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MAIN FEATURES

- In 1977 there were 226,291 live births registered in Australia, 1,519 fewer than in 1976. The number of births has now declined in every year since 1971, the 1977 figure being the lowest since 1966. Although the total number of births in 1977 is below the previous year's figure, there were slight increases in the numbers registered in South Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory.
- The crude birth rate has declined further to be 16.08 per 1,000 mean population in 1977. Previously the lowest rate was 16.39 in 1934. Although the South Australian birth rate has risen slightly to 15.09, South Australia still has the lowest birth rate of all the states. The Northern Territory has the highest (24.04) and the Australian Capital Territory the second highest (22.21) birth rate.
- Expressed in terms of the net reproduction rate, Australia's fertility, which was already below the long term replacement level in 1976, fell further in 1977 to 0.958. This is the sixth consecutive year in which this rate has fallen.
- Ex-nuptial births continued to increase, both in number and as a proportion of total births. In 1977 there were 23,314 ex-nuptial births, 10.3% of all births registered.
- 39.1 per cent of mothers experiencing nuptial confinements had no previous issue; however the average previous issue of all mothers experiencing nuptial confinements was 2.02.
- The median age of mothers of nuptial children who had no previous issue was 24.59 years and that of all mothers of nuptial children was 26.46 years. (Slight increases over the 1976 figures in both cases). In contrast, the median age of mothers of ex-nuptial children was 21.51 years, a small decrease on the 1976 figure of 21.60 years.
- The number of stillbirths fell to 2,130, a decrease of approximately 13 per cent on the 1976 figure. The stillbirth rate (the number of stillbirths per 1,000 births both live and stillborn) also decreased, from 10.4 in 1976 to 9.3 in 1977.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Date of occurrence and date of registration

The statistics in this publication refer to births registered by the State and Territorial registrars during the year shown. There is usually an interval of at least several days between the occurrence and registration of a birth. As a result of delay in registration some births occurring in one year are not registered until the following year or even later. Table 3 shows the relationship between month of occurrence and month of registration for the years 1975 to 1977. Births which are registered more than ten years after date of birth are excluded from the statistics.

Statistics for States and Territories

2. Statistics for States and Territories are compiled and presented in respect of the State or Territory where the registration took place. A birth may take place in a State other than the State in which the mother usually resides, particularly in an area near a State border. Table 19 indicates the extent to which this occurs. Births which took place outside Australia are excluded from the statistics.

Confinements, births and stillbirths

3. For statistics in this publication, the term birth relates, unless otherwise stated, to a *live birth* i.e. a product of conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, which, after expulsion or extraction from its mother, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as heart-beat. *Confinements* are the numbers of pregnancies resulting in at least one live birth. Multiple confinements are confinements resulting in two or more births, at least one of which is live born. A *stillbirth* is defined as a product of conception of at least 20 weeks gestation (or at least 400 grammes weight) which, after expulsion or extraction from its mother, did not breathe or show any other evidence of life such as heart-beat.

4. Tables relating to previous issue exclude stillbirths and the issue of former marriages. However, in some States they include children by the same father who were born to the mother before marriage.

Nuptiality

5. Live births are identified as *nuptial* where the father registered was married to the mother at the time of birth, or where the husband died during the pregnancy. Confinements and children of Aboriginal mothers considered to be tribally married are classified as nuptial. Other confinements, and the children resulting from them, are classified as *ex-nuptial* whether or not the parents were living together at the time of the birth and whether or not the child may subsequently have been legitimated or adopted. The high ex-nuptial rate for the Northern Territory is due in part to difficulties in determining whether Aboriginal mothers are, or are not, tribally married.

Aboriginal births

6. Figures for years prior to 1966 exclude births identified as full-blood Aboriginal. The rates for years prior to 1966 are based on the population excluding full-blood Aborigines. Differences between the statistics now published and those formerly published, which excluded Aboriginal births, cannot be taken as reliable statistics of births of full-blood Aborigines because in many areas no satisfactory administrative or other basis existed for distinguishing births of full-blood Aborigines from those of part-Aborigines or the rest of the population.

Definitions of rates and other measures

7. The *crude birth rate* is the number of live births registered during the calendar year per 1,000 of the mean population.

8. *Age-specific birth rates* are the live births registered during the calendar year, according to age of mother, per 1,000 of the female population of the same age as estimated for 30 June. For calculating these rates, births to mothers under 15 are included in the 15-19 female age group, and births to mothers aged 50 and over are included in the 45-49 female age group. Pro rata adjustment is made in respect of births for which age of mother is not given.

9. *Total fertility* is obtained by summing the 5-year age-specific birth rates, multiplying by 5, and dividing by 1,000. It represents the number of children a woman would bear during her lifetime if she experienced the rates of the year shown.

10. The *female gross reproduction rate* is the sum of the female age-specific fertility rates (i.e. the number of female live births according to age of mother per 1,000 females of that age) multiplied by 5 and divided by 1,000. It represents the average number of daughters that would be born per woman in a group of women all of whom survive to the end of the reproductive period and bear daughters at each age in accordance with the rates prevailing during that year. It is an indication of the extent to which the population would reproduce itself under these conditions, except that it does not allow for females who fail to survive to the end of the childbearing period.

11. The *female net reproduction rate* allows for such mortality. It is obtained by multiplying the female age-specific birth rates by the proportion of survivors at corresponding ages in a life table, adding the products and dividing by 1,000. The female net reproduction rate represents the average number of daughters born to a group of women who are subjected to the fertility rates of that year and to the mortality rates of the life table.

12. *Masculinity* is the number of male live births per 100 female live births.

13. *Median age* is that value (age) which divides the relevant population into two equal parts, one half of the cases falling below this value and one half exceeding it.

14. The *stillbirth rate* is the number of stillbirths per 1,000 of births both live and stillborn.

15. Since the last issue of this bulletin, estimates of the age distribution of the population for the years 1971 to 1976 have been revised. The rates shown in tables 6 and 7 have been adjusted accordingly.

Additional statistics available

16. Users who require tables with more detail, or different cross classifications of variables are requested to contact ABS to discuss their requirements.

Related publications

17. Other ABS publications which may be of interest to users of this bulletin include:

Demography, No. 86, 1969-70 (3101.0), which includes the number of live births registered and crude birth rates for each year from 1901 to 1970.

Population and Vital Statistics (3212.0)

Deaths (3302.0)

Perinatal Deaths (3304.0)

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TABLE 1. LIVE BIRTHS AND BIRTH RATES : STATE OR TERRITORY OF REGISTRATION, 1931 TO 1977

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
MALE LIVE BIRTHS									
Annual averages —									
1931-1935	23,070	14,510	8,956	4,452	4,134	2,341	39	77	57,579
1936-1940	24,360	15,552	10,021	4,823	4,523	2,509	68	112	61,968
1941-1945	28,997	19,502	12,007	6,457	5,286	2,769	56	194	75,268
1946-1950	35,397	24,322	14,398	8,356	6,730	3,608	145	379	93,335
1951-1955	37,796	27,572	15,909	9,264	8,028	3,973	243	472	103,257
1956-1960	40,889	31,493	17,586	10,200	8,713	4,370	358	679	114,288
1961-1965	42,586	33,549	18,155	11,008	8,668	4,357	466	988	119,777
1966-1970	42,369	35,245	18,134	10,945	10,012	4,096	1,087	1,438	123,326
1971-1975	46,025	35,115	19,629	10,854	11,027	3,850	1,385	2,162	130,047
Annual totals —									
1972	48,928	36,842	20,128	11,299	11,337	3,935	1,433	2,107	136,009
1973	44,815	34,405	19,383	10,475	10,557	3,744	1,460	2,130	126,969
1974	44,465	33,993	19,605	10,489	10,282	3,760	1,444	2,257	126,295
1975	41,646	31,904	18,666	10,212	10,460	3,605	1,111	2,246	119,850
1976	40,103	31,068	18,005	9,838	10,663	3,464	1,348	2,349	116,838
1977	39,908	30,803	18,009	9,907	10,717	3,463	1,342	2,402	116,551
FEMALE LIVE BIRTHS									
Annual averages —									
1931-1935	21,894	13,870	8,524	4,194	3,927	2,206	40	68	54,723
1936-1940	23,319	14,730	9,513	4,565	4,354	2,357	57	109	59,004
1941-1945	27,586	18,500	11,424	6,089	5,123	2,649	57	190	71,618
1946-1950	33,459	23,050	13,605	7,914	6,400	3,456	144	355	88,383
1951-1955	35,941	26,198	15,074	8,781	7,696	3,801	225	450	98,166
1956-1960	38,724	29,786	16,585	9,777	8,209	4,147	336	607	108,171
1961-1965	40,311	31,644	17,202	10,369	8,192	4,082	431	944	113,175
1966-1970	40,191	33,510	17,244	10,365	9,414	3,883	1,047	1,345	116,999
1971-1975	43,606	33,390	18,679	10,228	10,467	3,770	1,273	2,026	123,389
Annual totals —									
1972	46,350	34,965	19,123	10,545	10,840	3,889	1,289	1,959	128,960
1973	42,517	32,718	18,684	9,932	9,953	3,582	1,349	1,966	120,701
1974	41,697	32,208	18,247	9,692	9,925	3,638	1,364	2,111	118,882
1975	39,272	29,993	17,737	9,774	9,878	3,377	1,007	2,124	113,162
1976	38,849	29,599	17,238	9,109	9,107	3,238	1,259	2,133	110,972
1977	38,088	28,715	16,926	9,353	9,934	3,272	1,216	2,236	109,740
TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS									
Annual averages —									
1931-1935	44,964	28,380	17,480	8,646	8,061	4,547	79	145	112,302
1936-1940	47,679	30,282	19,534	9,388	8,877	4,866	125	221	120,972
1941-1945	56,583	38,002	23,431	12,546	10,409	5,418	113	384	146,886
1946-1950	68,856	47,372	28,003	16,270	13,130	7,064	289	731	181,718
1951-1955	73,737	53,770	30,983	18,045	15,724	7,774	468	922	201,423
1956-1960	79,613	61,279	34,171	19,977	16,922	8,517	694	1,286	222,459
1961-1965	82,897	65,193	35,357	21,377	16,860	8,439	897	1,932	232,952
1966-1970	82,560	68,755	35,378	21,310	19,426	7,979	2,134	2,783	240,325
1971-1975	89,631	68,505	38,308	21,082	21,494	7,570	2,658	4,188	253,436
Annual totals —									
1972	95,278	71,807	39,251	21,844	22,177	7,824	2,722	4,066	264,969
1973	87,332	67,123	38,067	20,407	20,510	7,326	2,809	4,096	247,670
1974	86,162	66,201	37,852	20,181	20,207	7,398	2,808	4,368	245,177
1975	80,918	61,897	36,403	19,986	20,338	6,982	2,118	4,370	233,012
1976	78,492	60,667	35,243	18,947	20,670	6,702	2,607	4,482	227,810
1977	77,996	59,518	34,935	19,260	20,651	6,735	2,558	4,638	226,291
MASCULINITY OF LIVE BIRTHS (a)									
Annual averages —									
1931-1935	105.37	104.61	105.07	106.15	105.27	106.12	97.50	113.24	105.22
1936-1940	104.46	105.58	105.34	105.65	103.88	106.45	119.30	102.75	105.02
1941-1945	105.11	105.42	105.10	106.04	103.18	104.53	98.25	102.11	105.10
1946-1950	105.79	105.52	105.83	105.59	105.16	104.40	100.69	106.76	105.60
1951-1955	105.16	105.24	105.54	105.50	104.31	104.53	108.00	104.89	105.19
1956-1960	105.58	105.73	106.04	104.33	106.14	105.38	106.55	111.86	105.65
1961-1965	105.64	106.02	105.54	106.16	105.81	106.74	108.12	104.66	105.83
1966-1970	105.42	105.18	105.16	105.60	106.35	105.49	103.82	106.91	105.41
1971-1975	105.59	105.23	105.11	106.13	105.32	103.59	108.95	106.68	105.43
Annual rates —									
1972	105.56	105.37	105.26	107.15	104.58	101.18	111.17	107.55	105.47
1973	105.40	105.16	103.74	105.47	106.07	104.52	108.23	108.34	105.19
1974	105.64	105.54	107.44	108.22	103.60	103.35	105.87	106.82	106.24
1975	106.05	106.37	105.24	104.48	105.89	106.75	110.33	105.74	105.91
1976	104.46	104.96	104.45	108.00	106.56	106.98	107.07	110.13	105.29
1977	104.78	107.27	106.40	105.92	107.88	105.84	110.36	107.42	106.21

(a) The number of male live births per 100 female live births.

TABLE 1. LIVE BIRTHS AND BIRTH RATES: STATE OR TERRITORY OF REGISTRATION,
1931 TO 1977 - continued

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
CRUDE BIRTH RATES (b)									
Average annual rates -									
1931-1935	17.28	15.60	18.48	14.89	18.36	19.95	15.99	15.77	16.94
1936-1940	17.51	16.20	19.48	15.82	19.16	20.58	19.96	18.68	17.52
1941-1945	19.79	19.27	22.28	20.43	21.72	22.23	11.40	26.82	20.28
1946-1950	22.60	22.51	24.69	24.41	25.24	26.71	23.77	37.92	23.39
1951-1955	21.78	22.42	24.11	23.25	25.37	25.58	29.37	32.22	22.86
1956-1960	21.55	22.52	23.80	22.27	24.20	25.45	31.49	30.10	22.59
1961-1965	20.49	21.42	22.49	21.11	21.71	23.41	29.30	26.31	21.34
1966-1970	18.87	20.63	20.41	18.94	21.14	21.00	31.49	24.60	19.95
1971-1975	18.73	18.94	19.33	17.32	19.72	19.11	27.48	25.07	18.99
Annual rates -									
1972	20.07	20.07	20.30	18.17	20.71	19.94	28.23	25.83	20.11
1973	18.22	18.50	19.14	16.75	18.81	18.51	28.13	24.36	18.51
1974	17.80	18.01	18.52	16.33	18.08	18.52	26.84	24.42	18.03
1975	16.56	16.65	17.46	15.95	17.73	17.26	23.46	22.88	16.92
1976	15.97	16.19	16.70	15.02	17.66	16.44	25.63	22.05	16.37
1977	15.74	15.74	16.35	15.09	17.25	16.40	20.04	22.21	16.08
EX-NUPTIAL LIVE BIRTHS									
Annual averages -									
1931-1935	2,247	1,251	877	282	331	236	15	2	5,241
1936-1940	2,010	1,213	943	280	336	219	21	3	5,025
1941-1945	2,324	1,415	1,424	401	421	208	13	5	6,211
1946-1950	2,901	1,603	1,500	494	505	290	42	14	7,349
1951-1955	2,975	1,825	1,594	559	689	283	57	17	7,999
1956-1960	3,741	2,190	2,023	723	855	372	99	24	10,027
1961-1965	5,058	3,077	2,735	1,130	1,189	463	106	40	13,798
1966-1970	6,654	3,992	3,720	1,506	2,053	608	313	91	18,937
1971-1975	8,965	4,682	5,054	1,841	2,545	741	471	217	24,516
Annual totals -									
1972	9,766	5,001	5,185	1,803	2,632	695	356	221	25,659
1973	8,726	4,611	5,241	1,800	2,497	743	383	197	24,198
1974	8,371	4,394	4,955	1,879	2,352	788	458	211	23,408
1975	8,291	4,395	5,034	1,943	2,527	758	495	262	23,705
1976	7,991	4,426	4,664	1,789	2,621	706	614	253	23,064
1977	8,219	4,391	4,656	1,896	2,528	783	577	264	23,314
EX-NUPTIAL LIVE BIRTHS AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS									
Average annual percentages -									
1931-1935	5.00	4.41	5.02	3.26	4.11	5.19	19.40	1.38	4.67
1936-1940	4.21	4.01	4.83	2.98	3.78	4.50	17.12	1.36	4.15
1941-1945	4.11	3.72	6.08	3.19	4.04	3.83	11.64	1.25	4.23
1946-1950	4.21	3.38	5.36	3.04	3.84	4.10	14.39	1.96	4.04
1951-1955	4.03	3.39	5.15	3.10	4.38	3.64	12.08	1.80	3.97
1956-1960	4.70	3.57	5.92	3.62	5.05	4.37	14.31	1.83	4.51
1961-1965	6.10	4.72	7.74	5.29	7.05	5.48	11.77	2.07	5.92
1966-1970	8.06	5.81	10.51	7.07	10.57	7.62	14.65	3.27	7.88
1971-1975	10.01	6.84	13.21	8.77	11.87	9.84	17.97	5.20	9.69
Annual percentages -									
1972	10.25	6.96	13.21	8.25	11.87	8.88	13.08	5.44	9.68
1973	9.99	6.87	13.77	8.82	12.17	10.14	13.63	4.81	9.77
1974	9.72	6.64	13.09	9.31	11.64	10.65	16.31	4.83	9.55
1975	10.25	7.10	13.83	9.72	12.43	10.86	23.37	6.00	10.17
1976	10.18	7.30	13.23	9.44	12.68	10.53	23.55	5.64	10.12
1977	10.54	7.38	13.32	9.84	12.24	11.63	22.56	5.69	10.30

(b) The number of live births registered per 1,000 of the mean population.

TABLE 2. STILLBIRTHS: NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF TOTAL BIRTHS, STATE OR TERRITORY OF REGISTRATION, 1972 TO 1977

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
STILLBIRTHS									
Annual totals -									
1972	1,151	842	429	229	258	88	44	48	3,089
1973	1,038	802	387	244	272	98	40	53	2,924
1974	1,036	787	406	236	274	82	51	42	2,914
1975	795	713	306	189	236	88	47	40	2,414
1976	836	616	303	210	242	101	44	51	2,403
1977	759	567	260	178	190	70	59	47	2,130
STILLBIRTH RATE									
Annual rates -									
1972	11.9	11.6	10.8	10.4	11.5	11.1	15.9	11.7	11.5
1973	11.6	11.8	10.1	11.8	13.0	13.2	14.0	12.8	11.7
1974	11.9	11.8	10.6	11.6	13.4	11.0	17.8	9.5	11.8
1975	9.7	11.4	8.3	9.4	11.5	12.4	21.7	9.1	10.3
1976	10.5	10.1	8.5	11.0	11.6	14.8	16.6	11.3	10.4
1977	9.6	9.4	7.4	9.2	9.1	10.3	22.5	10.0	9.3

TABLE 3. LIVE BIRTHS: MONTH OF REGISTRATION AND MONTH OF OCCURRENCE, AUSTRALIA, 1975 TO 1977

Year and month of registration	Birth occurred							Total births registered in month shown
	In same month as registered	1 month prior to month of registration	2 months prior to month of registration	3 months prior to month of registration	4 to 6 months prior to month of registration	7 to 12 months prior to month of registration	Over 12 months prior to month of registration	
1975 -								
January	8,467	9,122	1,478	213	143	71	66	19,560
February	7,253	8,797	1,642	291	207	81	94	18,365
March	6,660	9,112	1,962	396	209	76	79	18,494
April	7,553	11,149	1,637	289	234	86	105	21,053
May	8,609	9,766	1,695	207	224	97	110	20,708
June	7,643	9,767	1,162	229	219	99	84	19,203
July	8,540	9,719	1,416	235	265	107	124	20,406
August	7,638	9,679	1,175	226	173	117	102	19,110
September	7,802	9,526	1,264	256	240	101	97	19,286
October	8,809	9,829	1,309	240	222	122	121	20,652
November	7,157	8,737	1,081	161	147	84	102	17,469
December	7,606	9,232	1,281	211	189	94	93	18,706
Total	93,737	114,435	17,102	2,954	2,472	1,135	1,177	233,012
1976 -								
January	7,981	9,547	1,164	182	139	66	57	19,136
February	6,903	9,196	1,237	218	191	56	84	17,885
March	8,827	10,057	1,528	312	273	93	116	21,206
April	7,500	9,152	1,035	175	157	79	91	18,189
May	7,572	9,708	1,555	217	193	64	106	19,415
June	7,817	9,855	1,334	284	184	76	125	19,675
July	8,388	9,489	1,257	218	216	80	124	19,772
August	8,399	9,155	972	193	222	88	121	19,150
September	8,275	8,607	848	161	187	85	101	18,264
October	7,795	8,780	861	151	162	76	80	17,905
November	8,258	9,858	1,262	209	224	107	98	20,016
December	7,569	8,280	884	145	136	85	98	17,197
Total	95,284	111,684	13,937	2,465	2,284	955	1,201	227,810
1977 -								
January	7,404	9,382	1,085	168	120	78	69	18,306
February	6,953	9,421	1,155	170	152	53	110	18,014
March	9,204	9,592	1,343	209	161	64	119	20,692
April	7,404	9,021	873	140	153	41	113	17,745
May	9,063	9,922	1,320	206	156	54	97	20,818
June	8,487	9,249	879	170	135	50	105	19,075
July	8,420	9,352	989	187	176	65	100	19,289
August	8,877	9,547	972	151	159	57	97	19,860
September	8,582	8,866	972	160	173	60	113	18,926
October	8,309	8,839	904	152	170	48	96	18,518
November	8,154	9,274	1,067	155	149	54	92	18,945
December	6,873	7,876	922	149	127	78	78	16,103
Total	97,730	110,341	12,481	2,017	1,831	702	1,189	226,291

TABLE 4. LIVE BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS : AGE GROUP OF MOTHER, STATE OR TERRITORY OF REGISTRATION, 1977

Age group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
CONFINEMENTS (Resulting in one or more live births)									
Under 15	40	23	30	12	15	11	30	—	161
15-19	6,784	4,256	3,779	1,760	1,947	870	380	223	19,999
20-24	23,648	18,015	11,590	6,440	7,055	2,383	755	1,278	71,164
25-29	28,663	22,994	12,116	7,407	7,464	2,336	789	1,927	83,696
30-34	13,796	10,321	5,319	2,697	3,108	863	413	903	37,420
35-39	3,651	2,811	1,484	646	735	183	128	223	9,861
40-44	649	529	315	118	128	38	30	33	1,840
45-49	35	35	18	5	6	4	6	1	110
50 and over	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Not stated	—	6	—	3	3	—	3	—	15
Total	77,267	58,992	34,651	19,088	20,461	6,688	2,534	4,588	224,269
MALE BIRTHS									
Under 15	23	12	18	9	10	8	20	—	100
15-19	3,452	2,231	1,988	861	1,012	454	207	123	10,328
20-24	12,161	9,354	5,994	3,350	3,676	1,231	400	645	36,811
25-29	14,836	11,942	6,300	3,822	3,908	1,193	404	1,012	43,417
30-34	7,195	5,488	2,733	1,465	1,631	461	215	479	19,667
35-39	1,864	1,468	799	337	412	93	76	125	5,174
40-44	355	286	163	60	63	21	15	18	981
45-49	21	17	14	2	3	2	3	—	62
50 and over	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Not stated	—	4	—	1	2	—	2	—	9
Total	39,908	30,803	18,009	9,907	10,717	3,463	1,342	2,402	116,551
FEMALE BIRTHS									
Under 15	17	11	12	3	5	3	10	—	61
15-19	3,372	2,044	1,816	911	949	419	173	100	9,784
20-24	11,670	8,800	5,676	3,140	3,427	1,164	365	645	34,887
25-29	14,119	11,244	5,915	3,655	3,625	1,166	392	938	41,054
30-34	6,767	4,965	2,645	1,263	1,521	408	202	433	18,204
35-39	1,827	1,379	706	318	337	91	55	103	4,816
40-44	302	251	152	58	66	19	15	16	879
45-49	14	18	4	3	3	2	3	1	48
50 and over	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Not stated	—	2	—	2	1	—	1	—	6
Total	38,088	28,715	16,926	9,353	9,934	3,272	1,216	2,236	109,740
TOTAL BIRTHS									
Under 15	40	23	30	12	15	11	30	—	161
15-19	6,824	4,275	3,804	1,772	1,961	873	380	223	20,112
20-24	23,831	18,154	11,670	6,490	7,103	2,395	765	1,290	71,698
25-29	28,955	23,186	12,215	7,477	7,533	2,359	796	1,950	84,471
30-34	13,962	10,453	5,378	2,728	3,152	869	417	912	37,871
35-39	3,691	2,847	1,505	655	749	184	131	228	9,990
40-44	657	537	315	118	129	40	30	34	1,860
45-49	35	35	18	5	6	4	6	1	110
50 and over	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Not stated	—	6	—	3	3	—	3	—	15
Total	77,996	59,518	34,935	19,260	20,651	6,735	2,558	4,638	226,291

TABLE 5. CONFINEMENTS : MEDIAN AGES OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1931 TO 1977

Median age				
	Fathers of nuptial children	Mothers of nuptial children	Mothers of ex-nuptial children	All mothers
Annual averages —				
1931-1935	31.63	28.15	22.43	27.93
1936-1940	31.29	27.73	22.88	27.58
1941-1945	31.38	27.99	23.14	27.84
1946-1950	30.83	27.62	23.88	27.52
1951-1955	30.16	27.42	24.47	27.33
1956-1960	30.40	27.18	24.23	27.11
1961-1965	29.97	26.54	22.54	26.38
1966-1970	29.07	25.92	21.37	25.67
1971-1975	28.50	25.88	21.12	25.58
Annual —				
1972	28.49	25.76	21.01	25.49
1973	28.42	25.84	21.00	25.55
1974	28.43	25.96	21.10	25.66
1975	28.58	26.07	21.29	25.76
1976	28.79	26.22	21.60	25.91
1977	29.07	26.46	21.51	26.13

TABLE 6. FEMALE GROSS AND NET REPRODUCTION RATES : AUSTRALIA, 1933 TO 1977

	Female gross reproduction rate	Female net reproduction rate	
		Rate	Life table (a) experience on which rate is based
1933	1.054	0.961	1932-1934
1947	1.494	1.416	1946-1948
1954	1.559	1.499	1953-1955
1961	1.728	1.672	1960-1962
1966	1.400	1.355	1965-1967
1971 r	1.427	1.386	1970-1972
1972 r	1.314	1.277	
1973 r	1.191	1.157	
1974 r	1.135	1.102	
1975 r	1.053	1.023	1970-1972
1976	1.012	0.983	
1977	0.987	0.958	

(a) Official life tables are prepared by the Australian Government Actuary for the three years surrounding each census. The latest available are those for 1970-72. When the 1975-77 life tables become available, net reproduction rates will be revised although the extent of revision is expected to be slight.

TABLE 7. AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES AND TOTAL FERTILITY : AUSTRALIA, 1931 TO 1977

	Age group							Total fertility
	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	
Average annual rates –								
1931-1935	25.56	101.79	124.09	96.80	61.60	24.77	2.65	2.186
1936-1940	24.23	108.39	131.94	98.26	57.64	20.14	2.00	2.213
1941-1945	23.85	126.88	152.80	114.32	66.28	21.11	1.68	2.535
1946-1950	33.05	164.22	183.29	126.56	72.33	22.71	1.76	3.020
1951-1955	39.54	192.81	192.97	123.51	65.05	20.50	1.53	3.180
1956-1960	44.20	216.42	211.47	126.06	63.91	18.96	1.45	3.412
1961-1965	46.50	203.95	207.15	122.38	59.18	17.54	1.19	3.289
1966-1970	49.39	172.59	187.52	103.03	46.84	12.89	1.00	2.866
1971-1975 r	48.02	154.84	170.63	85.69	34.25	8.65	0.59	2.514
Annual rates –								
1972 r	53.19	164.55	180.94	92.01	38.41	10.03	0.74	2.700
1973 r	47.93	151.28	164.85	82.70	32.88	8.45	0.60	2.443
1974 r	44.42	146.07	161.27	79.25	29.51	7.30	0.46	2.341
1975 r	40.37	134.44	150.95	74.96	26.40	6.17	0.37	2.168
1976 r	35.55	129.22	147.34	73.06	24.28	5.57	0.41	2.077
1977	32.59	123.06	147.23	74.84	24.01	5.05	0.30	2.035

TABLE 8. CONFINEMENTS : AGE OF FATHER AND AGE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1977

Age of Father	Under										Age of Mother									
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29					
Under 20	3	10	182	449	509	405	184	60	43	29	10	12	1	1	—					
20	1	5	91	293	600	716	492	264	104	67	31	9	8	7	5					
21	1	5	64	235	581	979	1,089	846	417	179	96	42	37	18	9					
22	—	2	35	146	463	982	1,379	1,447	1,092	573	240	135	76	47	36					
23	—	3	16	122	331	751	1,309	1,881	1,769	913	685	325	190	104	64					
24	1	2	13	81	217	540	1,045	1,605	2,156	2,276	1,798	862	392	240	114					
25	—	1	15	73	163	354	725	1,300	1,932	2,672	2,691	1,963	957	489	240					
26	2	—	14	52	133	294	553	932	1,459	2,272	2,852	2,893	1,991	1,007	495					
27	7	1	9	36	92	241	363	680	1,106	1,689	2,438	2,844	2,863	2,054	1,064					
28	25	2	—	3	28	70	143	283	510	798	1,198	1,804	2,384	2,870	2,621					
29	—	—	—	6	23	50	131	216	379	567	871	1,292	1,864	2,402	2,718					
30	1	—	4	16	46	90	188	288	397	653	937	1,299	1,914	2,354	2,528					
31	—	—	2	12	24	70	90	181	274	380	545	780	1,175	1,432	1,696					
32	—	—	—	7	14	69	72	109	186	267	395	556	784	981	1,257					
33	—	—	2	4	13	33	63	70	150	208	249	385	497	683	873					
34	—	—	1	7	10	28	35	52	89	118	187	259	359	430	576					
35	—	—	1	2	5	19	28	43	74	99	109	218	249	345	410					
36	—	—	—	3	5	8	35	45	40	66	109	131	238	255	314					
37	1	—	—	—	11	12	30	33	52	77	101	151	204	226	276					
38	1	—	—	2	4	4	17	21	36	44	50	74	91	131	179					
39	—	—	—	1	3	9	9	15	19	34	37	54	57	98	118					
40	—	—	—	1	1	5	13	16	16	15	23	43	57	75	72					
41	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	6	11	9	24	36	40	38	48					
42	—	—	—	—	2	4	—	8	12	15	19	22	39	42	48					
43	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	7	6	10	10	19	24	28	30					
44	—	—	—	1	2	2	3	9	4	10	7	9	14	22	27					
45-49	—	—	1	2	3	7	3	13	10	16	23	40	44	62	75					
50-54	1	—	1	1	3	1	2	5	8	11	11	14	21	16	27					
55 and over	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	4	4	3	7	5	8	8	14					
Not stated	—	—	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	7	4	1	5	—	4					
Total nuptial confinements	18	30	458	1,602	3,355	5,901	8,220	10,830	12,815	15,156	16,760	17,379	17,552	16,510	14,913					
Ex-nuptial confinements	143	536	1,373	2,145	2,395	2,204	1,938	1,623	1,417	1,271	1,134	1,001	896	830	724					
Total confinements	161	566	1,831	3,747	5,750	8,105	10,158	12,453	14,232	16,427	17,894	18,380	18,448	17,340	15,637					
Cumulative percentage	0.1	0.3	1.1	2.8	5.4	9.0	13.5	19.1	25.4	32.7	40.7	48.9	57.1	64.9	71.8					

Age of Father	Age of Mother															50 and over	Not stated	Total	Cumulative percentage
	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40-44	45-49							
Under 20	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1,900	0.8			
20	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,696	2.0			
21	6	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,617	4.1			
22	11	6	4	3	2	2	2	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	6,702	7.1			
23	22	11	5	8	5	2	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	8,967	11.1			
24	59	31	23	11	13	7	5	2	1	—	3	—	—	1	11,580	16.3			
25	113	53	30	20	11	12	4	5	3	1	2	—	—	—	13,965	22.5			
26	164	86	49	33	17	8	17	5	4	2	2	—	—	—	15,604	29.4			
27	308	145	84	55	29	21	12	13	5	4	3	—	—	1	16,655	36.9			
28	503	228	146	93	51	22	17	17	18	6	7	—	—	1	16,740	44.3			
29	964	385	228	126	94	53	38	16	11	10	6	—	—	—	16,688	51.8			
30	1,637	737	361	272	124	78	45	28	23	5	19	—	—	—	16,121	59.0			
31	1,629	966	527	252	153	84	54	33	17	18	19	—	—	—	12,259	64.5			
32	1,576	1,154	726	395	211	129	84	38	23	11	17	—	—	—	10,581	69.2			
33	1,227	1,121	888	584	309	150	86	38	29	29	17	—	—	—	8,844	73.1			
34	902	814	752	579	377	212	104	86	37	26	28	1	—	—	6,808	76.0			
35	684	653	595	398	414	273	157	76	47	24	23	—	—	—	5,669	78.7			
36	546	497	499	500	409	296	226	114	75	32	38	—	—	—	4,871	80.9			
37	349	356	394	388	396	302	247	182	84	39	51	—	—	—	3,971	82.7			
38	282	269	279	279	284	274	247	172	125	55	54	—	—	—	3,156	84.1			
39	185	180	214	220	246	201	174	146	150	94	93	2	—	—	2,533	85.2			
40	173	148	174	169	144	167	179	145	118	99	80	2	—	—	2,055	86.1			
41	82	115	123	109	138	115	133	122	98	81	120	2	—	—	1,526	86.8			
42	81	75	95	95	86	85	116	107	89	77	152	2	—	—	1,331	87.4			
43	72	55	63	73	82	76	78	90	71	67	145	7	—	—	1,063	87.9			
44	53	36	50	55	42	51	54	47	62	55	140	5	—	—	795	88.2			
45-49	115	115	121	135	144	149	159	152	160	148	446	47	1	—	2,260	89.2			
50-54	41	35	27	34	39	53	47	35	51	51	145	15	—	—	697	89.6			
55 and over	13	12	13	21	21	17	22	20	13	18	46	7	—	—	294	89.7			
Not stated	1	2	2	2	1	—	—	2	2	1	2	—	—	3	57	89.7			
Total nuptial confinements	11,800	8,291	6,473	5,107	3,842	2,839	2,290	1,704	1,305	955	1,659	90	2	5	201,135	89.7			
Ex-nuptial confinements	534	417	383	301	272	203	182	146	124	113	181	20	1	10	23,134	100.0			
Total confinements	12,334	8,708	6,856	5,408	4,114	3,042	2,472	1,850	1,429	1,068	1,840	110	3	15	224,269				
Cumulative percentage	83.5	87.4	90.5	92.9	94.7	96.1	97.2	98.0	98.6	99.1	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0					

TABLE 9. CONFINEMENTS : NUPTIALITY AND AGE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1972 TO 1977

Age of mother (years)														
Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over	Not stated	Total				
NUPTIAL FIRST CONFINEMENTS														
1972	25	16,221	43,163	24,936	5,407	1,567	330	29	—	5	91,683			
1973	19	14,221	39,754	24,597	5,342	1,443	306	18	—	7	85,707			
1974	17	13,363	39,475	25,815	5,758	1,475	319	20	1	5	86,248			
1975	7	11,723	36,730	25,424	5,932	1,444	263	16	—	4	81,543			
1976	8	10,171	34,691	25,344	6,169	1,432	252	16	1	2	78,086			
1977	13	8,888	33,574	26,524	7,609	1,673	293	12	—	2	78,588			
TOTAL NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS														
1972	27	19,696	82,011	83,396	35,255	12,887	3,417	254	1	11	236,955			
1973	21	17,590	76,494	80,685	32,181	11,269	2,823	201	3	15	221,282			
1974	20	16,560	75,066	82,627	32,397	10,391	2,403	156	2	7	219,629			
1975	9	14,678	69,374	80,056	31,524	9,489	2,006	122	2	7	207,267			
1976	10	12,861	66,718	80,282	31,961	8,905	1,806	135	3	11	202,692			
1977	18	11,346	63,781	79,628	35,513	9,093	1,659	90	2	5	201,135			
EX-NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS														
1972	146	10,366	7,908	3,846	1,858	958	288	28	—	13	25,411			
1973	156	9,866	7,222	3,767	1,787	877	255	25	—	15	23,970			
1974	148	9,408	7,068	3,733	1,762	792	235	17	—	37	23,200			
1975	156	9,245	7,165	3,991	1,903	806	204	13	2	25	23,510			
1976	165	8,547	7,143	4,095	1,891	823	175	18	—	16	22,873			
1977	143	8,653	7,383	4,068	1,907	768	181	20	1	10	23,134			
TOTAL CONFINEMENTS														
1972	173	30,062	89,919	87,242	37,113	13,845	3,705	282	1	24	262,366			
1973	177	27,456	83,716	84,452	33,968	12,146	3,078	226	3	30	245,252			
1974	168	25,968	82,134	86,360	34,159	11,183	2,638	173	2	44	242,829			
1975	165	23,923	76,539	84,047	33,427	10,295	2,210	135	4	32	230,777			
1976	175	21,408	73,861	84,377	33,852	9,728	1,981	153	3	27	225,565			
1977	161	19,999	71,164	83,696	37,420	9,861	1,840	110	3	15	224,269			

TABLE 10. NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS : AGE AND PREVIOUS ISSUE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1977

Age of mother (years)	Number of married mothers with previous issue of										Total nuptial confinements	Total issue	Average issue
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over	Not stated				
Under 15	13	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	23	1.28
15	28	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	32	1.07
16	448	9	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	458	472	1.03
17	1,462	134	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,602	1,759	1.10
18	2,719	611	24	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3,355	4,036	1.20
19	4,231	1,509	152	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,901	7,774	1.32
20	5,207	2,654	326	30	3	—	—	—	—	—	8,220	11,679	1.42
21	6,321	3,770	661	71	7	—	—	—	—	—	10,830	16,233	1.50
22	6,749	4,809	1,072	157	25	3	—	—	—	—	12,815	20,458	1.60
23	7,601	5,594	1,650	265	35	8	3	—	—	—	15,156	25,164	1.66
24	7,696	6,465	2,144	364	77	12	2	—	—	—	16,760	29,126	1.74
25	7,121	7,033	2,566	540	102	14	3	—	—	—	17,379	31,800	1.83
26	6,356	7,179	3,143	694	134	29	15	—	2	17,552	33,995	1.94	
27	5,382	6,784	3,320	818	157	35	11	3	—	16,510	33,435	2.03	
28	4,226	5,946	3,513	934	230	41	15	8	—	14,913	32,107	2.15	
29	3,439	4,894	3,559	1,030	251	62	27	12	—	13,274	30,100	2.27	
30	2,773	4,076	3,340	1,142	302	110	36	21	—	11,800	28,264	2.40	
31	1,777	2,749	2,370	977	275	100	32	11	—	8,291	20,680	2.49	
32	1,367	1,899	1,858	902	290	97	36	22	2	6,473	16,893	2.61	
33	956	1,419	1,506	783	265	97	47	33	1	5,107	14,030	2.75	
34	736	1,011	1,070	610	216	123	44	32	—	3,842	10,867	2.83	
35	533	697	736	468	217	104	41	42	1	2,839	8,412	2.96	
36	433	516	543	357	204	110	63	64	—	2,290	7,244	3.16	
37	294	387	346	279	200	90	39	69	—	1,704	5,675	3.33	
38	240	248	280	223	135	83	43	53	—	1,305	4,449	3.41	
39	173	189	150	154	110	73	39	67	—	955	3,506	3.67	
40-44	293	264	247	212	193	144	94	211	1	1,659	6,913	4.17	
45-49	12	5	14	11	9	14	6	19	—	90	473	5.26	
50 and over	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	3.00	
Not stated	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5	2	1.00	
Total	78,588	70,859	34,596	11,032	3,438	1,349	596	667	10	201,135	405,607	2.02	
Cumulative percentage	39.1	74.3	91.5	97.0	98.7	99.4	99.7	100.0	100.0				

TABLE 11. NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND PREVIOUS ISSUE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1977

Number of married mothers with previous issue of													
Duration of marriage (years)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over	Not stated	Total confinements	Total issue	Average issue	
Under 1	17,625	983	117	27	4	—	1	—	—	18,757	20,224	1.08	
1 and under 2	17,095	3,253	197	24	10	4	—	—	—	20,583	24,511	1.19	
2 " " 3	13,871	9,034	548	42	6	2	1	1	2	23,507	34,012	1.45	
3 " " 4	11,000	12,930	1,682	137	19	2	1	1	2	25,774	42,815	1.66	
4 " " 5	7,774	12,790	3,367	290	39	4	1	4	—	24,269	45,079	1.86	
5 " " 6	4,758	11,290	4,971	722	90	9	2	—	—	21,842	45,857	2.10	
6 " " 7	2,808	8,335	5,508	1,106	158	21	8	3	—	17,947	41,594	2.32	
7 " " 8	1,615	5,144	5,244	1,363	255	33	8	2	—	13,664	34,777	2.55	
8 " " 9	837	2,927	4,254	1,529	304	69	14	5	1	9,940	27,737	2.79	
9 " " 10	424	1,706	2,933	1,390	394	93	27	9	—	6,976	21,066	3.02	
10 " " 15	603	2,175	5,102	3,563	1,451	639	263	162	2	13,960	48,992	3.51	
15 " " 20	72	199	557	709	586	366	198	284	2	2,973	14,120	4.75	
20 " " 25	10	16	58	77	80	84	54	151	—	530	3,269	6.17	
25 and over	—	1	5	7	5	8	6	25	—	57	418	7.33	
Not stated	96	76	53	46	37	15	12	20	1	356	1,136	3.20	
Total	78,588	70,859	34,596	11,032	3,438	1,349	596	667	10	201,135	405,607	2.02	

TABLE 12. NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: PREVIOUS ISSUE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1931 TO 1977

	Number of married mothers with previous issue of								
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over (a)	Total
Annual averages —									
1931–1935	34,364	25,466	16,502	10,507	6,724	4,483	2,974	4,948	105,968
1936–1940	44,120	29,456	16,381	9,419	5,679	3,642	2,302	3,971	114,790
1941–1945	54,222	38,435	21,180	10,833	5,835	3,396	2,068	3,198	139,167
1946–1950	63,414	51,295	28,547	13,911	6,683	3,570	2,057	2,980	172,457
1951–1955	63,062	56,020	35,943	18,415	8,569	4,175	2,176	2,878	191,238
1956–1960	65,695	57,532	40,920	22,968	11,299	5,558	2,824	3,251	210,047
1961–1965	69,281	57,971	40,818	23,612	12,125	6,160	3,199	3,663	216,829
1966–1970	80,999	62,930	37,446	18,899	8,961	4,489	2,326	2,887	218,937
1971–1975	88,120	74,641	36,914	15,216	6,006	2,805	1,374	1,599	226,675
Annual totals —									
1972	91,683	74,996	39,092	17,177	7,122	3,302	1,667	1,916	236,955
1973	85,707	74,004	35,694	14,444	5,779	2,642	1,364	1,648	221,282
1974	86,248	75,996	34,810	13,362	4,784	2,195	1,038	1,196	219,629
1975	81,543	73,456	33,036	11,653	3,979	1,873	814	913	207,267
1976	78,086	73,338	33,505	11,130	3,584	1,497	723	829	202,692
1977	78,588	70,859	34,596	11,032	3,438	1,349	596	677	201,135

(a) Includes nuptial confinements where previous issue was not stated.

TABLE 13. NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS (FIRST BIRTHS): AGE AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1977

Age of mother (years)	Duration of marriage											
	Months											
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Under 15	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
15	2	2	3	3	3	3	1	9	6	1	—	—
16	18	35	44	66	81	88	40	9	6	10	7	10
17	29	74	75	162	212	244	202	53	44	58	48	45
18	37	78	98	212	293	420	330	139	94	141	113	107
19	35	87	88	176	266	387	350	166	122	176	185	228
20	33	40	71	113	198	322	262	136	114	181	200	201
21	31	39	51	81	155	226	207	112	119	164	184	184
22	22	43	48	58	105	162	167	90	97	154	170	143
23	17	24	36	53	78	120	111	90	85	141	154	128
24	19	30	36	44	75	95	116	68	67	116	111	112
25	18	34	25	42	60	94	81	48	62	93	112	98
26	16	20	33	42	46	79	70	75	74	78	95	101
27	16	25	28	39	40	78	60	58	58	85	90	66
28	8	19	25	25	40	63	73	47	45	75	65	82
29	8	22	22	19	29	55	53	28	42	62	63	58
30	11	18	17	26	28	43	48	39	49	59	54	46
31	8	18	6	16	34	22	40	26	21	41	29	41
32	10	14	17	13	14	20	31	19	31	36	39	33
33	2	6	4	11	12	19	25	13	10	19	30	27
34	3	9	6	9	8	18	18	14	10	22	22	17
35	5	5	2	2	10	10	9	10	12	19	18	19
36	4	4	4	5	3	11	11	14	10	15	12	15
37	—	2	—	4	5	10	5	5	3	11	10	12
38	1	3	4	4	4	7	6	11	5	14	11	6
39	—	2	4	2	2	4	3	4	3	8	2	7
40-44	2	4	3	7	4	5	8	7	6	7	9	10
45 and over	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	357	657	750	1,237	1,805	2,605	2,328	1,281	1,189	1,787	1,833	1,796
Cumulative percentage	0.5	1.3	2.2	3.8	6.1	9.4	12.4	14.0	15.5	17.8	20.1	22.4

Age of mother (years)	Years															Total	Cumulative percentage
	Under 1	1 and under 2	2 and under 3	3 and under 4	4 and under 5	5 and under 6	6 and under 7	7 and under 8	8 and under 9	9 and under 10	10 and under 15	15 and over	Not stated				
Under 15	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	13	0.0		
15	18	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	28	0.1		
16	414	15	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	448	0.6		
17	1,246	188	17	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	1,462	2.5		
18	2,062	530	104	7	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	2,719	5.9		
19	2,266	1,555	326	65	6	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	11	4,231	11.3		
20	1,871	2,111	1,002	181	33	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5,207	18.0		
21	1,553	2,185	1,824	614	115	24	3	—	—	1	—	—	2	6,321	26.0		
22	1,259	1,802	1,995	1,277	349	47	13	2	—	—	—	—	5	6,749	34.6		
23	1,037	1,604	2,035	1,825	855	193	34	14	1	—	—	—	3	7,601	44.3		
24	889	1,289	1,586	1,915	1,339	533	126	15	4	—	—	—	—	7,696	54.0		
25	767	1,050	1,158	1,465	1,466	852	290	59	10	1	1	1	1	7,121	63.1		
26	729	853	906	1,075	1,145	953	478	175	32	5	4	—	1	6,356	71.2		
27	643	750	735	745	782	764	612	253	77	14	7	—	—	5,382	78.0		
28	567	656	553	520	538	459	418	312	143	41	18	—	1	4,226	83.4		
29	461	573	409	383	380	316	334	300	165	86	29	—	3	3,439	87.8		
30	438	491	346	291	271	244	194	194	157	77	68	—	2	2,773	91.3		
31	302	311	228	178	172	122	114	105	95	70	78	1	1	1,777	93.6		
32	277	275	160	131	99	93	66	67	52	43	103	1	—	1,367	95.3		
33	178	208	150	102	55	44	30	40	34	30	83	1	1	956	96.5		
34	156	180	88	68	55	37	20	20	22	14	68	7	1	736	97.5		
35	121	131	66	38	30	20	24	17	17	16	48	4	1	533	98.2		
36	108	98	54	39	26	13	18	14	15	6	30	12	—	433	98.7		
37	67	79	40	17	19	12	9	11	4	10	18	8	—	294	99.1		
38	76	53	23	20	11	9	9	3	3	2	21	10	—	240	99.4		
39	41	45	19	18	7	5	8	5	2	2	15	5	1	173	99.6		
40-44	72	60	39	23	18	13	7	8	4	5	12	31	1	293	100.0		
45 and over	3	1	4	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	12	100.0	
Not stated	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	100.0		
Total	17,625	17,095	13,871	11,000	7,774	4,758	2,808	1,615	837	424	603	82	96	78,588			
Cumulative percentage	22.4	44.2	61.8	75.8	85.7	91.8	95.3	97.4	98.5	99.0	99.8	99.9	100.0				

TABLE 14. LIVE BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS: STATE OR TERRITORY OF REGISTRATION, NUPITALITY AND PLURALITY, 1977

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
CONFINEMENTS (a)									
Nuptial confinements –									
Single births	68,412	54,159	29,784	17,055	17,778	5,867	1,940	4,275	199,270
Cases of twins	680	483	244	154	170	41	21	49	1,842
Cases of triplets	8	3	3	1	3	1	–	1	20
Cases of higher order confinements	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	3
<i>Total nuptial confinements</i>	<i>69,101</i>	<i>54,646</i>	<i>30,032</i>	<i>17,210</i>	<i>17,951</i>	<i>5,909</i>	<i>1,961</i>	<i>4,325</i>	<i>201,135</i>
Ex-nuptial confinements –									
Single births	8,112	4,303	4,582	1,860	2,491	775	569	261	22,953
Cases of twins and triplets	54	43	37	18	19	4	4	2	181
<i>Total ex-nuptial confinements</i>	<i>8,166</i>	<i>4,346</i>	<i>4,619</i>	<i>1,878</i>	<i>2,510</i>	<i>779</i>	<i>573</i>	<i>263</i>	<i>23,134</i>
Total confinements	77,267	58,992	34,651	19,088	20,461	6,688	2,534	4,588	224,269
MALE BIRTHS									
Nuptial births –									
Single births	34,997	28,028	15,367	8,793	9,275	2,994	1,040	2,207	102,701
Twins	650	469	249	154	180	36	21	50	1,809
Triplets	9	5	6	1	8	2	–	1	32
Higher order births	3	4	4	–	–	–	–	–	11
<i>Total nuptial births</i>	<i>35,659</i>	<i>28,506</i>	<i>15,626</i>	<i>8,948</i>	<i>9,463</i>	<i>3,032</i>	<i>1,061</i>	<i>2,258</i>	<i>104,553</i>
Ex-nuptial births –									
Single births	4,197	2,249	2,351	945	1,228	426	275	141	11,812
Twins and triplets	52	48	32	14	26	5	6	3	186
<i>Total ex-nuptial births</i>	<i>4,249</i>	<i>2,297</i>	<i>2,383</i>	<i>959</i>	<i>1,254</i>	<i>431</i>	<i>281</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>11,998</i>
Total male births	39,908	30,803	18,009	9,907	10,717	3,463	1,342	2,402	116,551
FEMALE BIRTHS									
Nuptial births –									
Single births	33,415	26,131	14,417	8,262	8,503	2,873	900	2,068	96,569
Twins	689	486	233	152	156	46	20	46	1,828
Triplets	14	4	3	2	1	1	–	2	27
Higher order births	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<i>Total nuptial births</i>	<i>34,118</i>	<i>26,621</i>	<i>14,653</i>	<i>8,416</i>	<i>8,660</i>	<i>2,920</i>	<i>920</i>	<i>2,116</i>	<i>98,424</i>
Ex-nuptial births –									
Single births	3,915	2,054	2,231	915	1,263	349	294	120	11,141
Twins and triplets	55	40	42	22	11	3	2	–	175
<i>Total ex-nuptial births</i>	<i>3,970</i>	<i>2,094</i>	<i>2,273</i>	<i>937</i>	<i>1,274</i>	<i>352</i>	<i>296</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>11,316</i>
Total female births	38,088	28,715	16,926	9,353	9,934	3,272	1,216	2,236	109,740
TOTAL BIRTHS (a)									
Nuptial births –									
Single births	68,412	54,159	29,784	17,055	17,778	5,867	1,940	4,275	199,270
Twins	1,339	955	482	306	336	82	41	96	3,637
Triplets	23	9	9	3	9	3	–	3	59
Higher order births	3	4	4	–	–	–	–	–	11
<i>Total nuptial births</i>	<i>69,777</i>	<i>55,127</i>	<i>30,279</i>	<i>17,364</i>	<i>18,123</i>	<i>5,952</i>	<i>1,981</i>	<i>4,374</i>	<i>202,977</i>
Ex-nuptial births –									
Single births	8,112	4,303	4,582	1,860	2,491	775	569	261	22,953
Twins and triplets	107	88	74	36	37	8	8	3	361
<i>Total ex-nuptial births</i>	<i>8,219</i>	<i>4,391</i>	<i>4,656</i>	<i>1,896</i>	<i>2,528</i>	<i>783</i>	<i>577</i>	<i>264</i>	<i>23,314</i>
Total births	77,996	59,518	34,935	19,260	20,651	6,735	2,558	4,638	226,291

(a) The number of births shown is the number of LIVE births, excluding any STILL births. This accounts for the apparent discrepancy between the total number of births occurring to confinements resulting in multiple births and the number of such confinements.

TABLE 15. CONFINEMENTS : AGE OF MOTHER, NUPTIALITY, PLURALITY AND SEX, AUSTRALIA, 1977

	Age of mother										
	Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over	Not stated	Total
NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS											
Single confinements --											
Males	13	5,807	32,486	40,643	18,221	4,607	868	53	1	2	102,701
Females	5	5,474	30,803	38,249	16,856	4,367	774	37	1	3	96,569
Total	18	11,281	63,289	78,892	35,077	8,974	1,642	90	2	5	199,270
Twins --											
2 males	--	26	191	248	153	54	6	--	--	--	678
1 male, 1 female	--	14	103	189	128	33	5	--	--	--	472
2 females	--	25	193	289	148	31	6	--	--	--	692
Total	--	65	487	726	429	118	17	--	--	--	1,842
Triplets --											
3 males	--	--	1	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	4
2 males, 1 female	--	--	1	3	2	1	--	--	--	--	7
1 male, 2 females	--	--	2	3	1	--	--	--	--	--	6
3 females	--	--	--	1	2	--	--	--	--	--	3
Total	--	--	4	9	6	1	--	--	--	--	20
Higher order confinements	--	--	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	3
Total nuptial confinements	18	11,346	63,781	79,628	35,513	9,093	1,659	90	2	5	201,135
EX-NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS											
Single confinements --											
Males	87	4,404	3,795	2,021	981	413	94	9	1	7	11,812
Females	56	4,199	3,540	2,001	906	341	84	11	--	3	11,141
Total	143	8,603	7,335	4,022	1,887	754	178	20	1	10	22,953
Twins --											
2 males	--	19	15	20	8	3	--	--	--	--	65
1 male, 1 female	--	8	11	14	7	9	2	--	--	--	51
2 females	--	22	22	10	5	2	1	--	--	--	62
Total	--	49	48	44	20	14	3	--	--	--	178
Triplets --											
3 males	--	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
2 males, 1 female	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1 male, 2 females	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3 females	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Total	--	1	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
Higher order confinements	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total ex-nuptial confinements	143	8,653	7,383	4,068	1,907	768	181	20	1	10	23,134
TOTAL CONFINEMENTS											
Single confinements --											
Males	100	10,211	36,281	42,664	19,202	5,020	962	62	2	9	114,513
Females	61	9,673	34,343	40,250	17,762	4,708	858	48	1	6	107,710
Total	161	19,884	70,624	82,914	36,964	9,728	1,820	110	3	15	222,223
Twins --											
2 males	--	45	206	268	161	57	6	--	--	--	743
1 male, 1 female	--	22	114	203	135	42	7	--	--	--	523
2 females	--	47	215	299	153	33	7	--	--	--	754
Total	--	114	535	770	449	132	20	--	--	--	2,020
Triplets --											
3 males	--	1	1	3	1	--	--	--	--	--	6
2 males, 1 female	--	--	1	3	2	1	--	--	--	--	7
1 male, 2 females	--	--	2	3	1	--	--	--	--	--	6
3 females	--	--	--	2	2	--	--	--	--	--	4
Total	--	1	4	11	6	1	--	--	--	--	23
Higher order confinements	--	--	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	3
Total confinements	161	19,999	71,164	83,696	37,420	9,861	1,840	110	3	15	224,269

TABLE 16. NUPTIAL MULTIPLE CONFINEMENTS: AGE OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1977

Age of father (years)	Age of mother (years)													
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Under 20	2	1	3	3	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	
20	—	2	4	6	5	5	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	
21	—	2	3	2	5	8	—	1	1	—	2	—	—	
22	—	—	1	5	5	11	7	5	1	1	1	—	—	
23	1	2	1	6	4	10	12	11	3	2	3	1	—	
24	—	1	3	1	6	9	15	15	26	8	3	2	—	
25	—	1	—	3	7	5	18	22	23	12	5	5	3	
26	—	—	—	4	6	6	17	10	21	23	18	10	5	
27	—	—	—	2	2	4	8	23	17	39	20	23	7	
28	—	1	—	1	3	6	8	8	13	18	9	21	21	
29	—	—	1	—	2	1	2	2	16	13	16	27	28	
30	—	—	—	—	2	2	5	7	7	7	18	24	20	
31	—	—	1	—	—	3	2	4	3	7	8	8	21	
32	—	—	—	1	—	1	5	3	2	3	6	10	9	
33	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	2	4	5	4	8	
34	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	1	3	5	5	
35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	3	5	4	
36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	2	4	1	
37	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	3	8	
38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	
39	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	
40	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	
41	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	
42	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	
43	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	
44	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
45-49	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	
50-54	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	
55 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	
Total	3	10	18	34	50	73	104	121	144	146	130	159	144	

Age of father (years)	Age of mother (years)												
	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40-44	Total
Under 20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13
20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24
21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24
22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37
23	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	59
24	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	91
25	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	110
26	2	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	127
27	6	2	3	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	160
28	7	6	3	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	129
29	21	16	4	2	3	2	1	1	—	1	—	—	159
30	22	14	7	5	5	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	150
31	24	17	13	4	2	3	1	—	2	1	—	—	124
32	19	23	10	4	3	1	2	3	—	—	1	—	106
33	13	14	12	13	6	6	4	1	1	1	—	—	99
34	6	16	11	10	6	2	2	3	1	—	—	—	75
35	7	10	9	11	7	7	2	2	1	—	—	1	75
36	9	5	9	5	5	5	3	3	4	1	—	—	60
37	6	5	1	4	6	4	4	2	4	—	—	—	53
38	3	4	4	5	2	4	3	4	6	1	—	4	45
39	2	2	4	3	2	3	3	2	5	2	1	—	34
40	2	1	2	—	2	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	14
41	—	—	2	2	4	1	—	1	1	1	3	1	18
42	—	1	—	1	—	2	1	1	1	—	2	2	15
43	1	1	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	2	3	—	14
44	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	53
45-49	2	1	1	3	1	2	3	3	1	2	—	5	29
50-54	—	3	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	—	1	2	10
55 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total	157	147	96	78	63	52	33	31	28	15	12	17	1,865

TABLE 17. NUPTIAL MULTIPLE CONFINEMENTS : AGE AND PREVIOUS ISSUE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1977

Age of mother	Previous issue of current marriage											
	0		1		2		3		4 and over		Total	
	Twins	Triplets	Twins	Triplets	Twins	Triplets	Twins	Triplets	Twins	Triplets	Twins	Triplets
Under 15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
17	8	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—
18	16	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	—
19	21	—	12	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	34	—
20	31	—	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50	—
21	40	—	28	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	73	—
22	48	—	46	—	9	—	—	1	—	—	103	1
23	58	1	47	1	9	1	3	—	1	—	118	3
24	70	—	52	1	20	—	1	—	—	—	143	1
25	48	—	64	2	25	—	6	—	1	—	144	2
26	47	1	51	—	24	—	4	—	3	—	129	1
27	59	1	62	—	25	—	10	—	2	—	158	1
28	40	3	60	—	27	—	9	—	5	—	141	3
29	52	1	47	1	39	1	12	—	4	—	154	3
30	35	—	46	2	35	—	19	—	10	—	145	2
31	21	—	29	—	31	2	7	—	6	—	94	2
32	17	1	17	1	20	1	14	—	7	—	75	3
33	14	—	17	—	18	—	8	—	6	—	63	—
34	9	—	14	—	16	—	6	—	7	—	52	—
35	7	1	10	—	4	—	6	—	5	—	32	1
36	5	—	10	—	6	—	3	—	7	—	31	—
37	5	—	11	—	4	—	3	—	5	—	28	—
38	3	—	2	—	4	—	2	—	4	—	15	—
39	—	—	4	—	1	—	3	—	4	—	12	—
40-44	1	—	4	—	3	—	4	—	5	—	17	—
45 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	658	9	656	8	325	5	121	1	82	—	1,842	23

TABLE 18. NUPTIAL MULTIPLE CONFINEMENTS : DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND PREVIOUS ISSUE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1977

Duration of marriage (years)	Previous issue of current marriage												Total	
	0		1		2		3		4 and over					
	Twins	Triplets	Twins	Triplets	Twins	Triplets	Twins	Triplets	Twins	Triplets	Twins	Triplets	Twins	Triplets
Under 1	143	1	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	149	2
1 and under 2	107	4	32	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	143	5
2 and under 3	113	—	89	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	206	—
3 and under 4	106	—	116	3	16	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	239	4
4 and under 5	67	—	112	1	25	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	208	1
5 and under 6	55	—	101	—	45	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	206	—
6 and under 7	30	3	77	—	42	—	14	1	1	—	—	—	164	4
7 and under 8	15	1	49	—	53	2	18	—	4	—	—	—	139	3
8 and under 9	9	—	24	—	38	1	17	—	5	—	—	—	93	1
9 and under 10	8	—	19	1	33	—	11	—	8	—	—	—	79	1
10 and under 15	5	—	21	1	60	1	39	—	47	—	—	—	172	2
15 and under 20	—	—	8	—	4	—	11	—	12	—	—	—	35	—
20 and over	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	6	—
Not stated	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
Total	658	9	656	8	325	5	121	1	82	—	—	—	1,842	23

TABLE 19. LIVE BIRTHS: STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER, STATE OR TERRITORY OF REGISTRATION OF BIRTH, NUPTIALITY AND SEX, 1977

State of usual residence	State of registration									
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
TOTAL BIRTHS										
New South Wales -	Male	39,574	209	103	23	5	2	2	178	40,096
	Female	37,732	217	93	17	4	2	-	141	38,206
	Total	77,306	426	196	40	9	4	2	319	78,302
Victoria -	Male	126	30,474	17	39	3	1	-	7	30,667
	Female	138	28,378	13	42	4	-	1	1	28,577
	Total	264	58,852	30	81	7	1	1	8	59,244
Queensland -	Male	141	11	17,871	7	3	-	-	1	18,034
	Female	136	12	16,782	6	-	1	4	1	16,942
	Total	277	23	34,653	13	3	1	4	2	34,976
South Australia -	Male	9	11	1	9,813	3	-	18	1	9,856
	Female	11	12	4	9,266	2	-	19	-	9,314
	Total	20	23	5	19,079	5	-	37	1	19,170
Western Australia -	Male	9	8	6	8	10,696	1	4	-	10,732
	Female	11	4	8	8	9,921	-	3	1	9,956
	Total	20	12	14	16	20,617	1	7	1	20,688
Tasmania -	Male	4	12	1	1	-	3,457	-	-	3,475
	Female	2	8	4	5	-	3,266	-	-	3,285
	Total	6	20	5	6	-	6,723	-	-	6,760
Northern Territory -	Male	9	8	10	14	6	2	1,316	-	1,365
	Female	9	6	21	9	2	1	1,188	-	1,236
	Total	18	14	31	23	8	3	2,504	-	2,601
Australian Capital Territory -	Male	36	2	-	2	1	-	2	2,215	2,258
	Female	49	1	1	-	1	2	1	2,092	2,147
	Total	85	3	1	2	2	2	3	4,307	4,405
Not stated -	Male	-	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	68
	Female	-	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	77
	Total	-	145	-	-	-	-	-	-	145
Total births -	Male	39,908	30,803	18,009	9,907	10,717	3,463	1,342	2,402	116,551
	Female	38,088	28,715	16,926	9,353	9,934	3,272	1,216	2,236	109,740
	Total	77,996	59,518	34,935	19,260	20,651	6,735	2,558	4,638	226,291
EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS										
New South Wales -	Male	4,182	38	21	6	1	1	-	24	4,273
	Female	3,917	29	22	6	2	-	-	19	3,995
	Total	8,099	67	43	12	3	1	-	43	8,268
Victoria -	Male	18	2,227	5	10	1	-	-	3	2,264
	Female	11	2,041	3	8	1	-	-	-	2,064
	Total	29	4,268	8	18	2	-	-	3	4,328
Queensland -	Male	32	5	2,353	-	-	-	-	-	2,390
	Female	30	3	2,241	2	-	1	3	-	2,280
	Total	62	8	4,594	2	-	1	3	-	4,670
South Australia -	Male	2	3	1	939	2	-	9	-	956
	Female	3	3	1	915	-	-	12	-	934
	Total	5	6	2	1,854	2	-	21	-	1,890
Western Australia -	Male	3	3	2	3	1,250	-	2	-	1,263
	Female	2	-	-	2	1,271	-	1	-	1,276
	Total	5	3	2	5	2,521	-	3	-	2,539
Tasmania -	Male	3	4	-	-	-	430	-	-	437
	Female	1	2	2	1	-	351	-	-	357
	Total	4	6	2	1	-	781	-	-	794
Northern Territory -	Male	-	1	1	-	-	-	270	-	272
	Female	-	1	4	3	-	-	280	-	288
	Total	-	2	5	3	-	-	550	-	560
Australian Capital Territory -	Male	9	2	-	1	-	-	-	117	129
	Female	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	101	107
	Total	15	2	-	1	-	-	-	218	236
Not stated -	Male	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
	Female	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
	Total	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	29
Total ex-nuptial births -	Male	4,249	2,297	2,383	959	1,254	431	281	144	11,998
	Female	3,970	2,094	2,273	937	1,274	352	296	120	11,316
	Total	8,219	4,391	4,656	1,896	2,528	783	577	264	23,314

TABLE 20. NUPITAL CONFINEMENTS : BIRTHPLACE OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1977

Birthplace of father	Birthplace of mother												
	Europe												
	Aust- ralia	New Zealand	Austria	Germany	Great Britain and Ireland	Greece	Hungary	Italy	Malta	Nether- lands	Poland	Yugo- slavia	Other
Australia	127,479	952	158	1,082	7,830	129	72	531	387	1,243	88	137	404
New Zealand	1,161	471	—	16	126	3	2	6	6	23	1	7	16
Europe —													
Austria	277	6	34	41	51	—	2	4	5	10	3	3	12
Germany	1,753	28	26	329	231	6	8	20	14	47	46	23	43
Great Britain and Ireland	9,923	177	20	223	5,927	12	13	69	75	201	14	22	93
Greece	571	9	1	13	51	3,560	5	18	7	7	4	15	24
Hungary	163	4	4	16	21	4	73	1	—	5	2	12	13
Italy	2,488	25	9	43	205	17	8	4,354	63	33	10	37	58
Malta	664	6	4	13	97	2	1	13	1,096	18	2	4	5
Netherlands	1,845	24	4	41	209	4	3	18	12	474	3	3	18
Poland	135	2	1	33	12	1	1	3	1	5	116	2	20
Yugoslavia	532	5	20	62	62	25	10	72	13	17	17	3,124	26
Other	806	16	8	58	139	14	18	31	5	19	29	21	838
Asia —													
China	118	1	1	6	13	1	3	1	—	—	1	2	9
Cyprus	100	2	—	2	15	24	1	—	—	—	—	1	2
India	264	4	4	5	71	1	—	3	1	8	2	2	5
Lebanon	140	5	2	5	20	5	1	3	2	1	—	1	4
Sri Lanka	100	1	1	3	12	1	1	2	—	1	—	1	4
Other	630	16	—	24	98	18	5	9	3	26	6	13	19
Africa —													
United Arab Republic	236	3	—	8	34	60	3	20	6	6	4	3	12
Other	356	12	1	6	89	3	—	16	4	10	4	4	18
America —													
Canada	143	5	—	4	14	—	—	1	1	4	—	—	6
U.S.A.	335	5	2	14	49	1	2	3	1	5	—	—	7
Other	92	3	1	2	21	—	—	14	2	2	—	—	19
Pacific Islands	108	4	—	2	10	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Other and not stated	175	4	—	4	12	6	—	—	14	—	—	1	—
Total nuptial confinements	150,594	1,790	301	2,055	15,419	3,897	232	5,212	1,718	2,167	352	3,438	1,675

TABLE 20. NUPITAL CONFINEMENTS : BIRTHPLACE OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1977 - continued

Birthplace of father	Birthplace of mother													Other and not stated	Total
	Asia					Africa			America			Pacific Islands			
	China	Cyprus	India	Lebanon	Sri Lanka	Other	United Arab Republic	Other	Canada	U.S.A.	Other				
Australia	54	38	197	48	71	672	134	340	135	339	96	135	176	142,927	
New Zealand	1	-	6	1	-	25	1	5	3	13	4	8	3	1,908	
Europe -															
Austria	1	-	2	-	-	12	-	2	1	-	2	1	-	469	
Germany	10	1	6	-	1	40	11	18	5	6	7	12	8	2,699	
Great Britain and Ireland	17	6	66	4	18	170	25	100	32	51	41	27	21	17,347	
Greece	2	97	1	3	-	20	52	6	-	-	6	1	5	4,478	
Hungary	-	-	2	-	-	15	-	4	2	1	3	-	-	345	
Italy	6	3	5	3	4	26	53	40	1	2	31	5	3	7,532	
Malta	-	2	1	-	1	5	8	9	1	-	2	-	17	1,971	
Netherlands	2	2	6	2	5	32	4	10	2	8	5	7	4	2,747	
Poland	2	-	2	-	-	16	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	356	
Yugoslavia	3	1	5	1	-	18	6	10	1	2	12	3	1	4,048	
Other	10	3	2	3	1	71	9	28	1	10	42	8	1	2,191	
Asia -															
China	248	-	-	1	-	192	-	-	2	4	-	7	2	612	
Cyprus	-	480	-	-	-	10	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	642	
India	1	1	404	-	5	39	1	3	2	5	3	4	2	840	
Lebanon	-	1	1	2,463	1	80	10	9	-	2	9	1	-	2,766	
Sri Lanka	-	1	7	-	162	8	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	308	
Other	88	14	20	90	4	1,726	22	11	3	6	6	10	8	2,875	
Africa -															
United Arab Republic	-	7	1	16	-	14	392	8	1	1	2	1	-	838	
Other	-	-	6	10	-	12	10	317	1	2	4	3	1	889	
America -															
Canada	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	44	1	1	-	-	229	
U.S.A.	2	-	3	1	-	16	-	1	8	233	4	2	-	694	
Other	-	-	1	4	-	3	-	2	-	2	669	2	-	839	
Pacific Islands	4	-	4	-	-	10	-	2	-	-	-	125	-	271	
Other and not stated	2	2	-	-	-	10	1	1	-	1	-	1	80	314	
Total nuptial confinements	453	659	748	2,650	274	3,245	741	931	246	691	950	364	333	201,135	

TABLE 21. LIVE BIRTHS : AGE AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1977

<i>Birthplace of mother</i>	<i>Age of mother</i>									<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Under 15</i>	<i>15-19</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-29</i>	<i>30-34</i>	<i>35-39</i>	<i>40-44</i>	<i>45-49</i>	<i>50 and over</i>		
Australia	148	16,589	57,059	63,790	26,578	6,475	1,201	75	1	6	171,922
New Zealand	1	122	608	880	487	94	12	—	—	—	2,204
Germany	—	62	356	1,026	686	84	18	2	—	—	2,234
Great Britain and Ireland	8	1,327	4,545	6,405	3,719	1,000	181	13	1	—	17,199
Greece	—	284	1,211	1,215	835	365	65	4	—	—	3,979
Italy	—	176	1,448	2,167	982	452	115	5	—	1	5,346
Malta	—	61	490	755	358	104	22	1	—	—	1,791
Netherlands	—	71	530	1,029	531	126	18	1	—	—	2,306
Poland	—	7	68	164	85	34	10	—	—	—	368
Yugoslavia	1	363	1,258	1,198	503	240	46	2	1	1	3,613
Other Europe	—	123	548	906	604	221	36	1	—	—	2,439
Asia	1	703	2,422	3,063	1,490	498	100	6	—	—	8,283
Africa	—	74	463	710	388	114	8	—	—	—	1,757
America	—	72	419	856	502	138	17	—	—	—	2,004
Other and not stated	2	78	273	307	123	45	11	—	—	7	846
Total	161	20,112	71,698	84,471	37,871	9,990	1,860	110	3	15	226,291