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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The statistics in this publication refer to marriages registered by the State and Territorial Registrars during the year shown. There is usually an interval of at least some days between the celebration and the registration of a marriage. As a result of the delay in registration some marriages celebrated in one year are not registered until the following year. Table 2 shows the relationship between month of celebration and month of registration for the years 1970 to 1972. Marriages which are registered more than 10 years after date of occurrence are excluded from the statistics.

2. Figures for years before 1966 exclude registered marriages identified as those of full-blood aborigines. The rates for years prior to 1966 are based on the population excluding full-blood aborigines. Tribal marriages are excluded from the statistics for all years.

3. The (Commonwealth) *Marriage Act* 1961-1966 came into full operation on 1 September 1963. The following two paragraphs outline some of the more important provisions contained in the Act. Further particulars may be obtained by reference to the publication *Handbook for Marriage Celebrants* prepared by the Attorney-General's Department, Canberra.

4. Marriages may be celebrated by a minister of religion registered as an authorised celebrant, by a district registrar or by other persons authorised by the Attorney-General. Notice of the intended marriage must be given to the celebrant at least seven days before the marriage. A minister who celebrates a marriage must transmit an official certificate of the marriage for registration to a district registrar in the State in which the marriage took place.

5. The marriage of minors is not permissible without the consent of parents or guardians or, where this is not obtainable, of a magistrate or other prescribed authority. The (Commonwealth) *Marriage Act* provides that the minimum marriageable age at which persons are legally free to marry is 18 years for males and 16 years for females. A judge or magistrate may, in exceptional circumstances, make an order authorising a male who has attained 16 years or a female who has attained 14 years to marry a person of marriageable age.

6. First marriage rates are the numbers of males or females of a certain age marrying for the first time per 1,000 mid-year population of the same age and sex. The rates should be distinguished from bachelor and spinster rates, i.e. the numbers marrying for the first time, per 1,000 bachelors or spinsters of the same age. The first marriage rates for the years 1967 to 1970 (Table 15) are subject to revision when revised figures of population by age and sex are prepared for those years.

7. The crude marriage rate is the number of marriages per 1,000 mean population. These rates, together with the number of marriages registered, are shown in Table 1. Corresponding figures for each year from 1901 to 1970 are shown in *Demography*, Bulletin No. 85 1967-68. Figures for each year prior to 1901 appear in *Demography*, Bulletin No. 67, 1949.

8. Median ages of bridegrooms and brides appear in Table 11. The median age is the estimated age separating the younger half from the older.

9. Statistics of marriage classified by the occupation of the bridegroom have been discontinued from 1972.

10. A schedule of available unpublished tables relating to marriages in 1972 is attached to this publication. Part A of the schedule refers to tabulations which contain more detailed classifications of age and country of birth than the tables in this bulletin and which are also available for each State and Territory. Part B refers to unpublished data on re-marriages.

11. A line drawn across a column between two consecutive figures indicates a break in continuity in the series.

COMMENT

In 1972 there were 114,029 marriages registered in Australia, 3,608 fewer than in 1971. This was the first decline in fifteen years. The crude marriage rate which is the number of marriages per 1,000 mean population, fell from 9.20 to 8.78.

The decline occurred mainly amongst persons marrying for the first time. The number of bachelors marrying fell from 106,250 to 102,240, and of spinsters marrying from 106,377 to 102,106. Most of this reduction related to persons in their early twenties; there were 3,410 fewer bachelor grooms and 3,341 fewer spinster brides aged 20-24 in 1972 than in 1971. Fewer widowers remarried in 1972 (3,472, compared with 3,604 in 1971), but slightly more widows (3,868, as against 3,833 in 1971). Remarriages of male and female divorcees increased (males 8,317, a rise of 534, and females 8,055, a rise of 588).

January, April (in which Easter fell in 1972), September and December were the most popular months for marriage in 1972.

The proportion of civil marriages rose once more, from 12.9 per cent in 1971 to 14.1 per cent in 1972, the highest proportion on record. Ministers of the Roman Catholic Church celebrated 27.2 per cent of all marriages, those of the Church of England 25.4 per cent.

Fewer persons were married under the age of 21 in 1972 than in 1971, namely 18,011 grooms (18,687 in 1971) and 50,754 brides (52,476 in 1971). The median age at marriage rose from 23.78 in 1971 to 23.80 for grooms and from 21.39 to 21.41 for brides. However, the median ages for bachelor grooms and for spinster brides were lower in 1972 than in 1971, being for bachelor grooms 23.33 in 1972 compared with 23.36 in 1971, and for spinster brides 21.02 compared with 21.05 in 1971.

Of the grooms 89.7 per cent were bachelors (90.3 in 1971), 3.0 per cent widowers and 7.3 per cent divorced. For brides, the percentages were spinsters 89.5 (90.4 in 1971), widows 3.4, and divorced 7.1.

TABLE 1. - MARRIAGES REGISTERED AND CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES, 1921 TO 1972 (a)

Period	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
MARRIAGES REGISTERED									
Annual averages -									
1921-1925	18,041	13,293	6,072	4,200	2,564	1,594	14	4	45,782
1926-1930	19,253	12,955	6,279	4,036	3,167	1,506	23	30	47,249
1931-1935	18,742	12,773	6,950	3,967	3,328	1,638	29	53	47,480
1936-1940	25,295	17,784	8,982	5,726	4,399	2,187	83	85	64,541
1941-1945	28,506	19,450	10,563	6,517	4,668	2,097	71	109	71,981
1946-1950	30,162	20,453	10,666	6,581	5,205	2,529	114	181	75,891
1951-1955	28,483	20,007	10,171	6,290	5,232	2,539	146	234	73,102
1956-1960	28,432	20,422	10,254	6,517	5,145	2,573	190	321	73,854
1961-1965	31,788	23,262	11,437	7,514	5,768	2,700	248	533	83,250
1966-1970	39,216	29,481	14,717	9,920	8,147	3,330	394	983	106,188
Annual totals									
1968	39,213	29,724	14,860	9,652	8,086	3,426	419	965	106,345
1969	41,286	30,860	15,669	10,599	8,993	3,532	413	1,118	112,470
1970	42,928	31,729	16,082	10,864	9,227	3,535	501	1,200	116,066
1971	43,038	32,386	16,538	10,833	9,382	3,578	485	1,397	117,637
1972	41,520	31,206	16,066	10,829	9,120	3,426	490	1,372	114,029
CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES									
Average annual rates									
1921-1925	8.20	8.28	7.62	8.13	7.27	7.40	3.82	1.21	8.04
1926-1930	7.86	7.42	7.10	7.12	7.80	6.97	5.11	3.86	7.52
1931-1935	7.20	7.02	7.35	6.83	7.58	7.19	5.92	5.74	7.16
1936-1940	9.29	9.52	8.80	9.65	9.49	9.25	13.28	7.22	9.35
1941-1945	9.97	9.86	10.04	10.61	9.74	8.61	7.18	7.57	9.94
1946-1950	9.90	9.72	9.41	9.87	10.01	9.56	9.39	9.36	9.77
1951-1955	8.41	8.34	7.91	8.11	8.44	8.35	9.13	8.20	8.29
1956-1960	7.70	7.50	7.14	7.26	7.36	7.69	8.63	7.51	7.50
1961-1965	7.86	7.64	7.27	7.42	7.43	7.49	8.09	7.26	7.63
1966-1970	8.96	8.84	8.49	8.82	8.87	8.76	5.81	8.68	8.81
Annual rates									
1968	8.99	8.93	8.59	8.60	8.83	9.02	6.20	8.60	8.85
1969	9.29	9.11	8.88	9.30	9.41	9.17	5.65	9.19	9.16
1970	9.48	9.20	8.96	9.38	9.28	9.11	6.32	9.10	9.26
1971	9.33	9.23	9.03	9.21	9.09	9.15	5.60	9.68	9.20
1972	8.89	8.78	8.58	9.10	8.63	8.71	5.26	8.67	8.78

(a) Excludes particulars of full-blood Aborigines prior to 1966.

TABLE 2. - MARRIAGES : MONTH OF CELEBRATION AND MONTH OF REGISTRATION, AUSTRALIA, 1970 TO 1972

Year and month	Marriages celebrated and registered in the same month	Marriages celebrated in month shown and registered before the end of -			Marriages celebrated in month shown and registered during the year	Marriages registered during month shown and celebrated in -		Total marriages registered in month shown
		first subsequent month	second subsequent month	eleventh subsequent month		previous eleven months	twelfth preceding month or earlier	
1970								
January	9,814	12,126	12,174	12,225	12,225	1,292	11	11,117
February	6,735	9,134	9,187	9,244	9,244	2,449	3	9,187
March	7,430	10,090	10,153	10,213	10,210	2,469	7	9,906
April	8,329	9,099	9,150	9,200	9,199	2,749	..	11,078
May	9,080	10,946	11,012	11,059	11,055	877	2	9,959
June	6,973	8,213	8,282	8,315	8,311	1,957	5	8,935
July	6,011	6,723	6,763	6,790	6,781	1,343	4	7,358
August	7,719	9,454	9,504	9,533	9,523	837	3	8,559
September	7,565	8,758	8,795	8,833	8,816	1,876	2	9,443
October	8,416	10,550	10,610	10,638	10,610	1,267	5	9,688
November	6,773	8,794	8,833	8,855	8,794	2,196	2	8,971
December	9,742	10,922	10,961	10,994	9,742	2,122	1	11,865
Total	94,587	114,809	115,424	115,899	114,510	21,434	45	116,066
1971								
January	9,801	12,456	12,515	12,584	12,584	1,245	1	11,047
February	7,036	9,644	9,702	9,749	9,742	2,724	..	9,760
March	8,058	9,139	9,189	9,230	9,222	2,690	..	10,748
April	9,600	10,697	10,742	10,790	10,779	1,162	1	10,763
May	9,189	10,713	10,768	10,816	10,808	1,183	1	10,373
June	7,440	8,398	8,436	8,474	8,469	1,631	2	9,073
July	6,117	7,808	7,877	7,907	7,893	1,049	3	7,169
August	6,477	8,365	8,422	8,463	8,441	1,784	2	8,263
September	7,817	9,088	9,137	9,187	9,155	1,994	1	9,812
October	8,269	10,524	10,581	10,646	10,581	1,374	1	9,644
November	7,212	8,919	8,974	9,028	8,919	2,340	4	9,556
December	9,636	10,919	10,972	11,036	9,636	1,790	3	11,429
Total	96,652	116,670	117,315	117,910	116,229	20,966	19	117,637
1972								
January	8,799	11,736	11,801	11,868	11,868	1,388	100	10,287
February	7,730	9,205	9,264	-	9,314	3,046	10	10,786
March	8,309	9,759	9,821	-	9,861	1,649	..	9,958
April	8,419	11,172	11,236	-	11,273	1,562	3	9,984
May	7,927	8,979	9,040	-	9,070	2,868	3	10,798
June	7,366	8,242	8,282	-	8,304	1,169	3	8,538
July	5,821	7,218	7,239	-	7,265	985	..	6,806
August	7,012	8,081	8,126	-	8,145	1,478	..	8,490
September	7,512	10,118	10,174	-	10,191	1,125	48	8,685
October	6,961	8,400	8,432	-	8,432	2,688	16	9,665
November	7,555	8,745	-	-	8,745	1,528	7	9,090
December	9,686	-	-	-	9,686	1,252	4	10,942
Total	93,097	-	-	-	112,154	20,738	194	114,029

NOTE: The symbol '-' shown in place of 1972 figures denotes totals which cannot be completed until 1973 marriage registrations become available.

TABLE 3. - MARRIAGES : CATEGORY OF CELEBRANT : 1972

Category of celebrant	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Ministers of religion -									
Recognised denominations (a) -									
Roman Catholic Church	11,541	9,222	4,362	2,193	2,395	721	112	429	30,975
Church of England in Australia	12,142	6,645	3,768	2,052	2,589	1,332	59	351	28,938
The Methodist Church of Australia	4,441	2,984	2,418	2,460	962	412	57	58	13,792
The Presbyterian Church of Australia	3,489	4,541	2,084	348	452	161	22	122	11,219
Orthodox Church (b)	1,067	1,236	109	166	83	10	26	20	2,717
The Baptist Union of Australia	721	516	332	296	127	101	2	21	2,116
Lutheran Church (b)	181	284	460	603	47	6	7	13	1,601
Churches of Christ in Australia	178	574	172	319	163	21	..	13	1,440
Congregational Union of Australia	312	366	127	290	98	47	10	2	1,252
The Salvation Army	188	192	88	61	47	26	4	4	610
Jewry	168	262	5	5	19	..	..	..	459
Seventh-day Adventist Church	164	75	77	29	49	12	..	2	408
Other recognised denominations	461	624	316	187	169	76	4	5	1,842
Other ministers	213	180	51	59	30	..	3	3	539
Total	35,266	27,701	14,369	9,068	7,230	2,925	306	1,043	97,908
Civil officers	6,254	3,505	1,697	1,761	1,890	501	184	329	16,121
Grand total	41,520	31,206	16,066	10,829	9,120	3,426	490	1,372	114,029

(a) Under authority of the Commonwealth *Marriage Act 1961-1966*. (b) Includes churches grouped under this heading as proclaimed under the Commonwealth *Marriage Act 1961-1966*.

TABLE 4. - MARRIAGES : PROPORTION CELEBRATED BY CATEGORY OF CELEBRANT, AUSTRALIA, 1968 TO 1972 (per cent)

Category of celebrant	Year of registration				
	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Ministers of religion -					
Recognised denominations (a) -					
Roman Catholic Church	27.32	27.53	27.59	27.68	27.16
Church of England in Australia	27.64	27.25	26.77	26.12	25.38
The Methodist Church of Australia	12.37	12.44	12.24	11.94	12.10
The Presbyterian Church of Australia	10.75	10.75	10.43	10.07	9.84
Orthodox Church (b)	2.86	2.69	2.64	2.60	2.38
The Baptist Union of Australia	1.81	1.77	1.76	1.82	1.86
Lutheran Church (b)	1.32	1.44	1.41	1.38	1.40
Churches of Christ in Australia	1.29	1.26	1.20	1.31	1.26
Congregational Union of Australia	1.23	1.24	1.17	1.15	1.10
The Salvation Army	0.54	0.47	0.48	0.48	0.53
Jewry	0.40	0.43	0.41	0.43	0.40
Seventh-day Adventist Church	0.31	0.28	0.30	0.27	0.36
Other recognised denominations	1.21	1.21	1.30	1.43	1.62
Other ministers	0.32	0.33	0.38	0.46	0.47
Total	89.37	89.09	88.08	87.14	85.86
Civil officers	10.63	10.91	11.92	12.86	14.14
Grand total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

(a) Under authority of the Commonwealth *Marriage Act 1961-1966*. (b) Includes churches grouped under this heading as proclaimed under the Commonwealth *Marriage Act 1961-1966*.

TABLE 5. - MARRIAGES : PROPORTION CELEBRATED BY MINISTERS OF RELIGION, 1968 TO 1972
(Per cent)

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
1968	87.78	92.14	92.53	89.44	84.22	87.59	76.37	74.92	89.37
1969	87.49	92.30	91.81	89.36	82.99	88.28	68.28	78.09	89.09
1970	86.44	92.19	90.42	87.21	80.99	87.44	72.85	77.42	88.08
1971	85.57	91.31	90.58	85.21	79.71	85.33	65.98	75.38	87.14
1972	84.94	88.77	89.44	83.74	79.28	85.38	62.45	76.02	85.86

TABLE 6. MARRIAGES : CATEGORY OF CELEBRANT, NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF TOTAL MARRIAGES, AUSTRALIA
1921 to 1972 (a)

	Number of marriages			Proportion of marriages (per cent)	
	Celebrated by ministers of religion	Celebrated by civil officers	Total	Celebrated by ministers of religion	Celebrated by civil officers
Annual averages -					
1921 - 1925	43,437	2,345	45,782	94.88	5.12
1926 - 1930	43,798	3,451	47,249	92.70	7.30
1931 - 1935	43,270	4,210	47,480	91.13	8.87
1936 - 1940	59,185	5,356	64,541	91.70	8.30
1941 - 1945	66,368	5,613	71,981	92.20	7.80
1946 - 1950	68,799	7,092	75,891	90.66	9.34
1951 - 1955	65,038	8,064	73,102	88.97	11.03
1956 - 1960	65,506	8,348	73,854	88.70	11.30
1961 - 1965	73,878	9,372	83,250	88.74	11.26
1966 - 1970	94,499	11,689	106,188	88.99	11.01
Annual totals					
1968	95,044	11,301	106,345	89.37	10.63
1969	100,198	12,272	112,470	89.09	10.91
1970	102,231	13,835	116,066	88.08	11.92
1971	102,512	15,125	117,637	87.14	12.86
1972	97,908	16,121	114,029	85.86	14.14

(a) Excludes particulars of full-blood Aborigines prior to 1966.

TABLE 7. - MARRIAGES : RELATIVE AGES OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES, AUSTRALIA, 1972

Age of bride- groom	Age of bride																										75 and over	Total bride- grooms
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30- 34	35- 39	40- 44	45- 49	50- 54	55- 59	60- 64	65- 69	70- 74			
16	..	..	9	3	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	
17	..	..	60	101	58	15	5	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	244	
18	2	30	607	841	746	299	140	65	23	12	10	2	1	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,782	
19	2	14	628	1,185	1,508	1,189	624	290	115	58	29	22	15	8	5	2	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,701	
20	1	17	507	1,134	2,052	2,260	1,788	815	351	165	70	50	16	14	4	6	9	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,265	
21	3	20	327	1,004	2,163	3,323	3,304	2,480	1,020	451	247	122	67	42	33	22	28	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,663	
22	1	7	217	612	1,498	2,606	3,143	2,970	1,697	720	387	239	115	73	33	27	52	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,404	
23	1	8	139	408	999	1,751	2,303	2,557	1,801	1,066	576	298	159	123	71	40	81	6	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	12,390	
24	..	5	102	259	676	1,185	1,603	1,892	1,587	1,073	759	451	212	131	91	63	97	19	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,212	
25	..	2	83	202	458	829	1,097	1,484	1,222	1,015	813	593	334	203	137	74	120	22	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	8,693	
26	..	7	53	111	272	483	653	872	783	638	556	498	310	197	140	90	144	32	9	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	5,850	
27	..	4	24	68	165	311	443	557	532	503	445	386	303	220	155	92	188	48	5	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	4,455	
28	..	..	23	49	103	205	243	378	368	348	314	327	248	189	161	101	205	41	10	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	3,316	
29	..	1	11	29	63	135	160	270	239	269	239	220	211	168	142	101	224	48	12	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,546	
30-34	..	1	17	66	131	238	325	508	549	548	604	618	577	495	452	393	1,099	403	108	52	5	1	..	..	..	..	7,190	
35-39	..	..	8	7	26	39	49	100	109	132	181	174	177	183	198	188	830	488	226	100	30	9	1	1	..	1	3,257	
40-44	..	..	1	1	5	15	15	31	32	39	62	53	75	79	79	98	454	479	413	246	93	33	12	2	..	..	2,317	
45-49	..	..	..	1	..	5	4	11	18	15	30	24	34	35	43	35	249	359	394	432	201	72	14	4	6	..	1,986	
50-54	..	..	3	2	..	2	3	7	9	8	8	10	16	14	11	13	101	163	260	375	282	128	38	5	3	1	1,462	
55-59	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	1	2	1	3	1	1	4	11	4	44	59	136	247	308	230	83	22	4	..	1,165	
60-64	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	16	33	52	116	196	222	149	69	16	2	879	
65-69	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	3	6	16	38	71	118	162	137	39	15	610	
70-74	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	14	28	53	84	83	60	22	352	
75 and over	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	6	15	25	47	69	58	46	271	
Total Brides	10	116	2,820	6,084	10,926	14,892	15,906	15,293	10,461	7,063	5,334	4,088	2,873	2,178	1,771	1,352	3,953	2,222	1,665	1,640	1,235	891	590	393	186	87	114,029	

TABLE 8. - MARRIAGES : NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES AGED UNDER 21 YEARS TO TOTAL PERSONS MARRYING, 1972

State or Territory	Bridegrooms under 21 years	Brides under 21 years	Total persons marrying under 21 years	Proportion (per cent) of persons marrying under 21 years of total persons marrying		
				Bridegrooms	Brides	Bridegrooms and brides
New South Wales	6,396	17,692	24,088	15.40	42.61	29.01
Victoria	4,369	13,088	17,457	14.00	41.94	27.97
Queensland	2,942	7,779	10,721	18.31	48.42	33.37
South Australia	1,801	5,186	6,987	16.63	47.89	32.26
Western Australia	1,538	4,479	6,017	16.86	49.11	32.99
Tasmania	707	1,811	2,518	20.64	52.86	36.75
Northern Territory	60	170	230	12.24	34.69	23.47
Australian Capital Territory	198	549	747	14.43	40.01	27.22
Australia	18,011	50,754	68,765	15.80	44.51	30.15

TABLE 9. - MARRIAGES : NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES AGED UNDER 21 YEARS TO TOTAL MARRIAGES, AUSTRALIA, 1921 TO 1972 (a)

Year	Number of marriages in which -			Proportion (per cent) of total marriages in which -		
	Both bridegroom and bride aged under 21 years	Bridegroom only aged under 21 years	Bride only aged under 21 years	Both bridegroom and bride aged under 21 years	Bridegroom only aged under 21 years	Bride only aged under 21 years
Annual averages -						
1921 - 1925	1,560	491	7,587	3.41	1.07	16.32
1926 - 1930	2,095	588	9,054	4.43	1.24	19.16
1931 - 1935	2,032	622	8,941	4.28	1.31	18.83
1936 - 1940	2,083	709	11,078	3.23	1.13	17.16
1941 - 1945	3,264	1,135	14,736	4.53	1.58	20.47
1946 - 1950	3,690	1,166	17,003	4.86	1.53	22.40
1951 - 1955	4,274	1,013	18,375	5.58	1.39	25.14
1956 - 1960	5,929	1,017	21,298	8.03	1.38	28.84
1961 - 1965	9,020	1,224	24,804	10.83	1.47	29.79
1966 - 1970	13,614	1,995	31,667	12.82	1.88	29.82
Annual totals -						
1968	13,361	2,057	31,146	12.56	1.93	29.29
1969	13,835	2,211	33,255	12.30	1.97	29.57
1970	15,143	2,300	35,226	13.05	1.98	30.35
1971	16,432	2,255	36,044	13.96	1.92	30.64
1972	15,830	2,181	34,924	13.88	1.91	30.63

(a) Excludes particulars of full-blood Aborigines prior to 1966.

TABLE 10. - MARRIAGES : AGE AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES, AUSTRALIA, 1972

Age	Previous marital status, bridegrooms				Previous marital status, brides			
	Bachelor	Widower	Divorced	Total bridegrooms	Spinster	Widow	Divorced	Total brides
14	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	10
15	..	..	..	..	116	..	..	116
16	19	..	..	19	2,820	..	..	2,820
17	244	..	..	244	6,083	1	..	6,084
18	2,782	..	..	2,782	10,924	2	..	10,926
19	5,701	..	..	5,701	14,883	6	3	14,892
20	9,265	..	..	9,265	15,879	10	17	15,906
21	14,651	6	6	14,663	15,197	21	75	15,293
22	14,382	2	20	14,404	10,279	26	156	10,461
23	12,333	5	52	12,390	6,796	25	242	7,063
24	10,075	16	121	10,212	4,955	46	333	5,334
25	8,448	16	229	8,693	3,615	35	438	4,088
26	5,562	21	267	5,850	2,416	47	410	2,873
27	4,091	19	345	4,455	1,760	47	371	2,178
28	2,951	22	343	3,316	1,306	51	414	1,771
29	2,173	23	350	2,546	912	44	396	1,352
30	1,684	22	351	2,057	696	34	346	1,076
31	1,307	23	345	1,675	561	43	305	909
32	999	31	324	1,354	405	58	286	749
33	817	22	312	1,151	339	45	263	647
34	641	33	279	953	277	41	254	572
35	539	28	305	872	206	63	254	523
36	405	27	237	669	166	58	239	463
37	324	26	255	605	177	49	226	452
38	301	36	238	575	148	56	219	423
39	267	32	237	536	126	57	178	361
40	230	42	209	481	100	59	157	316
41	230	47	233	510	69	68	168	305
42	192	41	225	458	109	91	192	392
43	147	52	225	424	65	85	181	331
44	172	60	212	444	53	90	178	321
45 - 49	601	369	1,016	1,986	265	536	839	1,640
50 - 54	322	429	711	1,462	177	555	503	1,235
55 - 59	184	543	438	1,165	94	541	256	891
60 - 64	115	495	269	879	50	440	100	590
65 - 69	51	457	102	610	36	316	41	393
70 - 74	25	279	48	352	22	153	11	186
75 and over	10	248	13	271	14	69	4	87
Under 21	18,011	..	..	18,011	50,715	19	20	50,754
21 and over	84,229	3,472	8,317	96,018	51,391	3,849	8,035	63,275
Total	102,240	3,472	8,317	114,029	102,106	3,868	8,055	114,029

TABLE 11. - MEDIAN AGES OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES, PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS, AUSTRALIA, 1921 TO 1972 (a)

Year	Median age of bridegrooms				Median age of brides			
	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	Total	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced	Total
1921-1925	26.88	44.04	38.26	27.43	23.88	38.47	33.50	24.30
1926-1930	26.35	45.49	38.63	26.83	23.37	41.12	34.10	23.75
1931-1935	26.47	46.73	39.26	26.93	23.40	42.88	34.15	23.71
1936-1940	26.66	48.68	38.55	27.12	23.72	44.09	34.03	24.04
1941-1945	25.71	50.79	38.47	26.29	22.88	43.64	34.03	23.30
1946-1950	25.22	52.24	37.13	25.90	22.43	41.62	33.13	22.98
1951-1955	25.00	54.27	38.90	25.68	22.05	45.34	34.58	22.68
1956-1960	24.73	56.50	39.25	25.37	21.57	47.61	35.44	21.99
1961-1965	24.16	56.60	40.41	24.69	21.32	49.25	36.63	21.67
1966-1970	23.54	56.69	39.75	23.94	21.19	50.05	36.08	21.50
1968	23.50	56.41	39.88	23.89	21.22	50.05	36.50	21.50
1969	23.38	56.57	39.56	23.78	21.24	49.75	35.56	21.54
1970	23.37	57.39	38.83	23.74	21.14	50.57	34.81	21.46
1971	23.36	56.92	38.06	23.78	21.05	50.62	34.26	21.39
1972	23.33	57.80	38.07	23.80	21.02	51.14	33.90	21.41

(a) Excludes particulars of full-blood Aborigines prior to 1966.

TABLE 12. - MARRIAGES : PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES, 1972

Marrriages between -	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Bachelors and -									
Spinsters	34,473	27,123	13,837	9,368	7,685	2,918	390	1,131	96,925
Widows	429	296	197	84	98	41	5	9	1,159
Divorced women	1,753	984	518	327	356	113	41	64	4,156
Total bachelors	36,655	28,403	14,552	9,779	8,139	3,072	436	1,204	102,240
Widowers and -									
Spinsters	288	215	114	78	73	22	1	11	802
Widows	632	504	255	171	105	50	2	13	1,732
Divorced women	395	210	134	74	73	30	3	19	938
Total widowers	1,315	929	503	323	251	102	6	43	3,472
Divorced men and -									
Spinsters	1,835	1,031	549	352	379	123	30	80	4,379
Widows	388	237	122	104	91	29	1	5	977
Divorced women	1,327	606	340	271	260	100	17	40	2,961
Total divorced men	3,550	1,874	1,011	727	730	252	48	125	8,317
Total spinsters	36,596	28,369	14,500	9,798	8,137	3,063	421	1,222	102,106
Total widows	1,449	1,037	574	359	294	120	8	27	3,868
Total divorced women	3,475	1,800	992	672	689	243	61	123	8,055
Total marriages	41,520	31,206	16,066	10,829	9,120	3,426	490	1,372	114,029

TABLE 13. - MARRIAGES : PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES, AUSTRALIA, 1921 TO 1972 (a)

Year	Previous marital status, bridegrooms				Previous marital status, brides			
	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	Total	Spinners	Widows	Divorced	Total
NUMBER								
Annual averages -								
1921-1925	42,203	2,922	657	45,782	42,573	2,511	698	45,782
1926-1930	43,615	2,801	833	47,249	44,161	2,149	939	47,249
1931-1935	43,980	2,558	942	47,480	44,806	1,676	998	47,480
1936-1940	59,757	3,110	1,674	64,541	60,629	2,181	1,731	64,541
1941-1945	65,817	3,437	2,727	71,981	66,301	2,832	2,848	71,981
1946-1950	67,405	3,600	4,886	75,891	67,324	3,600	4,967	75,891
1951-1955	64,893	3,382	4,827	73,102	64,357	3,519	5,226	73,102
1956-1960	66,364	3,086	4,404	73,854	65,579	3,305	4,970	73,854
1961-1965	75,384	3,063	4,803	83,250	74,962	3,218	5,070	83,250
1966-1970	96,438	3,320	6,430	106,188	96,341	3,568	6,279	106,188
Annual totals -								
1968	96,689	3,233	6,423	106,345	96,553	3,567	6,225	106,345
1969	102,236	3,425	6,809	112,470	102,186	3,706	6,578	112,470
1970	105,222	3,460	7,384	116,066	105,235	3,755	7,076	116,066
1971	106,250	3,604	7,783	117,637	106,337	3,833	7,467	117,637
1972	102,240	3,472	8,317	114,029	102,106	3,868	8,055	114,029
PROPORTIONAL DISTRIBUTION (PER CENT)								
Average annual rates -								
1921-1925	92.18	6.38	1.44	100.00	92.99	5.49	1.52	100.00
1926-1930	92.31	5.93	1.76	100.00	93.46	4.55	1.99	100.00
1931-1935	92.63	5.39	1.98	100.00	94.37	3.53	2.10	100.00
1936-1940	92.59	4.82	2.59	100.00	93.94	3.38	2.68	100.00
1941-1945	91.44	4.77	3.79	100.00	92.11	3.93	3.96	100.00
1946-1950	88.82	4.74	6.44	100.00	88.71	4.74	6.55	100.00
1951-1955	88.77	4.63	6.60	100.00	88.04	4.81	7.15	100.00
1956-1960	89.86	4.18	5.96	100.00	88.80	4.47	6.73	100.00
1961-1965	90.55	3.68	5.77	100.00	90.04	3.87	6.09	100.00
1966-1970	90.82	3.13	6.05	100.00	90.73	3.36	5.91	100.00
Annual rates								
1968	90.92	3.04	6.04	100.00	90.79	3.36	5.85	100.00
1969	90.90	3.05	6.05	100.00	90.86	3.29	5.85	100.00
1970	90.66	2.98	6.36	100.00	90.67	3.23	6.10	100.00
1971	90.32	3.06	6.62	100.00	90.39	3.26	6.35	100.00
1972	89.66	3.05	7.29	100.00	89.55	3.39	7.06	100.00

(a) Excludes particulars of full-blood Aborigines prior to 1966.

TABLE 14. - MARRIAGES : AGES OF BACHELOR BRIDEGROOMS AND SPINSTER BRIDES, AUSTRALIA
1968 TO 1972

Age	Bachelor bridegrooms					Spinster brides				
	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
14	..	..	..	..	..	6	7	6	9	10
15	..	..	..	..	..	102	100	110	118	116
16	7	6	11	20	19	2,345	2,387	2,489	2,881	2,820
17	225	194	239	241	244	5,123	5,317	5,750	6,223	6,083
18	2,422	2,580	2,703	2,945	2,782	9,208	9,984	10,533	11,251	10,924
19	4,996	5,093	5,646	5,928	5,701	12,949	13,784	15,079	15,338	14,883
20	7,764	8,172	8,842	9,542	9,265	14,733	15,474	16,353	16,601	15,879
21	13,934	14,034	14,471	14,839	14,651	17,179	16,968	16,528	16,220	15,197
22	12,963	16,137	15,280	14,783	14,382	10,419	12,347	11,509	10,747	10,279
23	12,086	12,805	14,499	13,445	12,333	6,963	7,328	8,288	7,451	6,796
24	9,738	9,986	10,339	11,507	10,075	4,644	4,790	4,848	5,428	4,955
25	7,073	7,650	7,821	7,732	8,448	3,035	3,324	3,374	3,407	3,615
26	5,528	5,412	5,779	5,631	5,562	2,106	2,286	2,342	2,434	2,416
27	4,084	4,160	4,134	4,196	4,091	1,528	1,642	1,578	1,786	1,760
28	3,104	3,142	3,085	2,948	2,951	1,158	1,184	1,230	1,145	1,306
29	2,351	2,483	2,271	2,298	2,173	836	936	937	957	912
30	1,801	1,764	1,857	1,750	1,684	661	701	701	727	696
31	1,337	1,398	1,347	1,395	1,307	535	553	548	512	561
32	1,064	1,054	1,048	1,051	999	365	404	413	440	405
33	861	861	777	873	817	336	335	342	364	339
34	682	684	670	636	641	253	264	262	299	277
35	555	510	574	590	539	194	201	218	236	206
36	523	514	449	444	405	176	184	208	184	166
37	453	441	370	384	324	182	165	162	178	177
38	377	347	362	347	301	131	147	119	128	148
39	338	402	315	335	267	131	137	133	118	126
40	322	317	277	279	230	129	92	102	123	100
41	241	265	277	250	230	98	123	97	101	69
42	236	224	206	206	192	91	87	90	87	109
43	194	202	236	220	147	85	78	78	94	65
44	191	174	156	179	172	63	89	62	71	53
45-49	575	590	553	569	601	334	310	290	266	265
50-54	304	278	292	315	322	185	168	183	145	177
55-59	200	170	181	154	184	113	120	126	103	94
60-64	87	82	101	118	115	88	80	81	84	50
65-69	50	74	58	63	51	39	60	40	51	36
70-74	14	21	30	27	25	22	20	20	20	22
75 and over	9	10	16	10	10	8	10	6	10	14
Under 21	15,414	16,045	17,441	18,676	18,011	44,466	47,053	50,320	52,421	50,715
21 and over	81,275	86,191	87,781	87,574	84,229	52,087	55,133	54,915	53,916	51,391
Total	96,689	102,236	105,222	106,250	102,240	96,553	102,186	105,235	106,337	102,106

TABLE 15. - FIRST MARRIAGE RATES : SELECTED AGES OF BACHELOR BRIDEGROOMS AND SPINSTER BRIDES, AUSTRALIA 1921 TO 1972 (a)

Year	Age													
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
FIRST MARRIAGE RATES : BRIDEGROOMS														
1921	0.1	1.4	4.3	10.8	20.6	55.3	65.3	77.9	79.7	83.4	81.6	71.2	67.5	54.7
1926	0.2	1.5	7.0	14.6	24.3	59.0	63.2	75.3	77.8	79.4	76.9	66.4	55.2	47.1
1931	0.2	1.7	6.0	13.9	23.4	47.6	47.9	54.1	57.3	56.0	52.6	47.2	40.5	33.0
1936	0.2	1.8	5.5	13.7	22.5	48.2	61.0	72.6	82.8	84.1	80.4	73.1	67.5	58.0
1941	0.2	1.8	6.8	17.7	32.0	78.0	95.6	108.5	111.1	103.5	93.6	78.6	67.5	54.4
1946	0.4	2.3	9.9	24.5	45.4	104.6	116.5	120.1	113.1	100.3	86.2	72.6	61.8	51.7
1951	0.4	2.7	10.8	26.8	46.8	99.2	112.3	114.2	100.7	84.6	69.1	56.0	48.2	36.6
1956	0.4	3.2	11.8	28.1	53.0	104.3	112.4	109.4	93.8	78.2	63.7	52.8	43.6	34.4
1961	0.6	4.4	16.4	33.5	56.2	104.3	116.1	111.5	94.4	80.3	64.1	50.0	40.2	32.5
1966	0.2	1.9	22.1	46.3	66.5	109.7	126.2	125.3	105.6	87.2	70.2	54.6	41.3	31.9
1968	0.1	2.1	22.4	47.4	71.9	119.8	135.5	127.1	104.9	84.0	63.7	49.7	38.8	29.7
1969	0.1	1.8	23.6	46.5	76.7	128.8	136.3	129.3	102.4	80.9	62.6	46.9	37.5	30.4
1970	0.1	2.1	24.2	51.0	79.8	134.9	137.8	119.5	102.1	78.9	59.8	46.9	34.2	26.7
1971	0.2	2.1	25.7	52.6	85.5	132.9	135.7	118.6	93.6	75.3	56.3	43.4	32.9	25.1
1972	0.2	2.1	24.5	49.4	81.7	130.5	127.5	111.3	88.2	68.6	54.0	40.7	30.5	24.1
FIRST MARRIAGE RATES : BRIDES														
1921	6.7	20.6	40.7	55.4	63.2	105.0	90.5	82.5	78.1	68.0	59.2	48.3	41.4	31.6
1926	9.6	26.2	46.0	58.5	66.0	108.2	90.0	80.2	74.7	65.6	53.5	43.4	35.3	29.6
1931	9.1	23.9	38.5	47.6	50.3	81.4	66.5	60.8	52.1	44.9	37.6	30.8	23.9	18.2
1936	9.8	24.1	45.3	57.6	64.0	103.0	90.1	86.8	79.2	71.2	62.6	50.5	42.2	33.5
1941	9.4	27.1	54.2	78.4	97.1	145.2	124.0	110.2	95.1	75.1	62.4	49.1	41.2	32.5
1946	11.7	33.4	69.7	102.8	122.2	162.0	128.1	102.3	80.9	61.5	48.7	38.3	30.8	26.0
1951	17.4	44.5	85.0	122.1	128.1	162.0	120.8	89.5	68.3	52.4	38.5	31.6	23.5	18.5
1956	18.3	46.0	91.0	125.5	137.7	163.5	114.9	79.4	59.9	41.2	33.0	24.2	18.8	14.9
1961	20.2	47.6	86.5	119.2	132.5	161.7	104.0	75.4	51.3	38.3	28.4	21.0	16.0	13.0
1966	22.3	48.8	86.5	119.7	138.7	154.3	109.6	78.7	54.2	38.3	27.4	19.5	15.3	11.2
1968	22.3	49.2	88.7	128.3	142.7	154.6	114.1	76.7	52.8	38.4	26.3	20.1	15.4	11.1
1969	22.0	50.3	94.9	130.9	150.8	162.0	110.0	78.8	51.8	37.2	28.2	20.1	15.2	12.2
1970	22.9	52.6	98.6	141.2	153.2	159.5	108.9	73.1	51.2	35.9	25.9	19.1	14.8	11.9
1971	26.1	57.1	101.9	141.6	153.6	150.7	102.9	69.8	47.4	35.4	25.5	19.5	13.6	11.3
1972	25.2	55.0	99.6	133.7	145.9	140.3	95.4	64.8	46.1	31.3	24.9	18.3	14.2	10.7

(a) Excludes particulars of full-blood Aborigines prior to 1966.

TABLE 16. - MARRIAGES: RELATIVE BIRTHPLACES

Birthplace of Bridegroom	Australia																	Germany
	Total Bridegrooms	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Assnt. Capital Territory	External Territories	New Zealand	Great Britain & Ireland	Malta	Austria	Czechoslovakia	France		
AUSTRALIA -																		
New South Wales	31,590	23,736	1,588	1,738	526	382	207	24	149	30	225	1,717	58	43	10	15	249	
Victoria	22,359	1,617	16,080	670	585	368	348	15	27	11	83	1,380	83	47	7	15	209	
Queensland	12,924	1,605	598	9,302	154	143	76	19	18	15	68	499	11	9	3	5	37	
South Australia	7,972	538	601	226	5,263	183	59	25	8	3	27	646	12	12	2	3	101	
Western Australia	6,096	336	339	155	211	4,059	44	16	7	2	41	563	5	8	1	2	40	
Tasmania	3,340	205	335	103	60	58	2,328	2	3	1	10	147	..	3	1	1	15	
Northern Territory	150	16	14	20	27	15	3	40	..	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	
Assnt. Capital Territory	328	156	34	14	10	13	5	..	54	..	1	29	2	..	..	..	3	
External Territories	74	19	6	15	4	1	..	..	..	13	2	7	..	..	..	..	2	
New Zealand	1,366	420	196	178	47	129	34	2	5	..	142	116	3	4	1	1	14	
EUROPE:																		
Great Britain and Ireland	10,087	2,529	1,832	817	770	722	236	14	28	6	119	2,200	34	23	8	6	150	
Malta	764	151	145	34	20	10	8	..	1	..	3	50	299	5	16	..	14	
Austria	360	97	72	14	19	10	5	..	..	..	3	9	..	..	1	36	10	
Czechoslovakia	155	24	19	8	8	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	
France	172	36	22	3	5	6	1	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	10	
Germany	1,870	469	408	125	145	94	32	3	12	2	10	179	15	16	4	4	157	
Greece	1,916	79	80	23	32	7	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Hungary	281	53	40	14	10	11	6	1	..	1	3	27	6	..	2	2	11	
Italy	3,374	398	466	126	147	150	17	3	4	2	4	134	27	6	3	7	37	
Netherlands	1,574	317	400	114	133	106	46	4	4	2	9	138	14	4	2	2	31	
Poland	342	49	38	8	12	7	2	..	..	..	1	17	1	5	4	3	26	
Switzerland	143	29	21	9	5	2	4	..	..	..	..	10	..	4	..	3	7	
U.S.S.R. (incl. Ukraine)	72	11	8	..	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	8	
Yugoslavia	1,969	116	84	30	28	34	17	1	1	..	12	44	8	17	6	1	38	
Other	786	135	91	57	23	25	10	..	2	1	10	60	1	3	2	9	19	
ASIA:																		
Sri Lanka (Ceylon)	138	11	39	3	1	4	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	1	..	2	
Cyprus	191	18	16	5	11	1	..	1	..	..	..	5	3	..	..	..	3	
India	379	54	39	15	15	42	3	..	..	..	..	29	..	8	1	..	5	
China	241	40	13	12	4	1	3	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	2	
Indonesia	126	25	17	20	6	12	2	..	..	..	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	
Lebanon	338	28	11	4	4	2	1	..	..	..	3	15	2	..	..	1	1	
Other	814	113	95	30	33	47	6	..	1	3	5	48	4	4	1	1	14	
AFRICA:																		
South Africa	129	22	35	15	7	12	2	..	..	2	2	8	..	..	..	..	2	
United Arab R.	373	74	57	7	8	12	2	..	..	..	1	19	3	2	..	1	8	
Other	293	51	38	10	13	19	1	..	..	..	1	16	4	..	1	7	7	
AMERICA:																		
Canada	208	59	24	25	11	9	5	..	..	..	4	23	..	1	..	..	4	
United States	496	159	70	53	28	28	3	3	1	1	11	41	..	1	..	..	8	
Other	140	24	17	12	5	2	1	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	2	..	1	
PACIFIC ISLANDS:																		
Fiji	62	19	7	9	5	2	3	..	..	1	2	4	..	..	..	..	1	
Other	33	13	6	7	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	
At sea or unspecified	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	
TOTAL BRIDES	114,029	33,851	24,003	14,030	8,398	6,734	3,524	173	325	101	812	8,294	603	235	102	113	1,309	

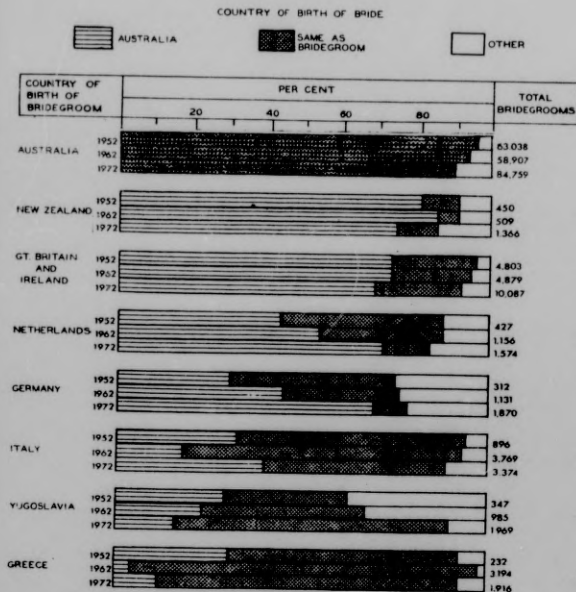
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Birthplace of Bride

Europe			Asia													Africa				America			Pacific Islands		
Greece	Hungary	Italy	Netherlands	Poland	Switzerland	U.S.S.R. (incl. Ukraine)	Yugoslavia	Other	Sri Lanka (Ceylon)	Cyprus	India	China	Indonesia	Lebanon	Other	South Africa	United Arab Republic	Other	Canada	United States of America	Other	Fiji	Other	At sea or unspecified	
17	27	98	196	17	10	5	30	74	11	7	36	19	12	7	84	25	32	38	31	54	23	25	15	..	
27	28	90	267	24	5	3	30	36	25	5	35	9	15	3	69	18	23	31	12	38	11	5	3	2	
5	6	45	78	8	1	..	9	33	4	5	10	5	5	..	21	6	5	7	12	35	8	8	2	1	
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2	3	3	6	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	4	5	1	..	1	..	..	..	
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1	56	5	4	6	..	..	18	7	1	2	..	..	1	..	8	..	23	3	..	2	2	..	..	..	
13	10	1,621	19	8	2	..	39	29	2	1	7	3	1	2	9	5	32	19	1	1	16	2	..	..	
1	5	8	167	..	..	..	5	7	5	..	7	..	7	1	10	2	2	6	6	4	3	2	..	..	
2	5	2	1	127	14	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	
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15	12	37	8	10	2	2	1,412	6	..	1	2	..	1	..	6	1	3	5	..	2	6	..	1	..	
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4	1	6	3	1	..	..	2	1	1	1	..	2	13	..	6	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	
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3	1	5	7	2	1	..	3	4	..	..	1	1	1	..	2	..	4	85	1	1	3	..	..	..	
..	1	..	3	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	1	1	1	25	5	..	1	..	..	
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1,705	209	2,113	1,165	302	79	63	1,467	558	130	187	341	209	93	275	823	134	288	313	140	296	223	65	40	4	

MARRIAGES, SELECTED BIRTHPLACES OF BRIDEGROOM: AUSTRALIA

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



MARRIAGES, SELECTED BIRTHPLACES OF BRIDE: AUSTRALIA

Proportion of brides marrying bridegrooms born in Australia,
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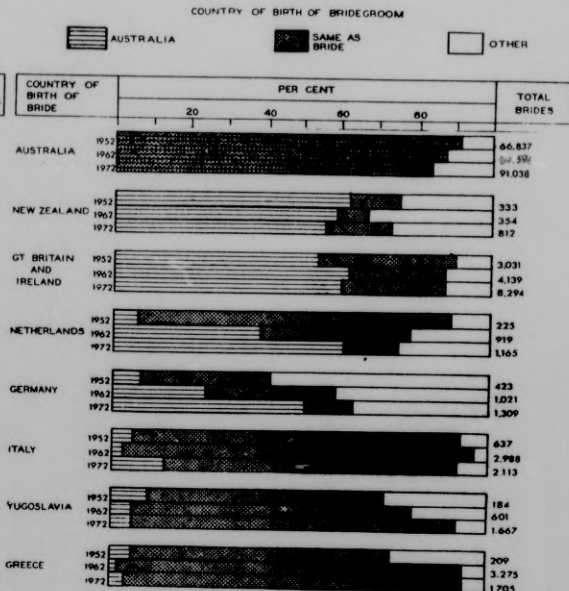


TABLE 17. - MARRIAGES: AGES AND BIRTHPLACES OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES, AUSTRALIA, 1972

Age	Country of Birth										Total
	Australia	New Zealand	Great Britain and Ireland	Germany	Greece	Italy	Malta	Netherlands	Yugoslavia	Other and unspecified	
BRIDEGROOMS											
Under 20	7,457	37	650	62	102	81	46	79	69	163	8,746
20-24	48,227	585	4,527	877	700	1,651	429	834	828	2,276	60,934
25-29	16,378	446	2,480	572	724	1,065	209	407	567	2,012	24,860
30-34	4,339	145	819	193	217	289	33	90	272	793	7,190
35-39	1,991	44	388	65	112	133	19	58	119	328	3,257
40-44	1,598	28	239	49	27	62	10	43	62	199	2,317
45-49	1,362	25	259	21	14	39	7	23	17	219	1,986
50-54	1,032	13	193	13	9	15	5	13	18	151	1,462
55-59	897	16	117	7	5	13	..	14	9	87	1,165
60-64	633	13	130	4	5	13	2	9	5	65	879
65 and over	845	14	285	7	1	13	4	4	3	57	1,233
Total	84,759	1,366	10,087	1,870	1,916	3,374	764	1,574	1,969	6,350	114,029
BRIDES											
Under 20	28,913	114	2,368	234	555	676	202	312	549	925	34,848
20-24	43,920	389	3,319	604	754	1,086	292	608	715	2,370	54,057
25-29	8,842	162	1,183	255	222	193	67	149	196	993	12,262
30-34	2,793	65	393	67	90	40	18	37	91	359	3,953
35-39	1,553	21	228	40	55	38	12	17	64	194	2,222
40-44	1,238	10	152	39	21	34	4	14	25	128	1,665
45-49	1,233	15	157	29	7	22	2	10	9	156	1,640
50-54	924	11	148	22	..	12	1	10	10	97	1,235
55-59	703	6	105	9	1	10	2	5	3	47	891
60-64	430	10	108	5	..	2	1	3	4	27	590
65 and over	489	9	133	5	..	..	2	..	1	27	666
Total	91,838	812	8,294	1,309	1,705	2,113	683	1,165	1,667	5,323	114,029

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TABLES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST, 1972

Part A - Tables corresponding to tables in this bulletin, but containing more detailed classifications
(These tables are available for 1972 as a whole)

1 Marriages : age of bridegroom and age of bride (See Table 7)

2 Marriages : age and marital status of bridegrooms and brides (See Table 10)

3 Marriages : relative birthplaces of bridegrooms and brides (See Table 16)

Part B - Tables relating to previously married brides and grooms
(These tables are available for each half-year)

4 Marriages : age and number of previous marriages of bridegroom and bride, Australia

5 Brides previously married : age and number of children born alive, Australia

6 Brides previously married : age, number of children under 16 and year of birth of youngest child under 16, Australia

7 Brides previously married : age and year of termination of last previous marriage, Australia

8 Brides previously married : age and year of last previous marriage, Australia

9 Brides previously married : age and year of first marriage, Australia

10 Bridegrooms previously married : age and year of termination of last previous marriage, Australia

11 Bridegrooms previously married : age and year of last previous marriage, Australia

12 Bridegrooms previously married : age and year of first marriage, Australia