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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

In 1993, 260,229 births were registered in Australia, an increase of 7 per cent since 1983 when 242,570 births were registered, considerably less than the 20 per cent increase in the female population of child-bearing age in the same period. Since 1990 the number of births has fluctuated around 260,000.

Fertility

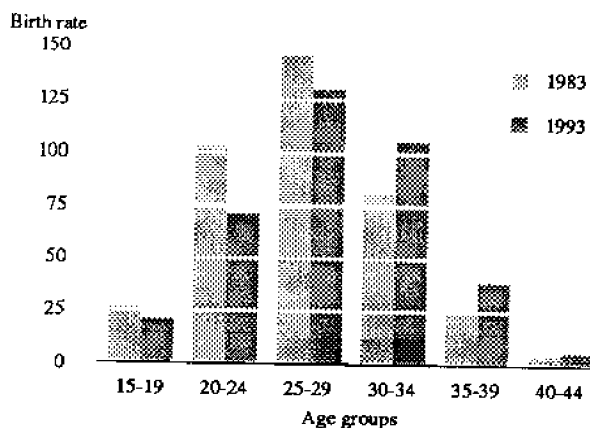
The **Total Fertility Rate** (the number of children one woman would expect to bear during her child-bearing lifetime) was 1.9 in 1993, the same as in 1983. The Total Fertility Rate has fluctuated around 1.8 since the early 1980s. In 1993, the Australian Capital Territory recorded the lowest Total Fertility Rate of all States/Territories of 1.7 while the Northern Territory had the highest rate of 2.3, primarily due to higher fertility rates in the younger age groups in the Northern Territory.

A comparison with other countries reveals that Australia's fertility pattern most closely resembles that of the United Kingdom (see Table 32). Countries with high Total Fertility Rates include Papua New Guinea (4.9 in 1992) and Indonesia (3.1 in 1992). Countries with low Total Fertility Rates compared to Australia include Hong Kong (1.4 in 1992), the Federal Republic of Germany (1.5 in 1992) and Japan (1.7 in 1992), all well below the replacement level of about 2.1 children per woman.

The **Net Reproduction Rate** (the number of daughters born to women who are exposed to the fertility and mortality rates of the reference year) was 0.9 in 1993. Since falling below replacement level (1.0) in 1976, the Net Reproduction Rate has remained fairly stable.

Age Specific Birth Rates (the number of births per 1,000 women of a specific age group in the population) in the younger age groups continued a gradual decline in 1993. Despite this decrease, the 25-29 year age group remained the peak fertility group with a fertility rate of 130.0.

AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES, AUSTRALIA, 1983 AND 1993



In contrast to the decline in fertility among younger women, the trend in recent years of increased fertility in the older age groups continued in 1993. In the last decade, women aged 30-34 years have overtaken the 20-24 year age group as the second most fertile group. In

1993, women aged 30-34 years experienced a fertility rate of 105.5 births per 1,000 women compared to 71.1 for women aged 20-24 years.

Age of Parents

The median age of parents (the age where there are as many parents above the middle age as there are below it) continued to rise in 1993.

The median age of mothers reached 28.9 years in 1993, an increase of 2 years since 1983. In 1993 the median age of mothers for nuptial confinements was 29.7 years compared with 24.5 years for ex-nuptial confinements. Of all births registered in 1993, 34 per cent (88,279) were to mothers aged 25-29 years, while another 30 per cent (77,004) were to 30-34 year old mothers.

The median age of fathers of births resulting from nuptial confinements in 1993 was 32 years, rising from 30 years in 1983. Fathers of births resulting from ex-nuptial confinements where paternity was acknowledged tended to be younger than their married counterparts with a median age of 27.5 in 1993. Married people refers to those in registered marriages and does not include people in de facto marriages.

Previous births of the registered marriage

Of the 192,518 nuptial confinements registered in 1993, 40 per cent (77,718) were of mothers giving birth for the first time, while a further 36 per cent (68,389) already had one child.

The proportion of married first-time mothers aged under 25 years decreased from 43 per cent in 1983 to 23 per cent in 1993. The median age of married mothers giving birth for the first time was 28.3 years in 1993, an increase of 2.6 years since 1983.

In the last ten years around 8 per cent of confinements have resulted in births to married parents who already had 3 or more children. This compares with 12 per cent in 1973 and 23 per cent in 1963.

Duration of marriage

The median duration of marriage prior to birth is the point where there were as many births to couples who had a duration of marriage above the mid point as there were to those who had a duration of marriage below the mid point. In 1993, the median duration of marriage was 2.5 years for nuptial first confinements compared to 2.3 years in 1983. The median for all nuptial confinements was 4.6 years in 1993.

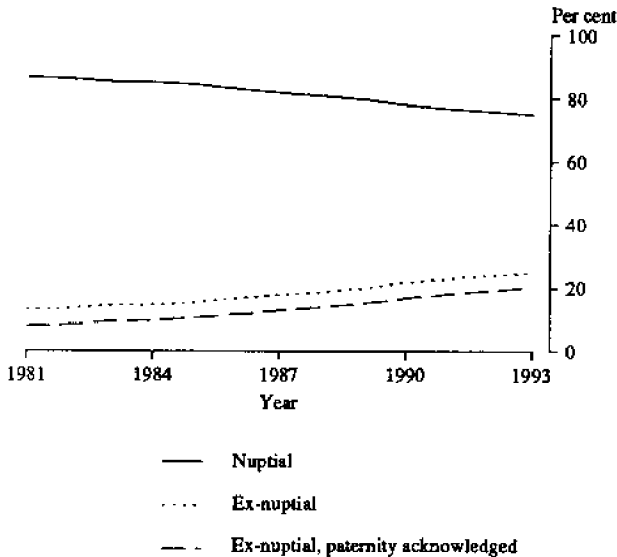
Ex-nuptial births

The proportion of births outside registered marriage continued to increase in 1993 with 64,874 ex-nuptial births, representing 25 per cent of all births. In 1983, 35,646 or 15 per cent of births occurred outside registered marriage. In 1993, the proportion of ex-nuptial births varied considerably across the States/Territories. The Northern Territory recorded the highest proportion of ex-nuptial

births (55%) while Victoria had the lowest proportion (20%).

In 1993, paternity was acknowledged by 82 per cent (53,016) of fathers in ex-nuptial births, an increase from 64 per cent (22,983) in 1983. The proportion of paternity acknowledged ex-nuptial births in 1993 ranged from 88 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory to 64 per cent in the Northern Territory.

PERCENTAGE OF BIRTHS BY NUPTIALITY, AUSTRALIA



Birthplace

Of the 193,518 nuptial confinements in 1993, the majority (62%) resulted in births to parents who were both born in Australia. In a further 20 per cent of cases one parent was born in Australia and the other born overseas, while 13 per cent were to parents born in the same overseas country. The remaining nuptial confinements resulted in births to parents who were born in different overseas countries.

European-born parents having children in 1993 were more likely to be married to Australian-born partners than to partners born in the same European country. More than half of all parents born in Europe had Australian-born partners. The main exceptions were parents from the Former Yugoslav Republics and Poland with more than half having partners from their own country of birth.

A high proportion of parents having children in 1993 and born in South East Asia were also married to someone from the same South East Asian country. This was the case for fathers born in the Philippines (90%) and Viet Nam (88%). In addition, 91 per cent of mothers born in Viet Nam also had partners born in the same country. A notable exception was Filipino-born mothers who were more likely to be married to Australian-born men (40%) than Filipino men (38%).

Malaysian-born parents having children in 1993 recorded the highest proportion of partners born in a different overseas country (24 per cent of fathers and 25 per cent of mothers), followed by 23 per cent of mothers born in

the Philippines. Filipino fathers, in contrast to their female counterparts, were unlikely to be married to someone from a different overseas country (3%).

Overseas-born mothers tended to be older than Australian-born mothers, with 38 per cent of Australian-born mothers aged 30 years and over compared to mothers born in Italy (61%), China (63%) and Malaysia (67%). Of the present main immigrant source countries to Australia, only mothers born in the Former Yugoslav Republics (38%) and Lebanon (34%) had a smaller proportion of mothers aged 30 years and over than Australian-born mothers.

The age of peak fertility for Australian-born mothers was 25-29 years. However, for mothers born in China, Italy, Malaysia, the Philippines and the United Kingdom, peak fertility occurred among women aged 30-34 years. For Chinese-born mothers, fertility was particularly high in this age group with 41 per cent of Chinese-born mothers aged 30-34 years.

Multiple births

Of the 256,703 confinements registered in 1993, 1.4 per cent (3497) resulted in twins, triplets or higher order births. The vast majority of these multiple births were twins (97%). Eighty per cent of confinements resulting in multiple births occurred within registered marriage.

Births of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

Details of indigenous births registered in South Australia and the Northern Territory have been included in this publication for the first time (see Part C). Details for other States and the Australian Capital Territory are either not considered to be of a publishable standard or not available in the case of Queensland.

In 1993, 519 indigenous births were registered to mothers usually resident in South Australia, representing 3 per cent of all births in that State. Indigenous people accounted for around 1 per cent of the South Australian population in 1991. In the Northern Territory in 1993, 1,359 indigenous children were born or 38 per cent of all Northern Territory births. In 1991, an estimated 26 per cent of the Northern Territory population was indigenous.

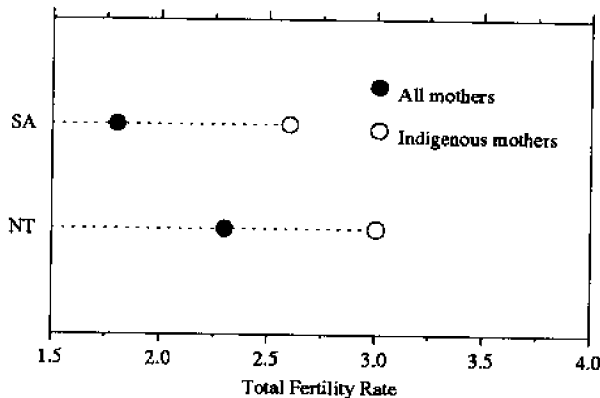
Based on the 1991 Census of Population and Housing, the Total Fertility Rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women declined sharply during the 1970s from around 6.0 children per woman to 3.0 children per woman. In 1986-91 the Total Fertility Rate for all indigenous women in Australia was 3.1, more than 50 per cent higher than the figure for all women (1.9 in 1991). In the 1986-91 period the Total Fertility Rate for South Australian indigenous women was 3.0 and for the Northern Territory 3.4.

Based on birth registrations, the indigenous populations of South Australia and the Northern Territory experienced higher fertility rates in 1993 than the population in general. The Total Fertility Rate for indigenous mothers was 2.5 in South Australia and 3.0 in the Northern Territory, compared to 1.8 and 2.3 for all mothers in South Australia and the Northern Territory respectively. The

higher fertility rates recorded for indigenous mothers were primarily due to higher rates among women in the younger age groups.

The apparent decline in Total Fertility Rates from 1986-91 to 1993 does not necessarily reflect an actual decline in fertility as the data are not strictly comparable. 1986-91 figures are calculated using the own-children method of fertility estimation (see p. 23) whereas 1993 figures are based directly on birth registrations.

TOTAL FERTILITY RATES BY INDIGENOUS ORIGIN, AUSTRALIA, 1993



In South Australia, indigenous women aged 15-19 years experienced a birth rate over 5 times higher than for all South Australian women in that age group. Fifty-five per cent of indigenous mothers giving birth in South Australia in 1993 were aged 24 or younger compared to 23 per cent of all South Australian mothers.

Young indigenous women in the Northern Territory also experienced relatively high fertility rates. The fertility rate for indigenous women aged 15-19 years was over double that for all Northern Territory women in that age group. More than 65 per cent of indigenous mothers giving birth in 1993 were aged 24 years or less compared to 40% of all Northern Territory mothers.

Year of Occurrence

The preceding commentary relates to birth data based on year of registration. In Part B of this publication data are presented on the basis of births occurring in 1993 and registered by the end of June 1994. Year of occurrence data for 1993 has resulted in numbers and rates which are lower than those recorded for the same period on a registration basis. A number of factors may contribute to these variations, including lags between the occurrence and registration of a birth, problems encountered during the registration process, or changes introduced to this process by individual State or Territory Registrars.

On year of occurrence basis there were 256,173 births in Australia in 1993, an increase of 6 per cent from 10 years ago (242,190). The same period saw a decline in Total Fertility Rate from 1.9 births per woman in 1983 to 1.8 in 1993.

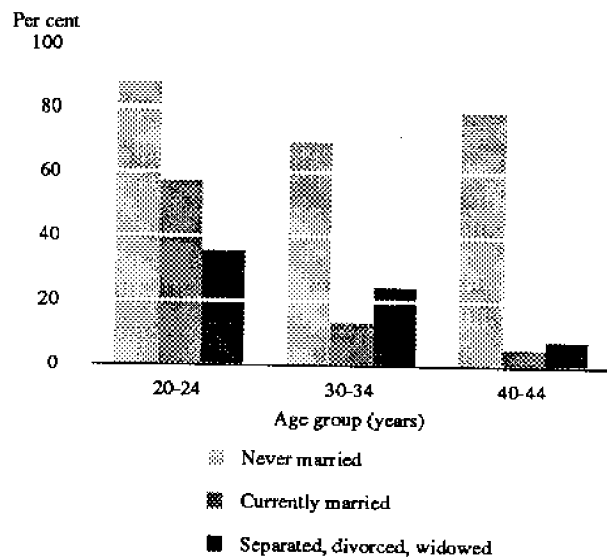
In 1993, March was the most common month for giving birth with 8.8 per cent of births occurring during that

month. February and November were the least common months, each accounting for 7.8 per cent of births.

1992 Family Survey

Results from the 1992 Family Survey (see Part E) show that an estimated 9 per cent of women aged 45-59 years had remained childless. Women in this age group were more likely to remain childless if they had never been in a registered marriage (43,895 women or 92% of those who had never married) than if they had ever married (76,328 women or 6% of ever married women). This pattern was also evident among younger women.

CHILDLESS WOMEN IN SELECTED AGE GROUPS BY REGISTERED MARITAL STATUS, AUSTRALIA, 1993



An estimated 341,592 women, or 6 per cent of all women aged 15-59 years, were living in de facto relationships in 1992. Women in de facto relationships tended to be younger than women in registered marriages and have a registered marital status of never married. About 50 per cent of women in de facto relationships were childless.

PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER LIVING IN DE FACTO RELATIONSHIPS BY SEX AND MARITAL STATUS, AUSTRALIA, 1992

	Never married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed	Total
Males	67	9	23	1	100
Females	63	7	28	2	100

The average number of children per mother increases with age, with an average of 2.9 children for mothers aged 45-59 in 1992. The greatest increase in the average number of children per mother was apparent between mothers aged 25-29 years (1.8 children) and mothers aged 30-34 years (2.3 children). For mothers in de facto relationships, the greatest increase in the average number of children per mother was apparent between mothers aged 20-24 years (1.4 children) and mothers aged 25-29 years (2.0 children). This reflects a difference in the ages of peak fertility between de facto mothers (20-24 years) and all mothers (25-29 years).

PART A: YEAR OF REGISTRATION

TABLE 1. BIRTHS: SUMMARY(a), STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1993

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other Territories	Australia
BIRTHS										
Total births	89,354	64,049	46,778	20,078	25,081	6,835	3,603	4,414	37	260,229
Males	45,906	32,793	24,055	10,232	12,925	3,523	1,884	2,234	20	133,572
Females	43,448	31,256	22,723	9,846	12,156	3,312	1,719	2,180	17	126,657
Sex ratio	105.7	104.9	105.9	103.9	106.3	106.4	109.6	102.5	117.6	105.5
Nuptial births	68,003	51,420	33,134	14,982	18,090	4,680	1,611	3,404	31	195,355
<i>Ex-nuptial births —</i>										
Number	21,351	12,629	13,644	5,096	6,991	2,155	1,992	1,010	6	64,874
Percentage of total live births	23.9	19.7	29.2	25.4	27.9	31.5	55.3	22.9	16.2	24.9
<i>Paternity acknowledged births —</i>										
Number	17,504	10,514	11,036	4,227	5,713	1,854	1,279	886	3	53,016
Percentage of total ex-nuptial births	82.0	83.3	80.9	82.9	81.7	86.0	64.2	87.7	50.0	81.7
Crude birth rate	14.9	14.3	15.0	13.7	15.0	14.5	21.2	14.8	n.a.	14.7
<i>Age-specific birth rates —</i>										
15-19	21.2	13.8	26.0	17.8	23.7	29.9	81.1	14.5	n.a.	20.9
20-24	74.9	57.7	80.4	65.6	74.8	90.6	116.1	52.5	n.a.	71.1
25-29	131.1	127.4	132.5	125.4	132.0	140.0	127.6	121.4	n.a.	130.0
30-34	106.7	110.0	101.7	102.9	104.3	91.4	90.7	104.7	n.a.	105.5
35-39	41.3	41.0	35.3	38.4	35.9	29.5	38.0	39.0	n.a.	39.0
40-44	6.9	6.7	5.4	6.3	5.4	4.4	7.0	6.1	n.a.	6.3
45-49	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.4	n.a.	0.2
Total fertility rate	1.912	1.784	1.907	1.784	1.881	1.930	2.306	1.693	n.a.	1.865
Female net reproduction rate	0.918	0.859	0.913	0.862	0.902	0.923	1.063	0.829	n.a.	0.896
CONFINEMENTS										
Total confinements	88,163	63,172	46,122	19,802	24,725	6,773	3,560	4,349	37	256,703
<i>Median age of mother (years) —</i>										
Nuptial first confinements	28.2	28.5	28.0	28.6	28.3	27.6	28.4	28.3	26.5	28.3
All nuptial confinements	29.7	29.9	29.4	30.0	29.7	29.0	29.5	29.8	30.0	29.7
Ex-nuptial confinements	24.6	25.3	23.9	24.7	24.3	23.9	23.6	24.8	27.5	24.5
Paternity acknowledged confinements	24.9	25.5	24.2	24.8	24.6	24.2	24.6	25.0	27.0	24.8
All confinements	28.9	29.3	28.3	29.1	28.7	27.9	26.7	29.1	29.5	28.9
<i>Median age of father (years) —</i>										
Nuptial confinements	32.2	32.1	31.7	32.2	32.0	31.4	32.1	32.1	31.0	32.0
Paternity acknowledged confinements	27.6	27.9	26.9	27.7	27.5	26.6	27.7	27.4	27.0	27.5
<i>Median duration of marriage (years) —</i>										
Nuptial first confinements	2.3	2.7	2.4	2.8	2.4	2.4	1.8	2.2	2.3	2.5
Nuptial confinements	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.6
<i>Nuptial confinements —</i>										
<i>Previous births —</i>										
0	26,805	20,769	12,960	6,220	6,868	2,079	644	1,357	16	77,718
1	23,665	17,955	11,707	5,317	6,464	1,455	560	1,259	7	68,389
2	11,270	8,282	5,423	2,266	3,072	713	257	514	4	31,801
3	3,618	2,553	1,772	673	1,026	257	81	161	4	10,145
4	1,031	651	493	185	242	68	22	39	—	2,731
5 and over	660	445	281	94	140	64	26	23	—	1,733
Average number of births	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0

(a) See Explanatory Notes for definitions of the terms used.

TABLE 2. BIRTHS: STATES AND TERRITORIES

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other Territories	Australia
MALES										
<i>Census years —</i>										
1971	50,443	38,357	20,319	11,738	12,519	4,215	1,523	1,999	..	141,113
1976	40,253	30,957	18,004	9,787	10,673	3,482	1,392	2,242	..	(a)116,838
1981	42,280	30,268	20,136	9,769	11,355	3,674	1,606	2,082	..	121,170
1986	43,458	30,855	20,782	9,930	12,448	3,615	1,711	2,115	..	124,914
1991	44,942	33,636	22,564	10,175	12,959	3,454	1,799	2,436	..	131,965
<i>Annual totals —</i>										
1983	42,706	30,695	21,733	10,211	11,910	3,651	1,557	2,095	..	124,558
1988	43,495	31,688	20,820	9,917	12,874	3,433	1,803	2,193	..	126,223
1989	43,948	32,841	21,428	10,152	12,783	3,506	1,740	2,112	..	128,510
1990	46,752	34,357	23,082	10,170	13,082	3,620	1,798	2,333	..	135,194
1991	44,942	33,636	22,564	10,175	12,959	3,454	1,799	2,436	..	131,965
1992	47,710	33,691	23,600	9,957	12,879	3,595	1,913	2,256	..	135,601
1993	45,906	32,793	24,055	10,232	12,925	3,523	1,884	2,234	20	133,572
FEMALES										
<i>Census years —</i>										
1971	48,293	37,037	19,528	11,151	11,757	4,135	1,393	1,954	..	135,248
1976	38,496	29,456	17,264	9,079	10,027	3,254	1,296	2,030	..	(a)110,972
1981	39,691	29,016	18,799	9,502	10,545	3,556	1,503	2,060	..	114,672
1986	41,073	29,307	19,589	9,811	11,788	3,335	1,604	1,987	..	118,494
1991	42,425	31,802	21,596	9,465	12,458	3,416	1,800	2,320	..	125,282
<i>Annual totals —</i>										
1983	40,601	29,233	20,352	9,619	11,177	3,411	1,570	2,049	..	118,012
1988	41,152	30,446	19,741	9,238	12,269	3,346	1,636	2,142	..	119,970
1989	41,842	31,161	20,643	9,458	12,268	3,307	1,639	2,025	..	122,343
1990	43,782	32,613	21,786	9,693	12,274	3,423	1,759	2,124	..	127,454
1991	42,425	31,802	21,596	9,465	12,458	3,416	1,800	2,320	..	125,282
1992	44,875	32,075	22,640	9,354	12,194	3,392	1,829	2,191	..	128,550
1993	43,448	31,256	22,723	9,846	12,156	3,312	1,719	2,180	17	126,657
PERSONS										
<i>Census years —</i>										
1971	98,736	75,394	39,847	22,889	24,276	8,350	2,916	3,953	..	276,361
1976	78,749	60,413	35,268	18,866	20,700	6,736	2,688	4,272	..	(a)227,810
1981	81,971	59,284	38,935	19,271	21,900	7,230	3,109	4,142	..	235,842
1986	84,531	60,162	40,371	19,741	24,236	6,950	3,315	4,102	..	243,408
1991	87,367	65,438	44,160	19,640	25,417	6,870	3,599	4,756	..	257,247
<i>Annual totals —</i>										
1983	83,307	59,928	42,085	19,830	23,087	7,062	3,127	4,144	..	242,570
1988	84,647	62,134	40,561	19,155	25,143	6,779	3,439	4,335	..	246,193
1989	85,790	64,002	42,071	19,610	25,051	6,813	3,379	4,137	..	250,853
1990	90,534	66,970	44,868	19,863	25,356	7,043	3,557	4,457	..	262,648
1991	87,367	65,438	44,160	19,640	25,417	6,870	3,599	4,756	..	257,247
1992	92,585	65,766	46,240	19,311	25,073	6,987	3,742	4,447	..	264,151
1993	89,354	64,049	46,778	20,078	25,081	6,835	3,603	4,414	37	260,229

(a) Includes not stated.

TABLE 3. CRUDE BIRTH RATES: STATES AND TERRITORIES

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other Territories	Australia
<i>Census year rates —</i>										
1971	21.5	21.5	22.1	19.5	23.7	21.3	35.7	27.5	..	21.7
1976	16.5	16.5	17.6	15.2	18.2	16.7	29.0	21.5	..	16.8
1981	15.7	15.0	16.6	14.6	16.8	16.9	25.2	18.2	..	15.8
1986	15.3	14.5	15.4	14.3	16.6	15.6	21.5	15.8	..	15.2
1991	14.8	14.8	14.9	13.6	15.5	14.7	21.7	16.5	..	14.9
<i>Annual rates —</i>										
1983	15.6	14.9	17.0	14.7	16.9	16.3	23.0	17.4	..	15.8
1988	14.8	14.6	14.8	13.6	16.4	15.0	21.6	15.9	..	14.9
1989	14.8	14.8	14.9	13.8	15.9	15.0	20.9	15.0	..	14.9
1990	15.5	15.3	15.5	13.9	15.7	15.3	21.8	15.8	..	15.4
1991	14.8	14.8	14.9	13.6	15.5	14.7	21.7	16.5	..	14.9
1992	15.5	14.8	15.2	13.3	15.1	14.9	22.4	15.1	..	15.1
1993	14.9	14.3	15.0	13.7	15.0	14.5	21.2	14.8	n.a.	14.7

TABLE 4. AGE SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES AND TOTAL FERTILITY RATES, AUSTRALIA

	Age group (years)							Total fertility rate
	15-19 (a)	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49 (b)	
<i>Census year rates —</i>								
1966	48.9	173.1	183.9	105.1	50.6	14.2	1.0	2.889
1971	55.5	181.9	193.5	101.8	44.2	11.3	0.8	2.945
1976	35.2	128.3	146.2	72.5	24.1	5.5	0.4	2.061
1981	28.2	107.5	145.2	77.6	24.5	4.5	0.3	1.938
1986	21.8	90.0	141.9	88.7	27.2	4.3	0.2	1.870
1991	22.1	75.0	132.0	100.2	36.0	5.5	0.2	1.855
<i>Annual rates —</i>								
1983	26.6	102.7	145.9	81.5	25.0	4.3	0.2	1.931
1988	20.3	81.5	136.9	93.3	30.5	4.6	0.2	1.837
1989	20.6	78.4	135.4	96.1	32.6	5.0	0.2	1.842
1990	22.1	79.4	137.9	101.7	34.7	5.5	0.2	1.907
1991	22.1	75.0	132.0	100.2	36.0	5.5	0.2	1.855
1992	21.9	74.9	132.6	104.6	38.4	6.1	0.3	1.895
1993	20.9	71.1	130.0	105.5	39.0	6.3	0.2	1.865

(a) Includes births to mothers aged less than 15. (b) Includes births to mothers aged 50 and over.

TABLE 5. FEMALE GROSS AND NET REPRODUCTION RATES, AUSTRALIA

	Female net reproduction rate		Life table experience on which rate is based
	Female gross reproduction rate	Rate	
<i>Census year rates —</i>			
1966 (a)	1.401	1.357	1965-1967
1971 (a)	1.403	1.362	1970-1972
1976 (a)	1.004	0.981	1975-1977
1981 (a)	0.942	0.925	1980-1982
1986 (a)	0.910	0.895	1985-1987
1991 (b)	0.903	0.890	1991
<i>Annual rates —</i>			
1983 (b)	0.939	0.923	1983
1988 (b)	0.895	0.880	1988
1989 (b)	0.899	0.884	1989
1990 (b)	0.926	0.911	1990
1991 (b)	0.903	0.890	1991
1992 (b)	0.922	0.909	1992
1993 (b)	0.908	0.896	1993

(a) Net reproduction rates are based on life tables prepared by the Australian Government Actuary for the three years surrounding each census. The latest available are those for 1985-1987. (b) Net reproduction rates are based on Annual Life Tables calculated by the Australian Statistician.

TABLE 6. BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS: AGE GROUP OF MOTHER, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1993

Age group (years)	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other Territories	Australia
MALES										
19 and under	2,256	1,117	1,562	458	750	249	270	90	—	6,752
20-24	9,035	5,437	5,290	1,874	2,533	828	521	410	5	25,933
25-29	15,273	11,502	8,067	3,485	4,397	1,229	559	764	4	45,280
30-34	13,588	10,441	6,625	3,137	3,742	923	372	666	7	39,501
35-39	4,954	3,697	2,173	1,093	1,285	259	137	254	4	13,856
40 and over	799	562	337	179	206	35	24	45	—	2,187
Not stated	1	37	1	6	12	—	1	5	—	63
Total	45,906	32,793	24,055	10,232	12,925	3,523	1,884	2,234	20	133,572
FEMALES										
19 and under	2,167	1,063	1,504	421	701	254	221	92	—	6,423
20-24	8,590	5,239	5,044	1,819	2,472	760	431	385	8	24,748
25-29	14,564	11,022	7,563	3,351	4,097	1,123	512	764	3	42,999
30-34	12,815	9,919	6,285	2,999	3,558	857	392	674	4	37,503
35-39	4,549	3,420	2,024	1,076	1,159	275	140	227	2	12,872
40 and over	759	559	301	175	151	43	23	34	—	2,045
Not stated	4	34	2	5	18	—	—	4	—	67
Total	43,448	31,256	22,723	9,846	12,156	3,312	1,719	2,180	17	126,657
PERSONS										
19 and under	4,423	2,180	3,066	879	1,451	503	491	182	—	13,175
20-24	17,625	10,676	10,334	3,693	5,005	1,588	952	795	13	50,681
25-29	29,837	22,524	15,630	6,836	8,494	2,352	1,071	1,528	7	88,279
30-34	26,403	20,360	12,910	6,136	7,300	1,780	764	1,340	11	77,004
35-39	9,503	7,117	4,197	2,169	2,444	534	277	481	6	26,728
40 and over	1,558	1,121	638	354	357	78	47	79	—	4,232
Not stated	5	71	3	11	30	—	1	9	—	130
Total births	89,354	64,049	46,778	20,078	25,081	6,835	3,603	4,414	37	260,229
CONFINEMENTS (a)										
19 and under	4,396	2,173	3,033	875	1,444	501	486	182	—	13,090
20-24	17,466	10,585	10,252	3,658	4,950	1,577	941	785	13	50,227
25-29	29,416	22,192	15,413	6,749	8,383	2,330	1,057	1,502	7	87,049
30-34	25,993	20,064	12,678	6,027	7,176	1,761	755	1,318	11	75,783
35-39	9,347	6,984	4,113	2,131	2,395	527	273	476	6	26,252
40 and over	1,540	1,104	630	351	347	77	47	77	—	4,173
Not stated	5	70	3	11	30	—	1	9	—	129
Total confinements	88,163	63,172	46,122	19,802	24,725	6,773	3,560	4,349	37	256,703

(a) Resulting in one or more births.

TABLE 7. CONFINEMENTS: MEDIAN AGES OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA

Census year medians —	Median age (years)				
	Mothers of				Total mothers
	Fathers of nuptial children of current marriage	First nuptial children of current marriage	All nuptial children of current marriage	Ex-nuptial children	
1966	29.4	23.0	26.1	21.3	25.9
1971	28.6	23.2	25.7	21.2	25.4
1976	28.8	24.2	26.2	21.6	25.9
1981	29.8	25.3	27.1	22.1	26.7
1986	30.6	26.5	28.1	23.3	27.5
1991	31.6	27.8	29.3	24.1	28.5
Annual medians —					
1983	30.0	25.7	27.4	22.5	26.9
1988	31.0	27.1	28.6	23.7	27.9
1989	31.2	27.3	28.8	23.9	28.2
1990	31.4	27.6	29.0	24.0	28.3
1991	31.6	27.8	29.3	24.1	28.5
1992	31.8	28.0	29.5	24.3	28.7
1993	32.0	28.3	29.7	24.5	28.9

TABLE 8. BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS(a): NUPTIALITY AND PLURALITY, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1993

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other Territories	Australia
BIRTHS										
<i>Nuptial —</i>										
Single	66,100	49,899	32,154	14,530	17,542	4,593	1,570	3,299	31	189,718
Twins	1,837	1,452	910	437	514	84	38	105	—	5,377
Triplets and higher order	66	69	70	15	34	3	3	—	—	260
<i>Total nuptial</i>	<i>68,003</i>	<i>51,420</i>	<i>33,134</i>	<i>14,982</i>	<i>18,090</i>	<i>4,680</i>	<i>1,611</i>	<i>3,404</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>195,355</i>
<i>Ex-nuptial —</i>										
Single	20,875	12,403	13,327	4,993	6,835	2,119	1,948	982	6	63,488
Twins and higher order	476	226	317	103	156	36	44	28	—	1,386
<i>Total ex-nuptial</i>	<i>21,351</i>	<i>12,629</i>	<i>13,644</i>	<i>5,096</i>	<i>6,991</i>	<i>2,155</i>	<i>1,992</i>	<i>1,010</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>64,874</i>
Total births	89,354	64,049	46,778	20,078	25,081	6,835	3,603	4,414	37	260,229
CONFINEMENTS (b)										
<i>Nuptial —</i>										
Single	66,100	49,899	32,154	14,530	17,542	4,593	1,570	3,299	31	189,718
Twins	926	733	459	221	258	42	19	54	—	2,712
Triplets and higher order	23	23	23	5	12	1	1	—	—	88
<i>Total nuptial</i>	<i>67,049</i>	<i>50,655</i>	<i>32,636</i>	<i>14,756</i>	<i>17,812</i>	<i>4,636</i>	<i>1,590</i>	<i>3,353</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>192,518</i>
<i>Ex-nuptial —</i>										
Single	20,875	12,403	13,327	4,993	6,835	2,119	1,948	982	6	63,488
Twins and higher order	239	114	159	53	78	18	22	14	—	697
<i>Total ex-nuptial</i>	<i>21,114</i>	<i>12,517</i>	<i>13,486</i>	<i>5,046</i>	<i>6,913</i>	<i>2,137</i>	<i>1,970</i>	<i>996</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>64,185</i>
Total confinements	88,163	63,172	46,122	19,802	24,725	6,773	3,560	4,349	37	256,703

(a) The apparent discrepancy between the number of births occurring in multiple confinements and the number of births which can be expected to arise from such confinements is due to the exclusion of fetal deaths. (b) Resulting in one or more births.

TABLE 9. EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS: TOTAL NUMBER AND NUMBER WHERE PATERNITY WAS ACKNOWLEDGED, STATES AND TERRITORIES

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other Territories	Australia
EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS										
<i>Census years —</i>										
1971	9,674	5,010	4,859	1,782	2,720	722	664	198	..	25,629
1976	7,993	4,390	4,667	1,785	2,627	717	629	237	..	(a)23,064
1981	10,977	5,560	6,390	2,503	3,304	1,073	1,028	365	..	31,200
1986	14,329	7,395	7,923	3,451	4,481	1,197	1,644	530	..	40,950
1991	19,427	12,221	11,662	4,763	6,422	1,893	1,913	922	..	59,223
<i>Annual totals —</i>										
1983	12,446	6,416	7,551	2,837	3,647	1,114	1,216	419	..	35,646
1988	16,003	9,213	8,850	3,602	5,314	1,427	1,691	668	..	46,768
1989	17,345	10,134	9,886	4,115	5,415	1,505	1,745	643	..	50,788
1990	19,254	11,750	11,397	4,537	5,977	1,761	1,880	851	..	57,407
1991	19,427	12,221	11,662	4,763	6,422	1,893	1,913	922	..	59,223
1992	21,412	12,591	12,897	4,834	6,673	1,984	2,068	909	..	63,368
1993	21,351	12,629	13,644	5,096	6,991	2,155	1,992	1,010	6	64,874
PATERNITY ACKNOWLEDGED EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS (b)										
<i>Census years —</i>										
1981	7,038	3,134	3,786	1,543	1,810	562	774	238	..	18,885
1986	10,723	5,075	5,195	2,509	3,048	823	1,154	366	..	28,893
1991	15,709	10,043	8,894	3,845	5,094	1,531	1,264	684	..	47,064
<i>Annual totals —</i>										
1983	8,623	3,887	4,651	1,921	2,069	693	858	281	..	22,983
1988	12,249	7,049	6,159	2,697	3,898	1,101	1,125	495	..	34,773
1989	13,596	7,907	6,869	3,172	4,170	1,179	1,173	506	..	38,572
1990	15,150	9,406	8,222	3,591	4,598	1,413	1,237	640	..	44,257
1991	15,709	10,043	8,894	3,845	5,094	1,531	1,264	684	..	47,064
1992	17,494	10,372	10,353	3,980	5,348	1,660	1,365	777	..	51,349
1993	17,504	10,514	11,036	4,227	5,713	1,854	1,279	886	3	53,016

(a) Includes not stated. (b) Ex-nuptial births where the fathers particulars have been legally recorded.

TABLE 10. CONFINEMENTS: AGES OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1993

Age of father (years)	Age of mother (years)														Total						
	15 and under	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		29	30	31	32	33	34
17 and under	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	—	2	7	16	5	8	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19	—	4	15	32	53	36	27	8	9	5	3	4	1	3	1	2	—	—	—	—	—
20	1	5	8	47	119	136	75	43	31	18	14	13	8	6	2	2	1	—	—	—	—
21	—	2	17	64	142	242	266	160	89	54	25	27	20	18	11	9	3	3	1	—	—
22	—	1	11	49	136	282	389	421	253	148	84	61	47	28	24	14	7	3	6	5	—
23	—	—	6	47	125	303	486	688	590	402	214	132	89	61	42	38	23	24	14	7	—
24	—	1	6	37	121	260	434	746	899	896	543	287	190	127	80	64	35	29	17	17	—
25	—	2	5	18	84	199	379	686	972	1,183	1,126	668	380	283	155	106	96	63	34	21	—
26	—	—	3	26	96	167	366	587	859	1,274	1,466	1,519	860	463	338	234	135	113	43	42	—
27	—	1	3	23	58	136	252	480	765	1,107	1,497	1,784	1,627	905	549	338	264	175	97	63	—
28	—	—	2	25	56	103	190	393	646	953	1,400	1,818	2,026	1,974	1,078	670	373	253	184	119	—
29	—	1	6	6	36	89	183	295	482	752	1,229	1,643	2,015	2,356	2,178	1,219	649	439	242	154	—
30	—	—	1	6	22	80	120	246	389	626	932	1,373	1,780	2,304	2,597	2,180	1,250	675	415	270	—
31	—	—	3	9	34	64	90	185	309	463	705	1,033	1,472	1,822	2,294	2,510	1,976	1,072	575	369	—
32	—	—	1	5	10	34	72	135	224	356	516	793	1,125	1,516	1,956	2,300	2,187	1,754	971	508	—
33	—	—	—	2	23	31	48	106	156	238	390	534	755	1,068	1,430	1,817	1,929	1,962	1,388	775	—
34	—	—	—	3	12	31	43	68	118	178	287	382	539	729	1,062	1,352	1,654	1,803	1,553	1,123	—
35	—	—	—	3	4	15	36	49	86	112	209	300	418	585	744	992	1,186	1,357	1,351	1,234	—
36	—	—	—	1	8	10	24	39	69	93	158	222	304	421	543	756	933	1,017	1,076	1,065	—
37	—	—	—	2	3	17	20	23	46	69	98	155	237	294	389	498	614	787	842	894	—
38	—	—	—	—	4	4	10	4	18	32	55	74	116	153	220	299	361	479	563	632	700
39	—	—	—	2	2	2	5	17	30	40	59	67	116	175	228	273	315	435	474	444	—
40	—	—	1	—	1	4	11	10	22	21	44	54	68	128	164	226	252	304	318	383	—
41	—	—	—	—	1	4	7	7	15	20	41	49	46	93	122	134	178	210	243	250	—
42	—	—	—	—	1	3	3	6	11	16	17	41	60	75	97	116	132	179	187	201	—
43	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	3	17	17	13	38	35	54	80	82	104	132	132	179	—
44	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	12	10	18	19	31	31	61	68	73	93	100	96	—
45	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	5	5	11	17	17	28	33	33	53	54	75	70	—
46	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	5	4	5	16	10	20	16	24	34	44	42	49	—
47	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	9	4	2	2	20	22	24	28	39	24	—
48	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	3	4	2	3	7	8	10	10	17	25	20	24	19	—
49	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	6	6	4	8	7	10	10	13	17	17	19	—
50	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	2	3	6	1	8	16	6	12	13	15	16	—
51	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	6	5	1	4	1	11	6	14	14	14	—
52	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	2	2	3	7	5	11	5	14	7	11	—
53	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
54	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55-59	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	5	4	4	9	11	21	13	17	22	20	—
60 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	7	2	11	5	12	8	6	14	9	15	—
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	5	8	3	6	5	3	1	—	—	—
Nuptial confinements	1	20	95	427	1,166	2,289	3,563	5,449	7,171	9,147	11,226	13,222	14,509	15,899	16,697	16,593	15,126	13,761	11,258	9,278	
Ex-nuptial confinements	420	1,031	2,277	3,331	4,322	4,894	4,911	4,755	4,193	3,855	3,594	3,322	2,978	2,868	2,734	2,457	2,234	1,976	1,707	1,393	
Total confinements	421	1,051	2,372	3,758	5,488	7,183	8,474	10,204	11,364	13,002	14,820	16,544	17,487	18,767	19,431	19,050	17,360	15,737	12,965	10,671	

TABLE 10. CONFINEMENTS: AGES OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1993—continued

Age of father (years)	Age of mother (years)														Total confinements			
	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48		49	50 and over	Not stated
17 and under																		
18																		4
19																		43
20																		203
21					1													531
22	2	2	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1,158
23	5	1	3	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1,981
24	8	3	5	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	3,308
25	11	12	12	12	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	4,810
26	34	29	10	9	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	6,510
27	45	27	18	10	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	8,685
28	64	47	30	24	15	8	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10,237
29	137	69	43	24	22	16	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	12,462
30	150	101	64	35	20	19	12	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14,299
31	219	156	97	58	25	23	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	15,681
32	311	212	126	91	48	27	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	15,583
33	445	253	137	101	49	40	19	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15,305
34	571	312	177	98	74	31	22	14	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	13,719
35	821	445	242	141	96	54	25	15	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	12,243
36	945	615	326	204	78	62	25	19	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	10,529
37	865	713	453	240	138	69	34	16	8	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9,026
38	651	627	476	333	161	102	26	21	10	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	7,528
39	484	475	432	342	185	105	44	22	9	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	6,136
40	356	404	332	319	236	146	59	20	13	7	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	4,792
41	263	256	245	238	184	144	73	32	17	6	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	3,908
42	214	233	204	193	164	118	74	44	19	6	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2,881
43	169	137	159	143	115	101	85	42	22	11	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	2,422
44	103	128	126	134	106	74	73	32	26	8	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1,889
45	96	93	77	83	70	67	43	52	37	10	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	1,440
46	63	82	59	59	73	63	50	28	21	9	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1,148
47	40	44	46	62	43	55	27	24	20	7	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	933
48	34	56	43	49	42	35	20	21	11	11	7	5	3	3	3	3	3	648
49	34	29	23	28	29	25	20	8	14	7	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	535
50	29	16	24	24	21	17	11	10	9	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	393
51	13	16	21	23	17	10	14	13	6	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	286
52	14	15	17	15	14	8	4	8	4	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	242
53	12	11	13	10	12	10	5	2	2	3	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	190
54	11	7	8	12	6	7	6	6	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	154
55-59	25	21	22	19	20	11	10	9	6	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	121
60 and over	14	14	9	11	9	10	10	8	1	6	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	293
Not stated		1		1					1							29		192
Nuptial confinements	7,258	5,663	4,068	3,143	2,097	1,470	827	512	292	134	57	31	14	6	1	—	48	192,518
Ex-nuptial confinements	1,193	995	759	593	483	311	208	151	82	47	13	8	5	2	—	2	81	64,185
Total confinements	8,451	6,658	4,827	3,736	2,580	1,781	1,035	663	374	181	70	39	19	8	1	2	129	256,703

TABLE 11. CONFINEMENTS: NUPTIAL AND EX-NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, BY AGE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA

Age of mother (years)	Nuptial										Ex-nuptial									
	Census years					Annual totals					Census years					Annual totals				
	1976	1981	1986	1991	1992	1993	1976	1981	1986	1991	1992	1993	1976	1981	1986	1991	1992	1993		
15 and under	53	22	6	5	—	1	799	551	513	440	420	1	1,416	1,261	1,106	1,086	1,087	400		
16	562	234	93	46	23	20	1,416	1,261	1,106	1,086	1,087	20	2,058	2,304	2,263	2,358	2,299	1,031		
17	1,917	881	408	251	168	95	2,291	2,937	2,972	2,937	2,277	427	2,291	2,937	2,972	3,596	3,515	2,277		
18	3,962	2,312	1,193	710	602	427	2,148	3,023	3,326	4,568	4,322	1,166	2,148	3,023	3,326	4,568	4,571	3,331		
19	6,377	4,287	2,350	1,581	1,412	1,166	1,813	2,795	3,289	4,653	4,894	2,289	1,813	2,795	3,289	4,653	5,045	4,322		
20	9,034	6,563	4,017	2,835	2,637	2,289	1,508	2,448	3,030	4,414	4,911	1,508	1,508	2,448	3,030	4,414	4,910	4,894		
21	11,423	9,139	5,963	4,255	4,104	3,563	1,406	2,118	2,930	4,151	4,755	1,406	1,406	2,118	2,930	4,151	4,350	4,911		
22	13,472	11,794	8,697	5,943	5,783	5,449	1,322	1,968	2,748	4,138	4,193	1,322	1,322	1,968	2,748	4,138	4,350	4,755		
23	15,630	14,293	11,278	7,949	7,882	7,171	1,094	1,702	2,499	3,756	4,193	1,094	1,094	1,702	2,499	3,756	4,138	4,755		
24	17,159	15,579	14,072	9,847	9,690	9,147	1,050	1,447	2,360	3,325	3,855	1,050	1,050	1,447	2,360	3,325	3,855	4,193		
25	17,893	16,915	16,102	12,174	11,765	11,226	907	1,331	1,940	3,022	3,594	1,226	907	1,331	1,940	3,022	3,594	4,193		
26	17,631	17,255	17,561	14,350	13,771	13,222	754	1,208	1,814	2,771	2,978	1,222	907	1,331	1,940	3,022	3,594	4,193		
27	16,241	16,947	17,624	16,195	15,492	14,509	730	1,029	1,580	2,547	2,714	1,208	754	1,208	1,814	2,771	2,973	2,978		
28	14,944	16,067	17,098	17,250	16,971	15,899	654	866	1,402	2,330	2,457	1,029	730	1,029	1,580	2,547	2,714	2,868		
29	13,573	14,232	16,034	16,909	17,304	16,697	560	775	1,318	2,314	2,457	866	654	866	1,402	2,330	2,590	2,734		
30	9,885	12,516	14,055	16,489	16,529	16,593	401	597	1,066	2,234	2,457	775	560	775	1,318	2,314	2,457	2,734		
31	7,743	10,303	12,039	14,442	15,399	15,126	359	540	917	1,976	2,457	597	401	597	1,066	2,234	2,457	2,734		
32	6,221	8,312	9,892	12,139	13,247	13,761	301	441	770	1,707	1,976	540	359	540	917	1,976	2,457	2,734		
33	4,549	6,850	8,320	10,494	11,103	11,258	270	399	645	1,287	1,707	441	301	441	770	1,382	1,629	1,976		
34	3,563	5,666	6,395	8,366	9,103	9,278	257	307	531	949	1,382	399	270	399	645	1,182	1,287	1,707		
35	2,821	3,699	5,052	6,703	7,221	7,258	168	246	408	850	995	307	257	307	531	949	1,141	1,382		
36	2,150	2,737	3,837	5,124	5,473	5,663	173	167	328	621	759	246	168	246	408	850	976	995		
37	1,730	1,945	2,727	3,661	4,047	4,068	131	137	245	532	593	167	173	245	408	621	761	759		
38	1,267	1,411	2,035	2,774	2,918	3,143	94	120	220	363	483	137	131	220	363	532	552	593		
39	937	934	1,389	1,873	1,988	2,097	64	73	129	251	311	120	94	120	220	363	456	483		
40	695	691	796	1,185	1,405	1,470	44	70	78	165	208	73	64	73	129	251	311	311		
41	435	428	497	745	839	827	31	31	57	105	151	70	44	70	129	165	200	208		
42	341	246	277	432	498	512	33	30	36	65	82	31	33	30	57	105	151	151		
43	218	152	150	291	276	292	26	26	36	72	82	26	26	30	36	65	72	82		
44	117	69	82	132	134	134	8	8	18	23	23	8	8	18	23	23	23	23		
45	88	43	45	53	57	57	11	7	8	13	13	11	11	7	8	13	13	13		
46	21	26	20	24	32	31	3	2	5	3	3	3	3	2	5	6	6	8		
47	19	10	6	6	17	14	1	2	—	1	1	1	1	2	—	1	1	2		
48	5	4	2	1	7	6	2	2	—	1	1	2	2	—	—	1	1	2		
49	2	2	—	3	4	4	1	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—		
50 and over	3	2	—	1	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Total(a)	202,692	202,579	200,119	195,258	198,002	192,518	22,873	30,956	40,580	58,603	64,185	22,873	30,956	40,580	58,603	62,667	64,185			

(a) Includes not stated.

TABLE 12. CONFINEMENTS: AGE AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1993

Birthplace of mother	Age group (years)						Not stated	Total
	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over		
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA—								
Australia	11,714	41,576	66,293	54,778	17,444	2,495	73	194,373
Fiji	25	218	320	258	98	15	1	935
New Zealand	352	1,190	2,098	2,040	740	104	4	6,528
Papua New Guinea	28	178	258	171	62	6	—	703
Other	26	256	387	315	159	38	2	1,183
<i>Total</i>	<i>12,145</i>	<i>43,418</i>	<i>69,356</i>	<i>57,562</i>	<i>18,503</i>	<i>2,658</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>203,722</i>
EUROPE AND FORMER USSR—								
Austria	1	14	41	37	24	3	—	120
Czechoslovakia	2	13	48	35	13	2	—	113
Cyprus	1	39	122	115	44	8	—	329
Denmark	4	13	57	45	10	3	—	132
Former USSR & Baltic States	3	35	68	61	18	8	—	193
Former Yugoslav Republics	34	380	773	508	201	33	—	1,929
France	4	27	121	90	34	12	—	288
Germany	19	74	266	280	112	33	1	785
Greece	2	67	264	255	105	20	2	715
Hungary	—	16	32	19	25	7	—	99
Ireland	4	38	221	282	112	21	1	679
Italy	2	69	420	483	226	56	—	1,256
Malta	4	32	104	140	76	22	—	378
Netherlands	8	61	157	168	114	36	—	544
Poland	10	69	136	162	129	20	—	526
Portugal	5	33	128	101	26	3	—	296
Romania	9	49	69	49	31	6	—	213
Spain	5	21	50	65	17	2	—	160
Switzerland	—	13	44	73	18	5	—	153
United Kingdom	188	1,539	5,406	5,554	1,977	355	2	15,021
Other	5	41	174	158	70	11	—	459
<i>Total</i>	<i>310</i>	<i>2,643</i>	<i>8,701</i>	<i>8,680</i>	<i>3,382</i>	<i>666</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>24,388</i>
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA—								
Egypt	3	42	184	177	84	16	—	506
Iran	1	19	71	88	39	3	—	221
Israel	2	16	38	32	17	7	—	112
Lebanon	170	948	1,025	742	288	63	2	3,238
Syria	13	77	98	55	24	9	2	278
Turkey	50	339	340	178	65	7	4	983
Other	13	91	163	145	75	7	1	495
<i>Total</i>	<i>252</i>	<i>1,532</i>	<i>1,919</i>	<i>1,417</i>	<i>592</i>	<i>112</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>5,833</i>
SOUTHEAST ASIA—								
Cambodia	26	145	214	145	89	18	2	639
Indonesia	10	103	262	232	110	27	—	744
Laos	20	54	95	75	26	10	—	280
Malaysia	14	94	362	559	329	53	—	1,411
Philippines	57	296	815	923	545	123	—	2,759
Singapore	9	54	108	203	101	13	—	488
Thailand	14	57	141	135	50	13	—	410
Viet Nam	90	696	1,258	1,228	651	163	10	4,096
Other	1	7	55	62	38	4	—	167
<i>Total</i>	<i>241</i>	<i>1,506</i>	<i>3,310</i>	<i>3,562</i>	<i>1,939</i>	<i>424</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>10,994</i>
NORTHEAST ASIA—								
China	4	130	702	938	436	64	1	2,275
Hong Kong	6	37	248	590	203	20	1	1,105
Japan	2	21	130	187	70	11	—	421
Korea	—	33	188	159	53	3	—	436
Other	—	18	80	80	37	7	—	222
<i>Total</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>239</i>	<i>1,348</i>	<i>1,954</i>	<i>799</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4,459</i>

TABLE 12. CONFINEMENTS: AGE AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1993—continued

Birthplace of mother	Age group (years)						Not stated	Total
	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over		
SOUTHERN ASIA—								
India	9	143	493	464	124	27	—	1,260
Pakistan	3	23	58	43	15	1	—	143
Sri Lanka	6	56	247	335	136	28	—	808
Other	6	62	112	62	24	5	—	271
<i>Total</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>284</i>	<i>910</i>	<i>904</i>	<i>299</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>2,482</i>
THE AMERICAS—								
Argentina	5	33	61	44	21	6	—	170
Canada	7	46	149	197	101	13	—	513
Caribbean	—	4	22	23	13	4	—	66
Central America	19	45	84	68	30	5	—	251
Chile	15	94	195	161	54	15	—	534
United States of America	11	95	249	351	184	46	—	936
Uruguay	3	29	72	40	8	5	—	157
Other	1	39	102	123	56	17	—	338
<i>Total</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>385</i>	<i>934</i>	<i>1,007</i>	<i>467</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>2,965</i>
AFRICA (Excluding North Africa)—								
Kenya	1	7	25	64	20	1	—	118
Mauritius	3	29	120	132	65	8	—	357
South Africa	16	87	217	255	100	16	1	692
Zimbabwe	4	25	49	78	26	3	—	185
Other	9	56	150	159	55	6	—	435
<i>Total</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>204</i>	<i>561</i>	<i>688</i>	<i>266</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1,787</i>
Other and not stated	12	16	10	9	5	2	19	73
Total	13,090	50,227	87,049	75,783	26,252	4,173	129	256,703

TABLE 13. NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: PREVIOUS BIRTHS OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA

Census years —	Previous births of the current marriage						Total(a)
	0	1	2	3	4	5 and over	
1966	73,462	56,057	35,408	18,956	9,543	10,535	203,961
1971	95,418	74,752	41,938	19,444	8,365	8,321	248,238
1976	78,086	73,338	33,505	11,130	3,584	3,031	202,692
1981	82,476	67,627	35,445	11,750	3,282	1,993	202,579
1986	80,563	70,017	33,937	10,955	2,904	1,723	200,119
1991	81,179	67,055	32,231	10,300	2,811	1,680	195,258
Annual totals —							
1983	83,466	70,427	34,081	11,343	3,108	1,878	204,779
1988	79,841	68,432	33,419	10,650	2,856	1,699	196,900
1989	81,357	67,459	33,066	10,856	2,874	1,687	197,302
1990	84,228	68,301	34,026	11,179	3,089	1,761	202,585
1991	81,179	67,055	32,231	10,300	2,811	1,680	195,258
1992	80,821	69,467	32,644	10,522	2,843	1,702	198,002
1993	77,718	68,389	31,801	10,145	2,731	1,733	192,518

(a) Includes not stated.

TABLE 14. NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: BIRTHPLACES OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1993

Country of birth	Father born in country shown and mother born in				Mother born in country shown and father born in			
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total(a)	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total(a)
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA—								
Australia	119,288	—	18,444	137,743	119,288	—	20,877	140,193
Fiji	132	495	64	691	169	495	137	801
New Zealand	2,172	1,279	637	4,088	2,176	1,279	683	4,139
Papua New Guinea	302	50	60	412	351	50	92	493
Other	154	613	161	928	128	613	134	875
<i>Total</i>	<i>122,048</i>	<i>2,437</i>	<i>19,366</i>	<i>143,862</i>	<i>122,112</i>	<i>2,437</i>	<i>21,923</i>	<i>146,501</i>
EUROPE AND FORMER USSR—								
Austria	95	11	47	153	50	11	35	96
Czechoslovakia	44	46	26	116	29	46	17	92
Cyprus	155	174	62	391	79	174	65	318
Denmark	62	16	29	107	67	16	18	101
Former USSR & Baltic States	25	107	18	150	21	107	50	178
Former Yugoslav Republics	799	1,264	210	2,273	360	1,264	129	1,753
France	137	29	54	220	122	29	73	224
Germany	475	95	226	796	351	95	181	627
Greece	769	295	164	1,228	292	295	92	679
Hungary	56	47	38	141	22	47	13	82
Ireland	297	234	125	656	241	234	128	603
Italy	1,348	364	290	2,002	659	364	169	1,192
Malta	313	107	99	519	182	107	59	348
Netherlands	467	58	154	679	305	58	92	455
Poland	92	343	66	501	81	343	49	473
Portugal	80	173	59	312	45	173	44	262
Romania	23	167	36	226	8	167	15	190
Spain	120	35	55	210	54	35	43	132
Switzerland	74	35	52	161	65	35	32	132
United Kingdom	8,478	3,181	1,549	13,208	7,589	3,181	1,250	12,023
Other	170	76	82	328	201	76	84	361
<i>Total</i>	<i>14,079</i>	<i>6,857</i>	<i>3,441</i>	<i>24,377</i>	<i>10,823</i>	<i>6,857</i>	<i>2,638</i>	<i>20,321</i>
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA—								
Egypt	147	370	131	648	70	370	57	497
Iran	35	182	59	276	13	182	22	217
Israel	67	44	73	184	33	44	27	104
Lebanon	595	2,674	258	3,527	210	2,674	275	3,160
Syria	34	126	126	286	6	126	143	275
Turkey	132	852	69	1,053	58	852	48	958
Other	143	268	211	622	61	268	151	480
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,153</i>	<i>4,516</i>	<i>927</i>	<i>6,596</i>	<i>451</i>	<i>4,516</i>	<i>723</i>	<i>5,691</i>
SOUTHEAST ASIA—								
Cambodia	3	371	94	468	9	371	118	498
Indonesia	114	403	100	617	127	403	162	693
Laos	7	162	43	212	5	162	39	206
Malaysia	247	624	281	1,152	365	624	326	1,315
Philippines	72	923	29	1,024	977	923	553	2,453
Singapore	117	107	120	344	154	107	179	440
Thailand	13	51	32	96	162	51	110	323
Viet Nam	29	2,977	367	3,373	47	2,977	241	3,265
Other	34	61	46	141	41	61	54	156
<i>Total</i>	<i>636</i>	<i>5,679</i>	<i>1,112</i>	<i>7,427</i>	<i>1,887</i>	<i>5,679</i>	<i>1,782</i>	<i>9,349</i>
NORTHEAST ASIA—								
China	63	1,401	310	1,774	155	1,401	513	2,069
Hong Kong	80	719	278	1,077	81	719	268	1,068
Japan	42	193	30	265	110	193	99	402
Korea	8	366	21	395	25	366	31	422
Other	7	111	54	172	16	111	79	206
<i>Total</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>2,790</i>	<i>693</i>	<i>3,683</i>	<i>387</i>	<i>2,790</i>	<i>990</i>	<i>4,167</i>

TABLE 14. NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: BIRTHPLACES OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1993—continued

Country of birth	Father born in country shown and mother born in				Mother born in country shown and father born in			
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total(a)	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total(a)
SOUTHERN ASIA—								
India	253	800	196	1,249	222	800	183	1,205
Pakistan	32	100	60	192	15	100	26	141
Sri Lanka	107	625	85	817	107	625	52	784
Other	17	245	20	282	7	245	13	265
<i>Total</i>	<i>409</i>	<i>1,770</i>	<i>361</i>	<i>2,540</i>	<i>351</i>	<i>1,770</i>	<i>274</i>	<i>2,395</i>
THE AMERICAS—								
Argentina	48	56	61	165	35	56	50	141
Canada	241	36	77	354	300	36	90	426
Caribbean	41	6	8	55	39	6	16	61
Central America	15	140	19	174	18	140	35	193
Chile	81	281	74	436	65	281	90	436
United States of America	454	177	165	796	517	177	138	833
Uruguay	41	34	52	127	38	34	56	128
Other	60	101	67	228	108	101	95	304
<i>Total</i>	<i>981</i>	<i>831</i>	<i>523</i>	<i>2,335</i>	<i>1,120</i>	<i>831</i>	<i>570</i>	<i>2,522</i>
AFRICA (Excluding North Africa)—								
Kenya	69	12	45	126	54	12	33	99
Mauritius	101	152	46	299	109	152	62	323
South Africa	258	209	138	605	253	209	134	596
Zimbabwe	66	36	44	146	70	36	58	164
Other	162	141	178	481	113	141	120	374
<i>Total</i>	<i>656</i>	<i>550</i>	<i>451</i>	<i>1,657</i>	<i>599</i>	<i>550</i>	<i>407</i>	<i>1,556</i>
Other and not stated	31	3	7	41	13	3	—	16
Total	140,193	25,433	26,881	192,518	137,743	25,433	29,307	192,518

(a) Includes not stated.

TABLE 15. NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: AGE AND PREVIOUS BIRTHS OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1993

Age (years)	Previous births of the current marriage							Total confinements	Total births (a)	Average births (a)
	0	1	2	3	4	5 and over	Not stated			
15 and under	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2.0
16	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	20	1.0
17	87	7	1	—	—	—	—	95	104	1.1
18	358	69	—	—	—	—	—	427	498	1.2
19	878	260	27	1	—	—	—	1,166	1,491	1.3
20	1,546	649	87	7	—	—	—	2,289	3,156	1.4
21	2,245	1,105	176	35	2	—	—	3,563	5,165	1.4
22	3,224	1,761	412	41	9	2	—	5,449	8,257	1.5
23	4,078	2,330	645	105	13	—	—	7,171	11,214	1.6
24	5,114	2,959	874	165	33	2	—	9,147	14,583	1.6
25	5,963	3,755	1,172	272	54	10	—	11,226	18,568	1.7
26	6,648	4,541	1,571	382	62	18	—	13,222	22,553	1.7
27	6,887	5,155	1,830	491	120	25	1	14,509	25,620	1.8
28	6,865	5,942	2,312	613	134	33	—	15,899	29,256	1.8
29	6,487	6,453	2,779	753	165	60	—	16,697	32,230	1.9
30	5,988	6,351	3,108	872	191	83	—	16,593	33,242	2.0
31	5,031	5,716	3,104	971	200	104	—	15,126	31,596	2.1
32	4,042	5,251	3,066	1,013	252	137	—	13,761	30,210	2.2
33	3,072	4,176	2,674	949	246	141	—	11,258	25,617	2.3
34	2,441	3,352	2,285	818	234	148	—	9,278	21,578	2.3
35	1,886	2,571	1,734	719	214	134	—	7,258	17,211	2.4
36	1,484	1,923	1,348	550	213	145	—	5,663	13,734	2.4
37	1,035	1,375	882	435	164	177	—	4,068	10,283	2.5
38	805	1,006	696	373	138	125	—	3,143	8,002	2.5
39	562	685	412	226	96	116	—	2,097	5,398	2.6
40	399	464	293	148	75	91	—	1,470	3,852	2.6
41	251	236	156	85	46	53	—	827	2,155	2.6
42	151	147	74	59	33	48	—	512	1,419	2.8
43	87	74	48	28	20	35	—	292	850	2.9
44	39	27	21	19	5	23	—	134	433	3.2
45	11	17	2	7	6	14	—	57	211	3.7
46	11	7	5	3	2	3	—	31	82	2.6
47	5	—	2	1	3	3	—	14	51	3.6
48	2	—	1	1	1	1	—	6	23	3.8
49	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	4	4.0
Not stated	16	24	4	2	—	2	—	48	100	2.1
Total	77,718	68,389	31,801	10,145	2,731	1,733	1	192,518	378,768	2.0

(a) Excludes previous births not stated.

TABLE 16. NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA

	Duration of current marriage (years)												Total (a)	
	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10-14	15 and over		
<i>Census years —</i>														
1966	31,518	24,444	24,587	22,234	17,922	14,928	12,499	10,181	8,211	7,058	20,512	9,867	203,961	
1971	33,986	29,279	32,669	29,756	25,109	21,135	16,582	12,436	9,778	7,653	20,765	8,607	248,238	
1976	18,774	21,231	25,706	26,555	25,359	22,060	17,576	12,757	9,009	6,266	13,136	3,822	202,692	
1981	20,625	21,990	22,018	21,625	21,010	19,467	17,398	15,132	11,836	9,092	18,556	3,499	202,579	
1986	18,359	22,486	23,290	23,390	21,803	19,025	15,658	12,645	9,969	8,428	20,807	4,226	200,119	
1991	19,180	22,724	22,573	22,111	19,952	18,113	15,786	12,917	10,378	8,125	18,633	4,738	195,258	
<i>Annual totals —</i>														
1983	19,862	23,681	24,042	23,188	20,493	18,060	16,242	13,925	11,939	9,457	19,991	3,734	204,779	
1988	19,227	21,719	22,569	22,753	21,211	19,061	15,992	12,855	9,991	7,584	19,473	4,440	196,900	
1989	19,534	22,338	22,282	22,185	21,186	18,537	15,891	13,068	10,582	7,887	19,074	4,696	197,302	
1990	20,058	23,511	23,401	22,666	21,001	18,807	16,225	13,283	10,898	8,273	19,484	4,944	202,585	
1991	19,180	22,724	22,573	22,111	19,952	18,113	15,786	12,917	10,378	8,125	18,633	4,738	195,258	
1992	18,781	22,934	23,101	22,557	21,039	18,000	15,657	13,092	10,661	8,410	18,861	4,848	198,002	
1993	17,946	22,126	21,949	22,410	20,630	18,166	14,793	12,819	10,350	7,983	18,647	4,612	192,518	

(a) Includes not stated.

TABLE 17. NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE AND PREVIOUS BIRTHS OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1993

Duration of current marriage (years)	Previous births of the current marriage							Total confinements	Total births (a)	Average births (a)
	0	1	2	3	4	5 and over	Not stated			
Under 1	15,234	2,197	395	91	21	8	—	17,946	21,546	1.2
1	17,613	3,840	539	109	21	4	—	22,126	27,721	1.3
2	12,946	7,930	875	161	24	13	—	21,949	32,561	1.5
3	9,897	10,580	1,671	206	48	8	—	22,410	37,485	1.7
4	7,043	10,440	2,730	343	51	23	—	20,630	38,214	1.9
5	4,880	9,021	3,620	555	75	15	—	18,166	36,771	2.0
6	3,236	6,831	3,810	770	122	24	—	14,793	32,407	2.2
7	2,321	5,411	3,794	1,084	171	38	—	12,819	30,194	2.4
8	1,439	3,904	3,522	1,221	205	59	—	10,350	26,250	2.5
9	991	2,693	2,914	1,078	237	70	—	7,983	21,224	2.7
10-14	1,797	4,844	6,699	3,470	1,151	686	—	18,647	56,064	3.0
15 and over	293	672	1,218	1,049	599	781	—	4,612	18,118	3.9
Not stated	28	26	14	8	6	4	1	87	213	2.4
Total	77,718	68,389	31,801	10,145	2,731	1,733	1	192,518	378,768	2.0

(a) Excludes previous births not stated.

TABLE 18. NUPTIAL FIRST CONFINEMENTS (a): DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA

	Duration of current marriage (years)							Total (b)	Median duration (years)
	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5-9	10 and over		
<i>Census years —</i>									
1966	31,075	18,574	10,077	5,619	2,988	4,239	890	73,462	1.3
1971	33,328	22,950	16,473	9,977	5,621	6,216	767	95,418	1.6
1976	17,892	17,644	14,705	10,810	7,288	9,059	596	78,086	2.2
1981	19,190	17,987	13,035	9,777	7,513	13,773	1,127	82,476	2.3
1986	16,441	18,554	13,765	10,022	7,280	12,446	2,050	80,563	2.4
1991	17,190	18,602	13,488	9,771	6,800	13,167	2,154	81,179	2.4
<i>Annual totals —</i>									
1983	17,955	19,504	14,111	9,997	6,969	13,356	1,515	83,466	2.3
1988	17,096	17,695	13,178	9,903	7,253	12,678	2,029	79,841	2.4
1989	17,747	18,209	13,256	9,713	7,355	12,982	2,077	81,357	2.4
1990	18,085	19,232	13,904	10,097	7,296	13,375	2,229	84,228	2.3
1991	17,190	18,602	13,488	9,771	6,800	13,167	2,154	81,179	2.4
1992	16,175	18,406	13,459	9,959	7,261	13,314	2,205	80,821	2.4
1993	15,234	17,613	12,946	9,897	7,043	12,867	2,090	77,718	2.5

(a) See paragraph 8 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes not stated.

TABLE 19. NUPTIAL FIRST CONFINEMENTS (a): AGE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA

	Age of mother (years)						Total (b)	Median age
	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over		
<i>Census years —</i>								
1966	14,975	35,002	16,585	4,589	1,826	485	73,462	23.0
1971	16,914	47,412	23,815	5,242	1,609	422	95,418	23.2
1976	10,179	34,691	25,344	6,169	1,432	269	78,086	24.2
1981	6,305	32,917	30,608	10,156	2,168	318	82,476	25.3
1986	3,233	25,220	34,255	13,619	3,766	469	80,563	26.5
1991	2,097	19,005	34,827	19,076	5,334	834	81,179	27.8
<i>Annual totals —</i>								
1983	4,792	31,123	32,896	11,585	2,704	364	83,466	25.7
1988	2,747	21,319	35,291	15,751	4,133	593	79,841	27.1
1989	2,528	20,492	36,274	16,758	4,567	730	81,357	27.3
1990	2,418	20,158	37,181	18,646	5,023	795	84,228	27.6
1991	2,097	19,005	34,827	19,076	5,334	834	81,179	27.8
1992	1,765	17,927	34,377	20,057	5,749	919	80,821	28.0
1993	1,343	16,207	32,850	20,574	5,772	956	77,718	28.3

(a) See paragraph 8 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes not stated.

TABLE 20. NUPTIAL FIRST CONFINEMENTS (a): AGE OF MOTHER AND DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1993

Duration of current marriage	Age of mother (years)							Total
	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over	Not stated	
Under 7 months	671	2,597	1,931	1,328	530	120	2	7,179
7 months	56	394	344	228	85	19	—	1,126
8 months	38	370	369	264	96	11	2	1,150
9 months	53	492	552	357	133	17	—	1,604
10 months	64	565	581	330	132	17	—	1,689
11 months	72	841	847	514	188	24	—	2,486
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	<i>954</i>	<i>5,259</i>	<i>4,624</i>	<i>3,021</i>	<i>1,164</i>	<i>208</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>15,234</i>
1 year	310	5,335	6,644	3,947	1,166	208	3	17,613
2 years	64	3,113	5,987	2,932	738	111	1	12,946
3 years	12	1,612	5,254	2,378	546	95	—	9,897
4 years	1	615	4,108	1,862	401	55	1	7,043
5-9 years	—	267	6,129	5,280	1,046	143	2	12,867
10-14 years	—	—	99	1,109	524	64	1	1,797
15 years and over	—	—	1	36	184	72	—	293
Not stated	2	6	4	9	3	—	4	28
Total	1,343	16,207	32,850	20,574	5,772	956	16	77,718

(a) See paragraph 8 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 21. BIRTHS: STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER AND STATE OR TERRITORY OF REGISTRATION, AUSTRALIA, 1993

State or Territory of usual residence of mother	State or Territory of registration								Australia
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	
New South Wales	88,016	496	226	64	19	3	5	525	89,354
Victoria	267	63,654	27	67	20	5	6	3	64,049
Queensland	621	43	46,081	15	10	—	4	4	46,778
South Australia	31	25	9	19,960	9	—	43	1	20,078
Western Australia	35	11	13	12	24,972	2	35	1	25,081
Tasmania	11	23	2	2	3	6,793	1	—	6,835
Northern Territory	13	5	23	56	19	1	3,486	—	3,603
Australian Capital Territory	101	7	8	2	1	—	—	4,295	4,414
Other Territories	11	—	—	—	26	—	—	—	37
Australia	89,106	64,264	46,389	20,178	25,079	6,804	3,580	4,829	260,229

TABLE 22. BIRTHS: BIRTHS REGISTERED BY YEAR OF OCCURRENCE, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a), 1993

Year of occurrence	State or Territory of registration								Australia
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	
Before 1983	537	138	32	71	112	8	6	—	904
1983	50	3	4	8	1	—	—	—	66
1984	60	3	—	2	4	1	—	—	70
1985	73	1	8	3	10	1	—	—	96
1986	85	6	8	10	9	1	—	—	119
1987	150	7	18	12	14	2	—	—	203
1988	252	20	41	12	20	7	—	—	352
1989	296	19	32	10	39	6	—	—	402
1990	321	27	55	12	53	7	1	2	478
1991	488	16	111	25	103	18	2	—	763
1992	8,211	4,746	4,076	1,734	2,159	478	330	408	22,142
1993	78,583	59,278	42,004	18,279	22,555	6,275	3,241	4,419	234,634
Total	89,106	64,264	46,389	20,178	25,079	6,804	3,580	4,829	260,229

(a) See Paragraph 2 of the Explanatory Notes.

PART B: YEAR OF OCCURRENCE

NOTE: Year of occurrence data are subject to revision as a number of late registrations are reported each year. These revisions have minimal effects on the figures except those of the most recent 1 or 2 years.

TABLE 23. BIRTHS: NUMBERS BY YEAR OF OCCURRENCE, STATES AND TERRITORIES p

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA(a)	Tas.	NT	ACT(b)	Other Territories	Australia
1983	83,039	60,135	42,004	19,799	22,904	7,119	3,117	4,073	—	242,190
1988	86,454	63,242	41,245	19,275	24,835	6,868	3,415	4,369	—	249,703
1989	87,027	63,725	42,655	19,511	25,222	6,853	3,436	4,296	—	252,725
1990	88,930	66,506	44,732	19,669	25,564	6,991	3,492	4,517	—	260,401
1991	87,414	64,594	44,316	19,409	24,646	6,900	3,627	4,610	—	255,517
1992	89,273	65,466	46,036	19,702	24,924	6,967	3,714	4,429	—	260,512
1993	86,752	63,996	46,347	19,529	24,727	6,765	3,631	4,388	38	256,173

(a) Includes Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands prior to 1993. (b) Includes Jervis Bay Territory prior to 1993.

TABLE 24. CRUDE BIRTH RATES BY YEAR OF OCCURRENCE, STATES AND TERRITORIES p

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA(a)	Tas.	NT	ACT(b)	Other Territories	Australia
1983	15.5	14.9	16.9	14.7	16.7	16.4	22.9	17.1	—	15.7
1988	15.1	14.8	15.0	13.7	16.2	15.2	21.4	16.1	—	15.1
1989	15.1	14.7	15.1	13.7	16.0	15.0	21.3	15.5	—	15.0
1990	15.2	15.2	15.4	13.7	15.9	15.1	21.4	16.0	—	15.3
1991	14.8	14.6	15.0	13.4	15.1	14.8	21.9	16.0	—	14.8
1992	15.0	14.7	15.2	13.5	15.0	14.8	22.2	15.1	—	14.9
1993	14.5	14.3	14.9	13.3	14.7	14.3	21.4	14.7	n.a.	14.5

(a) Includes Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands prior to 1993. (b) Includes Jervis Bay Territory prior to 1993.

TABLE 25. BIRTHS: AGE GROUP OF MOTHER BY YEAR OF OCCURRENCE, AUSTRALIA p

	Age group (years)						Total(a)
	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over	
1983	16,586	67,917	91,620	50,041	14,042	1,967	242,190
1988	14,108	53,572	96,625	62,742	19,750	2,819	249,703
1989	14,486	51,903	96,295	65,632	21,205	3,115	252,725
1990	14,780	52,588	96,311	70,388	22,792	3,457	260,401
1991	14,469	50,968	91,319	71,201	23,851	3,626	255,517
1992	13,661	51,952	89,990	75,114	25,684	4,026	260,512
1993	12,717	49,391	86,831	76,350	26,602	4,191	256,173

(a) Includes not stated.

TABLE 26. BIRTHS: AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES BY AGE GROUP OF MOTHER AND YEAR OF OCCURRENCE, AUSTRALIA p

	Age group (years)						Total fertility rate	
	15-19(a)	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44		45-49(b)
1983	26.500	102.200	145.700	81.500	25.100	4.300	0.200	1.928
1988	20.500	82.100	138.800	94.900	31.100	4.800	0.200	1.862
1989	21.000	78.800	136.300	96.900	32.800	5.100	0.200	1.855
1990	21.600	78.500	136.300	101.400	34.700	5.400	0.200	1.890
1991	21.700	73.900	131.000	100.000	35.900	5.500	0.200	1.842
1992	21.200	73.500	130.700	103.600	38.000	6.000	0.300	1.867
1993	20.100	69.200	127.800	104.600	38.800	6.300	0.200	1.835

(a) Includes births to mothers aged less than 15. (b) Includes births to mothers aged 50 and over.

PART C: BIRTHS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN

Indigenous children are those where either one or both parents are recorded as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. Regardless of State of registration, indigenous birth data are presented on a state of usual residence basis. The quality of indigenous birth data varies considerably and only data from South Australia and the Northern Territory are considered to be of publishable quality. These data are at least 90 per cent complete. Although New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory have provision for identification of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, data for these states are significantly under-recorded. Queensland does not currently identify indigenous births in its registration process.

TABLE 28. INDIGENOUS AND TOTAL BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS(a): SUMMARY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

	<i>Indigenous children</i>			<i>Indigenous mothers 1993</i>	<i>Total births 1993</i>
	<i>1991</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>1993</i>		
Total live births to mothers usually resident in SA					
Males	593	561	519	415	20,078
Females	306	291	257	207	10,232
Sex ratio	287	270	262	208	9,846
	106.6	107.8	98.1	99.5	103.9
Nuptial births	143	119	127	79	14,982
<i>Ex-nuptial births—</i>					
Number	450	442	392	336	5,096
Percentage of total live births	75.9	78.8	75.5	81.0	25.4
<i>Paternity acknowledged births—</i>					
Number	337	336	320	264	4,227
Percentage of total ex-nuptial births	74.9	76.0	81.6	78.6	82.9
Crude birth rate	..	..	..	(c)23.0	13.7
Total fertility rate	..	..	..	(c)2.452	1.784
Confinements					
Median age of mother	24.0	24.1	24.4	23.9	29.1
Median age of father(b)	29.6	28.6	28.8	29.0	31.8

(a) See Explanatory Notes for definitions used. (b) Includes fathers of nuptial confinements and fathers of ex-nuptial confinements where paternity was acknowledged. (c) See paragraph 22 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 29. BIRTHS: AGE GROUP OF MOTHER BY INDIGENOUS ORIGIN, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1993

<i>Age of mother (years)</i>	<i>Mothers of indigenous children</i>				<i>Total births</i>		<i>Age-specific rates</i>	
	<i>Indigenous mothers</i>		<i>Non-indigenous mothers</i>		<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Indigenous mothers(c)</i>	<i>Total mothers</i>
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>				
15-19 (a)	89	21.4	15	14.4	879	4.4	101.0	17.8
20-24	140	33.7	29	27.9	3,693	18.4	153.7	65.6
25-29	108	26.0	29	27.9	6,836	34.0	128.1	125.4
30-34	52	12.5	23	22.1	6,136	30.6	69.5	102.9
35-39	18	4.3	8	7.7	2,169	10.8	31.3	38.4
40-44	3	0.7	—	—	342	1.7	6.8	6.3
45-49 (b)	—	—	—	—	12	0.1	—	0.2
Not stated	5	1.2	—	—	11	0.1	..	..
<i>All ages</i>	<i>415</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>104</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>20,078</i>	<i>100.0</i>	..	..

(a) Includes births to mothers aged less than 15. (b) Includes births to mothers aged 50 and over. (c) See paragraph 22 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 30. INDIGENOUS AND TOTAL BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS(a): SUMMARY, NORTHERN TERRITORY

	<i>Indigenous children</i>			<i>Indigenous mothers 1993</i>	<i>Total births 1993</i>
	<i>1991</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>1993</i>		
Total live births to mothers usually resident in NT	1,257	1,354	1,359	1,272	3,603
Males	613	697	718	673	1,884
Females	644	657	641	599	1,719
Sex ratio	95.2	106.1	112.0	112.4	109.6
Nuptial births	97	89	94	72	1,611
<i>Ex-nuptial births—</i>					
Number	1,160	1,265	1,265	1,200	1,992
Percentage of total live births	92.3	93.4	93.1	94.3	55.3
<i>Paternity acknowledged births—</i>					
Number	627	699	699	634	1,279
Percentage of total ex-nuptial births	54.1	55.3	55.3	52.8	64.2
Crude birth rate	..	..	..	(c)28.2	21.2
Total fertility rate	..	..	..	(c)2.934	2.306
Confinements					
Median age of mother	22.5	22.2	22.8	22.7	26.7
Median age of father(b)	36.2	36.5	36.5	38.7	32.6

(a) See Explanatory Notes for definitions used. (b) Includes fathers of nuptial confinements and fathers of ex-nuptial confinements where paternity was acknowledged.
(c) See paragraph 22 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 31. BIRTHS: AGE GROUP OF MOTHER BY INDIGENOUS ORIGIN, NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1993

<i>Age of mother (years)</i>	<i>Mothers of indigenous children</i>				<i>Total births</i>		<i>Age-specific rates</i>	
	<i>Indigenous mothers</i>		<i>Non-indigenous mothers</i>		<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Indigenous mothers(c)</i>	<i>Total mothers</i>
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>				
15-19 (a)	372	29.2	14	16.1	491	13.6	169.2	81.1
20-24	456	35.8	26	29.9	952	26.4	182.1	116.1
25-29	269	21.1	29	33.3	1,071	29.7	127.3	127.6
30-34	119	9.4	18	20.7	764	21.2	66.2	90.7
35-39	46	3.6	—	—	277	7.7	33.1	38.0
40-44	7	0.6	—	—	44	1.2	6.2	7.0
45-49 (b)	2	0.2	—	—	3	0.1	2.6	0.6
Not stated	1	0.1	—	—	1	—	..	..
<i>All ages</i>	<i>1,272</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>3,603</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>

(a) Includes births to mothers aged less than 15. (b) Includes births to mothers aged 50 and over. (c) See paragraph 22 of the Explanatory Notes.

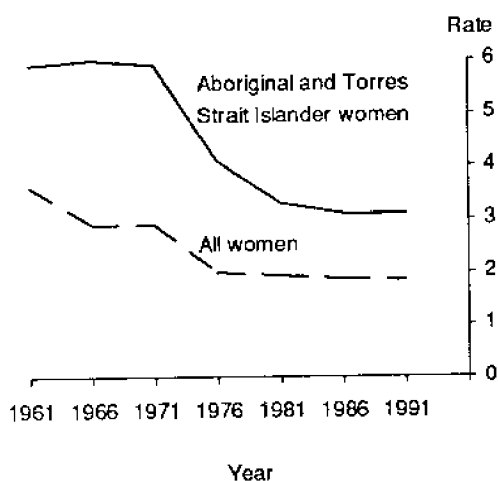
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander fertility

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population has a much younger age structure than the rest of the population, a reflection of their higher birth rates and shorter life expectancy. An examination of trends in the fertility rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women provides insight into the likely future growth of the population and potential changes in its age profile.

In addition to consideration of the fertility of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, including those with non-Aboriginal partners, measures of Aboriginal fertility in terms of its population growth effect should also include consideration of Aboriginal children born to non-Aboriginal women i.e. those with Aboriginal fathers. In 1991, 43% of Aboriginal couple families with children had two Aboriginal parents, 32% had an Aboriginal mother and a non-Aboriginal father, and 25% had an Aboriginal father and a non-Aboriginal mother. These latter families contained 24% of all Aboriginal children in couple families. However, higher proportions were observed among younger children (27% of children under one year) compared to older children (21% of children aged 10-14 years). This suggests that Aboriginal

Figure 1

Total fertility rate



Source: Birth Registrations; Census of Population and Housing; Gray (1983); Jain (1989); Dughaza (1994)

Total fertility rate

The fertility of a population is usually measured by the total fertility rate. This is the average number of children that a woman could expect to bear by the end of her reproductive life span if she were to bear children throughout her lifetime according to the prevailing age-specific fertility rates. The age-specific fertility rate is the number of births in a given time period to women of a particular age group.

Estimating Aboriginal fertility

The total fertility rate is usually derived from birth registrations data. However, most States have only recently included an identifier of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin on birth registration forms. There are thus insufficient data currently available to enable adequate estimates to be made. Calculations of Aboriginal fertility have therefore usually been based on five-yearly population census data. It has also been possible to derive estimates for some States using data from two other sources: Aboriginal birth registrations in South Australia and the Northern Territory; and data from the midwives' collections which are a set of health and demographic data on women during confinement, routinely collected by the health departments in some States and Territories. A comparison of the different methods of estimating Aboriginal fertility is presented in a recent paper by Dughaza³.

The method of deriving fertility estimates from a population census using data on the relationships between household members is termed the 'own-children' method². The estimates are averages for the five-year period ending at the census date. While the total fertility rate is satisfactory, the estimates understate fertility levels for the 15-19 years age group and overstate them for the 40 years and over age group. Unless otherwise stated the estimates presented in this review are based on this method.

children with non-Aboriginal mothers comprise an increasing share of the children in Aboriginal families. Information about them is consequently an important supplement to fertility measures calculated for Aboriginal women.

Fertility levels and trends

Estimates from the 1991 Census³ indicate that the total fertility rate of Aboriginal women is about 3.1 children per woman, over 50% higher than the figure of 1.9 for total women. Over the last 30 years, there has been a substantial decline in fertility for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women. Accompanying this has been a narrowing of the fertility differential between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women. In the 1960s, Aboriginal fertility, at about 6.0 children per woman, was about twice the rate for total women.

Fertility declines for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women over the last 30 years have followed a similar pattern with the sharpest decrease recorded during the 1970s. However, the fertility decline for non-Aboriginal women commenced in the 1960s while for Aboriginal women fertility was largely stable in the 1960s followed by a sharp decline in the early 1970s. In the ten years to 1991, the fertility of both populations has been reasonably stable.

Age-specific fertility

Aboriginal women have children at younger ages than non-Aboriginal women. Fertility among 15-19 year old Aboriginal women was more than five times higher than among all 15-19 year old women in 1991. Among 20-24 year olds, Aboriginal fertility was about two and a half times higher. Aboriginal fertility peaks in the 20-24 years age group while for the total population the peak child-bearing ages are 25-29 years. The fertility of women aged 30 years and over is similar in both the Aboriginal and total Australian populations. Aboriginal

women aged 15-24 years contributed over 75% of the difference in the total fertility rate between Aboriginal women and all Australian women. The earlier age at commencement of child-bearing by Aboriginal women, and the higher fertility of 15-24 year old Aboriginal women are most responsible for the higher fertility of Aboriginal women.

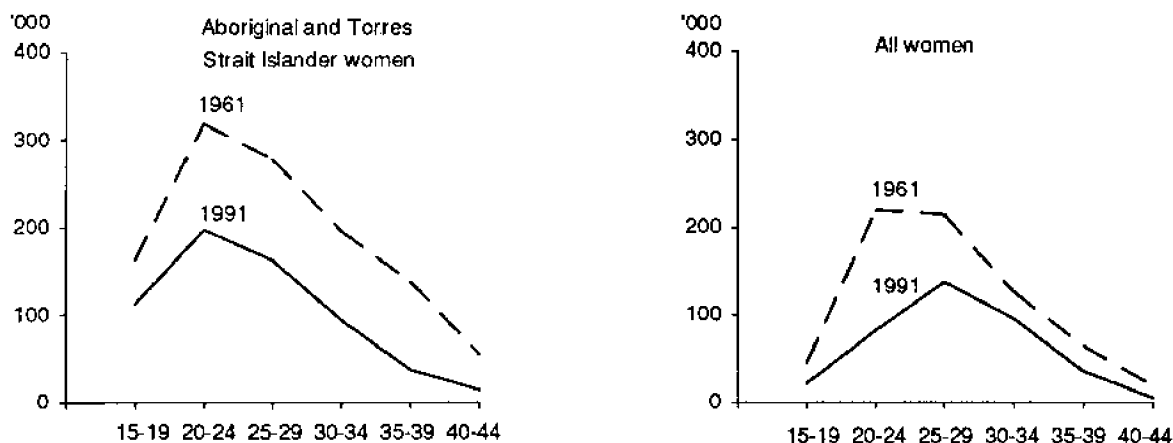
Trends in age-specific fertility

Over the past 30 years declines in Aboriginal fertility have occurred in all age groups. Older women experienced proportionally larger declines than younger women. The smallest fall in relative terms was among the 15-19 years age group, so that the contribution of this group to the total fertility of Aboriginal women has increased relative to that of other age groups. In 1961, the age-specific fertility rate of 15-19 year old Aboriginal women was 80% that of 30-34 year olds. In 1991 the fertility of 15-19 years olds was just as high as that of 30-34 year olds.

The net effect of this has been a decline in the average age of Aboriginal mothers at child-bearing. In comparison, the average age of women at child-bearing in the total population has been increasing. The trend towards younger ages of Aboriginal mothers may continue. On the other hand, the contribution of the different age groups to total Aboriginal fertility in 1991 is not dissimilar to that for the total population in 1971, when much higher fertility was observed in the 15-24 years age group. It is possible that Aboriginal fertility will in the future move further towards that of non-Aboriginal women.

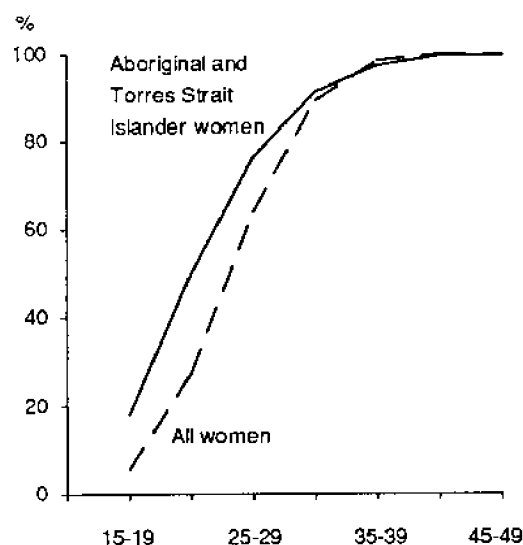
Figure 2

Age-specific fertility rates



Source: Birth Registrations; Census of Population and Housing

Figure 3

Cumulative contribution to total fertility, 1991

Source: Census of Population and Housing

Contribution of age groups

In 1991, Aboriginal women under 25 years contributed about half of total Aboriginal fertility, while the contribution to total fertility of all women under 25 years was only a little over a quarter. Correspondingly, in the total population, older age groups contributed more to total fertility than older Aboriginal women did to total Aboriginal fertility. For example, women aged 25-34 years contributed about 63% of total fertility compared to 41% of Aboriginal fertility.

The contribution of a particular age group to the total births in a population depends on the age-specific fertility rate as well as the relative size of the age group in the population. Not only do younger Aboriginal women have higher fertility rates but they also comprise a higher proportion of Aboriginal women of child-bearing ages relative to the total population. In 1991, 40% of Aboriginal women aged 15-49 years were under 25 years of age compared to 30% of all women aged 15-49 years.

State/Territory differences

Aboriginal fertility varies between States as does the fertility differential between the Aboriginal and the total population. The highest rates of Aboriginal fertility were recorded in Western Australia and the Northern Territory (3.6 and 3.4 respectively) and the lowest rates in

Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory (both 2.6). In most States and Territories the Aboriginal population represents only a small proportion of the total population, and the fertility of the non-Aboriginal population can be approximated by the fertility of the total population. In the Northern Territory, however, Aboriginal people comprise about a quarter of the total population and the total fertility rate for the Northern Territory is significantly higher than that for other States and Territories (2.3 compared to 1.7-1.9). When the total fertility rate is calculated for the non-Aboriginal population of the Northern Territory, the figure of 1.9 conforms to the Australian average.

Table 1

Total fertility rates, 1991

State	Aboriginal population	Total population
	no.	no.
NSW	3.0	1.9
Vic.	3.0	1.8
Qld	3.2	1.9
SA	3.0	1.7
WA	3.6	1.9
Tas.	2.6	1.9
NT	3.4	2.3
ACT	2.6	1.8
Total	3.1	1.9

Source: Birth Registrations; Census of Population and Housing.

Differences in fertility reflect differences in socio-economic factors including urbanisation, education and labour force status⁴. Studies by Gray^{5,6} have shown that these factors also influence Aboriginal fertility which is higher in rural than in urban areas, and higher for Aboriginal women without post-school qualifications than for those with them.

The high Aboriginal fertility in Western Australia and the Northern Territory is associated with low proportions of Aboriginal people living in the capital city, low Aboriginal labour force participation and low proportions of Aboriginal people who stayed at school beyond the age of 15 years, relative to the Australian average. Correspondingly, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory, where Aboriginal fertility is lowest, have the highest Aboriginal education levels and the highest Aboriginal labour force participation rates.

Table 2

Selected characteristics of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population, 1991

Characteristic	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Living in capital city	32.0	48.0	19.0	43.0	28.0	34.0	16.0	100.0	28.0
Left school aged 15 years or more	83.0	79.0	78.0	74.0	69.0	85.0	66.0	89	76.0
Labour force participation rate	57.0	61.0	56.0	56.0	49.0	63.0	41.0	69	54.0
Aboriginal families(a) with a non-Aboriginal mother	36.0	40.0	29.0	30.0	20.0	45.0	13.0	42	30.0

(a) Those families containing at least one Aboriginal parent or child.

Source: Census of Population and Housing

Overall, 30% of Aboriginal families had a non-Aboriginal mother in 1991. This proportion was considerably lower in the Northern Territory and Western Australia (13% and 20% respectively) and considerably higher in Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory (45% and 42% respectively).

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PART D: INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

TABLE 32. BIRTHS REGISTERED, AGE SPECIFIC BIRTHS RATES AND TOTAL FERTILITY RATES, AUSTRALIA AND SELECTED COUNTRIES

Country	Reference year	Total births	Age group (years)							Total fertility rate(c)
			15-19(a)	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49(b)	
Australia	1993	260,229	20.9	71.1	130.0	105.5	39.0	6.3	0.2	1.9
Canada	1989	384,899	24.8	82.5	126.1	81.9	26.4	3.8	0.1	1.8
Chile	1990	292,146	66.1	139.5	138.4	99.4	51.8	14.5	1.1	2.7
Egypt	1988	1,912,765	20.5	193.6	316.6	268.8	190.6	73.1	26.5	4.2
Former Yugoslav Republics	1989	336,394	38.8	142.6	116.7	53.5	19.4	4.7	0.6	1.9
France	1990	762,407	9.1	75.8	140.0	92.3	35.8	7.7	0.5	1.8
Germany, Federal Republic of	1988	677,259	10.3	56.2	111.4	78.1	26.0	4.5	0.2	1.5
Greece	1984	125,724	41.2	131.6	108.9	56.7	21.3	4.6	0.5	1.5
Hong Kong	1989	69,621	6.0	36.8	94.2	77.1	27.9	4.7	0.3	1.4
Indonesia	1987	4,884,124	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3.1
Italy	1988	569,698	9.6	58.6	97.2	68.6	26.5	5.4	0.3	1.3
Japan	1990	1,221,585	3.6	44.3	138.0	92.2	20.6	2.4	—	1.7
Korea, Republic of	1989	613,240	3.7	84.0	162.1	42.2	7.2	1.1	0.2	1.8
Malaysia	1990	395,321	18.5	123.9	203.3	170.5	105.8	39.3	4.4	3.7
Netherlands	1990	197,965	8.3	48.2	126.4	106.5	31.0	3.7	0.5	1.7
New Zealand	1990	60,153	34.4	101.2	147.5	105.7	36.8	5.4	0.3	2.1
Papua New Guinea	1987	122,240	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	4.9
Philippines	1988	1,565,372	42.5	162.7	180.4	135.7	96.2	40.5	8.9	4.0
Singapore	1988	52,822	7.5	65.2	148.6	121.2	45.2	7.2	—	1.7
Sri Lanka	1985	389,599	35.2	151.8	173.2	126.2	82.1	22.2	3.2	2.5
Switzerland	1990	83,939	7.1	60.1	127.8	92.6	29.4	3.8	0.1	1.6
Thailand	1990	956,237	43.1	111.6	103.8	64.9	31.6	14.4	8.2	2.3
United Kingdom	1990	798,612	33.0	91.1	122.7	87.0	31.0	5.0	0.3	1.9
United States of America	1989	4,040,958	59.4	115.4	116.6	76.2	29.7	5.2	0.2	2.1

(a) Includes births to mothers aged less than 15. (b) Includes births to mothers aged 50 and over. (c) 1992 data. Source for overseas countries: 1994 The State of the World's Children (Total Fertility Rates) and 1988 and 1991 United Nations Demographic Yearbooks (all other data).

PART E: FAMILY SURVEY DATA

TABLE 33. FEMALES AGED 15 TO 59 YEARS: REGISTERED MARITAL STATUS BY AGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN, AUSTRALIA 1992

Age group (years)	Total number of women	Percentage according to number of liveborn children				Average number of liveborn children	
		0	1	2	3 or more	Per woman	Per mother
NEVER MARRIED							
15-19(a)	628,980	98.1	1.5	*0.4	**	0.023	1.233
20-24	528,440	88.2	8.3	2.9	*0.6	0.159	1.346
25-29	228,518	79.3	11.7	4.8	4.3	0.358	1.725
30-34	107,969	69.7	14.7	9.0	*6.6	0.544	1.798
35-39	60,860	68.9	*12.4	*7.7	*11.0	0.695	2.232
40-44	39,359	80.9	*10.7	**	*5.3	0.350	*1.831
45-59	47,591	92.2	*4.3	**	**	0.164	*2.109
Total	1,641,718	88.8	6.7	2.7	1.8	0.184	1.643
CURRENTLY MARRIED							
15-19(a)	10,080	*64.8	*30.7	**	**	0.397	*1.127
20-24	161,279	57.4	24.3	13.1	*5.1	0.681	1.600
25-29	404,115	33.2	27.5	26.9	12.4	1.217	1.821
30-34	517,915	13.3	18.4	37.1	31.2	1.994	2.300
35-39	505,482	6.0	9.9	40.8	43.3	2.416	2.571
40-44	481,963	5.2	10.8	41.7	42.2	2.403	2.535
45-59	1,012,996	5.7	7.9	33.9	52.5	2.731	2.896
Total	3,093,830	13.4	13.9	34.7	38.0	2.193	2.533
SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED							
15-19(a)	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
20-24	14,512	*35.7	*23.3	*26.4	*14.7	1.201	1.866
25-29	51,542	33.7	26.0	26.3	*13.9	1.245	1.877
30-34	94,782	24.5	15.4	32.5	27.6	1.781	2.360
35-39	108,821	16.6	16.0	36.4	31.0	1.954	2.342
40-44	121,741	8.2	13.3	36.2	42.2	2.360	2.572
45-59	260,592	7.1	12.0	29.8	51.1	2.746	2.956
Total	653,242	14.1	14.8	32.3	38.8	2.248	2.618
TOTAL EVER MARRIED							
15-19(a)	11,334	*57.6	*28.8	**	**	0.559	*1.319
20-24	175,791	55.6	24.2	14.2	5.9	0.724	1.632
25-29	455,657	33.2	27.3	26.9	12.6	1.220	1.827
30-34	612,697	15.0	18.0	36.4	30.6	1.961	2.308
35-39	614,303	7.9	11.0	40.0	41.1	2.334	2.534
40-44	603,703	5.8	11.3	40.6	42.2	2.394	2.543
45-59	1,273,588	6.0	8.7	33.1	52.2	2.734	2.908
Total	3,747,072	13.6	14.1	34.3	38.1	2.202	2.548
TOTAL							
15-19(a)	640,314	97.4	1.9	*0.7	**	0.033	1.258
20-24	704,231	80.1	12.3	5.7	1.9	0.300	1.505
25-29	684,175	48.6	22.1	19.5	9.8	0.932	1.814
30-34	720,666	23.2	17.5	32.3	27.0	1.749	2.278
35-39	675,163	13.4	11.1	37.1	38.4	2.187	2.524
40-44	643,063	10.4	11.3	38.3	39.9	2.269	2.533
45-59	1,321,179	9.1	8.6	31.9	50.4	2.641	2.906
Total	5,388,791	36.5	11.8	24.7	27.1	1.588	2.499

(a) Excludes 15-17 year olds who have never married and are not currently living in a de facto relationship.

TABLE 34. FEMALES IN DE FACTO RELATIONSHIPS: AGE BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN EVER BORN, AUSTRALIA 1992

Age group (years)	Total number of women	Percentage according to number of liveborn children				Average number of liveborn children	
		0	1	2	3 or more	Per woman	Per mother
15-19	24,606	77.1	*15.1	*7.8	**	0.308	*1.342
20-24	89,242	68.6	20.2	*8.7	*2.4	0.451	1.438
25-29	72,512	64.8	*12.0	*12.3	*10.9	0.728	2.070
30-34	59,564	40.4	23.0	18.2	18.5	1.233	2.068
35-39	30,512	*27.6	*22.5	*22.2	*27.7	1.669	2.303
40-44	33,250	*20.0	*14.6	34.8	30.6	1.922	2.403
45-59	31,906	*13.7	*10.7	*19.4	56.2	2.697	3.124
Total	341,592	50.0	17.4	15.8	16.9	1.098	2.194

PART F: POPULATIONS USED IN THE CALCULATION OF RATES

TABLE 35. ESTIMATED MEAN RESIDENT POPULATION,
STATES AND TERRITORIES, FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER
(*000)

Selected years	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT(a)	Australia(b)
<i>Census years —</i>									
1976	4,960.8	3,811.4	2,091.7	1,274.6	1,178.9	412.4	98.3	207.4	14,035.7
1981	5,237.4	3,949.3	2,344.6	1,318.4	1,301.2	427.1	123.4	227.8	14,929.1
1983	5,353.3	4,035.0	2,481.4	1,345.8	1,368.5	432.8	136.2	238.6	15,391.7
1986	5,533.2	4,161.5	2,623.5	1,382.5	1,457.9	446.5	154.4	258.9	16,018.5
<i>Annual totals —</i>									
1983	5,353.3	4,035.0	2,481.4	1,345.8	1,368.5	432.8	136.2	238.6	15,391.7
1988	5,709.3	4,264.7	2,741.8	1,405.4	1,536.4	451.2	159.4	271.9	16,540.3
1989	5,777.4	4,321.5	2,826.3	1,419.2	1,578.6	455.4	161.3	276.6	16,816.4
1990	5,833.7	4,377.4	2,898.5	1,432.4	1,612.5	461.8	163.5	282.2	17,062.0
1991	5,899.2	4,420.8	2,962.4	1,446.3	1,636.6	466.7	165.8	288.8	17,286.5
1992 p	5,958.3	4,450.3	3,034.7	1,457.2	1,657.9	469.6	167.5	294.2	17,489.7
1993 p	6,001.4	4,465.2	3,117.4	1,463.2	1,677.0	471.5	169.6	298.3	17,664.3

(a) Excludes Jervis Bay Territory from 1 January 1993. (b) Includes 'Other Territories' from 1 January 1993 - see paragraph 4 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 36: ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX, AUSTRALIA, AT 30 JUNE

Age group (years)	1983	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993p
MALES							
Under 1	123,761	125,702	127,847	131,758	132,946	131,054	132,317
1 - 4	476,407	503,706	509,185	513,473	519,356	525,881	528,174
5 - 9	619,730	625,724	637,038	647,321	652,418	655,720	654,411
10 - 14	700,298	641,850	636,289	633,992	638,311	642,650	648,948
15 - 19	654,513	718,394	722,148	717,426	698,773	679,645	665,302
20 - 24	684,081	673,133	677,209	688,523	707,124	726,476	736,152
25 - 29	641,430	708,489	717,741	715,830	702,728	692,546	683,500
30 - 34	625,002	663,712	681,275	699,153	713,784	725,568	729,975
35 - 39	582,016	640,975	649,036	656,292	664,228	673,702	681,985
40 - 44	457,107	596,146	619,704	640,461	655,138	654,565	654,302
45 - 49	393,109	460,978	482,290	503,478	526,498	561,608	595,939
50 - 54	385,350	393,894	405,930	420,262	433,762	447,166	456,802
55 - 59	379,480	375,301	371,161	366,929	367,302	373,830	383,688
60 - 64	319,464	361,130	364,724	367,815	366,779	362,272	355,925
65 - 69	251,850	292,290	306,968	313,789	320,142	325,240	330,775
70 - 74	190,505	212,671	212,201	217,888	228,494	239,249	250,311
75 - 79	115,455	143,179	149,797	154,537	158,993	162,310	163,812
80 - 84	57,769	73,786	77,066	80,776	84,413	88,162	93,051
85 and over	29,019	37,885	39,980	41,566	44,220	47,295	50,831
Total	7,686,346	8,248,945	8,387,589	8,511,269	8,615,409	8,714,939	8,796,200
FEMALES							
Under 1	116,956	119,812	121,711	124,796	126,139	124,452	125,440
1 - 4	453,111	480,331	485,107	488,125	493,262	499,634	501,336
5 - 9	589,653	592,628	603,863	614,981	619,790	622,730	622,667
10 - 14	671,104	609,278	603,878	600,548	603,308	608,137	613,677
15 - 19	626,368	689,280	691,024	684,977	665,301	645,481	631,519
20 - 24	664,357	652,686	658,687	669,837	689,640	706,416	713,436
25 - 29	628,978	696,117	706,374	706,777	696,935	688,676	679,320
30 - 34	613,973	660,797	677,378	694,449	711,951	724,750	730,173
35 - 39	559,091	634,476	645,714	656,478	664,159	675,653	685,320
40 - 44	433,412	570,015	595,918	618,755	639,133	642,605	647,898
45 - 49	373,964	435,251	455,920	478,641	502,647	538,595	573,621
50 - 54	367,261	377,382	389,177	400,880	413,172	424,543	433,753
55 - 59	374,180	363,529	360,992	359,137	358,648	365,621	375,186
60 - 64	343,556	370,065	370,601	370,653	370,089	365,165	357,748
65 - 69	291,268	329,320	342,874	348,562	351,248	352,908	356,132
70 - 74	242,382	267,519	265,811	270,638	282,261	292,925	303,448
75 - 79	168,946	205,862	214,781	220,691	225,502	229,500	231,240
80 - 84	108,302	129,058	133,809	139,325	145,415	151,095	157,478
85 and over	80,264	99,813	103,208	105,609	110,027	115,247	121,787
Total	7,707,126	8,283,219	8,426,827	8,553,859	8,668,627	8,774,133	8,861,179

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

Registration of births is the responsibility of individual State and Territory Registrars and is based on the data provided on an information form completed by one of the parents. This information form is the basis of the data provided to the ABS, by individual Registrars, for compilation into the aggregate statistics in this publication. There is a high commonality of data items collected across States and Territories and thus statistics at the national level are available for most characteristics. Some States, however, collect additional information and this is available on request from that State or States.

Date of occurrence and date of registration

2. The statistics in Part A of this publication refer to births registered by the State and Territory Registrars during the calendar year shown. There is usually an interval between the occurrence and registration of a birth and, as a result of delay in registration, some births occurring in one year are not registered until the following year or even later.

PERCENT OF BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE SAME YEAR AS THEY OCCURRED

1984	92.4	1989	90.1
1985	89.7	1990	89.7
1986	91.1	1991	89.7
1987	91.2	1992	90.0
1988	91.5	1993	90.2

To aid comparison of the number of births registered and the number occurring in a particular year, summary statistics on the basis of year of occurrence are presented in Part B of this publication (Tables 23, 24, 25 and 26).

Statistics for States and Territories

3. Statistics for States and Territories have been compiled and presented in respect of the State or Territory of usual residence of the mother. Table 21 shows the number of births cross-classified by State or Territory of usual residence and State or Territory of registration. Births which took place outside Australia are excluded from the statistics.

4. Following the 1992 amendment to the *Acts Interpretation Act* to include the Indian Ocean Territories of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands as part of geographic Australia, changes have been made to the presentation of State and Territory of usual residence birth data commencing with 1993. Another category of the State/Territory level has been created, known as 'Other Territories'. 'Other Territories' include Jervis Bay Territory as well as Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

5. Prior to 1993 usual residence birth data for Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands were included with off-shore areas and migratory in Western Australia while usual residence birth data for Jervis Bay Territory were included with the Australian Capital Territory. In 1993, there were 11 births to mothers usually resident in Jervis Bay Territory, 11 to mothers

usually resident in Christmas Island and 15 to mothers usually resident in the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

1992 Family Survey

6. The aim of the 1992 Survey of Families in Australia (Family Survey) was to provide information on the types of support that family members give to each other, and receive from outside the household, and to analyse the family's resources in relation to its support needs, according to selected demographic and socio-economic characteristics. The survey was conducted by the ABS over a twelve week period from 2 March 1992 to 29 May 1992.

Definitions

7. *Births*. For statistics in this publication, the term birth relates to *live births* i.e. the delivery of a child, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, who after being born, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as heart-beat.

8. *Confinements* are the number of pregnancies resulting in at least one live birth. *Nuptial first confinements* are the first confinements in the current marriage and therefore do not necessarily represent the woman's first ever confinement resulting in a live birth.

9. *Nuptiality*. Live births are identified as *nuptial* where the father registered was married to the mother at the time of the birth, or where the husband died during the pregnancy. Other confinements, and the children resulting from them, are classified as *ex-nuptial* whether or not the parents were living together at the time of the birth and whether or not the child may subsequently have been legitimated or adopted.

10. *Previous births* are the number of children born alive (which may be still living or now dead) to a woman during her current (which may be her second, etc.) marriage. In some States legitimated and legally adopted children as well as children by the same father who were born to the mother before the marriage are included.

11. *Paternity-acknowledged births* refer to ex-nuptial births where paternity was acknowledged by the child's father.

12. The *crude birth rate* is the number of live births registered during the calendar year per 1,000 of mean estimated resident population for the calendar year.

13. *Age-specific birth rates* are the live births registered during the calendar year, according to age of mother, per 1,000 of the female resident population of the same age as estimated for 30 June. For calculating these rates, births to mothers under 15 are included in the 15-19 female age group, and births to mothers aged 50 and over are included in the 45-49 female age group. Pro rata adjustment is made in respect of births for which age of mother is not given.

14. *Total fertility rate* is obtained by summing the 5-year age-specific birth rates, multiplying by 5 and dividing by 1,000. It represents the number of children

one woman would expect to bear if the age-specific rates of the year shown continued during her child-bearing lifetime.

15. The *female gross reproduction rate* is the sum of the female age-specific fertility rates (i.e. the number of female live births according to age of mother per 1,000 females of that age) multiplied by 5 and divided by 1,000. It represents the average number of daughters that would be born per woman in a group of women all of whom survive to the end of the reproductive period and had born daughters at each age in accordance with the rates prevailing during that year. It is an indication of the extent to which the population would reproduce itself under these conditions, except that it does not allow for females who fail to survive to the end of the childbearing period.

16. The *female net reproduction rate* allows for such mortality. It is obtained by multiplying the female age-specific birth rates by the proportion of survivors at corresponding ages in a life table, adding the products and dividing by 1,000. The female net reproduction rate represents the average number of daughters born to a group of women who are subjected to the fertility rates of that year and to the mortality rates of the life table.

17. The *sex ratio of births* is the number of male live births per 100 female live births.

18. *Median age* is the age which divides the relevant population into two equal parts, one half of the cases falling below this age and one half exceeding it.

Marital status

19. Two separate concepts are measured by the ABS. These are Registered Marital Status and Social Marital Status. They are different personal characteristics and are independent variables with separate classifications. Marital Status in this publication relates to Registered Marital Status which refers to formally registered marriages for which the partners hold a marriage certificate. A *de facto marriage* relates to Social Marital Status and refers to a relationship where a man and woman live together as husband and wife but are not in a registered marriage.

Country of birth

20. The classification of countries in this publication is based on the Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (ASCCSS). For more detailed information refer to the ABS publication *Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics* (1269.0).

21. Recent political developments in Europe and the Former USSR have resulted in a number of changes to the ASCSS. These changes have affected some of the categories in this publication and are detailed in Revision 1.02 of the ASCSS.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population

22. The population used to calculate indigenous birth rates and fertility rates in Part C of this publication (Tables 28, 29, 30 and 31) are 1993 population projections. These projections are based on 1991

experimental estimates of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population. For more information contact Andrew Howe on (06) 252 7083.

Additional statistics available

23. In some cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published. This information may be made available in one or more of the following forms: microfiche, photocopy, data tape, floppy disk, computer printout and/or clerically-extracted tabulation. Generally, a charge is made for providing unpublished information. A list of tables produced annually is attached in Appendix B.

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24. Other ABS publications which may be of interest to users of this publication include:

Demography, No. 87, 1971 (Ref. No. 4.9) which includes the number of live births registered and crude birth rates for each year from 1901 to 1971.

Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0) – issued quarterly

Deaths, Australia (3302.0) – issued annually

Perinatal Deaths, Australia (3304.0) – issued annually

Australia's Families (4418.0) – selected findings from the 1992 Family Survey

Focus on Families (4420.0) – issued in 1994

Experimental Estimates of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population, June 1986 to June 1991 (3230.0) – issued in 1994

25. A compendium of all demographic data for each State and the Australian Capital Territory has been released in State specific publications, *Demography*. The first releases contain 1990 data. The publications are released each year for each State and the Australian Capital Territory. The first release for the Northern Territory is planned to contain 1993 data. Should users require detailed State data on Births prior to the release of this compendium please contact Information Services.

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- ** nil or subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses
- n.a. not available
- .. not applicable
- nil or rounded to zero
- r figures or series revised since previous issue
- p preliminary

APPENDIX A

BIRTH CHARACTERISTICS AVAILABLE

Month and year of registration
 State of registration
 Birth date
 Sex of child
 Nuptiality
 Plurality
 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin (only available for some States)
 Mother's age
 Usual residence of mother
 Birthplace of mother
 Father's age
 Birthplace of father
 Previous children of the marriage
 Duration of marriage

APPENDIX B

LIST OF BIRTH TABLES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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BTHR0003	Births: Nuptiality and sex by age of mother and State or Territory of usual residence of mother.
BTHR0004	Confinements: Nuptiality by plurality and State or Territory of usual residence of mother.
BTHR0005	Births: Nuptiality and sex by plurality and State or Territory of usual residence of mother.
BTHR0006	Confinements: Nuptiality by relative ages of mother and father.
BTHR0007	Births: Nuptiality by relative ages of mother and father.
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BTHR0009	Births: Nuptiality by country of birth of mother and father.
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BTHR0015	Confinements: Nuptiality and sex by plurality and age of mother.
BTHR0016	Births: Sex and nuptiality by age of mother and quarter of registration.
BTHR0017	Births: Sex and quarter of registration by age of mother and State or Territory of usual residence.
BTHR0018	Confinements: Nuptiality by age of mother and State or Territory of registration.
BTHR0019	Births: Sex and nuptiality by age of mother and State or Territory of registration.
BTHR0020	Confinements: Nuptiality by plurality and State or Territory of registration.
BTHR0021	Births: Nuptiality and sex by plurality and State or Territory of registration.
BTHR0022	Nuptial confinements: Previous issue of mother from current marriage by duration of current marriage and age of mother.



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