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MAIN FEATURES

- In 1975 there were 103,973 marriages registered in Australia, 6,700 fewer than in 1974. The crude marriage rate fell from 8.1 to 7.5 per 1,000 mean population.
- The number of bachelors marrying declined from 97,872 to 89,912 and the number of spinsters marrying decreased from 98,031 to 90,010. Fewer widowers remarried in 1975 (3,308 compared with 3,367 in 1974) and fewer widows (3,681 compared with 3,764 in 1974).
- As in 1974, remarriages of divorcees increased, 10,753 male divorcees remarrying (9,434 in 1974) and 10,282 female divorcees (8,878 in 1974).
- Of the grooms, 86.5 per cent were bachelors, 3.2 per cent widowers and 10.3 per cent were divorced. For brides the corresponding percentages were spinsters 86.6, widows 3.5 and divorced 9.9.
- The median age of bridegrooms was 24.1 years and of brides 21.6 years.
- The proportion of civil marriages increased from 17.9 per cent in 1974 to 21.6 per cent in 1975.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

General

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 1973 to 1975. 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.

Legislative provisions

3. The *Australian Marriage Act* 1961 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 minimum marriageable age at which a person is legally free to marry is 18 years for males and 16 years for females. The marriage of a female between 16 and 18 years of age is not permissible without the consent of her parents or guardians or where this is not obtainable, of a magistrate or other prescribed authority. 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.

Definitions

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.

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. 86, 1969-70. Figures for each year prior to 1901 appear in *Demography*, Bulletin No. 67, 1949.

8. **Median ages** of bridegrooms and brides appear in Table 9. the median age is the estimated age separating the younger half from the older.

Break in continuity

9. A line drawn across a column between two consecutive figures indicates a break in continuity (see in particular paragraph 2 above).

10. All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications 1977* (Catalogue No. 1101.0. Previously Ref. No. 1.8) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

TABLE 1. MARRIAGES REGISTERED AND CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES, STATE OR TERRITORY OF REGISTRATION
1921 TO 1975 (a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>South Australia</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>	<i>Australia</i>
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
1971-1975	40,313	30,262	16,082	10,616	9,185	3,442	492	1,411	111,802
Annual totals -									
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
1973	40,722	30,203	16,490	10,806	9,102	3,395	513	1,469	112,700
1974	39,327	29,708	16,086	10,769	9,295	3,567	566	1,355	110,673
1975	36,958	27,806	15,230	9,843	9,026	3,242	406	1,462	103,973
CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES									
Average annual rates (b) -									
1921-1925	8.2	8.3	7.6	8.1	7.3	7.4	3.8	1.2	8.0
1926-1930	7.9	7.4	7.1	7.1	7.8	7.0	5.1	3.9	7.5
1931-1935	7.2	7.0	7.4	6.8	7.6	7.2	5.9	5.7	7.2
1936-1940	9.3	9.5	8.8	9.7	9.5	9.3	13.3	7.2	9.4
1941-1945	10.0	9.9	10.0	10.6	9.7	8.6	7.2	7.6	9.9
1946-1950	9.9	9.7	9.4	9.9	10.0	9.6	9.4	9.4	9.8
1951-1955	8.4	8.3	7.9	8.1	8.4	8.4	9.1	8.2	8.3
1956-1960	7.7	7.5	7.1	7.3	7.4	7.7	8.6	7.5	7.5
1961-1965	7.9	7.6	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.5	8.1	7.3	7.6
1966-1970	9.0	8.8	8.5	8.8	8.9	8.8	5.8	8.7	8.8
1971-1975	8.4	8.4	8.1	8.7	8.4	8.7	5.1	8.4	8.4
Annual rates (b) -									
1971r	9.2	9.2	8.8	9.7	9.1	9.2	5.3	9.6	9.1
1972r	8.7	8.7	8.3	9.0	8.5	8.7	5.1	8.7	8.7
1973r	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.9	8.4	8.6	5.1	8.7	8.4
1974r	8.1	8.1	7.9	8.7	8.3	8.9	5.4	7.5	8.1
1975	7.6	7.5	7.3	7.9	7.9	8.0	4.5	7.7	7.5

(a) See paragraph 2 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) See paragraph 7 of the Explanatory Notes. r - revised.

TABLE 2. MARRIAGES: MONTH OF REGISTRATION AND MONTH OF CELEBRATION, AUSTRALIA, 1973 TO 1975

Year and month of registration	in same month as registered	Marriage celebrated						Total marriages registered in month shown
		1 month prior to month of registration	2 months prior to month of registration	3 months prior to month of registration	4 to 6 months prior to month of registration	7 to 12 months prior to month of registration	Over 12 months prior to month of registration	
1973 -								
January	8,693	2,353	42	8	13	6	5	11,120
February	7,364	1,723	84	3	8	4	1	9,187
March	8,358	1,364	84	38	22	10	10	9,886
April	6,640	2,220	40	9	9	4	..	8,922
May	7,982	3,003	140	16	11	1	2	11,155
June	6,884	1,028	67	26	16	9	14	8,044
July	5,337	1,884	33	11	13	8	4	7 290
August	7,233	1,227	45	22	10	3	..	8,540
September	7,690	1,187	25	4	10	1	..	8,917
October	7,165	2,813	48	6	31	10	3	10,076
November	7,920	1,227	45	14	10	9	26	9,251
December	8,988	1,260	28	11	12	10	3	10,312
Total	90,254	21,289	681	168	165	75	68	112,700
1974 -								
January	8,177	2,713	34	14	9	3	22	10,972
February	7,715	2,286	95	22	4	2	20	10,144
March	8,363	1,587	68	28	13	2	6	10,067
April	7,690	2,329	34	15	5	1	2	10,076
May	7,787	2,343	96	15	5	1	6	10,253
June	6,047	1,093	47	17	11	1	1	7 217
July	5,025	2,271	62	23	14	4	..	7,399
August	6,555	834	61	22	43	6	1	7,522
September	6,022	2,198	32	10	11	2	4	8,279
October	7,462	2,151	82	13	10	4	2	9,724
November	7,377	918	49	23	7	..	1	8,375
December	7,977	2,567	45	11	30	11	4	10,645
Total	86,197	23,290	705	213	162	37	69	110,673
1975 -								
January	8,611	1,929	70	11	11	3	10	10,645
February	7,597	1,466	80	17	9	2	4	9,175
March	7,446	991	45	20	10	1	6	8 519
April	6,946	3,216	160	14	9	1	5	10,351
May	7,317	1,550	149	21	15	1	6	9,059
June	5,247	1,953	62	30	31	10	30	7 363
July	4,482	1,576	72	11	9	9	9	6,168
August	5,916	956	57	34	40	52	15	7,070
September	5,737	2,233	41	13	14	7	6	8,051
October	6,809	1,817	96	13	10	2	8	8 755
November	7,124	1,107	52	22	15	7	3	8,330
December	8,061	2,308	77	14	16	10	1	10,487
Total	81,293	21,102	961	220	189	105	103	103,973

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TABLE 3. MARRIAGES: CATEGORY OF CELEBRANT, NUMBER AND PROPORTION, STATE OR TERRITORY OF REGISTRATION, 1975

Category of celebrant	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
NUMBER									
Ministers of religion of recognised denominations (a) -									
Roman Catholic Church	9,654	7,731	3,948	1,833	2,165	645	91	389	26,456
Church of England in Australia	9,531	5,078	3,091	1,587	2,159	1,147	65	277	22,935
Methodist Church of Australia	3,591	2,218	1,887	1,934	880	407	3	64	10,984
Presbyterian Church of Australia	2,891	3,499	1,623	283	462	134	35	118	9,045
Orthodox Churches (b)	935	1,097	101	148	97	8	9	19	2,414
Baptist Union of Australia	736	472	295	234	134	103	4	12	1,990
Lutheran Churches (b)	136	244	378	570	46	8	2	21	1,405
Churches of Christ in Australia	169	507	148	263	182	21	3	12	1,305
Congregational Union of Australia	256	322	114	238	96	31	1	7	1,065
Other Denominations	1,146	1,179	598	369	452	134	9	45	3,952
Total	29,045	22,347	12,183	7,459	6,673	2,638	222	964	81,531
Civil Officers	7,913	5,459	3,047	2,384	2,353	604	184	498	22,442
Total	36,958	27,806	15,230	9,843	9,026	3,242	406	1,462	103,973
PROPORTION (Percent)									
Ministers of religion of recognised denominations (a) -									
Roman Catholic Church	26.1	27.8	25.9	18.6	24.0	20.0	22.4	26.6	25.5
Church of England in Australia	25.8	18.3	20.3	16.1	23.9	35.4	16.0	19.0	22.1
Methodist Church of Australia	9.7	8.0	12.4	19.7	9.8	12.6	0.7	4.4	10.6
Presbyterian Church of Australia	7.8	12.6	10.7	2.9	5.1	4.1	8.6	8.1	8.7
Orthodox Churches (b)	2.5	3.9	0.7	1.5	1.1	0.3	2.2	1.4	2.4
Baptist Union of Australia	2.0	1.7	1.9	2.4	1.5	3.2	1.0	0.8	1.9
Lutheran Churches (b)	0.4	0.9	2.5	5.8	0.5	0.3	0.5	1.4	1.3
Churches of Christ in Australia	0.5	1.8	1.0	2.7	2.0	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.3
Congregational Union of Australia	0.7	1.2	0.8	2.4	1.1	1.0	0.3	0.5	1.0
Other Denominations	3.1	4.2	3.8	3.7	4.9	3.8	2.3	2.9	3.6
Total	78.6	80.4	80.0	75.8	73.9	81.4	54.7	65.9	78.4
Civil Officers	21.4	19.6	20.0	24.2	26.1	18.6	45.3	34.1	21.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

TABLE 4. MARRIAGES: PROPORTION (PERCENTAGE) CELEBRATED BY CATEGORY OF CELEBRANT, AUSTRALIA, 1971 TO 1975

Category of celebrant	Year of registration				
	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Ministers of religion of recognised denominations (a) —					
Roman Catholic Church	27.7	27.2	26.5	26.2	25.5
Church of England in Australia	26.1	25.4	24.1	23.7	22.1
Methodist Church of Australia	11.9	12.1	11.9	11.3	10.6
Presbyterian Church of Australia	10.1	9.8	9.7	9.1	8.7
Orthodox Churches (b)	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.4
Baptist Union of Australia	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
Lutheran Churches (b)	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3
Churches of Christ in Australia	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3
Congregational Union of Australia	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.0
Other Denominations	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.8	3.6
Total	87.1	85.9	83.6	82.1	78.4
Civil Officers	12.9	14.1	16.4	17.9	21.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Under authority of the *Australian Marriage Act, 1961*. (b) Includes Churches grouped under this heading as proclaimed under the *Australian Marriages Act, 1961*.

TABLE 5. MARRIAGES: PROPORTION (PERCENTAGE) CELEBRATED BY MINISTERS OF RELIGION, STATE OR TERRITORY OF REGISTRATION, 1921 TO 1975 (a)

Year	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Annual Averages —									
1921-1925	94.7	96.2	96.4	95.9	82.4	97.0	..	..	94.9
1926-1930	93.2	92.6	95.9	93.2	81.7	93.8	80.4	..	92.7
1931-1935	91.5	89.6	96.2	89.9	85.8	89.0	70.9	93.9	91.1
1936-1940	90.5	93.7	95.4	91.1	85.0	89.6	82.6	88.6	91.7
1941-1945	90.3	94.2	97.2	91.4	86.6	89.5	86.9	91.3	92.2
1946-1950	88.9	92.9	95.9	90.4	83.1	86.7	92.2	86.5	90.7
1951-1955	86.2	91.8	96.2	87.5	81.2	84.9	75.9	84.7	89.0
1956-1960	85.4	91.8	96.7	88.3	83.9	84.8	82.3	83.8	88.7
1961-1965	86.0	91.3	94.4	88.7	85.3	86.3	82.3	81.0	88.7
1966-1970	87.3	92.2	91.8	89.0	83.7	87.7	75.8	77.0	89.0
1971-1975	82.8	86.5	86.2	80.3	77.5	84.1	61.6	71.8	84.0
Annual —									
1971	85.6	91.3	90.6	85.2	79.7	85.3	66.0	75.4	87.1
1972	84.9	88.8	89.4	83.7	79.3	85.4	62.5	76.0	85.9
1973	82.9	87.0	86.6	79.0	77.7	85.1	66.1	70.5	83.6
1974	81.9	85.0	84.3	78.0	76.8	83.2	58.5	71.3	82.1
1975	78.6	80.4	80.0	75.8	73.9	81.4	54.7	65.9	78.4

(a) See paragraph 2 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 6. MARRIAGES : RELATIVE AGES OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, AUSTRALIA, 1975

Age of Bridegroom (Years)	Age of Bride (Years)										
	Under 16	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Under 18	1	44	58	37	17	8	3	6	..	1	..
18	17	388	568	661	301	133	52	35	20	8	6
19	21	390	895	1,523	1,124	569	241	113	62	32	17
20	12	316	888	2,198	2,391	1,807	763	329	144	85	43
21	11	223	744	2,085	2,920	2,813	1,910	799	358	182	107
22	4	149	507	1,485	2,450	2,603	2,381	1,413	628	338	157
23	6	93	294	976	1,592	1,918	1,948	1,451	877	463	261
24	4	82	218	676	1,012	1,279	1,389	1,308	913	538	322
25	6	49	161	415	711	911	997	997	801	562	434
26	6	42	107	285	457	587	686	703	584	533	426
27	3	33	72	100	344	420	511	521	517	430	432
28	1	11	49	141	206	298	355	413	399	379	323
29	..	15	25	70	115	183	224	263	260	249	223
30-34	1	23	39	158	237	306	389	513	569	590	593
35-39	1	1	11	34	43	64	90	103	152	156	169
40-44	..	1	2	5	6	16	17	35	37	47	55
45-49	..	..	..	1	6	6	9	9	13	14	28
50-54	..	1	..	4	1	2	5	1	8	2	7
55-59	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	..	4	1
60 and over	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	1	3	2	1
Total Brides	94	1,861	4,638	10,955	13,935	13,927	11,971	9,014	6,345	4,615	3,605
Proportion %	0.1	1.8	4.5	10.5	13.4	13.4	11.5	8.7	6.1	4.4	3.5

Age of Bridegroom (Years)	Age of Bride (Years)									Total Bride- grooms	Pro- portion %
	26	27	28	29	30- 34	35- 39	40- 44	45- 49	50 and over		
Under 18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	175	0.2
18	2	1	5	2	5	..	..	..	..	2,204	2.1
19	9	7	5	2	9	1	..	..	..	5,020	4.8
20	36	13	7	6	20	4	1	..	..	9,063	8.7
21	56	32	19	16	24	4	6	..	1	12,310	11.8
22	100	69	37	27	44	9	3	1	1	12,406	11.9
23	153	97	64	37	65	20	1	..	..	10,316	9.9
24	210	148	121	63	108	22	1	2	1	8,417	8.1
25	277	181	106	89	142	38	8	4	1	6,890	6.6
26	307	218	146	99	185	35	9	6	..	5,421	5.2
27	317	259	166	103	218	37	8	1	2	4,594	4.4
28	310	260	221	127	253	66	13	4	..	2,829	3.7
29	210	218	202	136	309	54	13	7	..	2,776	2.7
30-34	595	585	552	492	1,403	437	141	35	16	7,674	7.4
35-39	187	181	249	227	980	612	277	110	38	3,685	3.5
40-44	70	85	103	103	521	537	366	239	107	2,352	2.3
45-49	34	35	43	43	280	353	425	407	292	1,998	1.9
50-54	13	14	15	20	118	185	264	406	550	1,616	1.6
55-59	4	2	5	11	39	74	125	236	581	1,086	1.0
60 and over	4	2	5	1	19	33	91	184	1,790	2,141	2.1
Total Brides	2,894	2,407	2,071	1,604	4,742	2,521	1,752	1,642	3,380	103,973	100.0
Proportion %	2.8	2.3	2.0	1.5	4.6	2.4	1.7	1.5	3.3	100.0	..

TABLE 7. MARRIAGES: AGE AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, AUSTRALIA, 1975

Age (years)	Previous Marital Status							
	Bridegroom				Bride			
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
Under 16	..	..	..	..	94	..	..	94
16	13	..	..	13	1,861	..	..	1,861
17	162	..	..	162	4,638	..	..	4,638
18	2,204	..	..	2,204	10,952	1	2	10,955
19	5,020	..	..	5,020	13,925	5	5	13,935
20	9,062	..	1	9,063	13,891	9	27	13,927
21	12,303	2	5	12,310	11,864	17	90	11,971
22	12,382	1	23	12,406	8,790	23	201	9,014
23	10,239	5	72	10,316	6,041	29	275	6,345
24	8,262	8	147	8,417	4,159	40	416	4,615
25	6,619	7	264	6,890	3,073	44	488	3,605
26	5,036	19	366	5,421	2,299	53	542	2,894
27	4,118	19	457	4,594	1,776	44	587	2,407
28	3,268	15	546	3,829	1,362	51	658	2,071
29	2,219	16	541	2,776	1,039	45	520	1,604
30-34	5,148	125	2,401	7,674	2,404	243	2,095	4,742
35-39	1,779	149	1,757	3,685	824	272	1,425	2,521
40-44	826	219	1,307	2,352	390	350	1,012	1,752
45-49	550	314	1,134	1,998	259	473	910	1,642
50-54	340	470	806	1,616	134	523	572	1,229
55-59	158	477	451	1,086	98	437	276	811
60 and over	204	1,462	475	2,141	137	1,022	181	1,340
Total	89,912	3,308	10,753	103,973	90,010	3,681	10,282	103,973
Average Age	24.2	55.5	38.8	26.8	21.5	49.9	35.4	23.8

TABLE 8. MARRIAGES: MEDIAN AGES AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, AUSTRALIA, 1921 TO 1975 (a)

Year	Bridegroom				Brides			
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
Average annual -								
1921-1925	26.9	44.0	38.3	27.4	23.9	38.5	33.5	24.3
1926-1930	26.4	45.5	38.6	26.8	23.4	41.1	34.1	23.8
1931-1935	26.5	46.7	39.3	26.9	23.4	42.9	34.2	23.7
1936-1940	26.7	48.7	38.6	27.1	23.7	44.1	34.0	24.0
1941-1945	25.7	50.8	38.5	26.3	22.9	43.6	34.0	23.3
1946-1950	25.2	52.2	37.1	25.9	22.4	41.6	33.1	23.0
1951-1955	25.0	54.3	38.9	25.7	22.1	45.3	34.6	22.7
1956-1960	24.7	56.5	39.3	25.4	21.6	47.6	35.4	22.0
1961-1965	24.2	56.6	40.4	24.7	21.3	49.2	36.6	21.7
1966-1970	23.5	56.7	39.8	23.9	21.2	50.1	36.1	21.5
1971-1975	23.3	57.8	37.3	23.9	21.0	51.1	33.0	21.4
Annual -								
1971	23.4	56.9	38.1	23.8	21.1	50.6	34.3	21.4
1972	23.3	57.8	38.1	23.8	21.0	51.1	33.9	21.4
1973	23.3	58.1	37.0	23.9	21.0	51.3	33.0	21.4
1974	23.3	58.1	36.8	23.8	20.9	51.2	33.0	21.4
1975	23.4	58.0	36.4	24.1	21.0	51.4	32.8	21.6

(a) See paragraph 2 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 9. MARRIAGES: PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM BY PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE STATE OR TERRITORY OF REGISTRATION, 1975

Marital Status of -		New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Bridegroom	Bride									
Never married	Never married	29,126	22,890	12,553	8,012	7,160	2,702	298	1,120	83,861
	Widowed	370	304	171	71	78	31	9	13	1,047
	Divorced	1,987	1,192	697	421	474	111	30	92	5,004
	Total	31,483	24,386	13,421	8,504	7,712	2,844	337	1,225	89,912
Widowed	Never married	241	188	106	49	56	16	3	10	669
	Widowed	561	454	237	162	125	45	1	9	1,594
	Divorced	401	280	153	86	77	29	3	16	1,045
	Total	1,203	922	496	297	258	90	7	35	3,308
Divorced	Never married	2,143	1,314	698	510	539	145	31	100	5,480
	Widowed	374	277	151	103	86	32	5	12	1,040
	Divorced	1,755	907	464	429	431	131	26	90	4,233
	Total	4,272	2,498	1,313	1,042	1,056	308	62	202	10,753
Total	Never married	31,510	24,392	13,357	8,571	7,755	2,863	332	1,230	90,010
	Widowed	1,305	1,035	559	336	289	108	15	34	3,681
	Divorced	4,143	2,379	1,314	936	982	271	59	198	10,282
	Total	36,958	27,806	15,230	9,843	9,026	3,242	406	1,462	103,973

TABLE 10. MARRIAGES: PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, AUSTRALIA, 1921 TO 1975 (a)

Year	Bridegrooms				Brides			
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Never married	Widowed	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
1971-1975	99,203	3,473	9,126	111,802	99,287	3,810	8,705	111,802
Annual totals -								
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
1973	99,741	3,614	9,345	112,700	99,950	3,906	8,844	112,700
1974	97,872	3,367	9,434	110,673	98,031	3,764	8,878	110,673
1975	89,912	3,308	10,753	103,973	90,010	3,681	10,282	103,973
PROPORTION (PER CENT)								
Annual averages -								
1921-1925	92.2	6.4	1.4	100.0	93.0	5.5	1.5	100.0
1926-1930	92.3	5.9	1.8	100.0	93.5	4.6	2.0	100.0
1931-1935	92.6	5.4	2.0	100.0	94.4	3.5	2.1	100.0
1936-1940	92.6	4.8	2.6	100.0	93.9	3.4	2.7	100.0
1941-1945	91.4	4.8	3.8	100.0	92.1	3.9	4.0	100.0
1946-1950	88.8	4.7	6.4	100.0	88.7	4.7	6.6	100.0
1951-1955	88.8	4.6	6.6	100.0	88.0	4.8	7.2	100.0
1956-1960	89.9	4.2	6.0	100.0	88.8	4.5	6.7	100.0
1961-1965	90.6	3.7	5.8	100.0	90.0	3.9	6.1	100.0
1966-1970	90.8	3.1	6.0	100.0	90.7	3.4	5.9	100.0
1971-1975	88.7	3.1	8.2	100.0	88.8	3.4	7.8	100.0
Annual								
1971	90.3	3.1	6.6	100.0	90.4	3.3	6.4	100.0
1972	89.7	3.1	7.3	100.0	89.6	3.4	7.1	100.0
1973	88.5	3.2	8.3	100.0	88.7	3.5	7.9	100.0
1974	88.4	3.0	8.5	100.0	88.6	3.4	8.0	100.0
1975	86.5	3.2	10.3	100.0	86.6	3.5	9.9	100.0

(a) See paragraph 2 of the Explanatory Notes. r - revised.

TABLE 12. FIRST MARRIAGE RATES (a) : SELECTED AGES AT FIRST MARRIAGE OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, AUSTRALIA, 1921 TO 1975 (b)

Year	Age													
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
BRIDEGROOM														
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	67.6	54.4
1946	0.4	2.3	9.9	24.5	45.4	10.46	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
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
1973	0.1	1.7	23.5	47.8	82.1	127.2	122.9	104.3	85.6	66.8	49.2	39.3	28.7	23.0
1974	0.2	1.9	22.5	47.8	83.7	118.8	119.2	100.4	79.4	65.1	47.9	35.5	28.2	22.3
1975	0.1	1.3	18.0	41.7	78.1	105.9	105.7	89.0	71.9	57.7	44.9	35.5	26.0	21.1
BRIDE														
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
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
1973	22.7	48.6	101.5	137.5	140.5	130.7	87.7	62.8	43.3	32.3	22.9	17.5	13.3	10.1
1974	20.1	44.8	105.7	134.1	139.5	120.1	85.1	58.5	41.2	31.3	22.0	16.0	12.8	9.7
1975	15.3	39.1	94.5	122.0	122.9	106.2	77.8	54.7	37.8	28.1	21.3	16.0	8.8	10.5

(a) See paragraph 6 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) See paragraph 2 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 13. MARRIAGES : AGE AND SELECTED COUNTRY OF BIRTH OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, AUSTRALIA, 1975

Age	Country of Birth										Total
	Australia	New Zealand	Great Britain and Ireland	Germany	Greece	Italy	Malta	Netherlands	Yugoslavia	Other	
BRIDEGROOM											
Under 20	6,167	30	621	39	92	103	27	46	69	205	7,399
20-24	42,889	387	3,465	329	629	1,142	371	507	658	2,135	52,512
25-29	15,475	382	2,372	528	552	991	197	337	460	2,216	23,510
30-34	4,810	127	966	119	211	237	55	107	179	863	7,674
35-39	2,272	52	534	73	99	122	21	46	125	341	3,685
40-44	1,535	35	324	44	45	73	9	36	59	192	2,352
45-49	1,381	27	233	35	17	50	2	24	24	205	1,998
50-54	1,114	25	226	17	7	23	4	23	16	161	1,616
55-59	799	8	146	10	2	15	3	9	7	87	1,086
60 and over	1,545	24	388	12	7	24	2	10	17	112	2,141
Total	77,987	1,097	9,275	1,206	1,661	2,780	691	1,145	1,614	6,517	103,973
BRIDE											
Under 20	26,201	108	2,296	132	439	491	143	135	440	1,098	31,483
20-24	37,952	378	2,649	251	543	727	238	297	528	2,309	45,872
25-29	8,887	183	1,183	270	160	219	90	141	163	1,285	12,581
30-34	3,328	79	535	61	66	64	20	54	69	466	4,742
35-39	1,741	38	300	26	53	31	18	21	59	234	2,521
40-44	1,293	9	200	30	28	29	4	12	29	118	1,757
45-49	1,210	16	156	45	8	24	4	12	20	147	1,642
50-54	911	7	156	28	3	16	1	10	5	92	1,229
55-59	631	6	95	13	3	3	1	6	8	45	811
60 and over	990	15	253	6	2	4	..	9	3	58	1,340
Total	83,144	839	7,823	862	1,305	1,608	519	697	1,324	5,852	103,973

TABLE 14. MARRIAGES: SELECTED RELATIVE COUNTRIES OF BIRTH OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, AUSTRALIA, 1975

Birthplace of Bridegroom	Birthplace of Bride												
	Europe												
	Australia	New Zealand	Austria	Germany	Great Britain and Ireland	Greece	Hungary	Italy	Malta	Netherlands	Poland	Yugoslavia	Other
Australia	69,242	502	70	474	4,692	81	51	283	188	440	57	117	243
New Zealand	808	112	..	4	95	1	2	4	3	10	2	3	10
Europe -													
Austria	156	2	13	18	23	..	2	3	2	3	3	2	7
Germany	806	20	14	101	115	3	6	10	..	13	23	12	15
Great Britain and Ireland													
Ireland	6,208	108	12	95	2,192	9	7	37	18	69	20	18	90
Greece	371	5	2	3	32	1,106	5	14	5	1	2	15	6
Hungary	108	3	..	3	19	2	59	3	..	4	2	22	8
Italy	1,333	8	3	20	101	9	3	1,142	14	9	7	25	33
Malta	350	..	..	4	47	3	..	8	250	10	1	1	1
Netherlands	859	9	2	13	100	2	..	6	3	88	2	2	4
Poland	106	2	..	20	13	2	..	1	..	3	121	1	15
Yugoslavia	322	6	9	26	38	19	7	34	11	9	8	1,058	15
Other	513	14	7	43	73	6	10	17	5	9	16	26	260
Asia -													
China (a)	105	3	..	3	13	1	1	..	1	3	1	5	5
Cyprus	60	..	..	..	9	15	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
India	163	4	1	5	26	..	..	..	1	4	1	..	1
Lebanon	57	2	1	1	7	1	..	4	3	..	2	3	3
Malaysia	99	1	..	3	13	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Other	421	9	2	12	64	11	1	7	2	5	8	3	11
Africa -													
United Arab Republic	147	2	..	1	21	29	..	10	2	..	2	7	6
Other	253	7	1	2	44	2	..	9	2	4	..	3	17
America -													
Canada	116	4	1	2	22	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1
U.S.A.	291	7	..	8	38	..	..	4	4	5	..	..	8
Other	75	2	..	..	15	2	1	10	3	2	..	..	9
Pacific Islands	166	7	..	1	10	..	..	..	1	4	..	1	2
Other	9	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Total, Brides	83,144	839	138	862	7,823	1,305	155	1,608	519	697	279	1,324	770
Proportion %	80.0	0.8	0.1	0.8	7.5	1.3	0.1	1.5	0.5	0.7	0.3	1.3	0.7

(a) Includes Hong Kong.

TABLE 14. MARRIAGES: SELECTED RELATIVE COUNTRIES OF BIRTH OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE,
AUSTRALIA, 1975 - *continued*

AUSTRALIA, 1975 - continued																
Birthplace of Bridegroom	Birthplace of Bride														Total Bride- grooms	Pro- portion %
	Asia					Africa			America							
	China (a)	Cyprus	India	Lebanon	Malaysia	Other	United Arab Republic	Other	Canada	U.S.A.	Other	Pacific Islands	Other			
Australia	77	22	107	23	104	371	61	234	105	208	75	143	17	77,987	75.0	
New Zealand	..	..	6	..	2	8	1	5	6	8	4	3	..	1,097	1.1	
Europe -																
Austria	..	..	..	2	1	5	1	2	..	2	1	1	..	249	0.2	
Germany	6	..	6	..	1	21	2	14	4	3	5	6	..	1,206	1.2	
Great Britain and Ireland	21	3	50	1	18	102	20	52	27	55	16	23	4	9,275	8.9	
Greece	..	45	1	..	..	10	22	6	..	1	7	2	..	1,661	1.6	
Hungary	..	..	2	..	3	7	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	247	0.2	
Italy	2	2	5	1	1	9	14	18	2	1	15	4	..	2,780	2.7	
Malta	..	1	2	..	..	4	1	3	..	2	..	3	..	691	0.7	
Netherlands	4	1	8	..	1	17	4	7	2	2	6	3	..	1,145	1.1	
Poland	1	..	..	..	3	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	294	0.3	
Jugoslavia	4	1	2	..	3	16	5	5	..	2	10	4	..	1,614	1.6	
Other	9	8	5	1	3	35	7	22	3	4	31	4	..	1,131	1.1	
Asia -																
China (a)	225	..	..	1	13	24	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	409	0.4	
Cyprus	..	139	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	231	0.2	
India	..	..	147	..	3	16	..	4	..	2	..	4	..	382	0.4	
Lebanon	..	..	..	198	..	11	3	3	..	1	2	..	..	302	0.3	
Malaysia	11	..	2	..	114	29	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	276	0.3	
Other	9	9	13	17	20	388	8	2	1	2	8	1	..	1,034	1.0	
Africa -																
United Arab Republic	..	5	1	5	1	11	88	8	..	..	1	1	..	348	0.3	
Other	2	..	1	2	..	7	5	107	..	3	2	4	..	477	0.4	
America -																
Canada	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	14	5	3	..	..	175	0.2	
U.S.A.	..	..	2	..	..	6	..	7	3	65	1	1	..	450	0.4	
Other	1	..	2	1	1	6	..	1	..	2	129	1	..	263	0.2	
Pacific Islands	4	..	1	..	1	3	1	2	..	..	1	31	..	236	0.2	
Other	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	13	..	
Total, Brides	377	236	365	252	293	1,115	244	505	168	368	321	243	23	103,973	100.0	
Proportion %	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	..	100.0		

(a) Includes Hong Kong.

TABLE 15. MARRIAGES: SELECTED COUNTRIES OF BIRTH OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, PERCENTAGES, AUSTRALIA, 1975

Country of birth of bridegroom	Country of birth of bride			Total bride- grooms	Country of birth of bride	Country of birth of bridegroom			Total brides
	Australia	Same as groom	Other			Australia	Same as bride	Other	
	%	%	%			%	%	%	
Australia	88.8	88.8	11.2	77,987	Australia	83.3	83.3	16.7	83,144
New Zealand	73.7	10.2	12.1	1,097	New Zealand	59.8	13.3	26.9	839
Austria	62.7	5.2	32.1	249	Austria	50.7	9.4	39.9	138
Germany	66.8	8.4	24.8	1,206	Germany	55.0	11.7	33.3	862
Great Britain and Ireland	66.9	23.6	9.5	9,275	Great Britain and Ireland	60.0	28.0	12.0	7,823
Greece	22.3	66.6	11.1	1,661	Greece	6.2	84.8	9.0	1,305
Hungary	43.7	23.9	32.4	247	Hungary	32.9	38.1	29.0	155
Italy	47.9	41.1	11.0	2,780	Italy	17.6	71.0	13.4	1,608
Malta	50.7	36.2	13.1	691	Malta	36.2	48.2	15.6	519
Netherlands	75.0	7.7	17.3	1,145	Netherlands	63.1	12.6	24.3	697
Poland	36.1	41.2	22.7	294	Poland	20.4	43.4	36.2	279
Yugoslavia	20.0	65.6	14.4	1,614	Yugoslavia	8.8	79.9	11.3	1,324
Other Europe	45.4	23.0	31.6	1,131	Other Europe	31.4	33.6	35.0	774
China and Hong Kong	25.7	55.0	19.3	409	China and Hong Kong	20.4	59.7	19.9	377
Cyprus	26.0	60.2	86.2	231	Cyprus	9.5	59.9	30.6	232
India	42.7	38.5	18.8	382	India	29.3	40.3	30.4	365
Lebanon	18.9	65.6	15.5	302	Lebanon	9.1	78.6	12.3	252
Malaysia	35.9	41.3	22.8	276	Malaysia	35.5	38.9	25.6	293
Other Asia	40.7	37.5	21.8	1,034	Other Asia	33.3	34.8	31.9	1,115
United Arab Republic	42.2	25.3	32.5	348	United Arab Republic	25.0	36.1	38.9	244
Other Africa	53.0	22.4	24.6	477	Other Africa	46.3	21.2	32.5	505
Canada	66.3	8.0	25.7	175	Canada	62.5	8.3	29.2	168
U.S.A.	64.7	14.4	20.9	450	U.S.A.	56.5	17.7	25.8	368
Other America	28.5	58.4	13.1	263	Other America	23.4	40.2	36.4	321
Pacific Islands	70.3	13.1	16.6	236	Pacific Islands	58.8	12.8	28.4	243
Other	69.2	15.4	15.4	13	Other	73.9	8.7	17.4	23

TABLE 16. ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1971 TO 1975 (a)

Year	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
1971	4,679,397	3,519,881	1,883,005	1,185,778	1,042,308	390,235	92,175	145,081	12,937,860
1972	4,747,358	3,577,323	1,933,417	1,202,188	1,070,661	392,378	96,432	157,430	13,177,187
1973	4,793,305	3,627,357	1,988,901	1,218,294	1,090,632	395,775	99,849	168,172	13,382,285
1974	4,841,310	3,676,535	2,043,971	1,235,558	1,117,742	399,563	104,632	178,886	13,598,197
1975	4,885,335	3,718,635	2,084,713	1,252,827	1,146,858	404,454	90,289	190,965	13,774,076

(a) Revised on basis of 1976 Population Census figures adjusted for under-enumeration.

TABLE 17. ESTIMATED MID-YEAR AGE DISTRIBUTION BY SEX, AUSTRALIA, 1975 (a)

Age	Males	Females	Persons
0-14	1,910,336	1,822,476	3,732,812
15	127,454	121,443	248,897
16	127,823	122,027	249,850
17	124,797	118,556	243,353
18	122,525	115,927	238,452
19	120,390	114,172	234,562
15-19	622,989	592,125	1,215,114
20	116,045	113,044	229,089
21	116,191	111,706	227,897
22	117,154	112,934	230,088
23	115,018	110,538	225,556
24	114,940	110,161	225,101
20-24	579,348	558,383	1,137,731
25	114,803	109,180	223,983
26	112,204	107,701	219,905
27	115,972	111,110	227,082
28	125,513	118,115	243,628
29	105,184	99,149	204,333
25-29	573,676	545,255	1,118,931
30-34	472,283	443,966	916,249
35-39	406,545	386,266	792,811
40-44	380,123	358,696	738,819
45-49	403,358	378,395	781,753
50-54	377,377	373,222	750,599
55-59	298,016	308,165	606,181
60 and over	751,516	959,801	1,711,317
Total	6,775,567	6,726,750	13,502,317

(a) Subject to revision following availability of age distribution from the 1976 Population Census.