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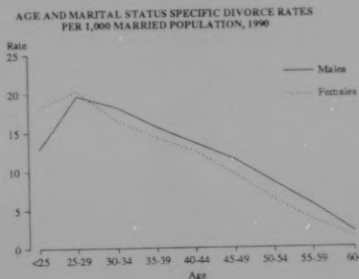
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

In 1990 there were 42,635 divorces granted throughout Australia, an increase of 3 per cent over 1989 (41,383). The crude divorce rate increased slightly from 2.46 per 1,000 population in 1989 to 2.50 in 1990.

Age and marital status specific divorce rates

The age and marital status specific divorce rates (per 1,000 married males and females) have shown only small changes since the mid 1980s. In 1990 the overall divorce rate per 1,000 married population was 10.9 compared with 10.6 in 1986 and 10.8 in 1989. Divorce rates are highest at ages 25-29 years for both males and females (19.7 per 1,000 married men and 20.3 per 1,000 married women in 1990). For age groups up to 30 years, divorce rates are higher among females than males, and for age groups 30 years and over, rates among females are lower. This reflects the older age at marriage among men compared with women.



The rates for males for all age groups from 25 to 59 years increased slightly compared with 1989, with the greatest increase being in the 25 to 29 age group, from 19.1 divorces per thousand married men in 1989 to 19.7 in 1990. Females showed a slightly different pattern with increases in all age groups. The greatest increase for women was in the under 25 age group with 18.3 divorces per 1,000 married women in 1990 compared with 16.9 in 1989, an increase of 1.4 per 1,000.

Age at divorce and duration of marriage

The median age at divorce for both males and females continued to increase in 1990. The median age at divorce for males was 38.2 years in 1990 compared with 37.9 years in 1989 while corresponding median ages for females were 35.3 years and 35.1 years respectively. The median age at marriage of divorcing persons in 1990 was 24.7 years for males and 22.1 years for females; also showing an increase when compared with 1989 (24.5 years and 22.1 years respectively.)

The median duration of marriage was 10.1 years in 1990, showing little change from 1989 when the median duration of marriage was 10.2 years.

The median duration between marriage and separation was 7.3 years remaining the same as for 1989. Of all the couples who married ten years ago, about 18 per cent of these marriages are estimated to have ended in divorce by 1990.

Marital status at marriage

The proportion of men divorcing who had previously been divorced increased from 15.6 per cent in 1989 to 16.2 per cent in 1990. A similar trend was evident for women. In 1990 there were 15.3 per cent of women divorcing who were previously divorced compared with 14.7 per cent in 1989.

Children involved in divorce

There were 44,913 children who were dependents of parents divorcing in 1990. For the first time since 1982 there has been a slight increase in the percentage of divorces involving dependent children. The percentage in 1990 was 55.6 per cent compared with 55.3 per cent in 1989. However the average number of children per divorce, for those divorces including children, has remained at 1.9 children per divorce since 1983.

The child involvement rate (the number of children under 18 years involved in divorces per 1,000 population under 18 years) was 9.9 in 1990 compared with 9.5 in 1989. This is the first increase since 1982.

TABLE 1. DIVORCES: SUMMARY (a), STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1990

	NSW(b)	Vic.	Qld(b)	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
PERSONS									
Divorces granted	12,414	10,406	8,509	4,066	3,845	1,170	421	1,804	42,635
Crude divorce rate (per 1,000 population)	2.1	2.4	2.9	2.8	2.4	2.6	2.7	(b)	2.5
Median duration of marriage (years)	9.3	10.0	10.4	10.3	11.2	10.1	10.2	10.7	10.1
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	6.5	7.3	7.5	8.0	7.8	7.6	6.8	8.0	7.3
Divorces involving children—									
Number	6,240	5,712	5,058	2,345	2,271	721	239	1,121	23,707
Percentage of total divorces	50.3	54.9	59.4	57.7	59.1	61.6	56.8	62.1	55.6
Average issue	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9
Applicant—									
Husband	4,817	4,037	3,142	1,401	1,111	448	158	634	15,748
Wife	6,050	4,971	4,541	2,238	1,470	654	178	859	20,961
Joint	1,547	1,398	826	427	1,264	68	85	311	5,926
HUSBAND									
Age specific divorce rate—									
Age group (years)—									
Under 25	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.2	0.4	(b)	1.0
25-29	7.9	8.7	10.4	9.8	6.9	11.2	5.1	(b)	8.9
30-34	10.6	12.2	14.4	13.8	10.9	13.2	11.5	(b)	12.3
35-39	10.5	11.5	14.3	14.7	10.9	12.8	12.0	(b)	12.2
40-44	9.0	10.3	13.3	13.9	10.7	11.7	12.4	(b)	11.0
45-49	8.2	9.0	11.1	10.6	9.7	8.5	12.7	(b)	9.5
50-54	5.8	6.7	8.8	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.9	(b)	7.0
55 and over	1.9	2.1	3.0	2.2	2.5	1.8	4.6	(b)	2.3
Marital status at marriage (number)—									
Never married	10,303	8,749	6,929	3,351	3,154	975	342	1,526	35,329
Widowed	95	98	85	43	42	12	3	13	391
Divorced	2,016	1,559	1,495	672	649	183	76	265	6,915
Total	12,414	10,406	8,509	4,066	3,845	1,170	421	1,804	42,635
Median age (years)—									
at marriage	25.2	24.7	24.3	24.3	24.6	23.9	25.8	24.3	24.7
at final separation	35.2	35.1	35.6	35.3	35.5	34.5	36.4	35.6	35.3
at decree made absolute	38.0	37.8	38.5	37.9	38.8	37.0	39.7	38.2	38.2
WIFE									
Age specific divorce rate—									
Age group (years)—									
Under 25	2.3	2.4	2.8	2.7	1.8	2.7	1.3	(b)	2.5
25-29	11.3	12.0	15.1	14.9	10.8	15.4	9.6	(b)	12.8
30-34	11.0	11.9	15.1	14.8	11.3	12.6	12.7	(b)	12.7
35-39	9.7	11.3	13.4	13.1	11.2	12.1	13.0	(b)	11.6
40-44	8.5	9.5	11.8	12.5	10.4	10.8	13.0	(b)	10.3
45-49	6.8	7.2	9.5	8.2	7.6	7.0	10.5	(b)	7.8
50-54	4.3	4.9	6.5	4.5	4.9	5.2	7.2	(b)	5.1
55 and over	0.8	1.0	1.5	1.1	1.3	0.7	1.7	(b)	1.1
Marital status at marriage (number)—									
Never married	10,370	8,831	7,035	3,351	3,171	968	346	1,512	35,584
Widowed	109	114	136	51	53	20	5	25	513
Divorced	1,935	1,461	1,338	664	621	182	70	267	6,538
Total	12,414	10,406	8,509	4,066	3,845	1,170	421	1,804	42,635
Median age (years)—									
at marriage	22.6	22.2	21.7	21.7	22.0	21.5	23.0	21.8	22.1
at final separation	32.2	32.4	32.4	32.4	32.8	31.9	33.0	32.8	32.4
at decree made absolute	35.1	35.2	35.3	35.0	36.0	34.5	36.2	35.5	35.3

(a) See Explanatory Notes for definitions of the terms used. (b) See paragraphs 7 and 8 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 2. DIVORCES: STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1961 TO 1990

	NSW (a)	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT (a)	Australia
<i>Census years —</i>									
1961	3,156	1,248	770	718	466	286	23	36	6,712
1966	4,515	2,131	1,031	1,069	637	317	58	101	9,859
1971	5,467	3,072	1,404	1,264	1,064	429	55	192	12,947
1976	22,147	16,625	9,611	6,142	4,818	1,758	423	1,706	63,230
1981	14,512	9,769	6,470	4,132	3,481	1,139	393	1,516	41,412
1986	11,661	9,670	7,042	3,776	4,001	1,245	381	1,641	39,417
<i>Annual totals —</i>									
1985	11,871	9,688	(a)6,816	4,216	4,039	1,169	301	1,730	39,830
1986	11,661	9,670	(a)7,042	3,776	4,001	1,245	381	1,641	39,417
1987	12,044	9,626	(a)6,918	4,050	4,044	1,115	328	1,600	39,725
1988	11,880	10,250	(a)7,690	4,031	3,964	1,220	275	1,697	41,007
1989	12,743	10,253	(a)7,123	3,740	4,089	1,269	435	1,731	41,383
1990	12,414	10,406	(a)8,509	4,066	3,845	1,170	421	1,804	42,635

(a) See paragraphs 7 and 8 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 3. DIVORCES: CRUDE DIVORCE RATES, PER 1,000 POPULATION, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1961 TO 1990

	NSW (a)	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<i>Census years —</i>									
1961	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.9	(a)	0.6
1966	1.1	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.0	(a)	0.9
1971	1.2	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.6	(a)	1.0
1976	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.1	4.3	4.3	(a)	4.5
1981	2.8	2.5	2.8	3.1	2.7	2.7	3.2	(a)	2.8
1986	2.1	2.3	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	(a)	2.5
<i>Annual rates —</i>									
1985	2.2	2.4	(a)2.7	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.1	(a)	2.5
1986	2.1	2.3	(a)2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	(a)	2.5
1987	2.1	2.3	(a)2.6	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.1	(a)	2.4
1988	2.1	2.4	(a)2.8	2.9	2.6	2.7	1.8	(a)	2.5
1989	2.2	2.4	(a)2.5	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.8	(a)	2.5
1990	2.1	2.4	(a)2.9	2.8	2.4	2.6	2.7	(a)	2.5

(a) See paragraphs 7 and 8 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 4. DIVORCES: AGE AND MARITAL STATUS SPECIFIC DIVORCE RATES PER 1,000 MARRIED POPULATION (a), AUSTRALIA, 1961 TO 1990

AUSTRALIA, 1961 TO 1990										
	Age group (years)								60 and over	Total
	Under 25 (b)	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59		
	HUSBAND									
<i>Census years —</i>										
1961	1.3	3.6	4.4	3.9	3.3	2.8	2.3	1.6	0.7	2.8
1966	2.5	6.7	7.6	6.9	6.6	5.3	4.6	3.4	1.2	3.7
1971	2.3	6.7	6.7	5.5	5.1	4.5	3.5	2.7	1.1	4.2
1976	17.9	31.6	28.8	23.9	21.2	18.6	15.0	11.1	5.0	18.9
1981	13.8	22.4	18.9	16.2	13.5	10.9	8.3	5.4	2.3	11.9
1986	12.1	18.6	17.1	14.8	13.3	11.1	8.3	5.4	2.1	10.7
<i>Annual rates —</i>										
1985	12.2	18.6	17.8	15.8	13.4	10.7	7.7	5.6	2.1	10.9
1986	12.1	18.6	17.1	14.8	13.3	11.1	8.3	5.4	2.1	10.7
1987	12.3	18.7	17.8	15.0	13.0	10.8	7.8	5.1	2.1	10.6
1988	12.2	19.3	18.3	15.6	13.3	11.0	8.0	5.2	2.0	10.8
1989	12.9	19.1	17.9	15.3	13.4	11.1	8.1	5.5	2.1	10.8
1990	12.9	19.7	18.2	15.7	13.6	11.5	8.5	5.6	2.0	10.9
	WIFE									
<i>Census years —</i>										
1961	2.3	4.5	4.2	3.4	3.1	2.5	1.7	1.2	0.6	2.8
1966	3.9	7.7	7.3	6.1	5.7	4.7	3.4	2.6	0.9	3.8
1971	3.6	7.6	6.1	5.0	4.6	4.0	3.0	2.0	0.8	4.2
1976	22.7	31.4	26.9	22.0	19.2	16.0	12.6	8.8	4.0	18.8
1981	18.0	22.0	16.9	14.7	11.8	8.9	6.2	4.1	1.7	11.9
1986	15.9	18.5	15.8	13.7	12.0	9.5	6.0	3.7	1.5	10.6
<i>Annual rates —</i>										
1985	15.3	19.0	16.5	14.4	12.1	9.0	5.7	3.8	1.6	10.9
1986	15.9	18.5	15.8	13.7	12.0	9.5	6.0	3.7	1.5	10.6
1987	16.6	18.9	16.0	13.8	11.8	9.2	5.7	3.5	1.5	10.6
1988	16.8	19.6	16.6	14.1	12.0	9.4	5.7	3.6	1.4	10.8
1989	16.9	19.5	16.3	14.1	12.3	9.2	6.1	3.6	1.4	10.8
1990	18.3	20.3	16.5	14.3	12.5	9.6	6.3	3.6	1.3	10.9

(a) Per 1,000 married men and women respectively, as at 30 June for each year shown. See paragraph 13 of Explanatory Notes. (b) For the purpose of calculating rates in this column, married persons aged between 15 and 34 have been included in the denominator.

TABLE 5. DIVORCES : RELATIVE AGES OF PARTIES AT DATE OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1990

Age group of husband (years)	Age group of wife (years)								Total (a)
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over	
Under 20	2,116	562	64	8	—	—	—	—	2,753
20-24	7,022	10,851	1,223	237	66	15	4	—	19,443
25-29	1,371	5,614	2,682	643	168	44	4	6	10,567
30-34	285	1,426	1,498	854	293	78	24	10	4,478
35-39	74	366	606	595	411	118	47	41	1,302
40-44	30	127	237	257	307	236	62	49	769
45-49	12	37	80	142	169	163	115	336	990
50 and over	8	35	74	95	130	125	178	467	42,635
Total (a)	10,932	19,042	6,472	2,837	1,550	780	437	467	42,635

(a) Includes age at date of marriage. Not stated.

TABLE 6. DIVORCES : AGE OF PARTIES AT DATE OF MARRIAGE, PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, AUSTRALIA, 1961 TO 1990

	Age group (years)								50 and over number (a)	Total number (a)	Median age
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49				
	HUSBAND										
Census years—	6.5	45.7	26.4	10.2	5.0	2.4	1.2	1.4	6,712	24.6	
1961	7.8	47.5	25.6	9.5	4.1	2.5	1.4	1.4	9,859	24.3	
1966	10.1	52.0	22.4	7.7	3.6	1.8	1.1	1.2	12,947	23.6	
1971	11.3	53.8	20.4	6.7	3.2	1.9	1.1	1.4	63,230	23.4	
1976	10.3	53.4	20.8	7.1	3.2	1.9	1.2	1.7	41,412	23.5	
1981	7.6	49.0	23.0	9.3	4.5	2.3	1.7	2.2	39,417	24.2	
1986											
Annual totals—									39,830	24.0	
1985	8.2	50.3	22.7	8.5	4.1	2.2	1.5	2.2	39,417	24.2	
1986	7.6	49.0	23.0	9.3	4.5	2.3	1.7	2.2	39,725	24.3	
1987	7.3	48.0	23.9	9.6	4.5	2.6	1.6	2.3	39,725	24.3	
1988	6.9	47.7	24.2	9.5	4.8	2.7	1.7	2.4	41,007	24.4	
1989	6.6	46.9	24.3	9.9	5.0	2.9	1.6	2.4	41,383	24.5	
1990	6.5	45.6	24.8	10.5	5.3	3.1	1.8	2.3	42,635	24.7	
	WIFE										
Census years—									6,712	21.8	
1961	30.7	42.7	13.8	5.9	2.9	1.4	0.7	0.9	9,859	21.4	
1966	33.7	43.0	12.6	4.9	2.7	1.4	0.8	0.7	12,947	21.0	
1971	38.0	43.4	10.2	3.8	2.1	1.0	0.8	0.9	63,230	21.0	
1976	39.0	43.3	9.3	3.4	1.9	1.2	0.8	1.0	63,230	21.0	
1976	37.3	43.5	10.2	3.8	2.0	1.2	0.7	1.0	41,412	20.9	
1981	30.5	44.2	12.7	5.5	2.9	1.5	0.9	1.2	39,417	21.6	
1986											
Annual totals—									39,830	21.4	
1985	31.9	44.0	12.1	5.3	2.7	1.5	0.9	1.2	39,417	21.6	
1986	30.5	44.2	12.7	5.5	2.9	1.5	0.9	1.2	39,725	21.7	
1987	28.8	44.7	13.5	5.8	3.2	1.6	1.0	1.1	39,725	21.7	
1988	27.4	45.2	13.8	6.1	3.3	1.8	0.9	1.2	41,007	21.8	
1989	26.4	44.9	14.7	6.1	3.5	1.8	1.0	1.2	41,383	21.9	
1990	25.6	44.7	15.2	6.7	3.6	1.8	1.0	1.1	42,635	22.1	

(a) Includes age at date of marriage. Not stated.

TABLE 7. DIVORCES : RELATIVE AGES OF PARTIES AT DATE DECREE MADE ABSOLUTE, AUSTRALIA, 1990

Age group of husband (years)	Age group of wife (years)								60 and over	Total (a)
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59		
Under 25	708	233	37	9	—	—	—	—	—	989
25-29	1,671	3,856	622	139	39	13	4	—	—	6,358
30-34	450	3,556	3,803	693	151	33	4	—	—	8,715
35-39	109	886	3,103	3,150	577	114	34	5	—	7,992
40-44	37	254	864	2,639	2,824	416	86	22	7	7,159
45-49	11	80	243	603	2,027	1,592	202	41	19	4,827
50-54	3	38	86	213	508	1,093	839	137	41	2,965
55-59	3	16	34	76	163	323	568	411	88	1,695
60 and over	7	15	27	63	90	164	291	367	817	1,852
Total (a)	3,010	8,949	8,830	7,592	6,387	3,755	2,032	986	983	42,635

(a) Includes age at date decree made absolute. Not stated.

TABLE 8. DIVORCES : AGE OF PARTIES AT DATE DECREE MADE ABSOLUTE, PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, AUSTRALIA, 1961 TO 1990

AUSTRALIA, 1961 TO 1990											
	Age group (years)								60 and over	Total number (a)	Median age
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59			
HUSBAND											
Census years —											
1961	2.0	12.2	20.3	19.4	14.6	12.2	8.5	4.9	4.7	6,712	38.6
1966	2.8	13.6	16.0	17.2	16.5	12.1	9.9	6.0	5.8	9,859	40.1
1971	3.8	18.8	18.6	14.4	14.3	12.2	8.0	5.4	4.4	12,947	37.9
1976	5.6	21.4	19.1	14.3	11.3	10.4	8.0	4.8	4.9	63,230	36.2
1981	4.9	20.7	22.5	16.6	11.9	8.5	6.7	4.1	3.9	41,412	35.5
1986	3.4	16.8	19.9	19.4	14.6	10.3	6.6	4.4	4.4	39,417	37.5
Annual totals —											
1985	3.7	16.8	20.7	20.1	14.0	10.0	6.1	4.5	4.3	39,830	37.2
1986	3.4	16.8	19.9	19.4	14.6	10.3	6.6	4.4	4.4	39,417	37.5
1987	3.1	16.4	20.7	19.2	15.3	10.2	6.3	4.0	4.6	39,725	37.5
1988	2.7	16.1	20.7	19.2	16.0	10.3	6.4	4.0	4.3	41,007	37.6
1989	2.6	15.5	20.4	18.8	16.5	10.8	6.6	4.1	4.4	41,383	37.7
1990	2.3	14.9	20.4	18.7	16.8	11.3	7.0	4.0	4.3	42,635	38.2
WIFE											
Census years —											
1961	7.8	18.4	20.1	17.3	13.6	10.2	5.5	2.9	2.8	6,712	35.8
1966	8.9	18.3	16.7	15.9	14.8	10.9	7.2	4.1	3.3	9,859	36.9
1971	11.2	23.5	17.0	13.0	12.5	10.4	6.3	3.6	2.4	12,947	34.4
1976	13.8	24.3	17.8	12.8	9.8	8.4	6.3	3.5	3.0	63,230	33.1
1981	13.3	24.3	20.8	14.9	10.0	6.5	4.7	2.8	2.3	41,412	32.8
1986	9.8	21.2	20.2	18.1	12.5	8.2	4.5	2.6	2.5	39,417	34.7
Annual totals —											
1985	9.9	21.5	20.8	18.3	12.0	7.5	4.2	2.8	2.6	39,830	34.4
1986	9.8	21.2	20.2	18.1	12.5	8.2	4.5	2.6	2.5	39,417	34.7
1987	9.2	21.4	20.5	17.9	13.2	8.1	4.3	2.5	2.6	39,725	34.7
1988	8.3	21.6	20.8	17.8	13.8	8.3	4.2	2.4	2.4	41,007	34.8
1989	7.4	21.3	20.6	18.0	14.5	8.4	4.6	2.4	2.5	41,383	35.1
1990	7.1	21.0	20.7	17.8	15.0	8.8	4.8	2.3	2.3	42,635	35.3

(a) Includes age at date decree made absolute. Not stated.

TABLE 9. DIVORCES : MARITAL STATUS OF PARTIES AT DATE OF MARRIAGE AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1990

Duration of marriage (years)	Husband				Wife			
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
1 and under 2	456	15	149	620	452	22	146	620
2 and under 3	1,905	38	581	2,524	1,904	58	562	2,524
3 and under 4	2,155	46	646	2,847	2,183	43	621	2,847
4 and under 5	2,253	35	639	2,927	2,288	45	594	2,927
5 and under 6	2,132	24	637	2,793	2,192	33	568	2,793
6 and under 7	2,000	30	593	2,623	2,035	32	556	2,623
7 and under 8	1,909	27	532	2,468	1,943	42	483	2,468
8 and under 9	1,754	13	496	2,263	1,734	26	503	2,263
9 and under 10	1,530	19	459	2,008	1,570	32	406	2,008
10 and under 14	5,865	78	1,426	7,369	5,836	101	1,432	7,369
15 and under 19	5,108	28	440	5,576	5,144	34	398	5,576
20 and under 24	4,120	22	187	4,329	4,157	29	143	4,329
25 and under 29	2,235	8	80	2,323	2,254	7	62	2,323
30 and over	1,899	8	50	1,957	1,885	9	63	1,957
Total (a)	35,329	391	6,915	42,635	35,584	513	6,538	42,635

(a) Includes duration of marriage, Not stated.

TABLE 10. DIVORCES : MARITAL STATUS OF PARTIES AT DATE OF MARRIAGE, PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, AUSTRALIA, 1961 TO 1990

	Husband				Wife			
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total number (a)	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total number (a)
Census years —								
1961	67.5	1.8	5.2	6,712	69.8	2.3	6.9	6,712
1966	90.7	2.1	7.2	9,859	88.6	2.9	8.5	9,859
1971	91.6	1.7	6.7	12,947	90.6	2.0	7.4	12,947
1976	91.9	1.6	6.4	63,230	91.2	2.0	6.8	63,230
1981	89.4	1.2	9.4	41,412	89.1	1.6	9.3	41,412
1986	84.4	1.3	14.3	39,417	84.8	1.6	13.5	39,417
Annual totals —								
1985	85.3	1.8	13.0	39,830	85.8	1.9	12.3	39,830
1986	84.4	1.3	14.3	39,417	84.8	1.6	13.5	39,417
1987	83.8	1.2	15.0	39,725	84.6	1.4	14.0	39,725
1988	83.6	1.0	15.3	41,007	84.2	1.4	14.4	41,007
1989	83.4	1.0	15.6	41,383	84.1	1.2	14.7	41,383
1990	82.9	0.9	16.2	42,635	83.5	1.2	15.3	42,635

(a) Includes marital status, Not stated.

TABLE 11. DIVORCES : MEDIAN DURATION (YEARS) OF MARRIAGE AND MARITAL STATUS OF PARTIES AT DATE OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1961 TO 1990

	Husband				Wife			
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total number (a)	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total number (a)
Census years —								
1961	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1966	14.3	11.2	11.8	14.0	14.4	12.0	11.4	14.0
1971	12.8	10.1	11.5	12.7	12.8	11.3	11.9	12.7
1976	11.4	9.0	9.5	11.2	11.4	9.7	9.8	11.2
1981	10.7	6.2	5.7	10.2	10.7	7.6	5.9	10.2
1986	11.9	6.6	6.6	10.6	11.8	7.4	6.7	10.6
Annual medians —								
1985	11.8	6.6	6.3	10.6	11.7	7.2	6.5	10.6
1986	11.9	6.6	6.6	10.6	11.8	7.4	6.7	10.6
1987	11.5	6.8	6.7	10.2	11.4	7.1	6.8	10.2
1988	11.3	6.7	6.8	10.1	11.3	8.4	6.9	10.1
1989	11.3	6.8	7.3	10.2	11.2	8.0	7.3	10.2
1990	11.1	7.3	7.3	10.1	11.0	7.6	7.4	10.1

(a) Includes marital status, Not stated.

TABLE 12. DIVORCES : AGE OF PARTIES AT DATE OF FINAL SEPARATION AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN DATE OF MARRIAGE AND DATE OF FINAL SEPARATION, AUSTRALIA, 1990

Duration of marriage (years)	Age group (years)										60 and over	Total (a)
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59			
	HUSBAND											
Under 1	86	869	922	525	303	220	129	100	58	89	3,319	
1 and under 2	31	990	1,218	599	312	198	127	77	45	73	3,689	
2 and under 3	3	718	1,410	600	318	193	110	70	46	48	3,527	
3 and under 4	—	385	1,221	662	325	193	104	56	34	45	3,030	
4 and under 5	—	180	1,112	682	305	173	101	59	40	50	2,705	
5 and under 6	—	64	961	664	320	162	78	53	24	35	2,366	
6 and under 7	—	19	734	649	305	176	73	58	33	26	2,075	
7 and under 8	—	3	522	741	349	179	70	51	21	21	1,957	
8 and under 9	—	—	331	662	313	162	74	50	29	25	1,649	
9 and under 10	—	—	178	697	301	164	68	42	26	23	1,499	
10 and under 14	—	—	82	2,123	2,329	898	330	176	107	88	6,137	
15 and under 19	—	—	—	88	2,008	2,043	587	152	72	52	5,007	
20 and under 24	—	—	—	—	80	1,318	1,242	324	104	58	3,128	
25 and under 29	—	—	—	—	—	30	557	592	182	80	1,445	
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	245	377	329	968	
Total (a)	120	3,231	8,693	8,694	7,569	6,110	3,666	2,105	1,198	1,042	42,635	
WIFE												
Under 1	368	1,143	759	406	282	147	85	56	23	31	3,319	
1 and under 2	219	1,494	980	377	279	136	86	49	28	28	3,689	
2 and under 3	73	1,453	1,076	403	208	143	66	47	23	24	3,527	
3 and under 4	22	967	1,185	364	233	119	57	37	13	24	3,030	
4 and under 5	3	681	1,104	443	197	141	67	36	13	15	2,705	
5 and under 6	—	372	1,145	424	199	115	49	28	14	14	2,366	
6 and under 7	—	161	1,033	458	216	87	64	28	9	11	2,075	
7 and under 8	—	52	949	539	206	119	46	21	14	9	1,957	
8 and under 9	—	26	685	524	231	89	48	26	9	8	1,649	
9 and under 10	—	—	511	582	201	108	47	30	11	7	1,499	
10 and under 14	—	—	535	3,158	1,582	485	189	80	49	52	6,137	
15 and under 19	—	—	—	618	2,840	1,201	230	63	24	20	5,007	
20 and under 24	—	—	—	—	398	1,896	656	119	28	26	3,128	
25 and under 29	—	—	—	—	—	185	817	343	67	27	1,445	
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	94	389	271	212	968	
Total (a)	685	6,351	9,965	8,300	7,074	4,971	2,601	1,352	596	508	42,635	

(a) Includes age at separation, Not stated and duration of marriage to separation, Not stated.

TABLE 13. DIVORCES : PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION AND MEDIAN DURATION (YEARS) BETWEEN DATE OF MARRIAGE AND DATE OF FINAL SEPARATION PRECEDING DIVORCE, AUSTRALIA, 1981 TO 1990

Census years —	Duration of marriage (years)							Total number (a)	Median duration (years)
	Under 5	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30 and over		
1981	36.4	24.9	15.9	10.2	7.0	3.5	2.1	41,412	7.5
1986	37.6	21.5	16.0	11.7	7.2	3.7	2.3	39,417	7.6
Annual totals —									
1985	36.6	22.3	16.7	11.6	6.9	3.5	2.5	39,830	7.7
1986	37.6	21.5	16.0	11.7	7.2	3.7	2.3	39,417	7.6
1987	38.3	21.7	15.4	11.8	7.1	3.4	2.3	39,725	7.3
1988	38.5	22.1	15.1	11.8	6.8	3.4	2.4	41,007	7.3
1989	37.9	22.3	14.9	12.0	7.0	3.4	2.3	41,383	7.3
1990	38.2	22.4	14.4	11.7	7.3	3.4	2.3	42,635	7.3

(a) Includes duration of marriage, Not stated.

TABLE 14. DIVORCES : AGE OF PARTIES AT DATE DECREE MADE ABSOLUTE AND DURATION (YEARS) OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1990

AUSTRALIA, 1996

Duration of marriage (years)	Age group (years)									Total (a)
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	
	HUSBAND									
1 and under 2	120	176	123	52	42	35	25	10	33	620
2 and under 3	352	926	497	251	173	122	74	52	69	2,524
3 and under 4	284	1,075	641	311	188	123	87	56	74	2,847
4 and under 5	161	1,162	738	341	230	128	63	43	51	2,927
5 and under 6	50	999	833	414	205	114	72	50	49	2,793
6 and under 7	17	777	862	419	223	133	82	39	62	2,468
7 and under 8	3	565	925	473	223	101	78	35	62	2,263
8 and under 9	—	382	920	446	237	122	77	32	41	2,008
9 and under 10	—	204	862	457	217	116	64	43	43	1,852
10 and under 14	—	91	2,218	2,599	1,267	553	276	174	184	7,369
15 and under 19	—	—	93	2,142	2,239	638	241	118	100	4,329
20 and under 24	—	—	—	86	1,838	1,706	437	145	113	4,329
25 and under 29	—	—	—	—	74	918	939	265	121	2,323
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	18	450	633	850	1,957
Total (a)	989	6,358	8,715	7,992	7,159	4,827	2,965	1,695	1,852	42,635
Duration of marriage (years)	WIFE									Total (a)
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	
	WIFE									
1 and under 2	223	168	76	61	38	18	12	8	13	620
2 and under 3	819	794	369	218	136	74	54	26	23	2,524
3 and under 4	792	1,015	433	251	153	85	47	26	37	2,847
4 and under 5	589	1,281	474	242	156	88	46	17	25	2,927
5 and under 6	331	1,304	576	222	170	93	39	26	25	2,793
6 and under 7	170	1,217	607	273	179	84	38	20	22	2,623
7 and under 8	61	1,109	694	275	162	81	34	24	14	2,468
8 and under 9	23	857	765	310	165	68	37	17	14	2,263
9 and under 10	—	622	780	286	164	66	45	19	20	2,008
10 and under 14	—	580	3,389	1,917	786	353	167	81	86	7,369
15 and under 19	—	—	663	2,996	1,385	337	91	41	51	5,576
20 and under 24	—	—	—	540	2,549	959	180	52	45	4,329
25 and under 29	—	—	—	—	341	1,322	524	88	39	2,323
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	127	718	541	558	1,957
Total (a)	3,010	8,949	8,830	7,592	6,387	3,755	2,032	986	983	42,635

(a) Includes age at date decree made absolute. Not stated and duration of marriage. Not stated.

TABLE 15. DIVORCES : PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION AND MEDIAN DURATION (YEARS) BETWEEN DATE OF MARRIAGE AND DATE DECREE MADE ABSOLUTE, AUSTRALIA, 1961 TO 1990

Census years —	Duration of marriage (years)							Total number (a)	Median duration (years)
	Under 5	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30 and over		
1961	7.2	29.0	25.4	15.5	11.7	5.6	5.7	6,712	12.5
1966	7.9	25.9	20.3	17.7	13.1	8.0	7.2	9,859	13.8
1971	9.1	20.0	14.3	12.4	7.7	6.3	6.3	12,947	12.4
1975	15.5	30.2	18.1	12.5	9.8	7.5	6.4	63,230	11.0
1981	20.8	28.5	19.6	11.9	8.6	5.6	5.0	41,412	10.2
1986	21.7	26.2	17.8	14.3	9.4	5.6	4.9	39,417	10.6
Annual totals —									
1985	21.2	26.4	18.7	14.1	9.2	5.2	5.1	39,830	10.6
1986	21.7	26.2	17.8	14.3	9.4	5.6	4.9	39,417	10.6
1987	22.1	26.9	17.3	14.4	9.2	5.2	4.9	39,725	10.2
1988	21.4	28.1	17.3	14.2	9.3	5.1	4.7	41,007	10.1
1989	20.9	28.3	17.1	13.9	9.9	5.3	4.6	41,383	10.2
1990	20.9	28.5	17.3	13.1	10.2	5.4	4.6	42,635	10.1

(a) Includes duration of marriage. Not stated.

TABLE 16. DIVORCES: RELATIVE BIRTHPLACES OF PARTIES, AUSTRALIA, 1990

TABLE 1. DIVORCES: RELATIVE BIRTHPLACES OF PARTIES

Country of birth	Husband born in country shown and wife born in —			Wife born in country shown and husband born in —				
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total wives	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total husbands
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA —								
Australia	24,790	—	4,503	29,293	24,790	—	5,675	30,465
Fiji	84	100	35	219	93	100	60	253
New Zealand	392	463	141	996	339	463	216	1,018
Other	57	34	41	132	78	34	36	148
Total	25,323	597	4,720	30,640	25,300	597	5,987	31,884
EUROPE AND THE USSR —								
Austria	59	13	35	107	21	13	32	66
Germany	292	109	147	548	234	109	147	490
Greece	129	148	30	307	41	148	31	220
Hungary	56	34	43	133	12	34	28	74
Ireland	85	31	42	158	61	31	48	140
Italy	243	166	123	532	78	166	61	305
Malta	81	58	25	164	47	58	22	127
Netherlands	235	85	113	433	162	85	76	323
Poland	48	165	52	265	22	165	52	239
United Kingdom	2,471	1,628	592	4,691	2,139	1,628	535	4,302
USSR and the Baltic States	26	36	31	93	13	36	22	71
Yugoslavia	129	307	97	533	49	307	55	411
Other	205	197	182	584	118	197	143	458
Total	4,059	2,977	1,512	8,548	2,997	2,977	1,252	7,226
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA —								
Egypt	56	44	44	144	20	44	31	95
Lebanon	58	168	46	272	11	168	21	200
Turkey	20	96	13	129	4	96	13	113
Other	85	59	66	210	27	59	62	148
Total	219	367	169	755	62	367	127	556
SOUTHEAST ASIA —								
Indonesia	43	28	26	97	22	28	36	86
Malaysia	80	50	63	193	78	50	62	190
Philippines	25	158	8	191	212	158	149	519
Singapore	33	9	24	66	22	9	35	66
Thailand	10	13	14	37	42	13	37	92
Viet Nam	8	133	55	196	8	133	57	198
Other	7	37	41	85	11	37	26	74
Total	206	428	231	865	395	428	402	1,225
NORTHEAST ASIA —								
China	40	153	74	267	26	153	87	266
Hong Kong	21	55	71	147	9	55	45	109
Other	15	33	13	61	31	33	35	99
Total	76	241	158	475	66	241	167	474
SOUTHERN ASIA —								
India	91	80	40	211	57	80	53	190
Sri Lanka	28	39	18	85	12	39	19	70
Other	22	8	19	49	5	8	6	19
Total	141	127	77	345	74	127	78	279
THE AMERICAS —								
Canada	59	16	21	96	88	16	40	144
Chile	11	64	16	91	7	64	20	91
United States of America	132	32	51	215	118	32	55	205
Other	35	65	55	155	38	65	59	162
Total	237	177	143	557	251	177	174	602
AFRICA (Excluding North Africa) —								
South Africa	64	49	39	152	45	49	49	143
Other	79	43	64	186	48	43	50	141
Total	143	92	103	338	93	92	99	284
Other and not stated	61	20	31	112	55	20	30	105
Total	30,465	5,026	7,144	42,635	29,293	5,026	8,316	42,635

TABLE 17. DIVORCES : PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF THE MARRIAGE (a)
AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF PARTIES, AUSTRALIA 1961 TO 1990

	Number of children						Total divorces	Total number of children children (b)	Average number of children (b)
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more			
<i>Census years—</i>									
1961	38.8	25.7	20.9	9.7	3.0	1.9	6,712	7,999	2.0
1966	35.5	25.4	21.9	10.5	4.2	2.5	9,859	12,950	2.0
1971	32.5	24.6	23.0	12.4	4.8	2.8	12,947	18,451	2.1
1975	37.3	23.3	22.8	10.7	4.0	1.8	63,230	73,645	1.9
1981	39.9	21.5	25.6	10.0	3.0	1.0	41,412	49,616	2.0
1986	40.3	21.2	25.8	9.5	2.5	0.7	39,417	45,231	1.9
<i>Annual totals—</i>									
1985	39.4	21.1	26.2	10.0	2.6	0.7	39,830	46,800	1.9
1986	40.3	21.2	25.8	9.5	2.5	0.7	39,417	45,231	1.9
1987	41.4	21.7	25.1	9.0	2.2	0.6	39,725	44,050	1.9
1988	42.5	21.5	24.7	8.7	2.2	0.5	41,007	44,395	1.9
1989	44.7	20.4	23.7	8.7	2.1	0.5	41,383	43,317	1.9
1990	44.4	20.3	23.8	8.6	2.3	0.5	42,635	44,913	1.9

(a) See paragraph 14 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Divorces involving one or more children.

TABLE 18. DIVORCES : NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF THE MARRIAGE (a), AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND DURATION (YEARS) OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1990

Duration of marriage (years)	Number of children						Total divorces	Total number of children children (b)	Average number of children (b)
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more			
1 and under 2	530	50	26	11	3	—	620	147	1.6
2 and under 3	1,972	361	131	43	10	7	2,524	828	1.5
3 and under 4	1,975	371	219	52	24	6	2,847	1,293	1.5
4 and under 5	1,817	677	323	84	21	5	2,927	1,685	1.5
5 and under 6	1,506	698	479	80	26	4	2,793	2,021	1.6
6 and under 7	1,213	663	567	139	34	7	2,623	2,387	1.7
7 and under 8	1,040	596	638	141	48	5	2,468	2,515	1.8
8 and under 9	784	519	700	215	39	6	2,263	2,755	1.9
9 and under 10	625	438	679	203	53	10	2,008	2,669	1.9
10 and under 14	1,725	1,298	2,785	1,197	307	57	7,369	11,986	2.1
15 and under 19	769	846	2,404	1,168	328	61	5,576	10,793	2.2
20 and under 24	1,465	1,425	1,058	298	62	21	4,329	4,796	1.7
25 and under 29	1,685	472	132	28	4	—	2,323	847	1.3
30 and over	1,819	116	11	8	—	3	1,957	181	1.3
Total (c)	18,928	8,732	10,154	3,667	960	194	42,635	44,913	1.9

(a) See paragraph 14 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Divorces involving one or more children. (c) Includes duration of marriage, Not stated.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The *Family Law Act 1975* came into operation throughout Australia on 5 January 1976, repealing the Matrimonial Causes legislation which had been operative since 1961. Under Family Law legislation the irretrievable breakdown of marriage is the only ground on which a divorce is granted. This ground is established by the husband and wife having lived apart for 12 months or more and there being no reasonable likelihood of reconciliation. Applications for nullity of marriage under Family Law legislation must be on the ground that the marriage is void because of failure to meet a legal requirement such as that neither party be already lawfully married to another person. There is no provision for judicial separation under Family Law legislation.

2. Successful applicants for a divorce under Family Law legislation are initially granted a decree nisi. This becomes absolute after one month unless it is rescinded, appealed against, or the Court has not declared its satisfaction as to proper arrangements having been made for the welfare of children involved.

3. At the time of the introduction of the Family Law Act there were applications pending for divorce which had been previously filed under the Matrimonial Causes legislation. Family Law legislation provided that these cases could be continued under the superseded legislation or transferred and heard under the Family Law legislation. The publication *Divorces, 1976* (3307.0) differentiated between those cases in which a divorce was granted under Matrimonial Causes legislation and those cases in which a divorce was granted under Family Law legislation. Such differentiation is not made for subsequent years.

Statistics

4. The statistics shown in this publication relate to calendar years and are compiled by the ABS from a Statistical Report made out in respect of each application which resulted in a decree absolute being granted. Such reports are forwarded to the ABS on finalisation of proceedings. A reproduction of the Statistical Report used appears in Appendix C.

5. The Family Law Courts are introducing a new system for capturing Divorce data. This involves entering data onto the computer on receipt of an application. Data for finalised divorces are sent on tape to the ABS on a monthly basis for the Newcastle, Dandenong, Townsville, Adelaide, Hobart, Launceston and Canberra Family Courts. This system is scheduled to become operational, for all registries, in the future.

6. In the interpretation of data it is important to bear in mind that the availability of judges and the complexity of the cases brought before them can affect the number of decrees made absolute or granted in any one year. A rise in numbers in one year may be due wholly or in part to the clearing of a backlog of cases from an earlier period. In addition, of course, legislative changes and the

expectation of new legislation, rules and practises, may affect the number of applications.

State

7. The State classification in Tables 1, 2 and 3 of this publication is based on the location of the Family Court where the divorce is granted and registered, with the exception of divorces granted at the Lismore (NSW) Family Court which are registered by the Brisbane registry and included in Queensland figures. In 1990 the number included in Queensland was 557, 472 in 1989, 380 in 1988, 371 in 1987, 345 in 1986 and 305 in 1985.

8. The rates for States or Territories are also affected by persons applying to the nearest Family Court rather than the court in their State of residence. The Canberra Family Court is particularly affected as it serves, in addition to the ACT, a large area of south-eastern New South Wales and part of Victoria. It is for this reason that the crude divorce rate and the age specific divorce rates for the ACT are not presented. They are not a statistically accurate reflection of the extent of divorce among ACT residents. In 1990, 35 per cent of divorces granted in the ACT were to applicants normally resident in the ACT. The corresponding figures for 1989, 1988, 1987, 1986 and 1985 are 39, 40, 45, 44 and 44 per cent respectively.

Definitions

9. *Divorces*. The term divorce, as used in this publication, refers to decrees of dissolution of marriage. Prior to 1980 the term was used to include nullities of marriage and, where application was made before 5 January 1976, judicial separations granted. Details of nullities of marriage have not been collected since 1980. Figures in tables 2 and 3 of this publication have been revised to exclude nullities and judicial separations prior to 1980.

10. *Divorce rates*. In this publication several types of rates are shown. In all cases the rates are expressed per 1,000 of the appropriate population.

11. The *crude divorce rate* is the number of divorces per 1,000 of the mean population. (In the interpretation of this rate it must be kept in mind that a large varying proportion of the population used in the denominator is unmarried or below the minimum age of marriage.)

12. The *age specific divorce rate (per 1,000 population)* relates to the number of divorces by age at decree made absolute to the estimated resident population in specific age groups. Males under 18 and females under 16 are excluded from the population.

13. The *age and marital status specific divorce rate (per 1,000 married population)* relates the number of divorces by age at decree made absolute to the married population in specific age groups. Those classified as *permanently separated* are included in the married population. Males and females under 15 are excluded from the population.

14. *Children are unmarried children of the marriage* who were aged under 18 years at the time of application for divorce. Under the *Family Law Act 1975*, these may include (in certain cases) adopted and ex-nuptial children and children from a former marriage. Children who are married or aged 18 years or more are not subject to custody and guardianship orders and are excluded.

15. *Duration of marriage* is the interval between the date of marriage and the date the decree was made absolute. In Tables 12 and 13, the interval between the date of marriage and the date of final separation is shown. *Date of final separation* is the date, given on the application for divorce, from which the period of living apart is calculated for the purpose of establishing the grounds for divorce. In determining the date of final separation, a single period of resumed cohabitation of less than three months may be ignored, provided the periods of living apart before and after resumed cohabitation amount to 12 months or more in total.

Additional statistics available

16. In most 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, floppy disk, computer printout, or clerically-extracted tabulation. Generally, a charge is made for providing unpublished information. A list of tables produced annually is attached in Appendix B.

State statistics

17. In this publication detailed statistics are provided for Australia but summary figures are given for States.

Related publications

Other ABS publications which may be of interest are:

Marriages, Australia (3306.0) - issued annually

Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0) - issued quarterly

18. A compendium of all demographic data for each State will be released annually in a new State specific publication, *Demography*. The first release will contain 1990 data. Should users require detailed State data on Divorces prior to the release of this compendium please contact Information Services or the Demography Section in each State office.

19. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products, 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

- n.a. not available
- nil or rounded to zero
- break in continuity of series (where drawn across a column between consecutive figures)
- r figures or series revised since previous issue

20. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

APPENDIX A

CHARACTERISTICS PROCESSED BY THE AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS
FOR EACH DIVORCE REGISTERED

DIVORCE	Registry
	State of registration
	Date of filing of application
	Sex of applicant
	Date of marriage
	Date of final separation
	Duration to separation
	Month of outcome
	Duration of marriage
	Number of children of the marriage under 18
	Date of birth of youngest child of the marriage
	Age of youngest child of the marriage
HUSBAND AND WIFE	Place of birth
	Date of birth
	Occupation
	Marital status at time of marriage
	Age at marriage
	Age at separation
	Age at divorce

APPENDIX B

LIST OF DIVORCE TABLES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

<i>Table number</i>	<i>Description</i>
DIVR0001	State of registry by sex of applicant
DIVR0002	Month of outcome by state
DIVR0003	Ages of husband and wife at marriage
DIVR0004	Ages of husband and wife at date of divorce
DIVR0005	Ages of husband and wife at final separation
DIVR0006	Birthplace of husband by birthplace of wife
DIVR0007	Marital status of husband by marital status of wife (at time of marriage)
DIVR0008	Duration of marriage by marital status of husband and wife
DIVR0009	Age of husband at marriage by duration of marriage
DIVR0010	Age of wife at marriage by duration of marriage
DIVR0011	Age of husband at date of divorce by duration of marriage
DIVR0012	Age of wife at date of divorce by duration of marriage
DIVR0013	Duration of marriage by sex of applicant
DIVR0014	Duration of marriage by number of children under 18
DIVR0015	Age of youngest child by duration of marriage
DIVR0016	Age of youngest child by number of children under 18
*DIVR0017	Age of husband at final separation by duration of cohabitation
*DIVR0018	Age of wife at final separation by duration of cohabitation
DIVR0019	Month and year of application by month of outcome
DIVR0020	Interval between final separation and filing of application by State
DIVR0021	Interval between final separation and filing of application by duration of marriage

* NOTE: For the purpose of these tables, duration of cohabitation is the interval between date of marriage and date of final separation.

APPENDIX C

FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA - STATISTICAL REPORT

Instructions

1. This report is to be made out in respect of applications for dissolution of marriage. Month Year
 2. All fields should be right-justified with leading zeros. e.g. '4 March 1908' show as 0 3 0 8
 Year Number
 show File Identification Details as 9 0 0 0 6 3 7

REGISTRY ☐
 (See back of form for identifier)

FILE IDENTIFICATION DETAILS Year Number

DATE APPLICATION FILED Month Year

SEX OF APPLICANT ☐
 (Male 1, Female 2, Joint 3)

DATE OF MARRIAGE Month Year

DATE OF BIRTH OF HUSBAND Month Year

PLACE OF BIRTH OF HUSBAND
 Please code Australia or country (abroad) as per code list
 see back of form for common codes (if unable to code country, please write in any details available)

OCCUPATION OF HUSBAND
 (Please write in details from form 4)

MARITAL STATUS OF HUSBAND AT TIME OF MARRIAGE ☐
 (Not previously married 1, Widowed 3, Divorced 4)

DATE OF BIRTH OF WIFE Month Year

PLACE OF BIRTH OF WIFE
 Please code Australia or country (abroad) as per code list
 see back of form for common codes (if unable to code country, please write in any details available)

OCCUPATION OF WIFE
 (Please write in details from form 4)

MARITAL STATUS OF WIFE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE ☐
 (Not previously married 1, Widowed 3, Divorced 4)

DATE OF FINAL SEPARATION Month Year

STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE AT FINAL SEPARATION ☐
 (See back of form for identifier)

NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF THE MARRIAGE
 (AGED UNDER 18 AT TIME OF APPLICATION)
 (If no children, please code 00)

DATE OF BIRTH OF YOUNGEST CHILD OF THE MARRIAGE Month Year

 (If no children please leave code boxes blank)

DATE DECREE MADE ABSOLUTE Month Year



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