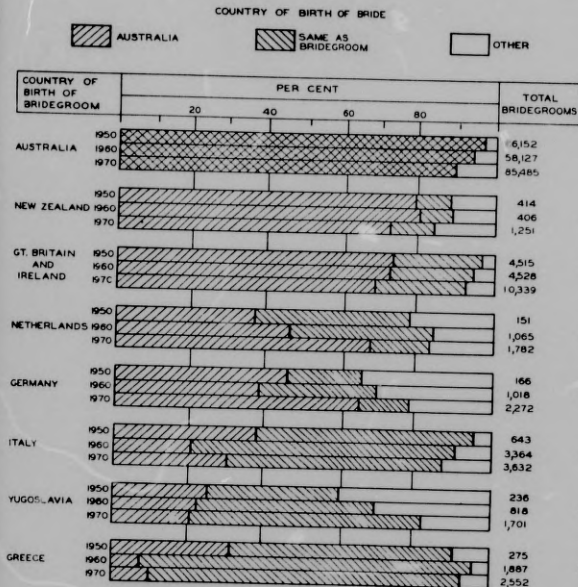
(a) Under authority of the (Commonwealth) Marriage Act 1961-1966. (b) Includes churches grouped under this heading in the proclamation made under the (Commonwealth) Marriage Act 1961-1966.

TABLE 5. - RELATIVE BIRTHPLACES OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES : AUSTRALIA, 1970

Birthplace of bridegroom	Birthplace of bride															Total bridegrooms
	Aust.	N.Z.	Great Britain and Ireland	Germany	Greece	Italy	Malta	Netherlands	Poland	Yugoslavia	Other European	Asia	Africa	America	Other and unspecified	
Australia	76,228	398	4,899	953	74	293	211	790	53	81	432	484	216	258	115	85,485
New Zealand	911	144	114	15	..	6	2	11	1	1	12	14	9	7	4	1,251
Great Britain and Ireland	7,116	129	2,312	173	12	39	49	125	15	12	88	128	71	56	14	10,339
Germany	1,459	19	213	316	2	16	9	51	34	18	73	33	16	10	3	2,272
Greece	248	6	23	7	2,102	12	2	6	2	14	19	73	35	3	..	2,552
Italy	1,117	16	156	35	14	2,060	45	31	8	25	42	17	49	13	4	3,632
Malta	336	1	54	13	2	3	356	7	..	1	6	1	12	1	..	793
Netherlands	1,203	16	150	29	2	8	14	270	3	6	24	31	10	7	4	1,782
Poland	118	2	19	32	4	2	2	2	130	4	31	9	7	1	..	363
Yugoslavia	341	7	57	45	36	31	5	19	22	1,057	46	16	13	5	1	1,701
Other European	1,027	22	172	108	14	17	10	31	35	32	595	56	31	28	4	2,182
Asia	742	15	104	35	49	14	6	20	4	9	33	884	25	8	10	1,958
Africa	352	11	55	11	42	29	5	9	4	2	20	34	228	1	1	804
America	528	18	68	19	1	2	3	14	1	3	18	20	3	85	..	783
Other and unspecified	110	6	13	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	1	4	2	1	28	169
<u>TOTAL BRIDES</u>	91,841	810	8,409	1,791	2,355	2,533	719	1,387	313	1,265	1,440	1,804	727	484	188	116,066

MARRIAGES, SELECTED BIRTHPLACES OF BRIDEGROOM: AUSTRALIA

Proportion of bridegrooms marrying brides born in Australia,
the same country and other countries



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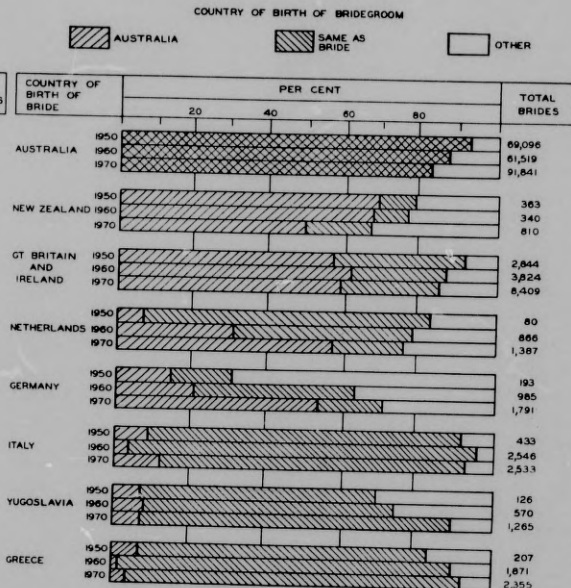


TABLE 6. - RELATIVE AGES OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES : AUSTRALIA, 1970

Age of bridegroom	Age of bride																Total bride- grooms
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	
16	..	..	5	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
17	..	..	49	102	52	16	10	6	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	239
18	2	31	480	792	726	359	162	79	35	22	5	10	..	..	..	..	2,703
19	..	18	579	1,180	1,486	1,197	629	325	117	56	28	27	4	..	..	..	5,646
20	3	22	442	1,114	1,841	2,210	1,630	857	377	194	74	74	4	1	1	..	8,844
21	..	14	287	887	2,074	3,158	3,257	2,622	1,134	529	232	248	26	6	2	..	14,476
22	..	13	235	571	1,462	2,719	3,322	3,253	1,974	908	345	446	44	6	2	3	15,303
23	..	4	154	401	1,056	2,046	2,622	3,091	2,341	1,436	624	719	67	8	5	..	14,574
24	1	3	85	245	657	1,182	1,651	2,061	1,629	1,305	701	828	88	15	2	2	10,455
25	..	3	47	154	368	761	1,115	1,391	1,192	1,060	702	1,060	114	22	..	6	7,995 ⁽¹⁾
26	..	..	36	112	270	463	649	928	870	772	562	1,127	125	24	8	6	5,952
27	..	..	31	67	195	309	422	556	572	577	440	1,005	162	44	11	4	4,395
28	..	..	18	43	107	219	301	403	330	420	352	927	167	48	8	2	3,405
29	..	..	16	26	76	148	183	285	271	303	237	780	198	48	9	4	2,584
30-34	..	2	21	44	133	242	348	588	589	687	568	2,442	1,031	341	119	54	7,209
35-39	..	..	..	4	17	48	59	108	112	174	185	937	826	504	239	154	3,368
40-44	..	..	..	3	11	9	14	34	34	50	60	443	512	505	419	406	2,501
45-49	..	..	..	1	3	4	8	16	19	22	16	147	231	315	421	659	1,863
50 and over	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	8	4	11	11	94	149	212	482	3,555	4,543
TOTAL BRIDES	6	110	2,480	5,750	10,537	15,092	16,385	16,611	11,173	8,526	5,143	11,314	3,748	2,099	1,728	4,855	116,066

**TABLE 7. - MARRIAGES OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES
AGED UNDER 21 YEARS, NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF TOTAL MARRIAGES :
AUSTRALIA, 1966 TO 1970 (a)**

Year	Number of marriages in which -			Proportion of total marriages in which -		
	Both bride-groom and bride aged under 21 years	Bridegroom only aged under 21 years	Bride only aged under 21 years	Both bride-groom and bride aged under 21 years	Bridegroom only aged under 21 years	Bride only aged under 21 years
				%	%	%
1966	12,571	1,577	28,714	13.09	1.64	29.90
1967	13,161	1,830	29,984	13.16	1.83	29.98
1968	13,361	2,057	31,146	12.56	1.93	29.29
1969	13,835	2,211	33,255	12.30	1.97	29.57
1970	15,143	2,300	35,226	13.05	1.98	30.35

(a) Excludes particulars of full-blood aborigines before 1967.

**TABLE 8. - BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES AGED UNDER 21 YEARS, NUMBER AND
PROPORTION OF TOTAL PERSONS MARRYING : AUSTRALIA, 1966 TO 1970 (a)**

Year	Bridegrooms under 21 years	Brides under 21 years	Total persons marrying under 21 years	Proportion of persons marrying under 21 years of total persons marrying		
				Bridegrooms	Brides	Bridegrooms and Brides
				%	%	%
1966	14,148	41,285	55,433	14.73	42.98	28.86
1967	14,991	43,145	58,136	14.99	43.15	29.07
1968	15,418	44,507	59,925	14.50	41.85	28.17
1969	16,046	47,090	63,136	14.27	41.87	28.07
1970	17,443	50,369	67,812	15.03	43.40	29.21

(a) Excludes particulars of full-blood Aborigines before 1967.

**TABLE 9. - BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES AGED UNDER 21 YEARS, NUMBER AND
PROPORTION OF TOTAL PERSONS MARRYING : STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1970**

State or Territory	Bridegrooms under 21 years	Brides under 21 years	Total persons marrying under 21 years	Proportion of persons marrying under 21 years of total persons marrying		
				Bridegrooms	Brides	Bridegrooms and Brides
				%	%	%
New South Wales	6,217	18,079	24,296	14.48	42.11	28.30
Victoria	4,182	12,870	17,052	13.18	40.56	26.87
Queensland	2,818	7,493	10,311	17.52	46.59	32.06
South Australia	1,718	5,027	6,745	15.81	46.27	31.04
Western Australia	1,528	4,369	5,897	16.56	47.35	31.96
Tasmania	749	1,853	2,602	21.19	52.42	36.80
Northern Territory	67	200	267	13.37	39.92	26.65
Australian Capital Territory	164	478	642	13.67	39.83	26.75
AUSTRALIA	17,443	50,369	67,812	15.03	43.40	29.21

TABLE 10. - BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES BY AGE AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS : AUSTRALIA, 1970

Age	Previous marital status, bridegrooms				Previous marital status, brides			
	Bachelor	Widower	Divorced	Total bridegrooms	Spinster	Widow	Divorced	Total brides
14	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	6
15	..	..	..	..	110	..	..	110
16	11	..	..	11	2,489	..	..	2,489
17	239	..	..	239	5,750	..	..	5,750
18	2,703	..	..	2,703	10,533	2	2	10,537
19	5,646	..	..	5,646	15,079	8	5	15,092
20	8,842	1	1	8,844	16,353	11	21	16,385
21	14,471	1	4	14,476	16,528	21	62	16,611
22	15,280	3	20	15,303	11,509	28	136	11,673
23	14,499	11	64	14,574	8,288	28	210	8,526
24	10,339	11	105	10,455	4,848	41	254	5,143
25	7,821	10	164	7,995	3,374	33	322	3,729
26	5,729	10	213	5,952	2,342	44	327	2,713
27	4,134	18	243	4,395	1,578	45	342	1,965
28	3,085	21	299	3,405	1,230	39	322	1,591
29	2,271	18	295	2,584	937	58	321	1,316
30	1,857	27	286	2,170	701	42	272	1,015
31	1,347	14	303	1,664	548	47	264	859
32	1,048	27	278	1,353	413	46	267	726
33	777	28	289	1,094	342	42	222	606
34	670	22	236	928	262	45	235	542
35	574	34	231	839	218	51	235	504
36	449	35	212	696	208	51	194	453
37	370	26	261	657	162	49	205	416
38	362	29	226	617	119	70	177	366
39	315	29	215	559	133	59	168	360
40	277	38	224	539	102	74	181	357
41	277	49	212	538	97	79	189	365
42	206	56	218	480	90	75	169	334
43	236	50	242	528	78	94	182	354
44	156	57	203	416	62	100	156	318
45 - 49	553	371	939	1,863	290	536	773	1,599
50 - 54	292	472	624	1,388	183	516	429	1,128
55 - 59	181	534	424	1,139	126	510	259	895
60 - 64	101	501	214	816	81	428	102	611
65 and over	104	957	135	1,200	66	483	73	622
Under 21	17,441	1	1	17,443	50,320	21	28	50,369
21 and over	87,781	3,459	7,383	98,623	54,915	3,734	7,048	65,697
TOTAL	105,222	3,460	7,384	116,066	105,235	3,755	7,076	116,066

TABLE 11. - BACHELOR BRIDEGROOMS AND SPINSTER BRIDES BY AGE :
AUSTRALIA, 1966 TO 1970 (a)

Age	Bachelor bridegrooms					Spinster brides				
	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
14	..	..	..	..	..	8	13	6	7	6
15	..	..	..	..	..	93	97	102	100	110
16	17	14	7	6	11	2,288	2,219	2,345	2,387	2,489
17	194	182	225	194	239	4,824	4,885	5,123	5,317	5,750
18	2,361	2,359	2,422	2,580	2,703	8,720	8,543	9,208	9,984	10,533
19	5,345	4,990	4,996	5,093	5,646	12,949	12,384	12,949	13,784	15,079
20	6,230	7,444	7,764	8,172	8,842	12,368	14,958	14,733	15,474	16,353
21	10,084	11,086	13,934	14,034	14,471	13,716	14,101	17,179	16,968	16,528
22	11,361	11,978	12,963	16,137	15,280	9,490	9,808	10,419	12,347	11,509
23	10,140	11,342	12,086	12,805	14,499	5,997	6,562	6,963	7,328	8,288
24	8,848	8,760	9,738	9,986	10,339	4,209	4,080	4,644	4,790	4,848
25	6,894	7,092	7,073	7,650	7,821	2,837	3,103	3,035	3,324	3,374
26	5,431	5,306	5,528	5,412	5,729	1,979	2,128	2,106	2,286	2,342
27	4,206	4,160	4,084	4,160	4,134	1,432	1,450	1,528	1,642	1,578
28	3,132	3,115	3,104	3,142	3,085	1,100	1,144	1,158	1,184	1,230
29	2,397	2,337	2,351	2,483	2,271	797	855	836	936	937
30	1,825	1,805	1,801	1,764	1,857	631	618	661	701	701
31	1,353	1,330	1,337	1,398	1,347	460	485	535	553	548
32	1,042	1,056	1,064	1,054	1,048	395	366	365	404	413
33	817	816	861	861	777	311	314	336	335	342
34	734	711	682	684	670	264	265	253	264	262
35	668	649	555	510	574	255	255	194	201	218
36	581	528	523	514	449	211	203	176	184	208
37	476	485	453	441	370	170	164	182	165	162
38	382	439	377	347	362	160	184	131	147	119
39	352	372	338	402	315	136	124	131	137	133
40	310	320	322	317	277	130	120	129	92	102
41	267	269	241	265	277	105	127	98	123	97
42	213	227	236	224	206	95	106	91	87	90
43	217	187	194	202	236	88	90	85	78	78
44	162	182	191	174	156	94	71	63	89	62
45-49	511	549	575	590	553	315	306	334	310	290
50-54	303	328	304	278	292	194	214	185	168	183
55-59	170	172	200	170	181	123	116	113	120	126
60-64	95	107	87	82	101	91	77	88	80	81
65 and over	101	91	73	105	104	75	73	69	90	66
Under 21	14,147	14,989	15,414	16,045	17,441	41,250	43,099	44,466	47,053	50,320
21 and over	73,092	75,799	81,275	86,191	87,781	45,860	47,509	52,087	55,133	54,915
TOTAL	87,239	90,788	96,689	102,236	105,222	87,110	90,608	96,553	102,186	105,235

(a) Excludes particulars of full-blood Aborigines before 1967.

TABLE 12. - AVERAGE AGE OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES BY PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS
AUSTRALIA, 1966 TO 1970 (a)

Year	Average age of bridegrooms				Average age of brides			
	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	All bridegrooms	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced	All brides
1966	25.11	55.93	41.46	27.10	22.13	49.82	38.07	24.02
1967	25.01	55.97	41.56	27.01	22.13	49.70	37.87	24.03
1968	24.81	56.50	41.11	26.76	22.06	49.67	37.56	23.90
1969	24.71	56.16	40.67	26.63	22.05	49.41	37.15	23.84
1970	24.59	56.65	40.29	26.55	21.97	49.91	36.85	23.78

(a) Excludes particulars of full-blood Aborigines before 1967.

TABLE 13. - BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES BY PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS
STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1970

Marriages between :	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Bachelors and -									
Spinsters	36,247	28,031	14,027	9,558	8,012	3,061	420	1,003	100,359
Widows	442	299	222	85	82	34	5	17	1,186
Divorced women	1,625	861	488	257	275	107	20	44	3,677
Total bachelors	38,314	29,191	14,737	9,900	8,369	3,202	445	1,064	105,222
Widowers and -									
Spinsters	374	236	111	90	48	34	4	8	905
Widows	596	480	250	173	139	46	1	15	1,700
Divorced women	385	193	121	70	60	15	4	7	855
Total widowers	1,355	909	482	333	247	95	9	30	3,460
Divorced men and -									
Spinsters	1,732	896	479	313	312	141	37	61	3,971
Widows	344	205	132	81	80	21	2	4	869
Divorced women	1,183	528	252	237	219	76	8	41	2,544
Total divorced men	3,259	1,629	863	631	611	238	47	106	7,384
All bridegrooms and -									
Spinsters	38,353	29,163	14,617	9,961	8,372	3,236	461	1,072	105,235
Widows	1,382	984	604	339	301	101	8	36	3,755
Divorced women	3,193	1,582	861	564	554	198	32	92	7,076
TOTAL MARRIAGES	42,928	31,729	16,082	10,864	9,227	3,535	501	1,200	116,066

TABLE 14. - BRIDEGROOMS BY OCCUPATION : AUSTRALIA, 1966 TO 1970 (a)

Occupation group	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Professional, technical and related workers	10,108	10,869	12,053	13,338	14,044
Administrative, executive and managerial workers	4,695	4,878	5,214	5,651	5,971
Clerical workers	8,311	9,420	10,635	11,923	12,806
Sales workers	5,930	6,164	6,551	6,821	6,831
Farmers, fishermen, hunters, timber getters and related workers	7,675	8,060	8,071	8,215	7,861
Miners, quarrymen and related workers	511	558	606	625	663
Workers in transport and communication	6,853	6,749	6,990	7,123	6,980
Craftsmen and production-process workers	31,978	32,313	34,761	36,577	37,720
Labourers	11,187	10,822	10,274	10,321	10,568
Service (protective and other), sport and recreation workers	2,779	2,981	3,155	3,281	3,377
Members of armed services	3,208	4,052	4,516	4,863	4,887
Occupation inadequately described or not stated	1,022	1,141	1,197	1,256	1,394
Persons not in the work force	1,789	1,993	2,322	2,476	2,964
<u>TOTAL BRIDEGROOMS</u>	<u>96,046</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>106,345</u>	<u>112,470</u>	<u>116,066</u>

(a) Excludes particulars of full-blood Aborigines before 1967.

TABLE 15. - FIRST MARRIAGE RATES, SELECTED AGES OF
BACHELOR BRIDEGROOMS AND SPINSTER BRIDES : AUSTRALIA, 1966 TO 1970 (a)

Age	Bachelor bridegrooms					Spinster brides				
	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
16	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	22.4	21.4	22.3	21.9	22.9
17	1.9	1.7	2.1	1.7	2.1	49.0	47.4	49.1	50.1	52.3
18	22.2	22.5	22.2	23.4	23.9	86.9	85.8	88.5	94.6	98.2
19	45.4	46.5	47.1	46.1	50.4	119.0	121.4	128.1	130.4	140.6
20	66.8	64.1	71.4	76.0	78.8	139.3	135.9	142.4	150.4	152.5
21	110.2	118.3	119.1	127.6	133.3	155.0	157.4	154.4	161.4	158.9
22	126.7	128.8	135.6	135.1	136.1	110.1	109.7	115.1	109.7	108.4
23	126.0	123.7	126.4	129.4	118.1	79.0	75.2	77.0	79.9	72.9
24	106.0	106.3	103.9	101.5	102.2	54.4	52.9	52.5	52.1	52.1
25	87.6	83.2	84.2	79.7	78.0	38.5	39.4	38.8	37.0	36.2
26	70.5	66.0	63.8	62.8	58.7	27.5	28.4	26.4	28.6	25.6
27	54.8	52.9	49.8	46.9	47.1	19.6	19.8	20.1	20.2	19.4
28	41.4	39.8	38.8	37.6	34.2	15.4	15.4	15.6	15.3	14.9
29	32.0	30.4	29.6	30.4	26.8	11.3	11.8	11.1	12.4	11.9

(a) Number of bachelors and spinsters marrying per 1,000 mid-year total male and female populations at each age. Excludes particulars of full-blood Aborigines before 1967.

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