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TABLE 1. - NUMBER OF MARRIAGES REGISTERED, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1965 TO 1969 (a)

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1965	35,176	26,421	12,967	8,680	6,448	2,888	296	670	93,546
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

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

TABLE 2. - CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1965 TO 1969 (a)

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1965	8.43	8.35	7.94	8.16	7.91	7.85	8.4*	7.6*	8.25
1966	8.40	8.41	8.01	8.29	8.36	7.93	8.3*	7.7*	8.31
1967	8.60	8.55	8.01	8.49	8.47	8.53	5.5*	8.5*	8.46
1968	8.94	8.93	8.57	8.57	8.89	8.96	6.5*	8.6*	8.83
1969	9.22	9.11	8.86	9.26	9.49	9.09	6.1*	9.1*	9.14

(a) Number of marriages per 1,000 of mean population. Excludes particulars of full-blood Aborigines prior to 1967. * Based on too few marriages to warrant calculation to the second decimal place.

TABLE 3. - MONTH OF CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGES AND MONTH OF REGISTRATION, AUSTRALIA, 1967 TO 1968

Month	Marriages celebrated during month and registered in -									
	1967					1968				
	Same month	Following month	Second month following	Third to eleventh month following	Total up to and including eleventh subsequent month	Same month	Following month	Second month following	Third to eleventh month following	Total up to and including eleventh subsequent month
January	7,539	1,877	44	34	9,494	7,692	1,513	36	42	9,283
February	6,640	1,233	37	32	7,942	7,595	991	44	52	8,682
March	7,897	1,375	42	35	9,349	7,126	1,919	60	43	9,148
April	6,935	1,983	43	29	8,990	8,101	1,523	53	34	9,711
May	6,836	804	28	23	7,691	7,676	830	35	29	8,570
June	6,583	622	31	28	7,264	6,696	1,772	44	33	8,545
July	5,164	1,129	34	23	6,350	5,129	745	24	11	5,909
August	6,130	892	40	24	7,086	6,739	2,061	35	22	8,857
September	7,310	2,297	41	16	9,664	6,572	1,786	43	24	8,425
October	6,691	1,157	20	14	7,882	7,912	764	27	15	8,718
November	7,033	802	36	18	7,889	7,385	1,992	45	31	9,453
December	8,549	2,185	60	44	10,838	8,766	1,441	63	28	10,298
Total	83,307	16,356	456	320	100,439	87,389	17,337	509	364	105,599
	Marriages registered during month and celebrated in -									
	1968					1969				
	Same month	Previous month	Second to eleventh preceding month	Twelfth preceding month or earlier	Total marriages registered in month	Same month	Previous month	Second to eleventh preceding month	Twelfth preceding month or earlier	Total marriages registered in month
January	7,692	2,185	53	..	9,930	9,379	1,441	58	..	10,878
February	7,595	1,513	67	1	9,176	7,991	921	85	2	8,999
March	7,126	991	80	..	8,197	8,084	904	80	1	9,069
April	8,101	1,919	66	1	10,087	9,022	1,614	58	2	10,896
May	7,676	1,523	84	..	9,283	8,211	1,179	79	3	9,472
June	6,696	830	117	..	7,643	6,466	1,749	68	4	8,287
July	5,129	1,772	58	1	6,960	5,795	1,438	71	18	7,322
August	6,739	745	83	..	7,567	7,226	570	80	1	7,877
September	6,572	2,061	84	..	8,717	7,680	2,166	53	8	9,907
October	7,912	1,786	61	2	9,761	8,450	1,230	45	..	9,725
November	7,385	764	56	1	8,206	7,596	742	78	2	8,418
December	8,766	1,992	54	6	10,818	9,288	2,270	58	4	11,620
Total	87,389	18,081	863	12	106,345	95,188	16,424	813	45	112,470

**TABLE 4. - NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF MARRIAGES BY CATEGORY OF CELEBRANT,
AUSTRALIA, 1968 AND 1969 (a)**

Category of celebrant	1968		1969	
	Number	Proportion of total %	Number	Proportion of total %
Ministers of religion -				
Recognised denominations (a) -				
Church of England in Australia	29,401	27.6	30,647	27.3
Roman Catholic Church	29,064	27.3	30,963	27.5
The Methodist Church of Australasia	13,159	12.4	13,995	12.4
The Presbyterian Church of Australia	11,428	10.8	12,087	10.7
Orthodox Church (b)	3,041	2.9	3,031	2.7
The Baptist Union of Australia	1,922	1.8	1,988	1.8
Lutheran Church (b)	1,399	1.3	1,619	1.4
Churches of Christ in Australia	1,373	1.3	1,417	1.3
Congregational Union of Australia	1,306	1.2	1,397	1.2
The Salvation Army	570	0.5	528	0.5
Jevry	425	0.4	479	0.4
Seventh-day Adventist Church	329	0.3	310	0.3
Jehovah's Witnesses	213	0.2	275	0.2
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	170	0.2	177	0.2
Christian Brethren	167	0.2	176	0.2
Unitarians	109	0.1	119	0.1
Assemblies of God in Australia	89	0.1	107	0.1
Other recognised denominations	539	0.5	516	0.5
Other ministers	340	0.3	367	0.3
Total ministers of religion	95,044	89.4	100,198	89.1
Civil officers	11,301	10.6	12,272	10.9
TOTAL MARRIAGES	106,345	100.0	112,470	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, 1969

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	74,199	370	4,825	1,069	69	251	206	780	45	65	422	443	189	215	92	83,240
New Zealand	802	120	89	14	1	4	2	9	1	1	18	8	7	5	1	
Great Britain and Ireland	6,680	105	2,253	174	13	53	50	127	13	14	100	106	63	49	15	1,082
Germany	1,390	20	195	368	9	17	11	39	37	16	102	26	16	10	6	9,815
Greece	215	3	25	15	2,269	12	6	4	4	9	13	58	42	1	..	2,262
Italy	986	11	121	49	18	2,035	22	32	7	30	45	12	30	7	4	2,676
Malta	334	..	48	14	4	7	476	6	1	2	3	3	7	..	..	3,409
Netherlands	1,122	9	177	47	2	12	4	280	3	6	31	28	7	11	3	905
Poland	129	3	20	42	..	5	..	4	112	2	26	14	..	2	..	1,742
Yugoslavia	337	9	55	53	23	55	6	14	12	826	44	12	12	2	1	359
Other European	995	25	178	150	18	21	9	36	40	34	575	55	28	16	3	1,461
Asia	709	10	108	45	34	13	5	22	10	5	36	736	20	7	8	2,183
Africa	290	7	53	8	40	15	7	3	3	5	23	15	176	4	1	1,768
America	561	19	60	24	1	3	1	17	1	1	13	13	3	53	1	650
Other and Unspecified	100	5	5	3	..	..	1	2	..	..	4	6	..	..	21	771
TOTAL BRIDES	88,849	716	8,212	2,075	2,501	2,503	806	1,375	289	1,016	1,455	1,535	600	382	156	112,470

TABLE 6. - RELATIVE AGES OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES, AUSTRALIA, 1969

Age of bridegroom (years)	Age of bride (years)																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	..	..	2	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
17	..	..	42	74	50	21	4	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	194
18	2	17	523	732	677	353	130	79	37	18	5	6	1	..	..	..	2,580
19	2	29	519	998	1,371	1,094	558	275	129	54	26	35	3	..	..	..	5,093
20	..	21	415	1,040	1,745	1,937	1,475	891	351	140	69	83	5	1	..	..	8,173
21	..	1	324	917	1,979	2,853	3,076	2,753	1,217	424	211	242	19	3	..	1	14,036
22	1	..	203	590	1,587	2,729	3,413	3,580	2,241	891	413	471	29	12	3	..	16,169
23	..	2	115	339	885	1,704	2,354	2,833	2,256	1,157	543	599	57	7	3	1	12,855
24	1	4	86	226	553	1,059	1,568	2,058	1,816	1,168	667	774	69	10	2	3	10,064
25	..	1	41	131	357	707	994	1,461	1,307	915	714	1,040	108	16	7	1	7,800
26	1	1	37	92	246	465	583	903	875	696	540	990	124	19	6	4	5,582
27	..	1	19	49	174	273	432	641	608	540	447	1,023	153	25	9	2	4,396
28	..	1	20	51	119	193	291	492	401	389	314	932	171	29	8	5	3,416
29	..	..	12	26	84	126	214	319	361	304	235	800	198	51	17	4	2,751
30-34	..	..	21	36	109	217	336	589	699	615	601	2,328	1,060	332	135	56	7,134
35-39	..	..	4	10	34	38	46	119	136	160	165	970	833	512	261	171	3,459
40-44	..	..	4	3	12	12	17	36	44	40	49	398	536	521	501	382	2,555
45-49	..	..	..	3	2	5	5	13	16	27	20	145	239	331	440	685	1,931
50 and over	..	..	..	1	3	3	2	7	6	7	12	78	128	229	443	3,357	4,276
TOTAL BRIDES	7	100	2,387	5,319	9,987	13,792	15,498	17,049	12,500	7,546	5,031	10,916	3,733	2,098	1,835	4,672	12,470

**TABLE 7. - NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF MARRIAGES OF BRIDES OR BRIDEGROOMS
AGED UNDER 21 YEARS, AUSTRALIA, 1965 TO 1969 (a)**

Year	Number of marriages in which -			Proportion of total marriages in which -		
	Both bridegroom and bride aged under 21 years	Bridegroom only aged under 21 years	Bride only aged under 21 years	Both bridegroom and bride aged under 21 years	Bridegroom only aged under 21 years	Bride only aged under 21 years
				%	%	%
1965	11,829	1,512	27,977	12.65	1.62	29.91
1966	12,571	1,577	28,714	13.09	1.64	29.90
1967	13,161	1,850	29,984	13.16	1.85	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

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

**TABLE 8. - NUMBER OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES AGED UNDER 21 YEARS AND
PROPORTION OF TOTAL PERSONS MARRYING, AUSTRALIA, 1965 TO 1969 (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	Total
				%	%	%
1965	13,341	39,806	53,147	14.26	42.55	28.41
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

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

**TABLE 9. - NUMBER OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES AGED UNDER 21 YEARS AND
PROPORTION OF TOTAL PERSONS MARRYING, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1969**

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	Total
				%	%	%
New South Wales	5,898	16,762	22,660	14.29	40.60	27.44
Victoria	3,733	11,989	15,722	12.10	38.84	25.47
Queensland	2,584	7,080	9,664	16.49	45.18	30.84
South Australia	1,559	4,716	6,275	14.71	44.49	29.60
Western Australia	1,391	4,184	5,575	15.47	46.53	31.00
Tasmania	658	1,768	2,426	18.63	50.06	34.34
Northern Territory	43	148	191	10.41	35.84	23.12
Australian Capital Territory	180	443	623	16.10	39.62	27.86
AUSTRALIA	16,046	47,090	63,136	14.27	41.87	28.07

* Based on too few marriages to warrant calculation to the second decimal place.

TABLE 10. -- AGE AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES, AUSTRALIA, 1969

Age (years)	Previous Marital status, bridegrooms				Previous Marital status, brides			
	Bachelor	Widower	Divorced	Total Bridegrooms	Spinster	Widow	Divorced	Total Brides
14	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	7
15	..	..	..	..	100	..	..	100
16	6	..	..	6	2,387	..	..	2,387
17	194	..	..	194	5,317	2	..	5,319
18	2,580	..	..	2,580	9,984	1	2	9,987
19	5,093	..	..	5,093	13,784	3	5	13,792
20	8,172	1	..	8,173	15,474	4	20	15,498
21	14,034	..	2	14,036	16,968	26	55	17,049
22	16,137	4	28	16,169	12,347	27	126	12,500
23	12,805	6	44	12,855	7,328	25	193	7,546
24	9,986	5	73	10,064	4,790	32	209	5,031
25	7,650	14	136	7,800	3,324	36	247	3,607
26	5,412	8	162	5,582	2,286	49	262	2,597
27	4,160	18	218	4,396	1,642	48	294	1,984
28	3,142	15	259	3,416	1,184	38	286	1,508
29	2,483	25	243	2,751	936	39	245	1,220
30	1,764	24	282	2,070	701	40	302	1,043
31	1,398	26	244	1,668	553	47	265	865
32	1,054	26	251	1,331	404	48	238	690
33	861	20	255	1,136	335	41	221	597
34	684	23	222	929	264	62	212	538
35	510	25	214	749	201	56	193	450
36	514	27	218	759	184	53	165	402
37	441	22	218	681	165	57	205	427
38	347	41	209	597	147	62	196	405
39	402	45	226	673	137	74	203	414
40	317	53	216	586	92	67	220	379
41	265	51	228	544	123	88	178	389
42	224	53	220	497	87	90	183	360
43	202	62	204	468	78	91	186	355
44	174	65	221	460	89	95	168	352
45 - 49	590	419	922	1,931	310	575	693	1,578
50 - 54	278	457	571	1,306	168	552	452	1,172
55 - 59	170	537	390	1,097	120	473	216	809
60 - 64	82	463	205	750	80	365	90	535
65 and over	105	690	128	1,123	90	440	48	578
Under 21	16,045	1	..	16,046	47,053	10	27	47,090
21 and over	86,191	3,424	6,809	96,424	55,133	3,696	6,551	65,380
<u>TOTAL</u>	102,236	3,425	6,809	112,470	102,186	3,706	6,578	112,470

TABLE 11. - AGES OF BACHELOR BRIDEGROOMS AND SPINSTER BRIDES,
AUSTRALIA, 1965 TO 1969 (a)

Age (years)	Bachelor Bridegrooms					Spinster Brides				
	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
14	..	..	..	..	..	7	8	13	6	7
15	..	..	..	..	..	90	93	97	102	100
16	11	17	14	7	6	2,242	2,288	2,219	2,345	2,387
17	182	194	182	225	194	4,997	4,824	4,885	5,123	5,317
18	2,543	2,361	2,359	2,422	2,580	9,145	8,720	8,543	9,208	9,984
19	4,354	5,345	4,990	4,996	5,093	11,137	12,949	12,384	12,949	13,784
20	6,251	6,230	7,444	7,764	8,172	12,156	12,368	14,958	14,733	15,474
21	9,636	10,084	11,086	13,934	14,034	13,420	13,716	14,101	17,179	16,968
22	10,390	11,381	11,978	12,963	16,137	8,797	9,490	9,808	10,419	12,347
23	10,140	10,140	11,342	12,086	12,805	6,060	5,997	6,562	6,963	7,328
24	8,527	8,848	8,760	9,738	9,986	4,057	4,209	4,080	4,644	4,790
25	6,970	6,894	7,092	7,073	7,650	2,846	2,837	3,103	3,035	3,324
26	5,434	5,431	5,306	5,528	5,412	1,985	1,979	2,128	2,106	2,286
27	4,102	4,206	4,160	4,084	4,160	1,504	1,432	1,450	1,528	1,642
28	3,137	3,132	3,115	3,104	3,142	1,037	1,100	1,144	1,158	1,184
29	2,334	2,397	2,337	2,351	2,483	805	797	855	836	936
30	1,836	1,825	1,805	1,801	1,764	647	631	618	661	701
31	1,406	1,353	1,330	1,337	1,398	480	460	485	535	553
32	1,147	1,042	1,056	1,064	1,054	413	395	366	365	404
33	923	817	816	861	861	342	311	314	336	335
34	848	734	711	682	684	292	264	265	253	264
35	713	668	649	555	510	273	255	255	194	201
36	593	581	528	523	514	235	211	203	176	184
37	524	476	485	453	441	199	170	164	182	165
38	432	382	439	377	347	202	160	184	131	147
39	392	352	372	338	402	157	136	124	131	137
40	308	310	320	322	317	136	130	120	129	92
41	253	267	269	241	265	110	105	127	98	123
42	217	213	227	236	224	110	95	106	91	87
43	181	217	187	194	202	102	88	90	85	78
44	153	162	182	191	174	77	94	71	63	89
45-49	497	511	549	575	590	306	315	306	334	310
50-54	323	303	328	304	278	204	194	214	185	168
55-59	191	170	172	200	170	129	123	116	113	120
60-64	93	95	107	87	82	79	91	77	88	80
65 and over	96	101	91	73	105	72	75	73	69	90
Under 21	13,341	14,147	14,989	15,414	16,045	39,774	41,250	43,099	44,466	47,053
21 and over	71,796	73,092	75,799	81,275	86,191	45,076	45,860	47,509	52,087	55,133
TOTAL	85,137	87,239	90,788	96,689	102,236	84,850	87,110	90,608	96,553	102,186

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

TABLE 12. - AVERAGE AGE AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES,
AUSTRALIA, 1965 TO 1969 (a)

Year	Average age of bridegrooms (Years)				Average age of brides (Years)			
	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	All bride- grooms	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced	All brides
1965	25.27	55.86	42.09	27.24	22.21	49.86	38.05	24.09
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

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

TABLE 13. - PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES,
STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1969

Marriages between :	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Bachelors and -									
Spinsters	35,102	27,215	13,827	9,313	7,807	3,112	327	941	97,644
Widows	444	292	191	108	110	33	2	11	1,191
Divorced women	1,478	801	407	266	274	107	28	40	3,401
<u>Total Bachelors</u>	37,024	28,308	14,425	9,687	8,191	3,252	357	992	102,236
Widowers and -									
Spinsters	363	260	115	79	55	25	7	9	913
Widows	583	504	252	162	109	45	4	13	1,672
Divorced women	344	201	115	77	71	26	1	5	840
<u>Total Widowers</u>	1,290	965	482	318	235	96	12	27	3,425
Divorced Men and -									
Spinsters	1,574	849	437	308	285	97	31	48	3,629
Widows	328	227	103	69	74	25	2	15	843
Divorced women	1,070	511	222	217	208	62	11	36	2,337
<u>Total Divorced Men</u>	2,972	1,587	762	594	567	184	44	99	6,809
All Bridegrooms and -									
Spinsters	37,039	28,324	14,379	9,700	8,147	3,234	365	998	102,186
Widows	1,355	1,023	546	339	293	103	8	39	3,706
Divorced women	2,892	1,513	744	560	553	195	40	81	6,578
<u>TOTAL MARRIAGES</u>	41,286	30,860	15,669	10,599	8,993	3,532	413	1,118	112,470

TABLE 14. - OCCUPATION OF BRIDEGROOMS, AUSTRALIA, 1965 TO 1969 (a)

Occupation group	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Professional, technical and related workers	9,334	10,108	10,869	12,053	13,338
Administrative, executive and managerial workers	4,381	4,695	4,878	5,214	5,651
Clerical workers	7,980	8,311	9,420	10,635	11,923
Sales workers	5,742	5,930	6,164	6,551	6,821
Farmers, fishermen, hunters, timber getters and related workers	7,843	7,675	8,060	8,071	8,215
Miners, quarrymen and related workers	515	511	558	606	625
Workers in transport and communication	7,005	6,853	6,749	6,990	7,123
Craftsmen and production-process workers	31,481	31,978	32,313	34,761	36,577
Labourers	11,605	11,187	10,822	10,274	10,321
Service (protective and other), sport and recreation workers	2,514	2,779	2,981	3,155	3,281
Members of armed services	2,601	3,208	4,052	4,516	4,863
Occupation inadequately described or not stated	947	1,022	1,141	1,197	1,256
Persons not in the work force	1,598	1,789	1,993	2,322	2,476
<u>TOTAL BRIDEGROOMS</u>	93,546	96,046	100,000	106,345	112,470

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

TABLE 15. - FIRST MARRIAGE RATES, SELECTED AGES OF
BACHELOR BRIDEGROOMS AND SPINSTER BRIDES, AUSTRALIA, 1965 TO 1969 (a)

Age (years)	Bachelor Bridegrooms					Spinster Brides				
	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
16	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	22.9	22.4	21.4	22.3	21.9
17	1.7	1.9	1.7	2.1	1.7	50.4	49.0	47.4	49.1	50.1
18	22.3	22.2	22.5	22.2	23.4	85.3	86.9	85.8	88.5	94.6
19	46.8	46.4	46.5	47.1	46.1	127.0	113.0	121.4	128.1	130.4
20	68.2	66.8	64.1	71.4	76.0	138.5	139.3	135.9	142.4	150.4
21	107.7	110.2	118.3	119.1	127.6	156.6	155.0	157.4	154.4	161.4
22	131.0	126.7	128.8	135.6	135.1	117.0	110.1	109.7	115.1	109.7
23	123.5	126.0	123.7	126.4	129.4	79.2	79.0	75.2	77.0	79.9
24	110.2	106.0	106.3	103.9	101.5	55.9	54.4	52.9	52.5	52.1
25	92.1	87.6	83.2	84.2	79.7	40.1	38.5	39.4	38.8	37.0
26	71.9	70.5	66.0	63.8	62.8	27.6	27.5	28.4	26.4	28.6
27	55.1	54.8	52.9	49.8	46.9	21.4	19.6	19.8	20.1	20.2
28	42.4	41.4	39.8	38.8	37.6	14.9	15.4	15.4	15.6	15.3
29	32.5	32.0	30.4	29.6	30.4	12.0	11.3	11.8	11.1	12.4

(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 prior to 1967.

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