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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

Registration of births is the responsibility of individual State and Territory Registrars and is based on the data provided in an information form completed by one of the parents. This information form is the basis of the data provided to the ABS, by individual Registrars, for compilation into the aggregate statistics in this publication. There is a high commonality of data items collected across States and Territories and thus statistics at the national level are available for most characteristics. Some States, however, collect additional information and this is available on request from that State or States.

Date of occurrence and date of registration

2. The statistics in this publication refer to births registered by the State and Territory Registrars during the calendar year shown. There is usually an interval between the occurrence and registration of a birth and, as a result of delay in registration, some births occurring in one year are not registered until the following year or even later. However, 98 per cent of all births are usually registered within 3 months of occurrence.

Statistics for States and Territories

3. This is the second year that statistics for States and Territories have been compiled and presented in respect of the State or Territory of usual residence of the mother. Statistics in previous years were presented on the basis of the State or Territory of registration. To aid comparison of the number of births on the basis of registration and the number on the basis of usual residence of the mother, summary statistics on the basis of registration are presented in Tables 22 and 23. Table 24 shows the number of births cross-classified by State of usual residence and by State of registration. Births which took place outside Australia are excluded from the statistics.

4. In 1984 there were abnormal delays in the registration process in the N.S.W. Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. The estimated number of registrations of births which normally would have been expected in N.S.W. in 1984 was 81,752, or 4,438 more than the actual registrations of 77,314. The effect of this can be seen in the following table

	Actual	Estimated normal
Registrations—		
NSW	77,314	81,752
Australia	234,034	238,472
Crude birth rate—		
NSW	14.3	15.1
Australia	15.0	15.3
Total Fertility rate—		
Australia	1845	1880
Gross reproduction rate—		
Australia	0.901	0.918
Net reproduction rate—		
Australia	0.855	0.902

Definitions

5. *Births.* For statistics in this publication, the term birth relates, unless otherwise stated, to *live births*, 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.

6. *Confinements* are the number 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.

7. *Nuptiality.* Live births are identified as *nuptial* where the father registered was married to the mother at the time of the 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.

8. *Previous issue.* Tables relating to previous issue exclude fetal deaths and the issue of former marriages. However, in some States they include children by the same father who were born to the mother before the marriage, as well as legitimated and legally adopted children.

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

10. *Age-specific birth rates* are the live births registered during the calendar year, according to age of mother, per 1,000 of the female resident 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.

11. *Total fertility rate* is obtained by summing the 5-year age-specific birth rates and multiplying by 5. It represents the number of children 1,000 women would bear during their lifetimes if they experienced the rates of the year shown.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. The *sex ratio of births* is the number of male live births per 100 female live births.

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

Break in continuity of series

16. *Aboriginal births.* 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.

Additional statistics available

17. In some cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published. This information may be made available in one or more of the following forms: microfiche, photocopy, data tape, computer print-out and/or clerically-extracted tabulation. Generally, a

charge is made for providing unpublished information. Information on what unpublished data can be provided is available on application.

Related publications

18. Other ABS publications which may be of interest to users of this publication include:

Demography, No. 87, 1971 (Ref. No. 4.9) which includes the number of live births registered and crude birth rates for each year from 1901 to 1971.

Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0) — issued quarterly

Deaths, Australia, 1983 (3302.0)

Perinatal Deaths, Australia, 1983 (3304.0)

19. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- nil or rounded to zero
- break in continuity of series (where a line is drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

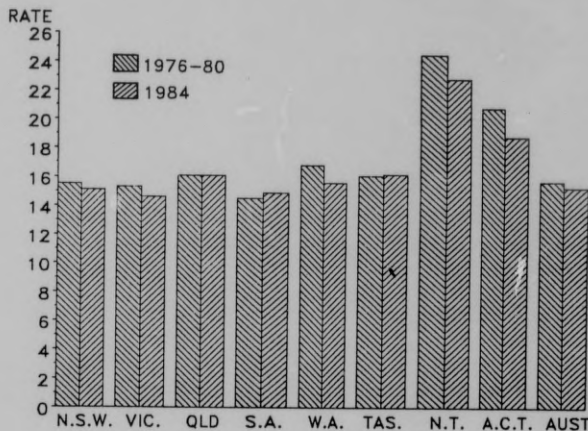
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

234,034 live births were registered in Australia during 1984, a decrease of 4 per cent compared with 1983 and 2 per cent compared with 1982. However, in 1984 there were abnormal delays in the registration process in the New South Wales Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, and it is estimated that some 4,440 more births would have been registered under normal circumstances (see paragraph 4 of Explanatory Notes). If these additional New South Wales births are included, then the decrease compared with 1983 would be 2 per cent and the number of births in 1984 would be only marginally less than the number in 1982.

Crude birth rates

The crude birth rate declined for the first time in 4 years from 15.8 per 1,000 population in 1983 to 15.0 in 1984. When adjusted for under-registration in New South Wales, however, the crude birth rate is estimated to be 15.3 per 1,000 population, a decline of 3 per cent from 1983. The largest declines were in the birth rates for Queensland, which declined from 17.0 in 1983 to 16.1 in 1984, and for Western Australia, from 16.9 in 1983 to 15.6 in 1984. Victoria and South Australia continue to have the lowest birth rates, 14.6 and 14.9 respectively in 1984.

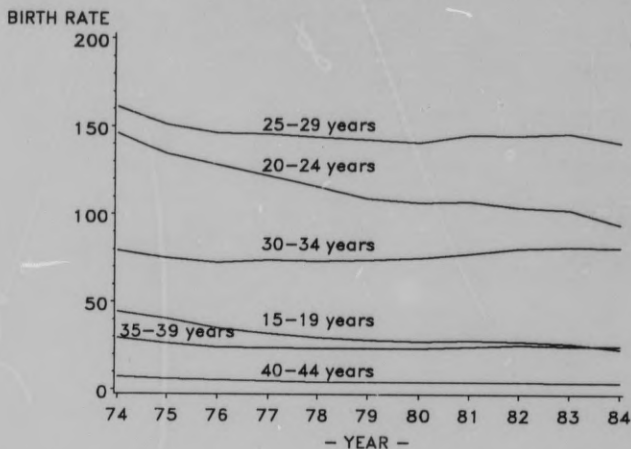
CRUDE BIRTH RATES - STATES AND TERRITORIES



Age-specific birth rates

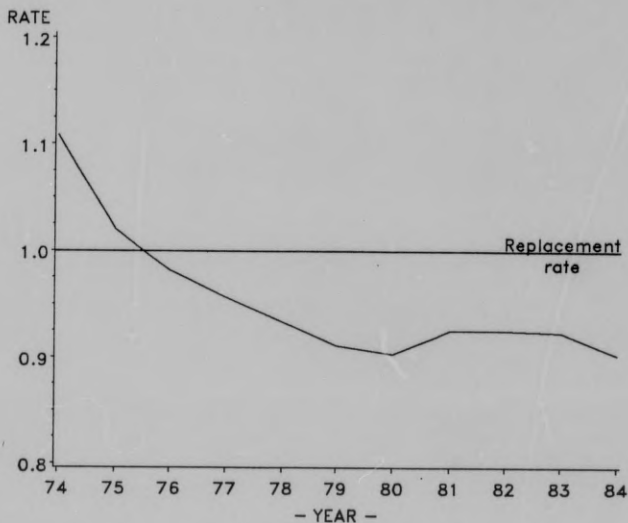
The decline since the early 1970s in the birth rates of those aged 15-19 and 20-24 has become sharper in 1984. For the age group 15-19, the birth rate declined from 26.5 per 1,000 females in 1983 to 23.2 in 1984; for the age group 20-24, the decline was from 102.7 in 1983 to 94.2 in 1984. Adjustments for under-registration of New South Wales births would reduce the decline slightly but the decline in 1983 and 1984 would still be greater than in the previous years. The birth rate for the 25-29 age group, which experienced a modest increase in 1983, declined in 1984, from 146.1 to 140.8 in 1984. Despite this decline the 25-29 and 30-34 age groups continue to have the highest fertility, accounting for 60.2 per cent of total fertility in 1984, compared with 58.9 per cent in 1983 and 58.2 per cent in 1982.

AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES, AUSTRALIA, 1974-1984 (AGE GROUP)



The net reproduction rate (see graph below), which has been below the replacement level of 1.0 since 1976, continued to decline to 0.885 in 1984 (or 0.902 if adjusted for under-registration of N.S.W. births).

NET REPRODUCTION RATE, AUSTRALIA, 1974-1984



Duration of marriage and age of mother at birth

The median duration of marriage for first confinements has remained unchanged since 1981 at 2.3 years. The median age of mother at birth of the first child has, however, continued to increase. In 1984, it was 26.0 years compared with 25.7 years in 1983 and 25.5 years in 1982.

Ex-nuptial births

34,629 ex-nuptial births were registered in 1984, a decline of 3 per cent compared with 1983. A part of this decline is however, due to the under-registration of births in New South Wales. As a proportion of all births, ex-nuptial births rose slightly from 14.7 per cent to 14.8 per cent in 1984.

EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL BIRTHS, AUSTRALIA, 1974-1984

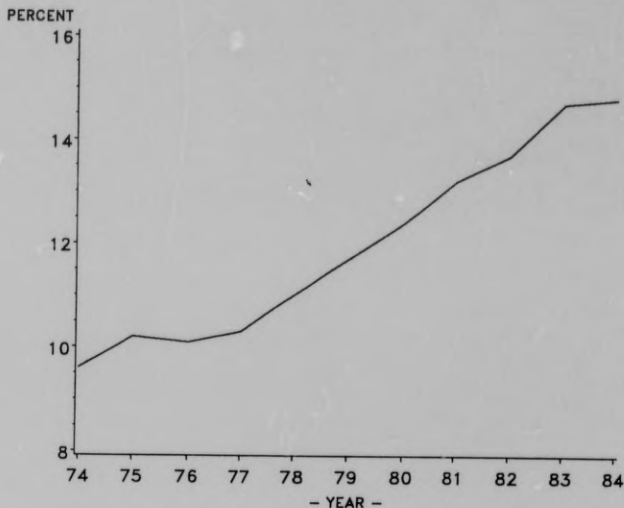


TABLE 1. LIVE BIRTHS: STATES AND TERRITORIES (USUAL RESIDENCE BASIS)(a), 1979 TO 1984

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
MALES									
Annual totals-									
1979	39858	29643	18150	9474	10423	3438	1456	2171	114613
1980	41159	29771	18077	9420	10542	3493	1340	2144	115948
1981	42280	30268	20136	9769	11355	3674	1606	2082	121170
1982	43096	30702	20957	9916	11401	3616	1456	2110	123254
1983	42706	30695	21733	10211	11910	3651	1557	2095	124558
1984	(b) 39885	30404	20840	10276	11152	3582	1629	2048	(b) 119816
FEMALES									
Annual totals-									
1979	37611	27985	17070	8939	10092	3351	1392	2076	108516
1980	38642	28251	16924	9010	10110	3281	1262	2099	109379
1981	39691	29016	18799	9502	10545	3556	1503	2060	114672
1982	40812	29174	19642	9283	10860	3423	1458	1997	116649
1983	40601	29233	20352	9619	11177	3411	1570	2049	118012
1984	(b) 38109	29081	19606	9776	10473	3550	1562	2061	(b) 114218
TOTAL									
Annual totals-									
1979	77469	57628	35220	18413	20515	6789	2848	4247	223129
1980	79801	58022	35001	18430	20652	6776	2602	4243	225527
1981	81971	59284	38935	19271	21900	7230	3109	4142	235842
1982	83908	59876	40599	19199	22261	7039	2914	4107	239903
1983	83307	59928	42085	19830	23087	7062	3127	4144	242570
1984	(a) 77994	59485	40446	20052	21625	7132	3191	4109	(b) 234034

(a) Based on States and Territories of usual residence of the mother. (b) The figures, for N.S.W. and Australia, have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 2. CRUDE BIRTH RATES: STATES AND TERRITORIES (USUAL RESIDENCE BASIS)(a), 1979 TO 1984

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
Annual rates-									
1979	15.2	14.8	15.9	14.2	16.5	16.1	24.9	19.2	15.4
1980	15.4	14.8	15.4	14.1	16.3	16.0	21.9	18.9	15.3
1981	15.7	15.0	16.6	14.6	16.8	16.9	25.2	18.2	15.8
1982	15.8	15.0	16.8	14.4	16.7	16.4	22.5	17.8	15.8
1983	15.5	14.8	17.0	14.8	16.9	16.3	23.3	17.5	15.8
1984	(b) 14.4	14.6	16.1	14.9	15.6	15.2	22.8	18.8	(b) 15.0

(a) Based on States and Territories of usual residence of the mother. (b) The rates, for N.S.W. and Australia, have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes.

Table 3. LIVE BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS: AGE GROUP OF MOTHER, STATES AND TERRITORIES (USUAL RESIDENCE BASIS)(a), 1984

Age group (years)	N.S.W.(b)	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia(b)
MALE BIRTHS									
Under 20	2430	1422	1691	647	744	300	250	62	7546
20 - 24	10689	7314	6021	2921	3075	1118	468	415	32021
25 - 29	15064	12203	7846	4056	4396	1361	537	806	46269
30 - 34	8696	7164	3962	2033	2322	614	275	557	25623
35 - 39	2599	2023	1147	548	547	172	83	180	7299
40 and over	407	274	173	67	68	17	15	24	1045
Not stated	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	4	13
Total	39885	30404	20840	10276	11152	3582	1629	2048	119816
FEMALE BIRTHS									
Under 20	2332	1245	1593	631	685	286	234	76	7082
20 - 24	10145	7014	5867	2720	2953	1132	484	391	30706
25 - 29	14371	11572	7072	3875	3992	1290	464	820	43456
30 - 34	8442	6905	3787	1952	2161	634	284	561	24726
35 - 39	2457	2062	1121	526	600	186	84	183	7219
40 and over	362	280	165	70	82	22	9	26	1016
Not stated	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	4	13
Total	38109	29081	19606	9776	10473	3550	1562	2061	114218
TOTAL BIRTHS									
Under 20	4762	2667	3284	1278	1429	586	484	138	14628
20 - 24	20834	14328	11888	5641	6028	2250	952	806	62727
25 - 29	29435	23775	14918	7931	8388	2651	1001	1626	89725
30 - 34	17138	14069	7749	3985	4483	1248	559	1118	50349
35 - 39	5056	4085	2268	1074	1147	358	167	363	14518
40 and over	769	554	338	137	150	39	24	50	2061
Not stated	-	7	-	6	-	-	4	8	26
Total births	77994	59485	40446	20052	21625	7132	3191	4109	234034
CONFINEMENTS(c)									
Under 20	4728	2644	3265	1270	1413	582	482	138	14522
20 - 24	20646	14227	11806	5609	5978	2233	945	796	62240
25 - 29	29105	23526	14763	7872	8303	2632	992	1604	88797
30 - 34	16894	13895	7665	3939	4418	1233	549	1099	49692
35 - 39	4979	4033	2240	1068	1131	355	164	357	14327
40 and over	763	548	333	135	149	39	23	49	2039
Not stated	-	7	-	6	-	-	4	8	26
Total confinements	77115	58880	40073	19899	21392	7074	3159	4051	231643

(a) Based on State or Territory of usual residence of mother. (b) The figures, for N.S.W. and Australia, have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes (c) Resulting in one or more live births.

TABLE 4. AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES AND TOTAL FERTILITY RATES, STATES AND TERRITORIES (USUAL RESIDENCE BASIS) (a), 1984

Age group (years)	N.S.W.(b)	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia(b)
15 - 19(c)	22.7	15.6	31.6	23.1	24.7	31.7	84.5	13.5	23.2
20 - 24	91.3	81.5	111.2	96.6	101.2	116.4	141.2	74.1	96.2
25 - 29	134.0	142.2	148.3	144.4	142.7	148.2	138.6	149.8	140.8
30 - 34	80.6	86.8	79.6	74.8	77.5	74.8	80.8	93.2	81.4
35 - 39	25.0	26.8	24.5	21.3	21.9	23.0	29.7	32.6	24.9
40 - 44	4.6	4.5	4.5	3.4	3.4	3.1	6.2	6.2	4.3
45 - 49(d)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.1	2.0	1.3	0.3
Total fertility rate	1793	1789	2000	1820	1857	1987	2415	1853	1845

(a) Based on States and Territories of usual residence of the mother. (b) The rates, for N.S.W. and Australia, have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes. (c) Includes births to mothers aged less than 15. (d) Includes births to mothers aged 50 and over.

TABLE 5. AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES AND TOTAL FERTILITY RATES, AUSTRALIA, 1951 TO 1984

	Age group (years)						Total fertility rate
	15-19(a)	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49(b)
Average annual rates-							
1951 - 1955	39.5	192.8	193.0	123.5	65.0	20.5	1.5
1956 - 1960	44.2	216.4	211.5	126.1	63.9	19.0	1.5
1961 - 1965	46.5	204.0	207.7	122.4	59.2	17.5	1.2
1966 - 1970	49.4	172.6	187.5	103.0	46.8	12.9	1.0
1971 - 1975	48.0	154.0	166.9	85.0	33.7	8.5	0.6
1976 - 1980	30.7	116.4	143.9	73.8	23.8	4.8	0.3
Annual rates-							
1979	28.5	109.2	142.5	73.9	23.6	4.6	0.3
1980	27.6	107.0	141.0	75.1	23.7	4.4	0.3
1981	28.2	107.5	145.2	77.6	24.5	4.5	0.3
1982	27.4	104.0	145.0	80.6	25.6	4.5	0.3
1983	26.5	102.7	146.1	81.5	25.0	4.3	0.2
1984(c)	23.2	94.2	140.8	81.4	24.9	4.3	0.3

(a) Includes births to mothers aged less than 15. (b) Includes births to mothers aged 50 and over. (c) The rates, for 1984, have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 6. FEMALE GROSS AND NET REPRODUCTION RATES, AUSTRALIA, 1947 TO 1984

	Female gross reproduction rate	Female net reproduction rate	
		Rate	Life table experience on which rate is based
1947(a)	1.494	1.416	1946-1948
1954(a)	1.559	1.499	1953-1955
1961(a)	1.728	1.672	1960-1962
1966(a)	1.401	1.357	1965-1967
1971(a)	1.403	1.362	1970-1972
1976(a)	1.004	0.981	1975-1977
1981(a)	0.942	0.925	1980-1982
1982(b)	0.942	0.925	1982
1983(b)	0.940	0.923	1983
1984(b)(c)	0.901	0.885	1983

- (a) Net reproduction rates are based on life tables prepared by the Australian Government Actuary for the three years surrounding each census. The latest available are those for 1980-1982.
 (b) Net reproduction rates are based on Annual Life Tables calculated by the Australian Statistician. Because of the method of calculation, these figures are subject to annual fluctuation which may not be indicative of a longer term trend.
 (c) The rates, for 1984, have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 7. LIVE BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS(a): NUPTIALITY AND PLURALITY, STATES AND TERRITORIES (USUAL RESIDENCE BASIS)(b), 1984

	N.S.W.(c)	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia(c)
LIVE BIRTHS									
Nuptial -									
Single	64573	51867	32867	16869	17736	5950	1747	3602	195211
Twins	1503	1080	630	267	385	96	20	108	4089
Triplets and quads	47	19	12	12	15	-	-	-	105
Total nuptial	66123	52966	33509	17148	18136	6046	1767	3710	199405
Ex-nuptial -									
Single	11653	6415	6829	2878	3425	1066	1380	391	34037
Twins and triplets	218	104	108	26	64	20	44	8	592
Total ex-nuptial	11871	6519	6937	2904	3489	1086	1424	399	34629
Total births	77994	59485	40446	20052	21625	7132	3191	4109	234034
CONFINEMENTS(d)									
Nuptial -									
Single	64573	51867	32867	16869	17736	5950	1747	3602	195211
Twins	762	540	319	134	193	48	10	54	2060
Triplets and quads	16	6	4	4	5	-	-	-	35
Total nuptial	65351	52413	33190	17007	17934	5998	1757	3656	197306
Ex-nuptial -									
Single	11653	6415	6829	2878	3425	1066	1380	391	34037
Twins and triplets	111	52	54	14	33	10	22	4	300
Total ex-nuptial	11764	6467	6883	2892	3458	1076	1402	395	34337
Total Confinements	77115	58880	40073	19899	21392	7074	3159	4051	231643

(a) The apparent discrepancy between the number of births occurring in multiple confinements and the number of births which can be expected to arise from such confinements is due to the exclusion of fetal deaths. (b) Based on State or Territory of usual residence of mother. (c) The figures, for N.S.W. and Australia, have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes. (d) Resulting in one or more live births.

TABLE 8. CONFINEMENTS: MEDIAN AGES OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1951 TO 1984

	Median age (years)				
	Fathers of nuptial children	Mothers of -			Total mothers
		First nuptial children	All nuptial children	Ex-nuptial children	
Annual averages-					
1951 - 1955	30.2	24.1	27.4	24.5	27.3
1956 - 1960	30.4	23.6	27.2	24.2	27.1
1961 - 1965	30.0	23.1	26.5	22.5	26.4
1966 - 1970	29.1	23.1	25.9	21.4	25.7
1971 - 1975	28.5	23.7	25.9	21.1	25.6
1976 - 1980	29.3	24.8	26.6	21.6	26.3
Annual-					
1979	29.5	25.1	26.9	21.6	26.5
1980	29.6	25.2	27.0	21.9	26.6
1981	29.8	25.3	27.1	22.1	26.7
1982	29.9	25.5	27.3	22.2	26.8
1983	30.0	25.7	27.4	22.5	26.9
1984	30.2	26.0	27.6	22.8	27.1

TABLE 9. CONFINEMENTS(a): RELATIVE AGES OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1984

Age of father (years)(b)	Age of mother (years)																			
	Under																			
	18	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31					
Under 20	155	194	172	109	37	21	17	10	6	-	6	-	-	-	-					
20	123	221	294	322	156	81	52	31	16	8	10	6	3	3	-					
21	113	220	473	620	491	332	184	100	51	42	24	10	10	7	6					
22	65	218	448	753	952	788	427	242	138	93	47	36	36	33	12					
23	60	164	416	771	1253	1431	1134	637	312	195	132	89	37	33	33					
24	41	111	289	466	880	1461	1478	777	400	222	140	99	57	53	42					
25	24	76	229	436	880	1461	2217	2255	1856	946	474	277	161	108	57					
26	19	68	152	337	642	1102	1834	2340	2461	2012	1042	449	288	168	108					
27	14	49	110	240	482	867	1346	2084	2625	2750	1957	990	505	302	172					
28	12	24	83	189	340	613	1022	1590	2153	2792	2739	1963	982	573	284					
29	13	18	54	128	247	409	725	1066	1631	2150	2667	2509	1798	872	490					
30	3	22	38	91	193	334	527	798	1196	1662	2140	2482	2347	1630	827					
31	5	11	29	54	136	205	340	539	787	1156	1594	1962	2347	1630	827					
32	3	11	25	62	110	184	264	434	593	818	1172	1433	1692	1861	1661					
33	-	8	13	31	51	83	131	220	334	442	595	734	943	1052	1150					
34	-	-	-	8	22	48	75	116	168	241	327	426	502	616	754					
35	-	-	-	4	6	17	37	48	97	123	188	247	284	405	538					
36	-	-	-	4	4	10	36	42	65	95	142	174	255	285	373					
37	-	-	-	3	5	4	14	34	35	57	86	123	165	199	227					
38	-	-	-	5	3	9	31	37	50	70	89	92	127	177	225					
39	-	-	-	-	10	12	16	35	40	49	57	71	97	115	122					
40	-	-	-	-	4	4	10	10	28	20	34	61	60	89	93					
41	-	-	-	-	3	11	10	12	21	33	24	47	48	74	75					
42	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	16	14	22	26	30	48	74	75					
43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	8	10	14	25	26	44	48					
44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	10	14	25	26	44	48	62					
45-49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	15	22	36	46	53	63	94					
50 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	12	11	26	22	36	32	40					
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	-					
Total nuptial confinements	662	1445	2886	4935	7346	10017	12680	14785	16283	17300	17222	16057	14776	12856	11178					
Ex-nuptial confinements	3783	2789	2957	2888	2746	2510	2294	2039	1759	1552	1435	1319	1094	987	795					
Total confinements	4445	4234	5843	7823	10092	12527	14974	16824	18042	18852	18657	17376	15870	13843	11973					

	Age of mother (years)										Total nuptial confinements	Ex-nuptial confinements	Total confinements			
	Under															
	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40 and over	Not stated						
Under 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	732	-	732			
20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1336	-	1336			
21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2671	-	2671			
22	8	5	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4293	-	4293			
23	10	15	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6735	-	6735			
24	22	15	12	10	7	3	3	-	-	-	9000	-	9000			
25	42	27	18	10	3	6	-	-	-	-	11572	-	11572			
26	78	63	28	18	20	9	8	4	-	-	13252	-	13252			
27	114	86	49	36	17	18	4	9	6	-	14812	-	14812			
28	182	108	72	35	34	16	10	7	6	-	15729	-	15729			
29	247	171	113	64	35	28	13	9	11	-	15408	-	15408			
30	427	267	134	122	71	25	34	15	15	-	15420	-	15420			
31	681	351	176	135	76	53	21	15	24	-	13931	-	13931			
32	1154	561	292	176	101	60	38	13	25	-	12743	-	12743			
33	1244	904	468	257	168	77	58	21	23	-	11146	-	11146			
34	1190	952	680	345	181	100	50	24	35	-	9325	-	9325			
35	981	945	735	498	297	153	60	43	53	-	7953	-	7953			
36	717	748	711	541	387	217	64	65	36	-	6772	-	6772			
37	581	594	632	525	438	294	121	80	71	-	5777	-	5777			
38	356	403	403	403	377	274	160	54	80	-	4066	-	4066			
39	242	293	305	280	263	242	182	117	97	-	3178	-	3178			
40	195	203	226	216	229	205	158	117	110	-	2439	-	2439			
41	130	129	123	154	161	140	128	94	119	-	1715	-	1715			
42	131	108	129	130	122	111	76	77	148	-	1585	-	1585			
43	78	97	84	97	123	111	76	77	148	-	1260	-	1260			
44	43	63	73	56	71	76	62	53	158	-	931	-	931			
45-49	141	139	150	167	150	168	154	135	391	-	2282	-	2282			
50 and over	69	66	77	87	79	69	75	61	185	-	1151	-	1151			
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	32	-	32			
Total nuptial confinements	9065	7320	5685	4372	3438	2501	1584	1105	1804	4	197306	-	197306			
Ex-nuptial confinements	736	568	502	402	320	249	209	147	235	22	-	34337	34337			
Total confinements	9801	7888	6187	4774	3758	2750	1793	1252	2039	26	197306	34337	231643			

(a) The figures in this table have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Age of father relates to fathers of nuptial children only.

TABLE 10. CONFINEMENTS(a): AGE AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1984

Birthplace of Mother	Age group (years)								Not stated	Total
	Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over		
OCEANIA -										
Australia	106	12221	50205	69883	35811	8773	1161	53	11	178224
New Zealand	-	217	973	1726	963	277	22	-	-	4179
Other	-	49	321	481	284	73	20	-	-	1230
Total	108	12487	51499	72090	37058	9123	1203	54	11	183633
EUROPE -										
Germany	-	43	181	393	369	326	21	-	-	1333
Greece	-	39	398	500	374	182	45	-	-	1539
Ireland	-	11	48	154	182	81	11	-	-	488
Italy	-	28	490	985	732	343	37	3	-	2618
Malta	-	17	227	345	368	134	26	-	-	1118
Netherlands	-	16	121	435	477	169	22	-	-	1241
Poland	-	-	84	284	213	68	13	-	-	665
U.K.	-	863	4322	5856	3721	1506	206	8	-	16484
Yugoslavia	-	141	712	767	471	192	40	5	-	2328
Other	-	69	386	714	547	301	50	4	-	2071
Total	-	1229	6969	10433	7454	3302	471	24	-	29885
AFRICA -										
Egypt	-	4	78	162	142	71	17	-	-	474
South Africa	-	14	73	227	191	74	9	-	-	588
Other	-	22	176	394	243	65	7	-	-	908
Total	-	40	327	783	576	210	33	-	-	1970
AMERICA -										
U.S.A.	-	25	139	263	337	119	8	-	-	891
Other	-	39	231	427	428	162	27	-	-	1315
Total	-	64	370	690	765	281	35	-	-	2206
ASIA -										
China	-	-	47	143	178	73	12	-	-	456
Cyprus	-	24	149	202	121	57	5	-	-	558
Hong Kong	-	3	69	223	236	53	4	-	-	588
India	-	7	123	277	218	100	13	-	-	739
Lebanon	-	248	953	894	481	178	46	4	-	2804
Malaysia	-	13	116	304	382	127	16	-	-	958
Philippines	-	16	231	548	591	287	32	-	-	1707
Turkey	-	114	224	163	108	46	7	-	-	662
Vietnam	-	64	522	810	525	134	31	4	-	2091
Other	-	77	612	1209	983	349	31	7	-	3268
Total	-	568	3046	4773	3823	1404	197	18	-	13831
OTHER (b)	-	22	29	28	16	7	-	-	12	118
TOTAL	112	14410	62240	88797	49692	14327	1941	98	26	231643

(a) The figures in this table have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes "Not stated".

TABLE 11. CONFINEMENTS(a): RELATIVE BIRTHPLACES OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1984

		Birthplace of Mother																							
		OCEANIA						EUROPE												AFRICA					
Birthplace of Father	A u s t r a l i a n d e s e	N e w Z e a l a n d e s e	O c e a n i a n s	T a s m a n i a n s	G e r m a n s	I r i s h	E n g l i s h	F r e n c h	I t a l i a n s	H o l l a n d s	P o l i s h	Y u g o s l a v i a n s	U. K.	U. S. A.	O t h e r	T o t a l	E g y p t i a n s	A f r i c a n s	O t h e r	T o t a l	E g y p t i a n s	A f r i c a n s	O t h e r		
OCEANIA -																									
Australia	126651	1611	423	128685	597	207	164	701	317	691	93	8354	230	638	11992	102	197	330	629						
New Zealand	1637	1019	24	2680	15	-	7	5	11	14	3	227	6	18	307	-	6	7	15						
Other	382	31	396	809	3	-	-	-	-	4	-	22	-	-	34	-	-	3	3						
Total	128670	2661	843	132174	615	208	173	706	329	709	96	8603	236	658	12333	104	203	340	647						
EUROPE -																									
Germany	1053	31	13	1097	227	4	5	9	5	17	18	141	13	35	474	3	3	5	11						
Greece	821	11	-	834	12	1160	-	16	5	4	4	31	27	11	1270	22	-	4	27						
Ireland	278	5	4	287	-	-	155	-	-	3	-	82	-	4	252	-	3	3	6						
Italy	2174	15	13	2202	25	14	3	1587	23	17	7	124	29	48	1877	24	5	21	50						
Malta	572	5	4	581	7	-	-	16	625	4	-	61	3	7	727	5	-	-	7						
Netherlands	1133	26	12	1171	14	-	4	6	5	201	-	142	4	10	389	-	5	-	8						
Poland	152	3	3	158	14	-	-	-	-	-	416	13	-	19	467	-	-	3	3						
U.K.	9538	270	59	9867	112	7	82	55	52	102	14	4432	27	112	4995	14	62	89	165						
Yugoslavia	633	17	4	654	25	15	-	44	4	8	5	46	1742	41	1932	3	-	8	12						
Other	1007	29	14	1050	50	11	8	40	11	16	20	130	28	778	1092	3	10	34	47						
Total	17361	412	128	17901	487	1216	261	1775	733	374	487	5202	1875	1065	13475	76	90	170	336						
AFRICA -																									
Egypt	203	7	-	212	3	31	-	10	6	5	-	32	-	8	98	252	-	5	258						
South Africa	188	13	-	203	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	41	-	-	53	-	221	14	236						
Other	384	8	4	396	3	4	-	9	3	4	-	68	3	23	119	5	16	251	272						
Total	775	28	8	811	8	35	4	21	9	12	-	141	6	33	270	258	238	270	766						
AMERICA -																									
U.S.A.	420	9	-	431	7	-	-	3	-	6	3	51	-	8	82	-	-	3	7						
Other	363	13	4	380	5	-	3	16	-	7	-	54	-	27	119	-	6	5	12						
Total	783	22	6	811	12	3	3	19	4	13	4	105	3	35	201	3	8	8	19						
ASIA -																									
China	87	-	9	97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-						
Cyprus	131	6	-	137	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	3	46	-	-	-	-						
Hong Kong	61	-	7	69	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	11	-	-	17	-	-	-	-						
India	262	7	5	274	6	-	-	6	-	5	-	58	-	5	88	-	-	10	13						
Lebanon	245	6	-	253	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	23	-	7	50	3	-	18	23						
Malaysia	213	7	8	228	6	-	-	-	-	3	-	31	-	-	47	-	-	-	-						
Philippines	49	-	-	52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-						
Turkey	34	-	-	35	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	22	-	-	-	-						
Vietnam	17	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-						
Other	572	22	13	607	14	5	3	13	-	15	5	81	8	26	172	12	6	15	33						
Total	1671	52	46	1769	31	38	9	37	7	28	10	230	18	50	458	18	10	48	76						
OTHER (b)																									
	13	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	5	-	-	-	-						
Total nuptial confinements																									
	149273	3177	1032	153482	1154	1500	450	2558	1082	1136	598	14285	2138	1841	26742	459	549	836	1844						
Ex-nuptial confinements																									
	28951	1002	198	30151	179	39	38	60	36	105	67	2199	190	230	3143	15	39	72	126						
Total confinements																									
	178224	4179	1230	183633	1333	1539	488	2618	1118	1241	665	16484	2328	2071	29885	474	588	908	1970						

(a) The figures in this table have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes.
 (b) Includes "Not stated".

TABLE 11. CONFINEMENTS(a): RELATIVE BIRTHPLACES OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1984

Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother															
	AMERICA								ASIA							
	U.S.	O.	T.	C.	C.	H.	L.	M.	P.	T.	V.	O.	T.	O.	T.	O.
	A.	h.	t.	l.	u.	n.	e.	a.	i.	e.	a.	e.	r.	l.	(b)	
OCEANIA -																
Australia	486	423	909	47	72	67	181	73	270	874	5	24	638	2251	18	144484
New Zealand	11	8	19	-	-	5	4	-	6	30	-	-	33	82	-	3103
Other	-	-	-	4	-	-	9	-	4	-	-	-	10	31	-	879
Total	497	433	930	52	73	72	194	75	277	908	5	27	681	2364	18	148466
EUROPE -																
Germany	7	12	19	-	-	-	7	-	10	53	-	-	28	102	-	1703
Greece	3	6	9	-	32	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	4	104	-	2244
Ireland	3	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	4	17	-	567
Italy	7	31	38	-	-	-	6	4	5	55	-	-	17	91	-	4258
Malta	5	6	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	5	24	-	1351
Netherlands	5	10	15	-	-	-	6	-	4	27	-	-	20	62	-	1645
Poland	-	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	9	20	-	654
U.K.	54	87	141	9	6	12	59	5	64	153	-	3	140	452	-	15621
Yugoslavia	5	8	13	-	-	-	5	-	-	40	7	-	10	69	-	2680
Other	10	42	52	-	-	8	6	-	10	66	-	6	45	147	-	2388
Total	101	208	309	18	92	22	93	18	100	429	17	17	282	1088	-	33111
AFRICA -																
Egypt	-	4	4	-	9	-	3	18	-	-	3	-	15	50	-	623
South Africa	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	12	-	509
Other	3	4	7	-	-	-	11	13	3	4	-	-	18	51	-	845
Total	8	8	16	-	9	-	16	32	5	5	3	-	40	113	-	1977
AMERICA -																
U.S.A.	187	11	198	-	-	-	3	3	5	-	-	-	10	25	-	743
Other	14	305	519	-	-	-	-	7	-	11	-	-	4	26	-	1036
Total	201	516	717	-	-	-	5	10	5	13	-	-	14	51	-	1799
ASIA -																
China	-	-	-	261	-	157	-	-	17	-	-	38	29	503	-	608
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	360	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	365	-	553
Hong Kong	-	-	-	69	-	279	-	-	20	-	-	15	32	417	-	56
India	3	-	5	-	-	-	358	-	6	5	-	-	47	421	-	801
Lebanon	-	14	16	-	5	-	-	2531	-	-	3	-	77	2622	-	2964
Malaysia	-	-	-	15	-	15	6	-	426	18	-	6	68	554	-	831
Philippines	3	-	5	-	-	3	-	-	-	258	-	-	-	267	-	329
Turkey	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	4	-	-	619	-	6	645	-	705
Vietnam	-	-	-	8	-	5	-	-	3	-	-	1629	27	1672	-	1696
Other	4	12	16	14	-	16	30	121	51	15	-	38	1802	2087	-	2915
Total	16	33	49	368	377	477	399	2656	527	301	628	1730	2090	9553	-	11906
OTHER (b)																
Total nuptial confinements	823	1198	2021	440	552	573	707	2791	917	1656	653	1776	3117	13182	35	197306
Ex-nuptial confinements	68	117	185	16	6	15	32	13	41	51	9	315	151	649	83	34237
Total confinements	891	1315	2206	456	558	588	739	2804	958	1707	662	2091	3368	13831	118	231643

(a) The figures in this table have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes "Not stated".

TABLE 12. NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: PREVIOUS ISSUE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1951 to 1984

Married mothers with previous issue of -										
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 or more	Not stated	Total
Annual averages-										
1951 - 1955	63062	56020	35943	18415	8569	4175	2176	2878	-	191238
1956 - 1960	65695	57532	40920	22968	11299	5558	2824	3251	-	210047
1961 - 1965	69281	57971	40818	23612	12125	6160	3199	3663	-	216829
1966 - 1970	80999	62930	37446	18899	8961	4489	2326	2885	2	218937
1971 - 1975	88120	74641	36914	15216	6006	2805	1374	1586	12	226674
1976 - 1980	77877	69291	34288	11119	3332	1278	560	613	15	198373
Annual totals-										
1979	77032	67250	34387	11100	3124	1140	1050	-	1	195084
1980	78680	66247	34167	11084	3207	1179	884	44	44	195492
1981	82476	67627	35445	11750	3282	1113	880	6	6	202579
1982	83300	69963	34670	11631	3193	1162	854	2	2	204775
1983	83466	70427	34081	11343	3108	1059	819	476	476	204779
1984(a)	79295	69312	33027	10802	3013	1064	761	32	32	197306

(a) The figures, for 1984, have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 13. NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS(a) : AGE AND PREVIOUS ISSUE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1984

Age (year-)	Married mothers with previous issue of -										Total Average issue(b)
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6 and over	Not stated	Total confinements	Total issue(b)	
Under 18	612	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	662	718	1.1
18	1191	244	10	-	-	-	-	-	1445	1725	1.2
19	2176	654	51	5	-	-	-	-	2886	3681	1.3
20	3376	1379	163	14	-	-	-	-	4935	6714	1.4
21	4562	2334	395	49	5	-	-	-	7346	10674	1.5
22	5780	3397	722	98	18	-	-	-	10017	15309	1.5
23	6945	4378	1135	189	23	6	-	4	12680	20106	1.6
24	7483	5340	1613	303	38	7	-	-	14785	24585	1.7
25	7556	6025	2123	476	86	12	-	3	16283	28575	1.8
26	7426	6572	2341	627	103	20	7	4	17300	31571	1.8
27	6729	6627	2898	795	135	27	9	-	17222	32944	1.9
28	5644	6337	3003	855	171	35	9	3	16057	32045	2.0
29	4645	5740	3178	904	234	60	14	-	14776	31065	2.1
30	3705	4881	2968	968	237	61	34	-	12856	28219	2.2
31	2948	4012	2891	956	256	81	34	-	11178	25630	2.3
32	2247	3133	2335	984	231	76	56	3	9065	21604	2.4
33	1636	2464	1972	846	260	94	47	-	7320	18184	2.5
34	1308	1768	1494	715	255	99	46	-	5685	14484	2.5
35	1013	1323	1136	529	212	96	63	-	4372	11387	2.6
36	768	945	872	480	214	92	67	-	3438	9374	2.7
37	559	640	609	373	185	80	55	-	2501	7034	2.8
38	359	398	382	214	109	49	70	-	1584	4576	2.9
39	229	278	229	162	87	50	70	-	1105	3444	3.1
40 and over	397	394	305	257	153	118	178	-	1804	6115	3.4
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	12	3.0
Total	79295	69312	33027	10802	3013	1064	761	32	197306	389775	2.0

(a) The figures in this table have been affected by late registration in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Excludes 'Not stated' previous issue.

TABLE 14. NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: DURATION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1951 TO 1984

	Duration of marriage (years)												
	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10-14	15 and over	Total (a)
Annual averages—													
1951 - 1955	24466	23070	21727	20194	18021	15312	12521	10291	8525	7106	21604	8401	191238
1956 - 1960	27590	24161	23475	20987	18605	16099	13778	11882	10080	8659	24531	10248	210047
1961 - 1965	31046	24775	24885	22237	18843	16062	13614	11416	9546	8217	25149	11038	216829
1966 - 1970	31920	25903	27566	25253	20831	16903	13597	10964	8732	7241	20415	9100	218937
1971 - 1975	27249	25841	30072	29674	25544	20644	16079	12016	9137	6814	16676	6373	226674
1976 - 1980	18524	20396	22766	24063	23329	21175	17674	13889	10395	7513	14695	3448	198373
Annual totals—													
1979	18355	19484	21716	22117	22156	21162	17418	14431	10976	8098	15417	3233	195084
1980	20479	20983	22040	21115	19872	17682	14377	11225	8497	14642	3300	195492	
1981	20623	21990	22018	21625	21010	19467	17398	15132	11836	9092	18556	3499	202579
1982	21004	22831	22983	21229	20697	18699	16621	14870	12023	9271	19611	3730	204775
1983	19862	23681	24042	23188	20493	18060	16242	13925	11939	8457	19991	3734	204779
1984(b)	18797	22000	23200	23022	20551	17373	14848	12951	10922	9225	20597	3820	197306

(a) Includes "Not stated" duration of marriage. (b) The figures, for 1984, have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 15. NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS(a): DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND PREVIOUS ISSUE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1984

Duration of marriage (years)	Married mothers with previous issue of -										Total confinements	Total Average issue(b)	Total Average issue(b)
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6 and over	Not stated					
Under 1	16959	1497	234	68	13	3	-	-	-	18797	21250	1.1	
1	18102	3465	353	57	15	4	-	-	-	22000	26622	1.2	
2	13488	8895	692	97	15	7	-	-	5	23200	34084	1.5	
3	9852	11432	1560	158	15	-	-	-	3	23022	38344	1.7	
4	6789	10545	2874	294	36	9	-	-	3	20551	38126	1.9	
5	4432	8669	3682	517	61	8	-	-	-	17373	35444	2.0	
6	3126	6979	3845	784	93	17	3	-	-	14848	32498	2.2	
7	2181	5530	3969	1072	177	14	5	3	3	12951	30583	2.4	
8	1522	4076	3791	1248	230	45	10	-	-	10922	27676	2.5	
9	1059	3016	3429	1341	302	61	16	-	-	9225	24861	2.7	
10-14	1617	4861	7621	4227	1466	542	261	-	-	20597	63909	3.3	
15-19	150	319	886	831	513	286	313	-	-	3298	13595	4.1	
20 and over	7	25	67	108	75	66	148	-	-	496	2754	5.6	
Not stated	11	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	29	1.1	
Total	79295	69312	33027	10802	3013	1064	761	32	197306	389775	2.0		

(a) The figures in this table have been affected by late registration in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Excludes "Not stated" previous issue.

TABLE 16. NUPTIAL FIRST CONFINEMENTS: DURATION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1951 TO 1984

	Duration of marriage (years)							Total (a)	Median duration (years)
	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5-9	10 and over		
Annual averages—									
1951 - 1955	24308	18645	8144	4440	2649	4064	812	63062	1.4
1956 - 1960	27385	18281	7730	4306	2615	4460	917	65693	1.3
1961 - 1965	30763	17951	8099	4434	2645	4355	1033	69280	1.2
1966 - 1970	31400	19902	12510	7403	4011	4795	874	80998	1.5
1971 - 1975	26497	20690	15825	10820	6320	7135	682	88120	1.8
1976 - 1980	17476	16796	13349	10452	7614	11290	783	77875	2.3
Annual totals—									
1979	17091	15988	12817	9924	7790	12356	905	77024	2.4
1980	17634	16779	12440	10049	7515	13208	983	78680	2.4
1981	19190	17987	13035	9777	7513	13773	1127	82476	2.3
1982	19372	18592	13322	9267	7261	13752	1293	83300	2.3
1983	17955	19504	14111	9997	6969	13356	1515	83466	2.3
1984(b)	16959	18102	13488	9852	6789	12320	1785	79295	2.3

(a) Includes "Not stated" duration of marriage. (b) The figures, for 1984, have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 17. NUPTIAL FIRST CONFINEMENTS: AGE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1951 TO 1984

	Age of mother (years)						Total (a)	Median age
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over		
Annual averages-								
1951 - 1955	7589	28636	17192	6474	2501	669	63062	24.1
1956 - 1960	9877	31102	15717	6125	2280	594	65685	23.6
1961 - 1965	12833	33523	15072	5161	2118	572	69280	23.1
1966 - 1970	15055	39980	19035	4784	1687	454	80998	23.1
1971 - 1975	14502	41307	24917	5536	1508	344	88120	23.7
1976 - 1980	8090	32459	27277	8002	1758	286	77875	24.8
Annual totals-								
1979	6985	31001	28039	8722	1986	290	77024	25.1
1980	6550	31307	29200	9396	1942	279	78680	25.2
1981	6305	32917	30608	10156	2168	318	82476	25.3
1982	5535	31975	31964	11067	2416	341	83300	25.5
1983	4792	31123	32896	11585	2704	364	83466	25.7
1984(b)	3979	28146	32000	11844	2928	398	79295	26.0

(a) Includes "Not stated" age of mother. (b) The figures, for 1984, have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 18. NUPTIAL FIRST CONFINEMENTS(a) : AGE OF MOTHER AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1984

Duration of marriage	Age of mother (years)						Not stated	Total
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over		
Under 7 months	2013	3725	2073	923	320	48	-	9102
7 months	220	552	366	183	62	9	-	1392
8 months	109	477	314	144	47	3	-	1094
9 months	164	674	489	245	73	12	-	1657
10 months	197	771	497	272	87	11	-	1835
11 months	159	834	541	257	79	9	-	1879
Total under 12 months	2862	7033	4280	2024	668	92	-	16959
1 year	936	8539	5609	2282	642	93	-	18102
2 years	160	6281	5099	1549	350	49	-	13488
3 years	18	3784	4641	1106	268	35	-	9852
4 years	-	1763	4026	833	145	20	-	6789
5 years	-	567	3043	691	117	14	-	4432
6-9 years	-	173	5109	2243	315	48	-	7688
10-14 years	-	-	190	1095	307	24	-	1617
15 and over	-	-	-	20	115	22	-	157
Not Stated	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	11
Total	3979	28146	32000	11844	2928	397	-	79295

(a) The figures in this table have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 19. EX-NUPTIAL LIVE BIRTHS: NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS, STATES AND TERRITORIES (USUAL RESIDENCE BASIS)(a), 1979 TO 1984

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
NUMBER									
Annual totals-									
1979	9079	5028	5139	2101	2792	937	744	290	26110
1980	10086	5291	5457	2302	2856	960	779	345	28076
1981	10977	5560	6390	2503	3304	1073	1028	365	31200
1982	11807	6139	6766	2522	3322	1075	914	413	32958
1983	12446	6416	7551	2837	3647	1114	1216	419	35646
1984	(b) 11871	6519	6937	2904	3489	1086	1424	399	(b) 34629
PROPORTION (per cent)									
Annual totals-									
1979	11.7	8.7	14.6	11.4	13.6	13.8	26.1	6.8	11.7
1980	12.6	9.1	15.6	12.5	13.8	14.2	29.9	8.1	12.4
1981	13.4	9.4	16.4	13.0	15.1	14.8	33.1	8.8	13.2
1982	14.1	10.3	16.7	13.1	14.9	15.3	31.4	10.1	13.7
1983	14.9	10.7	17.9	14.3	15.8	15.8	38.9	10.1	14.7
1984	15.3	11.0	17.1	14.3	16.1	15.2	46.2	9.7	14.8

(a) Based on States and Territories of usual residence of the mother. (b) The figures, for N.S.W. and Australia, have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 20. LIVE BIRTHS: MONTH OF OCCURRENCE(a), NUMBER AND PROPORTION, AUSTRALIA, 1979 TO 1984

Month of occurrence	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984(a)(b)
NUMBER						
January	18478	18846	19385	19374	19758	19690
February	17921	18144	18468	18811	19206	19316
March	19553	19486	20903	21483	22027	21431
April	18887	18787	20248	19686	20315	19751
May	19594	19712	20561	19868	20703	20429
June	18204	19009	19427	19745	19977	19461
July	18963	19042	20075	20085	20525	19872
August	18734	18412	19938	20400	20504	20291
September	18249	18928	20199	20194	20518	19338
October	18552	19017	19903	19890	20156	18765
November	17540	17174	17993	18590	18452	11587
December	17521	19015	19281	19393	19025	14279
Total	222596	225572	236581	237299	241166	216210
PROPORTION (per cent)						
January	8.3	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.2	9.1
February	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.9
March	9.0	8.6	8.8	9.1	9.1	9.9
April	8.5	8.3	8.6	8.3	8.4	9.1
May	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.4	8.6	9.5
June	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.3	9.0
July	8.5	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.5	9.2
August	8.4	8.2	8.4	8.6	8.5	9.4
September	8.2	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.9
October	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.7
November	7.9	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.7	6.3
December	7.9	8.4	8.1	8.2	7.9	2.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Figures are subject to the addition of late registrations, particularly in the more recent months. Proportions shown for recent years are therefore subject to revision. See paragraph 2 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) The figures, for 1984, have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 21. SEX RATIO OF LIVE BIRTHS, STATES AND TERRITORIES (USUAL RESIDENCE BASIS)(a), 1979 TO 1984

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
Annual rates—									
1979	106.0	105.9	106.3	106.0	103.3	102.6	104.6	104.6	105.6
1980	106.5	105.4	106.8	104.6	104.3	106.5	106.2	102.1	105.8
1981	106.5	104.3	107.1	102.8	107.7	103.3	106.9	101.1	105.7
1982	105.6	105.2	106.7	106.8	105.0	105.6	99.9	105.7	105.7
1983	105.2	105.0	106.8	106.2	106.6	107.0	99.2	102.2	105.5
1984	104.7	104.6	106.3	105.1	106.5	100.9	104.3	99.4	104.9

(a) Based on States and Territories of usual residence of the mother.

TABLE 22. LIVE BIRTHS, STATES AND TERRITORIES OF REGISTRATION, 1951 TO 1984

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
MALES									
Annual averages-									
1951 - 1955	37796	27572	15909	9264	8028	3973	243	472	103257
1956 - 1960	40889	31493	17586	10200	8713	4370	358	679	114288
1961 - 1965	42586	33549	18155	11008	8668	4357	466	988	119777
1966 - 1970	42369	35245	18134	10945	10012	4096	1087	1438	123326
1971 - 1975	46025	35115	19629	10854	11027	3850	1385	2162	130047
1976 - 1980	40072	30326	17998	9645	10594	3452	1376	2319	115782
Annual totals-									
1979	39679	29709	18146	9520	10405	3418	1451	2285	114613
1980	40974	29848	18060	9462	10529	3479	1331	2265	115948
1981	42030	30361	20116	9816	11342	3656	1587	2262	121170
1982	42879	30762	20928	9958	11390	3594	1442	2301	123254
1983	42382	30803	21686	10250	11891	3626	1557	2363	124558
1984	(a) 39510	30567	20795	10331	11151	3569	1597	2296 (a)	119816
FEMALES									
Annual averages-									
1951 - 1955	35941	26198	15074	8781	7696	3801	225	450	98166
1956 - 1960	38724	29786	16585	9777	8209	4147	336	607	108171
1961 - 1965	40311	31644	17202	10369	8192	4082	431	944	113175
1966 - 1970	40191	33510	17244	10365	9414	3883	1047	1345	116999
1971 - 1975	43606	33390	18679	10228	10467	3720	1273	2026	123389
1976 - 1980	38098	28678	16964	9104	10007	3291	1281	2182	109605
Annual totals-									
1979	37455	28058	17049	8958	10064	3339	1391	2202	108516
1980	38481	28358	16912	9037	10078	3256	1256	2201	109579
1981	39500	29152	18713	9535	10535	3532	1493	2207	114672
1982	40610	29221	19612	9336	10846	3408	1438	2178	116649
1983	40357	29320	20314	9631	11155	3402	1554	2259	118012
1984	(a) 37804	29196	19561	9818	10450	3529	1566	2294 (a)	114218
TOTAL									
Annual averages-									
1951 - 1955	73737	53770	30983	18045	15724	7774	468	922	201423
1956 - 1960	79613	61279	34171	19977	16922	8517	694	1286	222459
1961 - 1965	82897	65193	35357	21377	16860	8439	897	1932	232952
1966 - 1970	82560	68755	35378	21310	19426	7979	2134	2783	240325
1971 - 1975	89631	68505	38308	21082	21494	7570	2658	4188	253436
1976 - 1980	78170	59004	34962	18749	20601	6743	2657	4501	225387
Annual totals-									
1979	77134	57767	35195	18478	20469	6757	2842	4487	223129
1980	79455	58206	34972	18499	20607	6735	2587	4466	225527
1981	81530	59513	38834	19351	21877	7188	3080	4469	235842
1982	83489	59983	40540	19294	22236	7002	2880	4479	239003
1983	82739	60123	42000	19901	23046	7028	3111	4622	242570
1984	(a) 77314	59763	40356	20149	21601	7098	3163	4590 (a)	234034

(a) The figures, for N.S.W. and Australia, have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 23. EX-NUPTIAL LIVE BIRTHS, STATES AND TERRITORIES OF REGISTRATION: NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS, 1951 TO 1984

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
NUMBER									
Annual averages—									
1951 - 1955	2975	1825	1594	559	689	283	57	17	7999
1956 - 1960	3741	2190	2023	723	855	372	99	24	10027
1961 - 1965	5038	3077	2735	1130	1189	463	106	40	13798
1966 - 1970	6654	3992	3720	1506	2053	608	313	91	18937
1971 - 1975	8965	4682	5054	1841	2545	741	471	217	24516
1976 - 1980	8787	4774	4945	2027	2684	850	695	300	25062
Annual totals—									
1979	9036	5033	5128	2098	2783	934	780	318	26110
1980	10077	5300	5443	2301	2833	950	802	370	28076
1981	10898	5615	6373	2492	3300	1063	1049	410	31200
1982	11744	6165	6756	2521	3316	1063	931	462	32938
1983	12381	6433	7554	2789	3642	1104	1252	491	35646
1984	(a) 11791	6580	6909	2889	3474	1081	1460	445	(a) 34629
PROPORTION (per cent)									
Annual averages—									
1951 - 1955	4.0	3.4	5.1	3.1	4.4	3.6	12.1	1.8	4.0
1956 - 1960	4.7	3.6	5.9	3.6	5.1	4.4	14.3	1.8	4.5
1961 - 1965	6.1	4.7	7.7	5.3	7.1	5.5	11.8	2.1	5.9
1966 - 1970	8.1	5.8	10.5	7.1	10.6	7.6	14.7	3.3	7.9
1971 - 1975	10.0	6.8	13.2	8.8	11.9	9.8	18.0	5.2	9.7
1976 - 1980	11.2	8.1	14.1	10.8	13.0	12.6	26.2	6.7	11.1
Annual totals—									
1979	11.7	8.7	14.5	11.3	13.5	13.8	27.4	7.0	11.7
1980	12.7	9.1	15.6	12.4	13.7	14.1	31.0	8.3	12.4
1981	13.4	9.4	16.4	12.9	15.1	14.8	34.1	9.2	13.2
1982	14.1	10.3	16.7	13.1	14.9	15.2	32.3	10.3	13.7
1983	15.0	10.7	18.0	14.0	15.8	15.7	40.2	10.6	14.7
1984	15.3	11.0	17.1	14.3	16.1	15.2	46.2	9.7	14.8

(a) The figures, for N.S.W. and Australia, have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 24. TOTAL BIRTHS, STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER AND STATE OF REGISTRATION, 1984

State of Usual Residence of Mother	State of Registration								
	N.S.W.(a)	Vic	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia(a)
N.S.W.	76623	370	196	46	10	—	3	545	77994
Vic	260	59102	27	82	5	—	—	5	59485
Qld	312	18	40086	15	8	—	3	—	40446
S.A.	19	23	8	19952	8	—	39	—	20052
W.A.	16	7	11	11	21559	—	20	—	21623
Tas	7	27	—	4	—	7090	—	—	7132
N.T.	14	10	24	37	7	—	3096	—	3191
A.C.T.	63	6	3	—	—	—	—	4033	4109
Aust.	77314	59763	40356	20149	21601	7098	3163	4590	234034

(a) The figures in this table for N.S.W. and Australia have been affected by late registrations in N.S.W. See paragraph 4 of Explanatory Notes.

APPENDIX A

LIST OF UNPUBLISHED BIRTH TABULATIONS PRODUCED ANNUALLY BY ABS

<i>Table number</i>	<i>Description</i>
BTHR0001.	Births—Sex by year and month of occurrence by month of registration.
BTHR0002.	Confinements—Nuptiality by age of mother by State of usual residence of mother.
BTHR0003.	Births—Sex by nuptiality by age of mother by State of usual residence of mother.
BTHR0004.	Confinements—Nuptiality by plurality by State of usual residence of mother.
BTHR0005.	Births—Nuptiality by sex by plurality by State of usual residence of mother.
BTHR0006.	Confinements—Relative ages of mother and father by nuptiality by plurality.
BTHR0007.	Births—Relative ages of mother and father by nuptiality.
BTHR0008.	Confinements—Relative birthplaces of mother and father by nuptiality.
BTHR0009.	Births—Relative birthplaces of mother and father by nuptiality.
BTHR0010.	Confinements—Nuptiality by age and birthplace of mother.
BTHR0011.	Nuptial Confinements—Age and previous issue of mother.
BTHR0012.	Nuptial Births—Age and previous issue of mother.
BTHR0013.	Nuptial Confinements—Duration of marriage by previous issue of mother.
BTHR0014.	Births—Nuptiality by sex by State of usual residence by State of registration.
BTHR0015.	Confinements—Nuptiality by age of mother by sex by plurality.
BTHR0016.	Births—Sex by nuptiality by age of mother and quarter of registration.
BTHR0017.	Births—Sex by quarter of registration by age of mother by State of usual residence.
BTHR0018.	Confinements—Nuptiality by age of mother by State of registration.
BTHR0019.	Births—Sex by nuptiality by age of mother by State of registration.
BTHR0020.	Confinements—Nuptiality by plurality by State of registration.
BTHR0021.	Births—Nuptiality by sex by plurality by State of registration.