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MARRIAGES, 1963 (REVISED FIGURES)

This issue contains revised marriage statistics for Australia for the year 1963, together with some comparisons with earlier years. These statistics replace those issued in Australian Demographic Review No. 186, issued on 25th March, 1964.

TABLE 1. - MARRIAGES : NUMBER

State or Territory	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
New South Wales	28,201	29,328	29,773	30,360	30,999
Victoria	20,456	20,627	21,264	22,393	22,061
Queensland	10,581	10,227	10,392	10,642	11,431
South Australia	6,614	6,607	6,804	7,021	7,302
Western Australia	5,387	5,323	5,150	5,466	5,755
Tasmania	2,567	2,713	2,677	2,485	2,579
Northern Territory	205	208	207	243	260
Australian Capital Territory	352	395	419	480	529
<u>Australia:</u>	74,263	75,428	76,686	79,090	80,916

TABLE 2. - MARRIAGES : CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES (a)

State or Territory	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
New South Wales	7.50	7.65	7.61	7.63	7.65
Victoria	7.34	7.22	7.26	7.49	7.22
Queensland	7.23	6.86	6.86	6.91	7.32
South Australia	7.18	6.99	7.02	7.10	7.24
Western Australia	7.57	7.36	6.98	7.24	7.44
Tasmania	7.52	7.82	7.57	6.91	7.08
Northern Territory	8.68	8.28	7.89	9.01	9.07
Australian Capital Territory	7.55	7.51	7.13	7.31	7.21
<u>Australia:</u>	7.40	7.34	7.30	7.39	7.41

(a) Number of marriages per 1,000 of mean population.

TABLE 3. - MARRIAGES REGISTERED (a) IN EACH MONTH : AUSTRALIA

Month	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963 (b)
January	6,838	6,607	7,084	7,270	7,996
February	5,866	6,501	6,689	6,238	7,043
March	6,022	6,065	6,167	7,001	6,521
April	7,656	7,520	8,303	6,910	8,268
May	5,979	6,680	6,193	7,366	6,658
June	5,614	5,675	5,546	6,083	6,013
July	4,794	4,533	4,587	5,126	5,209
August	5,081	5,239	5,130	5,279	6,194
September	6,052	6,223	6,346	6,865	5,890
October	6,815	7,034	7,106	7,178	6,965
November	6,294	6,342	6,242	6,286	6,227
December	7,352	7,009	7,293	7,488	7,932
<u>TOTAL:</u>	74,363	75,428	76,686	79,090	80,916

(a) The figures in this table relate to "period of registration" and, as such, should not be regarded as a measure of "period of occurrence". Lag between date of marriage and registration, differing registration procedures between States, etc. influence the figures.

(b) The Commonwealth Marriage Act, 1961, introducing Australia-wide legislation on marriages, came into operation on 1st September, 1963. The number of marriages celebrated under the Commonwealth Marriage Act, 1961 and registered in 1963 was 25,547.

TABLE 4. - MARRIAGES IN EACH DENOMINATION AND BY CIVIL OFFICERS : AUSTRALIA

Denomination, etc.	1962		1963	
	Number	Proportion of Total Marriages %	Number	Proportion of Total Marriages %
Church of England	21,115	26.70	21,964	27.14
Roman Catholic	21,182	26.78	21,763	26.90
Methodist	9,578	12.11	10,001	12.36
Presbyterian	8,896	11.25	9,055	11.19
Orthodox (Greek, Russian, etc.)	2,816	3.56	2,643	3.27
Baptist	1,305	1.65	1,404	1.73
Lutheran	1,126	1.42	1,194	1.48
Churches of Christ	951	1.20	1,037	1.28
Congregational	1,062	1.34	1,032	1.28
Salvation Army	428	0.54	472	0.58
Seventh-day Adventist	233	0.29	241	0.30
United Church	60	0.08	29	0.04
Unitarian	33	0.04	27	0.03
Other Christian	851	1.08	788	0.97
Hebrew	289	0.37	268	0.33
Other Non-Christian	1	0.00	2	0.00
Total, Denominational	69,926	88.41	71,920	88.88
Civil Officers	9,164	11.59	8,996	11.12
Total Marriages:	79,090	100.00	80,916	100.00

TABLE 5. - MARRIAGES CELEBRATED BY MINISTERS OF RELIGION AND CIVIL OFFICERS : AUSTRALIA

Year	Number of Marriages			Proportion of Total Marriages	
	Celebrated by Ministers of Religion	Celebrated by Civil Officers	Total	Celebrated by Ministers of Religion	Celebrated by Civil Officers
				%	%
1959	65,885	8,478	74,363	88.60	11.40
1960	66,720	8,708	75,428	88.46	11.54
1961	67,770	8,916	76,686	88.37	11.63
1962	69,926	9,164	79,090	88.41	11.59
1963	71,920	8,996	80,916	88.88	11.12

TABLE 6. - MARRIAGES : CONJUGAL CONDITION OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES, 1963

Marrriages between -	N.S.W.	VIC.	QLD.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	AUST.
Bachelors and -									
Spinsters	26,176	19,242	9,942	6,231	4,918	2,216	216	450	69,391
Widows	470	268	172	103	66	32	3	9	1,123
Divorced Women	1,142	632	346	277	222	86	17	21	2,743
Total Bachelors:	27,788	20,142	10,460	6,611	5,206	2,334	236	480	73,257
Widowers and -									
Spinsters	388	293	153	81	64	34	1	6	1,020
Widows	534	375	184	138	81	43	1	5	1,361
Divorced Women	266	171	89	58	55	23	1	6	669
Total Widowers:	1,188	839	426	277	200	100	3	17	3,050
Divorced Men and -									
Spinsters	1,052	577	313	204	166	82	10	18	2,422
Widows	274	141	82	64	50	14	5	4	634
Divorced Women	697	362	150	146	133	49	6	10	1,553
Total Divorced Men:	2,023	1,080	545	414	349	145	21	32	4,609
All Bridegrooms and -									
Spinsters	27,616	20,112	10,408	6,516	5,148	2,332	227	474	72,833
Widows	1,278	784	438	305	197	89	9	18	3,118
Divorced Women	2,105	1,165	585	481	410	158	24	37	4,965
Total Marriages:	30,999	22,061	11,431	7,302	5,755	2,579	260	529	80,916

TABLE 7. - AGE AND CONJUGAL CONDITION OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES : AUSTRALIA, 1963.

Age (Years)	Bridegrooms				Brides			
	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	Total	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced	Total
13								
14					4			4
15					52			52
16	5				336			336
17	48				2,122			2,122
18	358				4,122			4,123
19	1,544				6,951	3		6,954
20	3,081				9,446	2		9,454
21	4,675	1			9,781	4		9,799
22	8,334	1	1	8,336	11,412	9	31	11,452
23	8,928	..	4	8,932	7,652	16	51	7,719
24	8,549	4	8	8,561	5,122	22	87	5,231
25	7,307	10	33	7,350	3,664	27	115	3,806
26	5,845	8	60	5,913	2,611	25	161	2,797
27	4,692	15	75	4,782	1,833	28	166	2,027
28	3,587	16	94	3,697	1,314	29	180	1,523
29	2,802	13	122	2,937	1,009	38	183	1,230
30	2,211	21	119	2,351	712	40	175	927
31	1,755	19	153	1,927	616	35	189	840
32	1,370	20	132	1,522	473	41	190	704
33	1,300	23	168	1,491	442	38	201	681
34	1,039	32	162	1,233	360	47	223	630
35	834	37	171	1,042	316	47	211	574
36	722	38	205	965	268	52	200	520
37	598	35	179	812	242	62	201	505
38	508	28	179	715	205	52	193	450
39	441	51	196	688	203	78	211	492
40	357	48	143	548	148	81	174	403
41	310	49	169	528	158	83	146	387
42	249	62	172	483	132	58	150	340
43	198	44	161	403	118	88	137	343
44	165	54	139	378	79	84	137	300
45-49	135	52	131	318	84	93	129	306
50-54	597	327	601	1,525	347	483	526	1,356
55-59	322	388	481	1,191	222	403	309	934
60-64	175	422	284	881	133	355	154	642
65 & over	100	401	147	648	86	328	71	485
	96	831	120	1,047	58	367	43	468
Minors	9,711	1	..	9,712	32,814	9	21	32,844
Adults	63,546	3,049	4,609	71,204	40,019	3,109	4,944	46,072
Total:	73,257	3,050	4,609	80,916	72,833	3,118	4,965	80,916

TABLE 8. - MARRIAGES : AVERAGE AGE OF BRIDEGRROOMS AND BRIDES : AUSTRALIA

Year	Average Age of Bridegrooms (Years)				Average Age of Brides (Years)			
	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	All Bridegrooms	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced	All Brides
1959	26.26	55.77	40.73	28.39	22.91	48.36	36.93	25.01
1960	26.07	55.94	40.90	28.15	22.76	48.54	36.90	24.84
1961	25.96	56.11	41.53	28.07	22.69	49.00	37.27	24.73
1962	25.91	56.16	41.89	28.03	22.64	49.04	37.88	24.68
1963	25.70	55.80	42.04	27.76	22.45	49.27	37.76	24.42

TABLE 9. - MARRIAGES OF MINORS : NUMBERS AND PROPORTIONS, AUSTRALIA

Year	Number of Minors Married			Proportion of Minors to Total Number Married		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
1959	7,196	27,860	35,056	%	%	%
1960	7,876	28,875	36,751	9.68	37.46	23.57
1961	8,469	29,986	38,455	10.44	38.28	24.36
1962	8,924	30,991	39,915	11.04	39.10	25.07
1963	9,712	32,844	42,556	11.28	39.18	25.23
				12.00	40.59	26.30

TABLE 10. - MARRIAGES OF MINORS : TOTAL NUMBER OF BRIDEGRROOMS AND BRIDES

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	AUST.
1959	13,386	8,708	5,410	3,197	2,572	1,536	91	154	35,056
1960	14,329	9,215	5,336	3,288	2,631	1,692	88	172	36,751
1961	15,212	9,550	5,629	3,498	2,587	1,670	87	222	38,455
1962	15,495	10,116	5,907	3,686	2,789	1,603	110	209	39,915
1963	16,687	10,258	6,427	3,955	3,142	1,707	129	251	42,556

TABLE 11. - MARRIAGES OF MINORS : TOTAL NUMBER OF BRIDEGRROOMS AND BRIDES

IN PROPORTION TO TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS MARRIED

(Per Cent.)

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	AUST.
1959	23.73	21.28	25.56	24.17	23.87	29.96	22.20	21.88	23.57
1960	24.43	22.34	26.09	24.88	24.71	31.18	21.15	21.77	24.36
1961	25.54	22.46	27.08	25.71	25.12	31.19	21.01	26.49	25.07
1962	25.52	22.59	27.75	26.25	25.51	32.25	22.63	21.77	25.23
1963	26.92	23.25	28.11	27.08	27.30	33.09	24.81	23.72	26.30

TABLE 12. - MARRIAGES : RELATIVE BIRTHPLACES OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, AUSTRALIA, 1963

Birthplace of Bridegroom	Birthplace of Bride															Total Bridegrooms
	AUST.	N.Z.	U.K. (a)	Germany	Greece	Italy	Malta	Netherlands	Poland	Yugoslavia	Other European	Asia	Africa	America	Other & Unspecified	
Australia	55,718	188	2,804	353	46	99	81	381	41	30	298	233	73	60	78	60,483
New Zealand	424	47	40	5	..	1	1	6	..	..	2	3	1	3	3	536
United Kingdom (a)	3,762	58	1,083	56	5	11	15	50	8	2	67	50	20	15	14	5,216
Germany	559	6	91	337	6	12	3	47	21	18	77	18	9	3	4	1,211
Greece	148	2	18	8	2,604	6	2	3	5	7	9	27	27	4	..	2,870
Italy	734	8	62	36	11	2,560	23	27	6	34	56	12	32	2	1	3,606
Malta	167	..	23	5	1	4	326	10	2	2	5	2	8	1	..	556
Netherlands	717	5	76	31	4	4	10	356	3	1	25	25	3	4	1	1,265
Poland	120	2	17	33	5	8	..	4	188	10	43	11	3	2	..	446
Yugoslavia	266	4	44	81	56	63	10	24	13	477	47	14	5	2	4	1,110
Other European	750	15	110	144	41	29	11	23	51	46	609	38	9	3	9	1,888
Asia	492	5	57	21	24	4	..	22	3	3	16	381	7	2	8	1,045
Africa	137	5	22	3	57	15	8	3	2	3	8	10	65	2	1	341
America	162	4	25	2	..	3	..	2	1	1	10	1	1	12	1	225
Other and Unspecified	91	1	3	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	4	..	..	12	118
Total Brides:	64,247	350	4,475	1,119	2,860	2,819	490	960	344	634	1,275	829	263	115	136	80,916

(a) Including Ireland.

TABLE 13. - MARRIAGES : RELATIVE AGES OF BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE, AUSTRALIA, 1963

Age of Bridegroom (Years)	Age of Bride (years)								Total Bride- grooms
	Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	
15-19	32	4,282	697	25	..	..	..	..	5,036
20-24	18	14,631	21,635	1,393	142	27	6	3	37,855
25-29	5	3,389	11,898	3,560	619	158	38	13	19,680
30-34	1	539	2,823	2,142	1,113	431	116	50	7,215
35-39	..	105	688	938	860	671	329	137	3,728
40-44	..	26	180	303	389	500	407	305	2,110
45-49	..	14	60	91	186	316	349	509	1,525
50 and over	..	3	26	52	120	267	431	2,868	3,767
<u>Total Brides:</u>	56	22,989	38,007	8,504	3,429	2,370	1,676	3,885	80,916

TABLE 14. - MARRIAGES : OCCUPATION OF BRIDEGROOM, 1963

Occupation Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	AUST.
Professional, Technical and Related Workers	3,015	2,071	1,001	707	509	211	19	62	7,595
Administrative, Executive and Managerial Workers	1,517	1,060	464	359	229	98	19	25	3,771
Clerical Workers	2,380	1,748	912	613	501	206	24	74	6,458
Sales Workers	2,042	1,494	722	456	356	135	6	29	5,240
Farmers, Fishermen, Hunters, Timber Getters and Related Workers	2,264	1,821	1,604	764	853	248	13	20	7,592
Miners, Quarrymen and Related Workers	190	32	85	14	77	20	7	1	426
Workers in Transport and Communication	2,302	1,599	819	538	418	196	25	27	5,924
Craftsmen and Production - Process Workers	10,932	7,756	3,401	2,489	1,831	837	62	172	27,480
Labourers	3,821	2,739	1,296	795	521	387	32	43	9,634
Service (Protective and Other), Sport and Recreation Workers	970	671	308	222	152	83	17	28	2,451
Members of Armed Services	845	508	467	147	154	43	26	32	2,222
Occupation Inadequately Described or Not Stated	288	183	120	82	64	77	9	6	829
Persons Not in the Work Force	433	374	232	116	90	38	1	10	1,294
<u>Total:</u>	30,999	22,061	11,431	7,302	5,755	2,579	260	529	80,916

NOTE: The classification of occupations used in compiling these figures is that used for the 1961 Census of population and is not directly comparable with classification in use prior to 1961.

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