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This issue of the Review contains a summary of live birth statistics for Australia for the year 1956. Detailed tables will be published later in Demography Bulletin No. 74, 1956. Comparative statistics for years prior to those shown herein will be found in Demography Bulletin No. 73, 1955, and earlier issues. Still births are excluded from tables contained in this Review.

Total Births: (Tables 1 and 4)

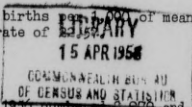
The total number of 212,133 live births (109,589 males and 102,544 females) registered in Australia during 1956 is the highest yet recorded. This is the eighth consecutive annual increase registered since 1948.

Crude Birth Rate: (Table 2)

The crude birth rate (number of births per 1,000 of mean population) for 1956 was 22.50, slightly lower than the 1955 rate of 23.52.

Ex-nuptial Births: (Table 3)

Ex-nuptial births registered in 1956 numbered 8,979 and represented 4.23 per cent of total live births.



Masculinity of Births: (Table 5)

The masculinity of births (the number of male births per 100 female births) for 1956 was 106.8%, the highest recorded for Australia.

Multiple Births: (Tables 6 and 7)

Particulars for multiple births (twins, triplets and quadruplets) are shown in Tables 6 and 7.

Birthplace of Parents: (Table 8)

Details of the birthplace of parents according to major Continental groups are shown in Table 8.

Issue, Age Group of Mother and Duration of Marriage: (Tables 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13).

Mothers of nuptial first births (i.e. no previous issue) numbered 63,646 or 31.7 per cent. of total nuptial confinements, second births 56,451 or 28.1 per cent. and third births 38,979 or 19.4 per cent. Of the total of 63,646 nuptial confinements where no previous issue existed, 25,841 or 40.6 per cent. occurred in the first year of marriage, 17,820 or 28.0 per cent. in the second year and 7,630 or 12.0 per cent. in the third year.

Gross and Net Reproduction Rates: (Table 14)

Gross and net reproduction rates (for explanation of terms see Notes to table 14 on page 7) of 1.608 and 1.527 respectively for 1956 show a continuation of the increase recorded in these rates in recent years.

Relative and Average Ages of Parents: (Tables 15 and 16)

The relative ages of parents in respect of confinements resulting in one or more live births are shown in five year age groups in Table 15. The average age of fathers in 1956 was 31.5 years and of married mothers 28.1 years.

Occupation of Father: (Table 17)

The occupations of fathers according to broad groups of occupation are shown in Table 17.

TABLE 1 - BIRTHS : NUMBER REGISTERED

State or Territory	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
MALE BIRTHS					
New South Wales	38,133	38,315	37,453	38,081	39,209
Victoria	27,472	27,368	28,112	28,888	30,115
Queensland	15,915	15,842	15,880	16,701	16,702
South Australia	9,141	9,347	9,347	9,524	9,708
Western Australia	7,826	8,056	8,136	8,436	8,870
Tasmania	4,126	3,893	3,919	4,122	4,128
Northern Territory	221	261	268	257	284
Australian Capital Territory	547	417	440	441	573
AUSTRALIA:	103,381	103,499	103,555	106,450	109,589
FEMALE BIRTHS					
New South Wales	36,063	36,575	35,672	36,326	36,505
Victoria	26,266	26,193	26,548	27,448	28,278
Queensland	15,038	14,940	15,296	15,651	15,707
South Australia	8,743	8,809	8,880	8,970	9,256
Western Australia	7,587	7,806	7,792	8,187	8,046
Tasmania	3,790	3,843	3,851	3,967	3,976
Northern Territory	227	199	245	258	272
Australian Capital Territory	555	371	417	420	504
AUSTRALIA:	98,269	98,736	98,701	101,227	102,544
TOTAL BIRTHS					
New South Wales	74,196	74,890	73,125	74,407	75,714
Victoria	53,738	53,561	54,660	56,336	58,393
Queensland	30,953	30,782	31,176	32,352	32,409
South Australia	17,884	18,156	18,227	18,494	18,964
Western Australia	15,413	15,862	15,928	16,623	16,916
Tasmania	7,916	7,736	7,770	8,089	8,104
Northern Territory	448	460	513	515	556
Australian Capital Territory	1,102	788	857	861	1,077
AUSTRALIA:	201,650	202,235	202,256	207,677	212,133

TABLE 2 - BIRTHS : CRUDE BIRTH RATES (a)

Note: The birth rates in this table are based on the births registered in the respective States and Territories. Prior to the opening of the Queenbeyan Maternity Hospital in October, 1952 many children whose mothers resided in N.S.W. were born in the Canberra Hospital and their births registered in the A.C.T. For this reason the figures for the Australian Capital Territory are shown on a dual basis.

State or Territory	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
New South Wales	22.20	22.11	21.33	21.31	21.29
Victoria	22.93	22.36	22.28	22.30	22.42
Queensland	24.65	23.91	23.74	24.16	23.72
South Australia	23.69	23.39	22.89	22.55	22.35
Western Australia	25.66	25.54	24.88	25.23	24.98
Tasmania	26.53	25.25	24.97	25.59	25.15
Northern Territory	29.69	29.61	31.64	30.22	31.07
Aust. Cap. Terr. - Registered in A.C.T.	41.48	27.43	(b) 28.21	(b) 26.56	(b) 31.04
- Residence in A.C.T.	31.09	27.61	(b) 28.67	(b) 26.53	(b) 30.07
AUSTRALIA:	23.35	22.94	22.50	22.57	22.50

(a) Number of births per 1,000 of mean population. (b) Revised rates based on population estimates adjusted in accordance with the results of the June, 1957 Population count of Canberra are :-
Registered in the A.C.T. 1954, 28.17; 1955, 26.30 and 1956, 30.47;
Residence in the A.C.T. 1954, 28.63; 1955, 26.27 and 1956, 30.07.

TABLE 3 - EX-NUPITAL BIRTHS

State or Territory	Number				Proportion of Total Births			
	1953	1954	1955	1956	1953	1954	1955	1956
New South Wales	3,013	2,889	3,024	3,305	4.02	3.95	4.06	4.37
Victoria	1,843	1,890	1,908	1,980	3.44	3.46	3.39	3.39
Queensland	1,513	1,585	1,859	1,833	4.92	5.08	5.75	5.66
South Australia	607	569	615	639	3.34	3.12	3.33	3.37
Western Australia	709	711	780	796	4.47	4.46	4.69	4.71
Tasmania	266	295	276	320	3.70	3.80	3.41	3.95
Northern Territory	50	77	59	78	10.87	15.01	11.46	14.03
Aust. Cap. Territory	11	11	16	19	1.40	1.28	1.86	1.76
AUSTRALIA:	8,032	8,027	8,537	8,970	3.97	3.97	4.11	4.23

TABLE 4 - BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EACH MONTH, 1956

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
MALE BIRTHS									
January	3,259	2,638	1,427	621	699	361	18	43	9,066
February	3,193	2,521	1,416	844	783	366	24	52	9,199
March	3,163	2,535	1,392	817	813	355	29	44	9,148
April	3,236	2,505	1,461	793	700	333	25	53	9,106
May	3,552	2,607	1,546	840	889	360	31	36	9,861
June	3,108	2,278	1,388	755	705	346	17	47	8,644
July	3,504	2,467	1,464	853	755	354	21	50	9,268
August	3,485	2,628	1,442	841	782	305	24	61	9,568
September	3,089	2,333	1,227	852	676	352	23	51	8,603
October	3,742	2,881	1,505	989	800	373	24	55	10,369
November	3,391	2,612	1,306	837	681	373	32	51	9,283
December	2,487	2,110	1,128	666	587	250	16	30	7,274
YEAR:	39,209	30,115	16,702	9,708	8,870	4,128	284	573	109,589
FEMALE BIRTHS									
January	3,031	2,498	1,331	542	641	358	27	39	8,467
February	2,943	2,294	1,285	775	661	329	22	44	8,353
March	2,937	2,271	1,326	813	642	328	23	41	8,381
April	3,007	2,318	1,350	792	609	329	22	36	8,463
May	3,293	2,434	1,434	808	814	307	21	58	9,169
June	3,048	2,126	1,298	723	661	356	16	31	8,259
July	3,115	2,381	1,343	812	700	332	20	28	8,731
August	3,261	2,495	1,379	818	692	325	35	48	9,053
September	2,864	2,275	1,261	835	639	343	18	39	8,275
October	3,553	2,662	1,412	882	749	355	24	51	9,688
November	3,076	2,530	1,230	823	697	364	20	39	8,779
December	2,377	1,994	1,058	632	541	250	24	50	6,926
YEAR:	36,505	28,278	15,707	9,256	8,046	3,976	272	504	102,544
TOTAL BIRTHS									
January	6,290	5,136	2,758	1,163	1,340	719	45	82	17,533
February	6,136	4,815	2,701	1,619	1,444	695	46	96	17,552
March	6,100	4,806	2,718	1,630	1,455	683	52	85	17,529
April	6,243	4,823	2,811	1,585	1,309	662	47	89	17,569
May	6,845	5,041	2,980	1,648	1,703	667	52	94	19,030
June	6,156	4,404	2,686	1,478	1,366	702	33	78	16,903
July	6,619	4,848	2,807	1,665	1,455	686	41	78	18,199
August	6,746	5,123	2,821	1,659	1,474	630	59	109	18,621
September	5,953	4,608	2,488	1,688	1,315	695	41	90	16,878
October	7,295	5,543	2,917	1,871	1,569	728	48	106	20,057
November	6,467	5,142	2,536	1,660	1,378	737	52	90	18,062
December	4,864	4,104	2,186	1,298	1,128	500	40	80	14,200
YEAR:	75,714	58,393	32,409	18,964	16,916	8,104	556	1,077	212,133

TABLE 5 - MASCULINITY (a) OF BIRTHS

State or Territory	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
New South Wales	105.74	104.76	104.99	104.83	107.41
Victoria	104.59	104.49	105.89	105.25	106.50
Queensland	105.83	106.04	103.82	106.71	106.33
South Australia	104.55	106.11	105.26	106.18	104.83
Western Australia	103.15	103.20	104.41	103.04	110.74
Tasmania	103.87	101.30	101.77	103.91	103.82
Northern Territory	97.36	131.16	109.39	99.61	104.41
Australian Capital Territory	98.56	112.40	105.52	105.00	113.69
AUSTRALIA:	105.30	104.82	104.92	105.16	106.87

(a) Number of male births per 100 female births.

TABLE 6 - BIRTHS : SINGLE AND MULTIPLE, AUSTRALIA, 1956

Note: Figures represent the number of children live-born.

State or Territory	Total Births					Ex-nuptial Births (Included in Total Births)	
	Single Births	Twins	Tripletts	Quadruplets	Total	Single Births	Twins (a)
New South Wales	73,966	1,726	18	4	75,714	3,239	66
Victoria	57,011	1,370	12	4	58,393	1,933	47
Queensland	31,706	688	15	-	32,409	1,790	43
South Australia	18,564	394	6	-	18,964	627	12
Western Australia	16,525	385	6	-	16,916	791	5
Tasmania	7,910	194	-	-	8,104	313	7
Northern Territory	544	12	-	-	556	78	-
Aust. Cap. Territory	1,056	21	-	-	1,077	19	-
AUSTRALIA:	207,282	4,790	57	4	212,133	8,790	(a)180

(a) Includes one case of live-born triplets in Victoria.

TABLE 7 - MULTIPLE BIRTHS : SEXES, 1956

Note: Figures represent cases in which at least one child was live-born.

Sex	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q.LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	N.T.	A.C.T.	AUSTRALIA
CASES OF TWINS									
Two Males	308	247	119	66	64	36	1	4	845
One Male, One Female	322	239	128	70	74	36	1	4	874
Two Females	256	205	105	61	28	4	3	723	
TOTAL:	886	691	352	197	199	100	6	11	2,442
CASES OF TRIPLETS									
Three Males	1	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	6
Two Males, One Female	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	5
One Male, Two Females	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	4
Three Females	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	5
TOTAL:	7	4	5	2	2	-	-	-	20

Note: A case of quadruplets, comprising 2 males and 2 females, occurred in New South Wales.

TABLE 8 - CONFINEMENTS : RELATIVE BIRTHPLACES OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1956

Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother								Total Fathers
	Aust.	N.Z.	U.K.	Other European	Asia	Africa	America	Other & Unspec.	
Australia	160,594	471	3,837	737	421	82	139	104	166,385
New Zealand	578	80	46	11	8	-	4	1	728
United Kingdom	7,048	72	4,027	184	92	41	40	6	11,510
Other European	3,663	29	322	15,294	185	61	29	10	19,593
Asia	635	7	90	157	788	9	6	9	1,701
Africa	149	2	28	69	8	169	2	-	427
America	264	6	40	29	6	1	32	1	379
Other & Unspecified	119	2	4	3	2	-	2	8	140
Mothers - Married	173,050	669	8,394	16,484	1,510	363	254	139	200,863
- Unmarried	8,046	50	333	397	24	2	9	21	8,882
Total Mothers:	181,096	719	8,727	16,881	1,534	365	263	160	209,745

TABLE 9 - NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS : AGE GROUP OF MOTHER AND PREVIOUS ISSUE

AUSTRALIA, 1956

Note: Figures in this table, other than those for "Total Issue" and "Average Issue", represent the number of mothers.

Previous Issue	Age Group of Mother (Years)							Total
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	
0	9,028	28,963	16,441	6,323	2,215	609	37	63,646
1	1,946	18,504	21,837	10,125	3,307	697	35	56,451
2	236	6,780	15,390	11,203	4,364	963	43	38,979
3	11	1,924	6,796	7,008	3,789	1,064	54	21,046
4	4	452	2,562	3,680	2,575	872	59	10,204
5	1	92	976	1,762	1,467	573	52	4,923
6	-	9	373	861	882	424	34	2,583
7	-	1	98	397	542	291	31	1,360
8	-	-	32	178	319	197	35	761
9	-	-	4	93	178	141	8	424
10	-	-	3	33	91	69	12	208
11	-	-	-	13	55	55	2	125
12	-	-	-	6	25	44	4	79
13	-	-	-	4	12	16	2	34
14	-	-	-	-	6	11	3	20
15	-	-	-	-	2	3	2	7
16	-	-	-	-	1	7	1	9
17	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
18	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
20	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Total Married Mothers	11,226	56,725	64,512	42,086	19,860	6,040	414	200,863
Total Issue (a)	13,759	97,384	156,650	131,768	76,558	28,118	2,272	506,509
Average Issue (a)	1.23	1.72	2.43	3.13	3.85	4.66	5.49	2.52

(a) Of existing marriage only; includes the children born to present confinement. Note: Ex-nuptial children, previous issue by the same father, are included, but children by former marriage are not, nor are stillborn children.

TABLE 10 - NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS : FIRST BIRTHS : DURATION OF MARRIAGE OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1956

Duration of Marriage	Number of Nuptial First-born Children			Duration of Marriage	Number of Nuptial First-born Children		
	Males	Females	Total		Males	Females	Total
Under 12 Months	13,319	12,522	25,841	7-8 years	409	342	751
12 Months	1,350	1,298	2,648	8-9 "	266	260	526
13 "	1,105	1,082	2,187	9-10 "	185	167	352
14 "	1,016	928	1,944	10-11 "	154	122	276
15 "	885	845	1,730	11-12 "	83	68	151
16 "	814	750	1,564	12-13 "	50	51	101
17 "	662	684	1,346	13-14 "	50	49	99
18 "	682	633	1,315	14-15 "	42	42	84
19 "	592	568	1,160	15-16 "	30	22	52
20 "	545	489	1,034	16-17 "	15	18	33
21 "	541	531	1,072	17-18 "	7	9	16
22 "	434	455	889	18-19 "	1	6	7
23 "	496	435	931	19-20 "	1	6	7
24 "	-	-	-	20-21 "	1	2	3
Total 12-23 Months	9,122	8,698	17,820	21-22 "	3	2	5
2-3 Years	3,930	3,700	7,630	22-23 "	2	1	3
3-4 "	2,242	1,967	4,209	23-24 "	1	1	2
4-5 "	1,430	1,299	2,729	24-25 "	1	1	2
5-6 "	898	856	1,754	25-26 "	1	1	2
6-7 "	613	565	1,178	26-27 "	1	1	2
				Grand Total	32,871	30,775	63,646

Note: In cases of multiple births the eldest child only is included.

TABLE 11 - NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS : AGE GROUP OF MOTHER AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE

AUSTRALIA, 1956

Note: Figures in this table represent the number of mothers.

Duration of Marriage (years)	Age Group of Mother (years)							Total
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	
0-1	7,315	12,802	3,922	1,387	475	127	4	26,032
1-2	2,585	12,934	4,992	1,638	572	152	7	22,880
2-3	1,042	11,743	6,520	1,916	594	126	5	21,946
3-4	243	8,871	8,007	2,040	672	144	8	19,990
4-5	32	5,576	9,520	2,642	672	142	10	18,594
5-6	3	2,930	8,961	3,022	737	158	7	15,818
6-7	-	1,279	7,905	3,546	854	150	7	13,741
7-8	1	442	5,989	3,921	914	141	9	11,417
8-9	-	114	4,181	4,384	982	168	9	9,838
9-10	-	25	2,567	4,629	1,171	189	9	8,590
10-11	-	9	1,195	3,865	1,294	191	5	6,559
11-12	-	-	498	2,935	1,223	179	9	4,844
12-13	-	-	162	2,160	1,264	195	13	3,794
13-14	-	-	54	1,759	1,655	285	8	3,761
14-15	-	-	24	1,127	1,828	351	10	3,340
15-16	-	-	11	625	1,433	435	20	2,524
16-17	-	-	3	319	1,264	468	15	2,069
17-18	-	-	1	114	844	429	18	1,406
18-19	-	-	-	40	616	370	16	1,042
19-20	-	-	-	13	414	402	19	848
20-21	-	-	-	3	218	344	31	596
21-22	-	-	-	1	95	323	19	438
22-23	-	-	-	-	45	227	28	300
23-24	-	-	-	-	18	152	28	198
24-25	-	-	-	-	4	91	25	120
25 and over	-	-	-	-	2	101	75	178
Total:	11,226	56,725	64,512	42,086	19,860	6,040	414	200,863

TABLE 12 - CONFINEMENTS : AGE GROUP OF MOTHER AND LEGITIMACY

1952 to 1956

Note: Figures in this table represent the number of mothers.

Year and Legitimacy	Age Group of Mother (Years)							Not Stated	Total
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over		
1952									
Nuptial Confinements	8,964	54,695	62,814	39,153	20,179	5,487	378	-	191,670
Ex-nuptial "	1,736	2,440	1,563	1,121	621	246	21	6	7,754
Total "	10,700	57,135	64,377	40,274	20,800	5,733	399	6	199,424
1953									
Nuptial Confinements	9,066	54,489	62,501	40,018	19,833	5,669	337	-	191,913
Ex-nuptial "	1,736	2,404	1,788	1,054	700	236	16	13	7,947
Total "	10,802	56,893	64,289	41,072	20,533	5,905	353	13	199,860
1954									
Nuptial Confinements	9,545	54,119	62,588	40,261	19,351	5,790	364	-	192,018
Ex-nuptial "	1,734	2,368	1,726	1,120	698	265	15	10	7,936
Total "	11,279	56,487	64,314	41,381	20,049	6,055	379	10	199,954
1955									
Nuptial Confinements	10,460	55,386	63,893	41,377	19,364	6,065	372	-	196,917
Ex-nuptial "	2,005	2,455	1,778	1,224	704	274	8	-	8,448
Total "	12,465	57,841	65,671	42,601	20,068	6,339	380	-	205,365
1956									
Nuptial Confinements	11,226	56,725	64,512	42,086	19,860	6,040	414	-	200,863
Ex-nuptial "	2,053	2,594	1,865	1,311	787	253	19	-	8,882
Total "	13,279	59,319	66,377	43,397	20,647	6,293	433	-	209,745

TABLE 13 - BIRTHS : AGE GROUP OF MOTHER, 1956

Note: Figures in this table represent the number of children born to mothers in each age group.

State or Territory	Age Group of Mother (Years)							Total
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	
MALE BIRTHS								
New South Wales	2,664	11,088	12,475	7,994	3,788	1,125	75	39,209
Victoria	1,589	8,167	9,843	6,606	2,930	919	61	30,115
Queensland	1,078	4,821	5,049	3,348	1,783	585	38	16,702
South Australia	570	2,646	3,165	2,037	985	281	24	9,708
Western Australia	561	2,713	2,799	1,769	766	245	17	8,870
Tasmania	388	1,251	1,120	830	407	122	10	4,128
Northern Territory	22	85	90	58	24	4	1	284
Aust. Cap. Territory	21	160	184	123	63	22	-	573
Australia:	6,893	30,931	34,725	22,765	10,746	3,303	226	109,589
FEMALE BIRTHS								
New South Wales	2,389	10,420	11,473	7,522	3,660	970	71	36,505
Victoria	1,546	7,554	9,267	6,139	2,826	888	58	28,278
Queensland	1,070	4,525	4,778	3,105	1,641	549	39	15,707
South Australia	541	2,558	2,969	2,005	888	275	20	9,256
Western Australia	530	2,421	2,549	1,555	747	235	9	8,046
Tasmania	335	1,187	1,155	749	424	115	11	3,976
Northern Territory	23	91	88	49	9	12	-	272
Aust. Cap. Territory	27	138	163	120	38	17	1	504
Australia:	6,461	28,894	32,442	21,244	10,233	3,061	209	102,544
TOTAL BIRTHS								
New South Wales	5,053	21,508	23,948	15,516	7,448	2,095	146	75,714
Victoria	3,135	15,721	19,110	12,745	5,756	1,807	119	58,393
Queensland	2,148	9,346	9,827	6,453	3,424	1,134	77	32,409
South Australia	1,111	5,204	6,134	4,042	1,873	556	44	18,964
Western Australia	1,091	5,134	5,348	3,324	1,513	480	26	16,916
Tasmania	723	2,438	2,275	1,579	831	237	21	8,104
Northern Territory	45	176	178	107	33	16	1	556
Aust. Cap. Territory	48	298	347	243	101	39	1	1,077
Australia:	13,354	59,825	67,167	44,009	20,979	6,364	435	212,133
TABLE 14 - GROSS AND NET REPRODUCTION RATES (a) : AUSTRALIA								
Year	Gross Reproduction Rate (b)	Net Reproduction Rate (c) Based on 1946-48 Mortality Experience						
1951	1.485	1.409						
1952	1.547	1.468						
1953	1.556	1.477						
1954	1.558	1.478						
1955	1.594	1.513						
1956	1.608	1.527						

(a) The rates for each year are calculated on the basis of births registered in each year. (b) The "gross" reproduction rate is a measure of the average number of female children who, according to the fertility rates on which the calculation is based, would be born to women during their lifetime. (c) The "net" reproduction rate is a measure of the average number of female children who would be born to women during their lifetime if they were subject at each age to the fertility and mortality rates on which the calculation is based.

TABLE 15 - CONFINEMENTS ; RELATIVE AGES OF PARENTS, 1956

Age Group of Father (Years)	Total	Age Group of Mother (Years)						
		Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over
Under 20	1,477	1,189	274	11	2	1	-	-
20-24	29,447	6,997	19,594	2,624	208	22	2	-
25-29	64,910	2,477	28,309	29,710	4,001	380	33	-
30-34	52,783	426	6,769	23,747	19,171	2,466	194	10
35-39	29,380	91	1,309	6,242	12,695	8,191	829	23
40-44	14,865	30	328	1,622	4,359	5,843	2,612	71
45-49	5,677	8	93	406	1,191	2,163	1,645	171
50-54	1,674	3	34	101	339	566	530	101
55-59	445	4	9	24	88	162	131	27
60-64	131	1	4	15	18	38	46	9
65-69	48	-	1	6	10	16	13	2
70-74	15	-	-	2	3	7	3	-
75 and over	11	-	1	2	1	5	2	-
Mothers -								
Married	200,863	11,226	56,725	64,512	42,086	19,860	6,040	414
Unmarried	8,882	2,053	2,594	1,865	1,311	787	253	19
Total Mothers	209,745	13,279	59,319	66,377	43,397	20,647	6,293	433

TABLE 16 - AVERAGE AGES OF PARENTS ; AUSTRALIA

Year	AVERAGE AGE (YEARS)			
	Fathers	Married Mothers	Unmarried Mothers	All Mothers
1952	31.62	28.14	25.75	28.05
1953	31.58	28.16	25.79	28.07
1954	31.57	28.15	25.95	28.07
1955	31.51	28.11	25.77	28.01
1956	31.46	28.05	25.62	27.96

TABLE 17 - NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS ; OCCUPATION OF FATHER, 1956

Occupation	N.S.W.	VIC.	QLD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	N.T.	A.C.T.	AUST.
Rural, Fishing and Hunting	9,274	7,551	6,017	3,021	2,812	1,213	44	49	29,981
Professional and Semi-Professional	3,575	2,979	1,222	855	792	342	37	80	9,882
Administrative	3,494	2,818	1,313	1,015	653	472	33	31	9,829
Commercial and Clerical	11,798	9,330	4,844	2,930	2,577	1,162	73	332	33,046
Domestic and Protective Service	3,751	2,915	1,733	897	805	337	74	123	10,635
Craftsmen	17,454	14,907	6,026	5,070	3,638	1,740	86	293	49,214
Operatives	14,011	7,764	5,380	2,372	3,052	1,405	80	72	34,136
Labourers	6,987	5,664	3,165	1,746	1,246	756	40	64	19,668
Indefinite or not stated	1,153	1,729	481	193	332	239	5	4	4,136
Persons not gainfully occupied	90	93	70	31	25	27	-	-	336
TOTAL:	71,587	55,750	30,251	18,130	15,932	7,693	472	1,048	200,863

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