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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This publication contains a summary of marriage statistics for Australia for the year 1971.

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 1970 and 1971. Marriages which are registered more than 10 years after date of occurrence are excluded from statistics in this bulletin.
3. 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).
4. 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' Department, Canberra.
5. Marriages may be celebrated by a minister of religion registered as an authorised celebrant, by a district registrar or by other suitable persons authorised by the Attorney General. 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 for registration to a district registrar in the State in which the marriage took place.
6. 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.
7. Estimates of State and Territory populations for 1966 to 1970 have been revised since the last issue of this bulletin in accordance with the preliminary results of the 1971 Population Census. Consequently, rates calculated using mean populations have been revised from 1966 to 1970. However, the first marriage rates for the years 1967 to 1971 remain subject to revision until the age distribution of the population, as obtained in the 1971 Population Census, becomes available.

COMMENT

In 1971, 117,637 marriages were registered in Australia. This was the largest number ever registered in one year and represents an increase of 1,571 over 1970. (Table 1). However, the crude marriage rate, the number of marriages per thousand of the mean population, fell slightly from 9.28 to 9.22. (Table 2).

As in previous years January, May and December were popular months for marriage. April (in which Easter fell in 1971) and October were also favoured.

The majority of marriages were celebrated by ministers of the Roman Catholic Church (27.7 per cent) and the Church of England in Australia (26.1 per cent). However, the proportion of civil marriages rose to 12.9 per cent, the highest on record.

An increased proportion of grooms (15.88 per cent) and brides (44.60 per cent) were aged under 21 years in 1971, compared with 15.03 per cent and 43.40 per cent in 1970. In Tasmania the proportions under 21 were particularly high, 20.29 per cent of grooms and 53.02 per cent of brides. On the other hand, in Victoria the percentages were only 14.05 and 42.17. The median age at marriage was 23.78 years for grooms and 21.39 for brides. (NOTE. The median is that age at which half the persons were younger and half older). For bachelor grooms and spinster brides the median ages were 23.36 and 21.05 years, respectively.

For most the marriage was a first marriage. Of the grooms 90.3 per cent were bachelors, 3.1 per cent widowers, and 6.6 per cent divorced. For the brides the percentages were: spinsters, 90.4, widows 3.3, and divorced 6.3.

TABLE 1. - MARRIAGES REGISTERED : STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1967 TO 1971

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
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
1971	43,038	32,386	16,538	10,833	9,382	3,578	485	1,397	117,637

TABLE 2. - CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES : STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1967 TO 1971 (a)

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1967	8.63	8.55	8.02	8.50	8.45	8.56	5.26	8.53	8.47
1968	8.99	8.94	8.59	8.60	8.84	9.02	6.23	8.60	8.85
1969	9.30	9.12	8.89	9.30	9.43	9.18	5.69	9.19	9.18
1970	9.50	9.21	8.97	9.38	9.30	9.12	6.37	9.11	9.28
1971	9.35	9.24	9.05	9.22	9.12	9.16	5.67	9.70	9.22

(a) Number of marriages per 1,000 of mean population.

TABLE 3. - MARRIAGES, BY MONTH OF CELEBRATION AND MONTH OF REGISTRATION :
AUSTRALIA, 1970 AND 1971

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-ceeding month or earlier	Total
		first subsequent month	second subsequent month	eleventh subsequent month				
1970 -								
January	9,814	12,126	12,174	12,225	9,814	1,292	11	11,117
February	6,735	9,134	9,187	9,244	6,735	2,449	3	9,187
March	7,430	10,090	10,153	10,213	7,430	2,469	7	9,906
April	8,329	9,099	9,150	9,200	8,329	2,749	..	11,078
May	7,080	10,946	11,012	11,059	9,080	877	2	9,959
June	6,973	8,213	8,282	8,315	6,973	1,957	5	8,935
July	6,011	6,723	6,763	6,790	6,011	1,343	4	7,358
August	7,719	9,454	9,504	9,533	7,719	837	3	8,559
September	7,565	8,758	8,795	8,833	7,565	1,876	2	9,443
October	8,416	10,550	10,610	10,638	8,416	1,267	5	9,688
November	6,773	8,794	8,833	8,855	6,773	2,196	2	8,971
December	9,742	10,922	10,961	10,994	9,742	2,122	1	11,865
Total	94,587	114,809	115,424	115,899	94,587	21,434	45	116,066
1971 -								
January	9,801	12,456	12,515	12,584	9,801	1,245	1	11,047
February	7,036	9,644	9,702	..	7,036	2,724	..	9,760
March	8,058	9,139	9,189	..	8,058	2,690	..	10,748
April	9,600	10,697	10,742	..	9,600	1,162	1	10,763
May	7,109	10,713	10,768	..	9,189	1,183	1	10,373
June	7,440	8,338	8,436	..	7,440	1,631	2	9,073
July	6,117	7,808	7,877	..	6,117	1,049	3	7,169
August	6,477	8,365	8,422	..	6,477	1,784	2	8,263
September	7,817	9,088	9,137	..	7,817	1,994	1	9,812
October	8,269	10,524	10,581	..	8,269	1,374	1	9,644
November	7,212	8,919	..	..	7,212	2,340	4	9,556
December	9,636	..	..	..	9,636	1,790	3	11,429
Total	96,652	..	..	..	96,652	20,966	10	117,637

Symbol '..' shown in place of 1971 figures denotes totals which cannot be completed until 1972 marriage registrations become available. See note 2 on page 2.

TABLE 4. - MARRIAGES BY CATEGORY OF CELEBRANT, NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF TOTAL MARRIAGES:
AUSTRALIA, 1970 AND 1971 (a)

Category of celebrant	1970		1971	
	Number	Proportion of total %	Number	Proportion of total %
Ministers of religion -				
Recognised denominations (a) -				
Roman Catholic Church	32,028	27.6	32,560	27.7
Church of England in Australia	31,068	26.8	30,722	26.1
The Methodist Church of Australasia	14,209	12.2	14,041	11.9
The Presbyterian Church of Australia	12,106	10.4	11,845	10.1
Orthodox Church (b)	3,061	2.6	3,061	2.6
The Baptist Union of Australia	2,042	1.8	2,145	1.8
Lutheran Church (b)	1,635	1.4	1,624	1.4
Churches of Christ in Australia	1,387	1.2	1,543	1.3
Congregational Union of Australia	1,356	1.2	1,353	1.2
The Salvation Army	560	0.5	568	0.5
Jewry	474	0.4	507	0.4
Seventh-day Adventist Church	352	0.3	322	0.3
Jehovah's Witnesses	272	0.2	291	0.2
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	186	0.2	188	0.2
Christian Brethren	195	0.2	256	0.2
Unitarians	205	0.2	285	0.2
Assemblies of God in Australia	131	0.1	142	0.1
Other recognised denominations	525	0.4	515	0.4
Other ministers	439	0.4	544	0.5
Total ministers of religion	102,231	88.1	102,512	87.1
Civil officers	13,835	11.9	15,125	12.9
<u>TOTAL MARRIAGES</u>	116,066	100.0	117,637	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 AGES OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES : AUSTRALIA, 1971

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	..	..	9	9	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
17	..	..	63	92	56	17	4	5	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	241
18	1	35	565	942	791	342	146	63	35	12	7	6	..	..	..	..	2,945
19	5	31	642	1,208	1,585	1,269	628	319	111	50	33	41	3	3	..	..	5,928
20	1	14	509	1,237	2,071	2,378	1,771	892	344	171	66	79	9	1	1	..	9,544
21	1	12	356	923	2,262	3,278	3,394	2,566	1,042	472	239	263	27	5	2	..	14,842
22	1	8	231	618	1,529	2,706	3,116	3,117	1,772	819	441	403	42	9	2	1	14,815
23	..	8	171	407	1,020	1,860	2,572	2,873	2,017	1,208	636	660	60	15	2	2	13,511
24	..	3	104	301	731	1,303	1,944	2,220	1,734	1,319	845	1,042	90	21	2	1	11,660
25	..	2	83	175	400	734	1,049	1,346	1,129	1,001	774	1,062	120	31	5	4	7,915
26	..	2	45	104	255	486	658	913	769	672	624	1,188	124	26	6	4	5,876
27	..	3	32	60	186	327	414	619	577	487	485	1,132	170	22	7	4	4,525
28	..	..	22	49	115	200	288	401	324	366	393	890	196	42	16	4	3,306
29	..	..	16	24	59	132	196	287	274	290	306	817	202	47	13	2	2,665
30-34	..	..	27	56	153	242	357	524	600	627	646	2,473	1,098	352	117	68	7,340
35-39	..	..	3	11	23	54	63	99	134	154	181	1,002	832	500	256	140	3,452
40-44	..	..	2	4	14	12	24	40	35	42	53	411	528	539	488	377	2,569
45-49	..	..	..	2	2	4	8	13	8	18	29	165	260	287	403	693	1,892
50 and over	..	..	1	1	2	2	2	7	5	7	19	92	153	260	520	3,520	4,591
TOTAL BRIDES	9	118	2,881	6,223	11,254	15,348	16,634	16,304	10,910	7,718	5,777	11,727	3,914	2,160	1,840	4,820	117,637

TABLE 6. - MARRIAGES OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES**AGED UNDER 21 YEARS, NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF TOTAL MARRIAGES:****AUSTRALIA, 1967 TO 1971**

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
1967	13,161	1,830	29,984	13.15	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
1971	16,423	2,255	36,044	13.96	1.92	30.64

TABLE 7. - BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES AGED UNDER 21 YEARS, NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF TOTAL PERSONS MARRYING : AUSTRALIA, 1967 TO 1971

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
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
1971	18,678	52,467	71,145	15.88	44.60	30.24

TABLE 8. - BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES AGED UNDER 21 YEARS, NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF TOTAL PERSONS MARRYING : STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1971

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	6,701	18,411	25,112	15.57	42.78	29.17
Victoria	4,543	13,657	18,206	14.05	42.17	28.11
Queensland	3,102	8,010	11,112	18.76	48.43	33.60
South Australia	1,787	5,205	6,992	16.50	48.05	32.27
Western Australia	1,571	4,520	6,091	16.74	48.18	32.46
Tasmania	726	1,897	2,623	20.29	53.02	36.65
Northern Territory	62	174	236	12.78	35.88	24.33
Australian Capital Territory	180	593	773	12.88	42.45	27.67
AUSTRALIA	18,678	52,467	71,145	15.88	44.60	30.24

TABLE 9. - BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES BY AGE AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS : AUSTRALIA, 1971

Age	Previous marital status, bridegrooms				Previous marital status, brides			
	Bachelor	Widower	Divorced	Total bridegrooms	Spinster	Widow	Divorced	Total brides
14	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	9
15	..	..	..	..	118	..	..	118
16	20	..	..	20	2,881	..	..	2,881
17	241	..	..	241	6,223	..	..	6,223
18	2,945	..	..	2,945	11,251	1	2	11,254
19	5,928	..	..	5,928	15,338	4	6	15,348
20	9,542	1	1	9,544	16,601	10	23	16,634
21	14,839	1	2	14,842	16,220	14	70	16,304
22	14,783	5	27	14,815	10,747	23	140	10,910
23	13,445	6	60	13,511	7,451	24	243	7,718
24	11,507	9	144	11,660	5,428	44	305	5,777
25	7,732	17	166	7,915	3,407	40	351	3,798
26	5,631	9	236	5,876	2,434	33	322	2,789
27	4,196	20	309	4,525	1,786	42	393	2,221
28	2,948	16	342	3,306	1,145	42	349	1,535
29	2,298	15	352	2,665	957	57	369	1,383
30	1,750	21	325	2,096	727	41	284	1,052
31	1,395	30	329	1,754	512	36	280	828
32	1,051	26	292	1,369	440	47	289	776
33	873	24	286	1,183	364	60	248	672
34	636	28	274	938	299	54	233	586
35	590	28	276	894	236	48	221	505
36	444	32	230	706	184	65	218	467
37	384	47	229	659	178	59	191	428
38	347	42	211	600	128	62	186	376
39	335	48	210	593	118	76	190	384
40	279	47	269	595	123	57	208	388
41	250	58	213	521	101	83	187	371
42	206	52	223	481	87	87	220	394
43	220	86	221	527	94	79	177	350
44	179	75	191	445	71	80	186	337
45 - 49	569	403	920	1,892	266	569	755	1,590
50 - 54	315	480	631	1,426	145	538	459	1,142
55 - 59	154	503	422	1,079	103	512	218	833
60 - 64	118	537	230	885	84	442	88	614
65 and over	100	938	163	1,201	81	504	56	641
Under 21	18,676	1	1	18,678	52,421	15	31	52,467
21 and over	87,574	3,603	7,782	98,959	53,916	3,818	7,436	65,170
TOTAL	106,250	3,604	7,783	117,637	106,337	3,833	7,467	117,637

TABLE 10. - BACHELOR BRIDEGROOMS AND SPINSTER BRIDES BY AGE :

AUSTRALIA, 1967 TO 1971

Age	Bachelor bridegrooms					Spinster brides				
	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
14	..	..	..	..	..	13	6	7	6	9
15	..	..	..	..	..	97	102	100	110	118
16	14	7	6	11	20	2,219	2,345	2,387	2,489	2,881
17	182	225	194	239	241	4,885	5,123	5,317	5,750	6,223
18	2,359	2,422	2,580	2,703	2,945	8,543	9,208	9,984	10,533	11,251
	4,990	4,996	5,093	5,646	5,928	12,384	12,949	13,784	15,079	15,338
	7,444	7,764	8,172	8,842	9,542	14,958	14,733	15,474	16,353	16,601
21	11,086	13,934	14,034	14,471	14,839	14,101	17,179	16,968	16,528	16,220
22	11,978	12,963	16,137	15,280	14,783	9,808	10,419	12,347	11,509	10,747
23	11,342	12,086	12,805	14,499	13,445	6,562	6,963	7,328	8,288	7,451
24	8,760	9,738	9,986	10,339	11,507	4,080	4,644	4,790	4,848	5,428
25	7,092	7,073	7,650	7,821	7,732	3,103	3,035	3,324	3,374	3,407
26	5,306	5,528	5,412	5,729	5,631	2,128	2,106	2,286	2,342	2,434
27	4,160	4,084	4,160	4,134	4,196	1,450	1,528	1,642	1,578	1,786
28	3,115	3,104	3,142	3,085	2,948	1,144	1,158	1,184	1,230	1,145
29	2,337	2,351	2,483	2,271	2,298	855	836	936	977	957
30	1,805	1,801	1,764	1,857	1,750	618	661	701	701	727
31	1,330	1,337	1,398	1,347	1,395	485	535	553	548	512
32	1,056	1,064	1,054	1,048	1,051	366	365	404	413	440
33	816	861	861	777	873	314	336	335	342	364
34	711	682	684	670	636	265	253	264	262	299
35	649	555	510	574	590	255	194	201	218	236
36	528	523	514	449	444	203	176	184	208	184
37	485	453	441	370	384	164	182	165	162	178
38	439	377	347	362	347	184	131	147	119	128
39	372	338	402	315	335	124	131	137	133	118
40	320	322	317	277	279	120	129	92	102	123
41	269	241	265	277	250	127	98	123	97	101
42	227	236	224	206	206	106	91	87	90	87
43	187	194	202	236	220	90	85	78	78	94
44	182	191	174	156	179	71	63	89	62	71
45-49	549	575	590	553	569	306	334	310	290	266
50-54	328	304	278	292	315	214	185	168	183	145
55-59	172	200	170	181	154	116	113	120	126	103
60-64	107	87	82	101	118	77	88	80	81	84
65 and over	91	73	105	104	100	73	69	90	66	81
Under 21	14,989	15,414	16,045	17,441	18,676	43,099	44,466	47,053	50,320	52,421
21 and over	75,799	81,275	86,191	87,781	87,574	47,509	52,087	55,133	54,915	53,916
TOTAL	90,788	96,689	102,236	105,222	106,250	90,608	96,553	102,186	105,235	106,337

TABLE 11. - MEDIAN AGE OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES BY PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS:

AUSTRALIA, 1967 TO 1971

Year	Median age of bridegrooms				Median age of brides			
	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	All bridegrooms	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced	All brides
1967	23.65	56.52	40.48	24.06	21.16	49.94	36.69	21.49
1968	23.50	57.18	39.88	23.89	21.22	49.89	36.50	21.50
1969	23.38	56.40	39.56	23.78	21.24	49.58	35.56	21.54
1970	23.37	57.19	38.83	23.74	21.14	50.41	34.81	21.46
1971	23.36	56.73	37.97	23.78	21.05	50.49	34.18	21.39

TABLE 12. - BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES BY PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS:

STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1971

Marriages between :	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Bachelors and -									
Spinsters	36,372	28,362	14,379	9,441	8,079	3,056	393	1,160	101,242
Widows	430	306	197	101	81	42	5	7	1,169
Divorced women	1,638	881	467	323	318	116	32	64	3,839
<u>Total bachelors</u>	38,440	29,549	15,043	9,865	8,478	3,214	430	1,231	106,250
Widowers and -									
Spinsters	370	264	114	64	61	26	3	19	921
Widows	598	499	308	182	108	53	2	12	1,762
Divorced women	385	238	115	64	76	30	2	11	921
<u>Total widowers</u>	1,353	1,001	537	310	245	109	7	42	3,604
Divorced men and -									
Spinsters	1,777	961	535	317	334	142	31	77	4,174
Widows	326	240	122	82	85	34	2	11	902
Divorced women	1,142	635	301	259	240	79	15	36	2,707
<u>Total divorced men</u>	3,245	1,836	958	658	659	255	48	124	7,783
All bridegrooms and -									
Spinsters	38,519	29,587	15,028	9,822	8,474	3,224	427	1,256	106,337
Widows	1,354	1,045	627	365	274	129	9	30	3,833
Divorced women	3,165	1,754	883	646	634	225	49	111	7,467
<u>TOTAL MARRIAGES</u>	43,038	32,386	16,538	10,833	9,382	3,578	485	1,397	117,637

TABLE 13. - RELATIVE BIRTHPLACES OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES : AUSTRALIA, 1971

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	77,313	439	4,896	789	86	312	213	797	71	97	419	516	241	238	120	86,547
New Zealand	988	170	111	22	1	6	3	12	1	2	11	21	15	3	5	1,376
Great Britain and Ireland	7,190	141	2,331	155	14	46	32	142	14	26	97	124	86	78	20	10,496
Germany	1,446	20	173	245	5	12	15	33	26	18	71	33	19	14	3	2,133
Greece	288	4	25	10	1,801	9	5	7	6	26	21	68	42	1	1	2,314
Italy	1,256	12	149	43	15	1,928	38	25	7	28	57	18	50	16	2	3,644
Malta	384	4	69	14	1	11	353	10	1	4	4	7	8	1	1	872
Netherlands	1,261	10	146	40	1	6	5	203	2	4	19	24	9	9	6	1,745
Poland	112	..	13	31	4	3	1	3	94	4	29	12	2	..	..	308
Yugoslavia	361	4	54	36	29	37	10	11	7	1,336	49	13	14	7	1	1,969
Other European	962	26	179	123	30	20	14	35	41	48	564	48	35	38	3	2,166
Asia	791	15	125	31	29	17	3	21	10	7	36	1,086	25	10	9	2,215
Africa	376	9	67	10	37	26	7	10	10	3	19	25	248	7	1	855
America	521	17	65	11	1	2	2	7	1	2	20	13	5	147	..	814
Other and unspecified	114	6	15	2	..	2	..	..	..	1	4	5	..	..	34	183
<u>TOTAL BRIDES</u>	93,363	877	8,418	1,562	2,054	2,437	701	1,316	291	1,606	1,420	2,013	799	574	206	117,637

12.

MARRIAGES, SELECTED BIRTHPLACES OF BRIDEGROOM: AUSTRALIA

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

COUNTRY OF BIRTH OF BRIDE



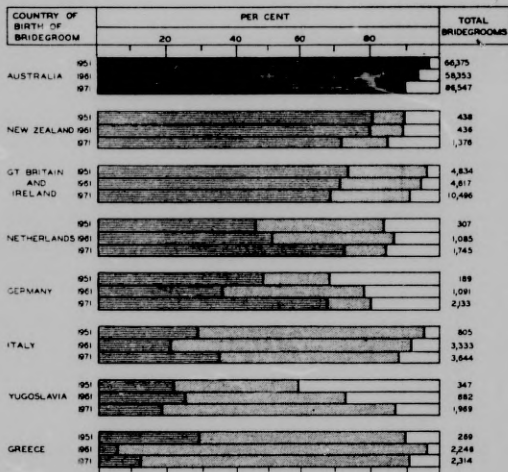
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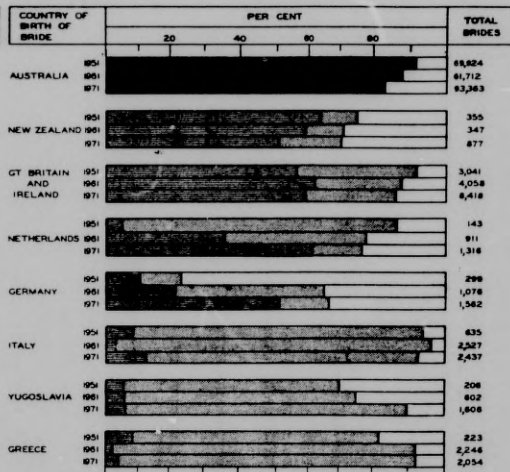


TABLE 14. - BRIDEGROOMS BY OCCUPATION : AUSTRALIA, 1967 TO 1971

Occupation group	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Professional, technical and related workers	10,869	12,053	13,338	14,044	14,588
Administrative, executive and managerial workers	4,878	5,214	5,651	5,971	5,950
Clerical workers	9,420	10,635	11,923	12,806	13,102
Sales workers	6,164	6,551	6,821	6,831	6,764
Farmers, fishermen, hunters, timber getters and related workers	8,060	8,071	8,215	7,861	7,148
Miners, quarrymen and related workers	558	606	625	663	723
Workers in transport and communication	6,749	6,990	7,123	6,980	7,398
Craftsmen and production-process workers	32,313	34,761	36,577	37,720	38,724
Labourers	10,822	10,274	10,321	10,568	10,636
Service (protective and other), sport and recreation workers	2,981	3,155	3,281	3,377	3,470
Members of armed services	4,052	4,516	4,863	4,887	4,439
Occupation inadequately described or not stated	1,141	1,197	1,256	1,394	1,369
Persons not in the work force	1,993	2,322	2,476	2,964	3,326
<u>TOTAL BRIDEGROOMS</u>	100,000	106,345	112,470	116,061	117,637

TABLE 15. - FIRST MARRIAGE RATES, SELECTED AGES OF
BACHELOR BRIDEGROOMS AND SPINSTER BRIDES : AUSTRALIA, 1967 TO 1971 (a)

Age	Bachelor bridegrooms					Spinster brides				
	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
16	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	21.4	22.3	21.9	22.9	26.0
17	1.7	2.1	1.7	2.1	2.1	47.4	49.1	50.1	52.3	56.8
18	22.5	22.2	23.4	23.9	25.3	85.8	88.5	94.6	98.2	101.4
19	46.5	47.1	46.1	50.4	51.9	121.4	128.1	130.4	140.6	140.9
20	64.1	71.4	76.0	78.8	84.2	135.9	142.4	150.4	152.5	152.8
21	118.3	119.1	127.6	133.3	130.9	157.4	154.4	161.4	158.9	149.8
22	128.8	135.6	135.1	136.1	133.7	109.7	115.1	109.7	108.4	102.5
23	123.7	126.4	129.4	118.1	116.8	75.2	77.0	79.9	72.9	69.4
24	106.3	103.9	101.5	102.2	92.2	52.9	52.5	52.1	52.1	47.2
25	83.2	84.2	79.7	78.0	75.4	39.4	38.8	37.0	36.2	36.1
26	66.0	63.8	62.8	58.7	55.6	28.4	26.4	28.6	25.6	25.8
27	52.9	49.8	46.9	47.1	42.4	19.8	20.1	20.2	19.4	19.3
28	39.8	38.8	37.6	34.2	33.1	15.4	15.6	15.3	14.9	13.9
29	30.4	29.6	30.4	26.8	25.2	11.8	11.1	12.4	11.9	11.4

(a) Number of bachelors and spinsters marrying per 1,000 mid-year total male and female populations at each age. Rates are subject to revision when the age distribution of population is obtained from the results of the 1971 Population Census.

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