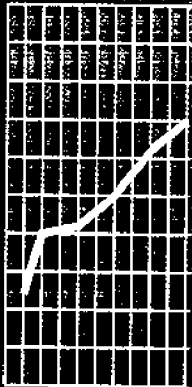
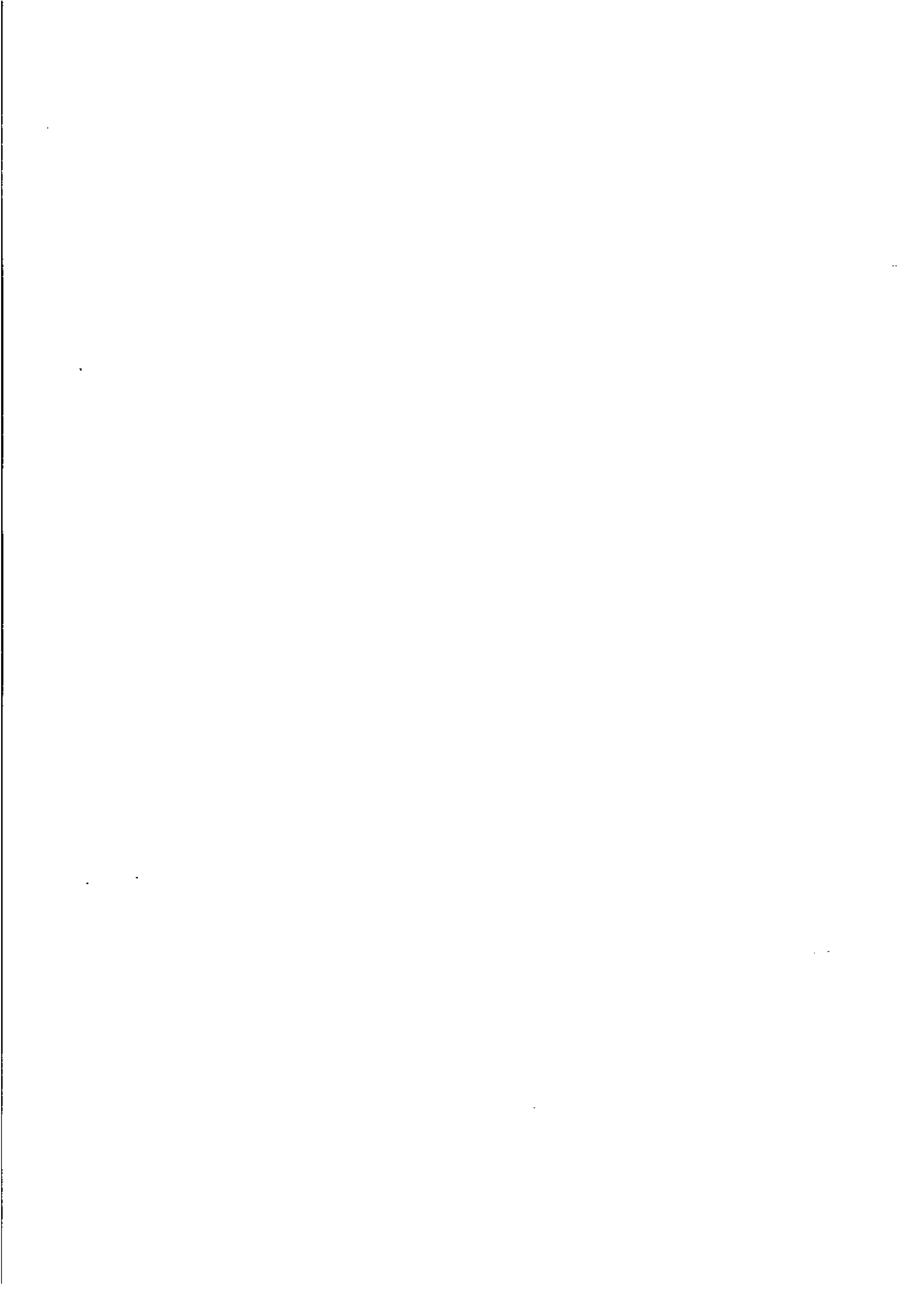




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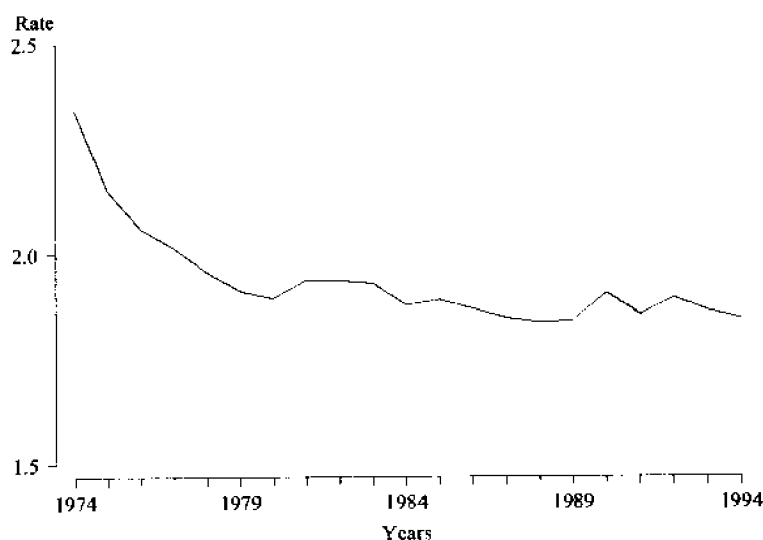
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

In 1994, 258,000 births were registered in Australia, a 5% increase over 1974 (245,000) and a 10% increase over 1984 when 234,000 births were registered. However, as the female population aged 15 to 49 years increased by 42% between 1974 and 1994 and by 18% between 1984 and 1994, birth rates have in fact declined.

FERTILITY

The total fertility rate (the number of children one woman would expect to bear during her child-bearing lifetime) was 1.8 in 1994 and has fluctuated between 1.8 and 1.9 since the early 1980s. On a State and Territory basis the highest total fertility rate was 2.3 in the Northern Territory and the lowest was 1.7 for both South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory.

TOTAL FERTILITY RATES¹, AUSTRALIA



¹ Per woman.

The Australian total fertility rate is similar to that experienced in the United Kingdom and Canada and is higher than rates experienced in countries such as Hong Kong (1.3) and Japan (1.5). It is, however, lower than rates recorded in Papua New Guinea and the United States of America (4.9 and 2.1, respectively).

TOTAL FERTILITY RATES¹, AUSTRALIA² AND SELECTED COUNTRIES³

Selected countries	Total fertility rate	Selected countries	Total fertility rate
Australia	1.8	Malaysia	3.7
Canada	1.8	Netherlands	1.6
Greece	1.4	New Zealand	2.1
Hong Kong	1.3	Papua New Guinea	4.9
Indonesia	3.1	Philippines	4.0
Italy	1.3	Poland	2.1
Japan	1.5	United Kingdom	1.8
Korea, Republic of	1.8	United States of America	2.1

¹ Per woman.

² Reference period 1994.

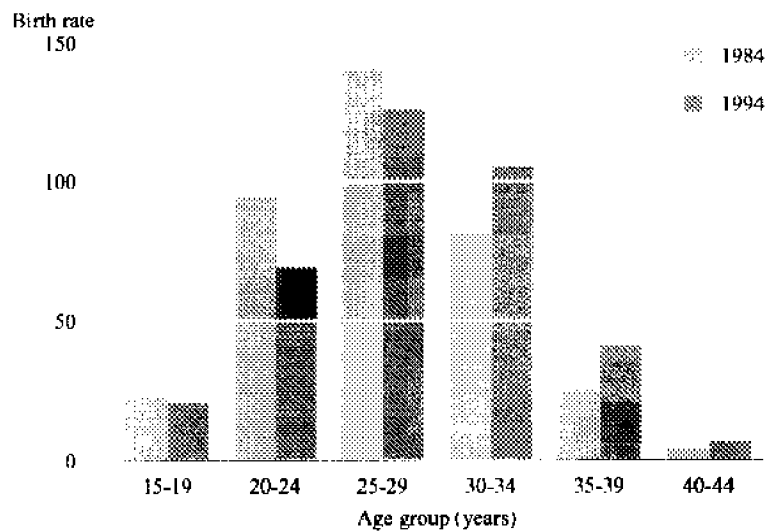
³ Reference period 1992.

Source for overseas countries: *The State of the World's Children, 1994*. United Nations Children's Fund.

AGE SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES

Age-specific birth rates declined slightly in the younger age groups in 1994. The 25–29 years age group is still the peak fertility group with a birth rate of 126.0. However, the trend of increased fertility in the older age groups continued in 1994 with women aged 30–34 years being the second most fertile group with a fertility rate of 105.1 births per 1,000 women compared to 69.2 for women aged 20–24 years, the next highest group.

AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES, AUSTRALIA



Age-specific birth rates were higher at younger ages in the Northern Territory compared to the rest of Australia. For example, in the 15–19 years age group the age-specific birth rate was 84.0 in the Northern Territory and 20.7 for Australia, and in the 20–24 years age group it was 121.4 for the Northern Territory and 69.2 for Australia.

Median age of parents

The trend towards older parents was also apparent in the rise in the median age of parents in 1994. The median age of mother increased from 27.1 years in 1984 to 29.0 years in 1994, while the median age of fathers also increased from 29.9 years in 1984 to 31.6 years in 1994.

BIRTHS TO COUPLES IN A REGISTERED MARRIAGE

The proportion of births to couples in a registered marriage is falling. There were 192,000 nuptial births registered in 1994, representing 74% of all births, compared to 85% (199,400) in 1984 and 90% (221,800) in 1974.

The median age of mothers for nuptial confinements was 29.9 years in 1994 an increase of 2.3 years from 1984. The median age of fathers for nuptial confinements was 32.3 years in 1994 which was an increase from 30.2 years in 1984.

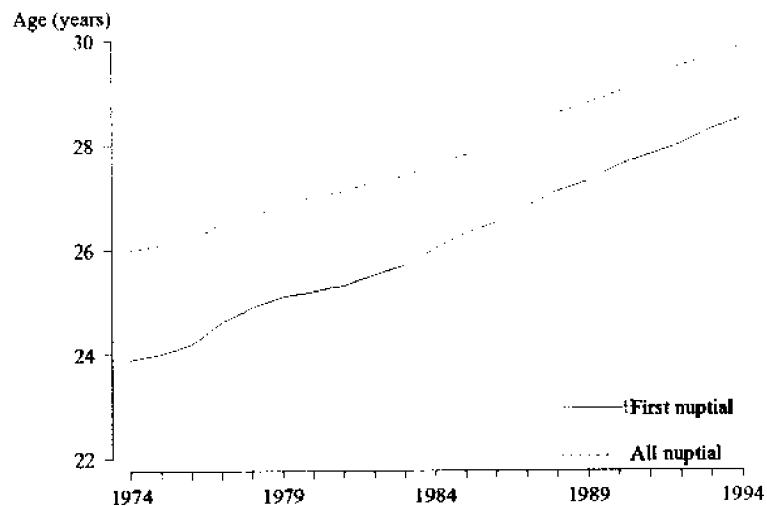
In 1994 only 7% of confinements resulted in births to married parents who already had 3 or more children. This compares with 8% in 1984 and 10% in 1974.

Mothers of nuptial first births

Of the 189,200 nuptial confinements registered in 1994, 41% (77,200) were to mothers giving birth for the first time in the current marriage, while a further 35% already had one child.

The proportion of first-time mothers aged under 25 years who were married decreased from 41% in 1984 to 21% in 1994. The median age of married mothers giving birth for the first time was 28.5 years in 1994, an increase of 2.5 years since 1984.

MEDIAN AGE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA



In 1994, the median duration of marriage was 2.5 years for nuptial first confinements. In 1984 the median duration of marriage for nuptial first confinements was 2.3 years and 2.0 years in 1974.

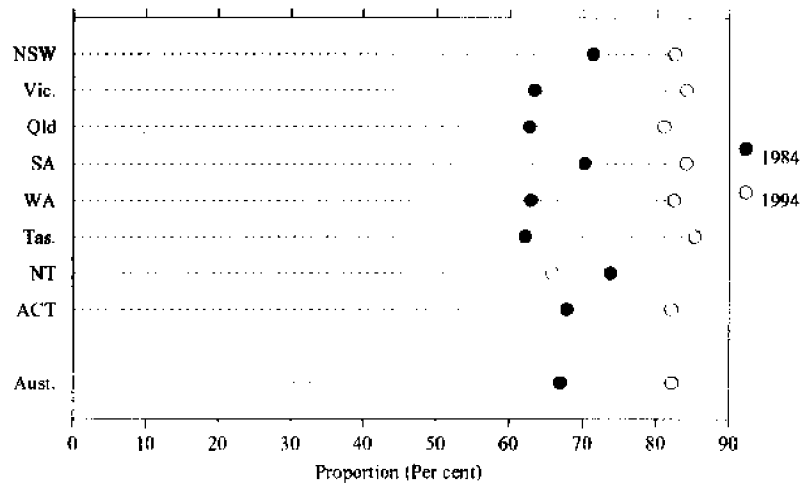
BIRTHS OUTSIDE A REGISTERED MARRIAGE

Ex-nuptial births in 1994 accounted for 26% (66,100) of all births registered compared to only 15% (34,600) in 1984.

In 1994 the proportion of ex-nuptial births varied considerably across the States/Territories. The Northern Territory recorded the highest proportion of ex-nuptial births (56%) while Victoria had the lowest (21%). Ten years ago all States/Territories had lower proportions of ex-nuptial births. The Northern Territory still recorded the highest proportion of ex-nuptial births in 1984 (45%) while the lowest proportion was recorded by the Australian Capital Territory (10%).

In 1994 paternity was acknowledged by 82% (54,300) of fathers in ex-nuptial births, an increase from 67% (23,200) in 1984. The proportion of paternity-acknowledged ex-nuptial births in 1994 ranged from 85% in Tasmania to 66% in the Northern Territory. When 1994 and 1984 are compared the Northern Territory was the only State/Territory to record a decrease in the percentage of paternity-acknowledged ex-nuptial births, falling from 74% in 1984 to 66% in 1994.

PROPORTION OF EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS WHERE PATERNITY WAS ACKNOWLEDGED



The median age of the mother for ex-nuptial confinements rose to 24.6 years in 1994 from 22.8 years in 1984. When compared with mothers of nuptial confinements these medians are lower by 5.3 years and 4.8 years, respectively. The median age of father for paternity-acknowledged ex-nuptial confinements was 27.6 years in 1994 having risen from 26.3 years in 1984. These medians were lower than those for fathers of nuptial confinements by 4.7 years and 3.9 years, respectively.

BIRTHPLACE OF PARENTS

Fertility of mothers

For births registered in Australia in 1994 total fertility rates differed markedly according to the country of birth of the mother (see Table 5). While the total fertility rate in 1994 was 1.8 children per woman where the mother was born in Australia, mothers born in other countries such as Lebanon (3.5) and China (2.6) recorded higher rates and those born in Hong Kong (1.0) and Malaysia (1.4) recorded lower rates.

United Nations' data showed that this reflects recent total fertility rates in these overseas countries (see Table 6) with Lebanon recording a total fertility rate of 3.1 births per woman, China 2.2 and Hong Kong 1.3. However the total fertility rate for Malaysia (3.7) was over two and a half times greater than the rate recorded by Malaysian-born mothers in Australia.

Overseas-born mothers tended to be older than Australian-born mothers (see Table 18), with only 14% of overseas-born mothers aged 20-24 compared to 21% of Australian-born mothers, while 34% of overseas-born mothers were aged 30-34 compared to 28% of Australian-born mothers. The highest number of births for Australian-born mothers was in the 25-29 years age group while for the overseas-born mothers the highest numbers were in the 30-34 years age group.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN AUSTRALIA, BIRTHPLACE AND AGE OF MOTHER, 1994

Age group (years)	Australian-born mothers		Overseas-born mothers	
	no.	%	no.	%
19 and under	11 539	6.0	1 228	2.0
20-24	40 619	21.0	8 288	13.5
25-29	64 968	33.6	19 333	31.6
30-34	54 746	28.3	21 058	34.4
35-39	18 637	9.6	9 460	15.5
40 and over	2 765	1.4	1 729	2.8
Not stated	68	—	109	0.2
Total	193 342	100.0	61 205	100.0

Births to mothers and fathers

The majority (62%) of nuptial confinements that occurred in Australia in 1994 were to parents who were both born in Australia. In a further 20% of cases, one parent was born in Australia and the other born overseas. Parents born in the same overseas country accounted for 13% of all nuptial confinements, while parents born in different overseas countries accounted for 4%.

Parents born in New Zealand, Europe and the United States having children in 1994 were more likely to have Australian-born partners than partners born in the same overseas country. For example, of births to Italian-born fathers in 1994, 71% of their partners were born in Australia compared to only 16% born in Italy. Similarly for Italian-born mothers, 56% of their partners were born in Australia and 28% in Italy. However there are exceptions. For example, more than half of persons from the Former Yugoslav Republics had partners who were also from the Former Yugoslav Republics.

Of parents born in other overseas regions (e.g. Asia, the Middle East and North Africa) a high proportion having children in 1994 had partners who were from the same overseas country. For example, 84% of Lebanese-born mothers were married to Lebanese-born fathers compared to 7% of Australian-born fathers. For fathers born in Viet Nam, 89% were married to Vietnamese-born mothers while less than 1% were married to mothers born in Australia. An exception was for births to mothers born in the Philippines with only 39% having partners also from the Philippines.

Births outside a registered marriage

The proportion of births that were ex-nuptial and registered in Australia in 1994, varied according to the mother's country of birth. For example, the proportion of ex-nuptial births to mothers born in Australia and New Zealand (29% and 37%, respectively) was very much higher than the proportions recorded by mothers born in other selected countries such as Lebanon (3%), and Hong Kong and India (both with only 4%).

MULTIPLE BIRTHS

Of the 254,500 total number of confinements registered in 1994, 3,500 (1.4%) were multiple confinements resulting in 7,000 live-born children. Twins accounted for 6,800 multiple births (96% of all multiple births). While these percentages are similar to those recorded in 1984, only 80% of all multiple births occurred inside a registered marriage in 1994 compared to 88% in 1984.

BIRTHS OF ABORIGINAL AND
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
PEOPLE

Details of births of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are included in this publication for South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. Details for other States are either considered to not be of a publishable standard or not available in the case of Queensland.

In 1994, 3,500 births of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children were recorded in South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. This accounts for 6.7% of all births in these States/Territories. However, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population of these States/Territories was projected to be only 3.1% of the total population in 1994.

BIRTHS AND POPULATION, 1994

Selected States/Territories	Births			Population		
	Indigenous people	All people	%	Indigenous people ¹	All people ²	%
	no.	no.	%	'000s	'000s	%
SA	531	19 409	2.7	18.4	1 469.4	1.3
WA	1 578	25 138	6.3	47.3	1 701.1	2.8
NT	1 338	3 626	36.9	46.0	171.1	26.9
ACT	59	4 461	1.3	2.0	300.9	0.7
Total	3 506	52 634	6.7	113.7	3 642.5	3.1

¹ See Appendix C.

² See Appendix B.

Based on birth registrations for 1993 and 1994, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mothers of South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory experienced higher fertility rates per woman than all mothers in these States/Territory. For the Australian Capital Territory, the total fertility rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mothers in 1994 followed this pattern, however, in 1993 this rate was lower than that for all mothers.

TOTAL FERTILITY RATES¹

Selected States/Territories	Indigenous mothers		All mothers	
	1993	1994	1993	1994
SA	2.5	2.4	1.8	1.7
WA	3.1	3.0	1.9	1.9
NT	2.9	2.9	2.3	2.3
ACT ²	1.5	2.2	1.7	1.7

¹ Per woman.

² Care should be exercised in interpreting variations in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander total fertility rate for the Australian Capital Territory due to the small numbers involved.

In 1994, for the combined States/Territories of South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory, fertility was much higher for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in the younger age groups than for all women. Of the births to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mothers, 63% were to mothers aged under 25 years although only 25% of all mothers were in this age group.

BIRTHS: AGE AT BIRTH OF MOTHER
COMBINED SA, WA, NT AND ACT, 1994

Age at birth (years)	Indigenous mothers		All mothers	
	no.	%	no.	%
14 and under	34	1.1	48	0.1
15-19	778	25.7	2 926	5.6
20-24	1 107	36.6	10 177	19.3
25-29	675	22.3	17 434	33.1
30-34	299	9.9	15 433	29.3
35-39	111	3.7	5 658	10.7
40-44	14	0.5	868	1.6
45 and over	—	—	26	—
Not stated	9	0.3	64	0.1
Total	3 027	100.0	52 634	100.0

OCCURRENCE DATA

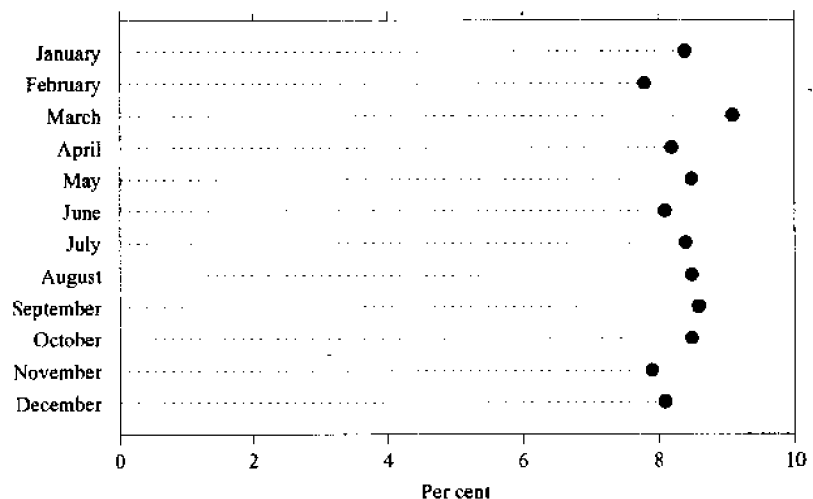
The above commentary relates to births data on a year of registration basis. In Part C of this publication, data are presented on the basis of births occurring in 1994 and registered by the end of June 1995. Year of occurrence data for 1994 has resulted in numbers and rates which are lower than those recorded for the same period on a registration basis. These variations may be caused by a number of factors such as 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 a year of occurrence basis there were 255,800 births in Australia in 1994, an increase of 6% from 1984. This compares with an increase of 10% on a year of registration basis.

During the same period on a year of occurrence basis the total fertility rate declined from 1.9 to 1.8 births per woman. On a registration basis, the total fertility rate remained the same at 1.8.

In 1994, March was the most common month for giving birth with 9% of births occurring during that month. February was the least common month with only 8% of total births occurring. Over the past several years, March has been the most popular month for giving birth and February and November usually the least popular.

BIRTHS BY MONTH OF OCCURRENCE, AUSTRALIA, 1994



BIRTH ORDER

Birth order details for Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory have been included in this publication for the first time (see Part D). Details for other States and the Northern Territory are either not available or not of a publishable standard.

On the birth information form, both Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory ask for the number of previous issue of both the current and other relationships. About 42% of mothers giving birth in 1994 had no previous children (slightly lower than in 1993), while only 10% of mothers in Western Australia and 7% in the Australian Capital Territory had three or more previous children.

PROPORTION OF MOTHERS WITH PREVIOUS ISSUE¹, WA AND ACT

	1993		1994	
	WA	ACT	WA	ACT
<i>Previous issue</i>	%	%	%	%
0	44.0	45.0	41.5	42.5
1	31.0	33.0	32.4	35.4
2	16.0	15.0	16.4	15.2
3 or more	9.0	7.0	9.6	6.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Includes all previous issue of the mother — current marriage/relationship and other relationships.

PART A: OVERVIEW

1 BIRTHS: SUMMARY(a), STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1994

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other Territories	Australia
BIRTHS										
Total births	87,977	63,974	46,578	19,409	25,138	6,844	3,626	4,461	44	258,051
Males	45,187	32,904	24,148	9,951	12,867	3,497	1,818	2,232	21	132,625
Females	42,790	31,070	22,430	9,458	12,271	3,347	1,808	2,229	23	125,426
Sex ratio	105.6	105.9	107.7	105.2	104.9	104.5	100.6	100.1	91.3	105.7
<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander births</i>	..	..	..	531	1,578	..	1,338	59	..	..
Males	..	..	..	273	858	..	686	31	..	..
Females	..	..	..	258	720	..	652	28	..	..
Sex ratio	..	..	..	105.8	119.2	..	105.2	110.7	..	..
Nuptial births	66,429	50,860	32,727	14,261	17,918	4,725	1,583	3,419	37	191,959
<i>Ex-nuptial births</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Number	21,548	13,114	13,851	5,148	7,220	2,119	2,043	1,042	7	66,092
Percentage of total live births	24.5	20.5	29.7	26.5	28.7	31.0	56.3	23.4	15.9	25.6
<i>Paternity acknowledged births</i> —	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Number	17,777	11,034	11,228	4,328	5,951	1,808	1,347	855	5	54,333
Percentage of total ex-nuptial births	82.5	84.1	81.1	84.1	82.4	85.3	65.9	82.1	71.4	82.2
Crude birth rate	14.5	14.3	14.6	13.2	14.8	14.5	21.2	14.8	16.2	14.5
<i>Age-specific birth rates</i> —	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15-19	20.6	14.2	25.6	16.1	24.9	27.2	84.0	14.0	36.4	20.7
20-24	71.8	57.1	77.7	62.7	73.6	93.2	121.4	51.5	44.0	69.2
25-29	127.0	123.7	127.1	121.1	130.3	138.6	122.3	117.4	152.5	126.0
30-34	105.7	112.0	98.5	101.5	102.6	96.4	93.0	111.1	102.7	105.1
35-39	43.3	44.3	37.2	39.4	37.5	31.7	41.2	43.0	29.9	41.2
40-44	7.3	7.2	5.8	6.6	6.1	5.0	6.6	6.2	10.5	6.7
45-49	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	..	..	0.3
Total fertility rate	1.879	1.793	1.861	1.738	1.877	1.961	2.344	1.716	1.880	1.846
Female net reproduction rate	0.898	0.858	0.880	0.833	0.900	0.940	1.123	0.846	—	0.882
CONFINEMENTS										
Total confinements	86,785	63,085	45,941	19,134	24,794	6,768	3,580	4,416	44	254,547
First nuptial	26,267	21,013	12,976	5,925	6,961	2,022	642	1,348	12	77,166
All nuptial	65,483	50,110	32,244	14,041	17,639	4,661	1,562	3,383	37	189,160
Paternity acknowledged	17,572	10,912	11,098	4,280	5,902	1,797	1,328	848	5	53,742
All ex-nuptial	21,302	12,975	13,697	5,093	7,155	2,107	2,018	1,033	7	65,387
<i>Median age of mother (years)</i> —	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
First nuptial	28.4	28.7	28.2	28.8	28.3	28.0	28.2	28.7	27.5	28.5
All nuptial	29.9	30.1	29.6	30.1	29.8	29.3	29.7	30.1	30.0	29.9
Paternity acknowledged	25.0	25.7	24.3	25.2	24.6	24.1	24.5	24.7	26.0	24.9
All ex-nuptial	24.8	25.4	24.0	25.0	24.3	23.8	23.7	24.6	24.0	24.6
Total	29.0	29.5	28.4	29.2	28.7	28.1	26.7	29.4	29.5	29.0
<i>Median age of father (years)</i> —	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nuptial	32.4	32.4	31.9	32.4	32.1	31.7	32.3	32.3	31.3	32.3
Paternity acknowledged	27.7	28.2	27.1	28.1	27.3	26.8	27.5	27.7	28.0	27.6
All fathers where age is known	31.7	31.9	31.0	31.7	31.3	30.8	30.7	31.7	31.1	31.6
<i>Median duration of marriage (years)</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
First nuptial	2.4	2.7	2.5	2.8	2.4	2.5	1.9	2.5	3.8	2.5
Nuptial	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.5	3.8	4.6	6.2	4.6
<i>Nuptial confinements</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Previous births</i> —	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
0	26,267	21,013	12,976	5,925	6,961	2,022	642	1,348	12	77,166
1	23,032	17,637	11,474	5,138	6,401	1,557	603	1,269	12	67,123
2	11,080	8,187	5,373	2,081	2,928	712	214	534	9	31,118
3	3,484	2,321	1,709	656	935	257	66	167	3	9,598
4	967	568	435	147	268	55	16	44	..	2,500
5 and over	653	384	277	94	146	58	21	21	1	1,655
Average number of births	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.2	2.0

(a) See Glossary for definitions of the terms used.

2 BIRTHS: SUMMARY(a), SELECTED YEARS

	1984	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
BIRTHS							
Total births	234,034	250,853	262,648	257,247	264,151	260,229	258,051
Males	119,816	128,510	135,194	131,965	135,601	133,572	132,625
Females	114,218	122,343	127,454	125,282	128,550	126,657	125,426
Sex ratio	104.9	105.0	106.1	105.3	105.5	105.5	105.7
Nuptial births	199,405	200,065	205,241	198,024	200,783	195,355	191,959
<i>Ex-nuptial births</i>							
Number	34,629	50,788	57,407	59,223	63,368	64,874	66,092
Percentage of total live births	14.8	20.2	21.9	23.0	24.0	24.9	25.6
<i>Paternity acknowledged births</i> —							
Number	23,200	38,572	44,257	47,064	51,349	53,016	54,333
Percentage of total ex-nuptial births	67.0	75.9	77.1	79.5	81.0	81.7	82.2
Crude birth rate	15.0	14.9	15.4	14.9	15.1	14.7	14.5
<i>Age-specific birth rates</i> —							
15-19	23.2	20.6	22.1	22.1	21.9	20.9	20.7
20-24	94.3	78.4	79.4	75.0	74.8	71.1	69.2
25-29	140.4	135.4	137.9	132.0	132.5	130.0	126.0
30-34	81.2	96.1	101.7	100.2	104.6	105.5	105.1
35-39	25.0	32.6	34.7	36.0	38.4	39.0	41.2
40-44	4.3	5.0	5.5	5.5	6.1	6.3	6.7
45-49	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Total fertility rate	1.844	1.842	1.907	1.855	1.894	1.865	1.846
Female net reproduction rate	0.902	0.884	0.911	0.890	0.909		0.882
CONFINEMENTS							
Total confinements	231,643	247,623	259,435	253,861	260,669	256,703	254,547
First nuptial	79,295	81,357	84,228	81,179	80,821	77,718	77,166
All nuptial	197,306	197,302	202,585	195,258	198,002	192,518	189,160
Paternity acknowledged	22,995	38,204	43,825	46,560	50,774	52,448	53,742
All exnuptial	34,337	50,321	56,850	58,603	62,667	64,185	65,387
<i>Median age of mother (years)</i> —							
First nuptial	26.0	27.3	27.6	27.8	28.0	28.3	28.5
All nuptial	27.6	28.8	29.0	29.3	29.5	29.7	29.9
Paternity acknowledged	23.3	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.6	24.8	24.9
All ex-nuptial	22.8	23.9	24.0	24.1	24.3	24.5	24.6
Total	27.1	28.2	28.3	28.5	28.7	28.9	29.0
<i>Median age of father (years)</i> —							
Nuptial	30.2	31.2	31.4	31.6	31.8	32.0	32.3
Paternity acknowledged	26.3	27.2	27.3	27.3	27.4	27.5	27.6
All fathers where age is known	29.9	30.8	30.9	31.0	31.2	31.4	31.6
<i>Median duration of marriage (years)</i> —							
First nuptial	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5
Nuptial	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6
<i>Nuptial confinements</i> —							
<i>Previous births</i> —							
0	79,295	81,357	84,228	81,179	80,821	77,718	77,166
1	69,312	67,459	68,301	67,055	69,467	68,389	67,123
2	33,027	33,066	34,026	32,231	32,644	31,801	31,118
3	10,802	10,856	11,179	10,300	10,522	10,145	9,598
4	3,013	2,874	3,089	2,811	2,843	2,731	2,500
5 and over	1,825	1,687	1,761	1,680	1,702	1,733	1,655
Average number of births	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

(a) See Glossary for definitions of the terms used.

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.

3 BIRTHS: NUMBERS BY YEAR OF OCCURRENCE, STATES AND TERRITORIES (PRELIMINARY)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA(a)</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT(b)</i>	<i>Other Territories</i>	<i>Australia</i>
1984	83,427	60,239	40,361	20,083	22,770	7,215	3,106	4,141	—	241,342
1989	87,220	63,728	42,696	19,516	25,243	6,859	3,438	4,297	—	252,997
1990	89,165	66,513	44,792	19,674	25,612	6,995	3,493	4,518	—	260,762
1991	87,623	64,597	44,364	19,418	24,668	6,908	3,627	4,612	—	255,818
1992	89,578	65,471	46,124	19,714	24,959	6,978	3,716	4,429	—	260,970
1993	87,491	64,056	46,586	19,551	24,845	6,800	3,638	4,411	39	257,417
1994	86,594	63,898	46,464	19,343	24,646	6,825	3,556	4,475	42	255,843

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

4 CRUDE BIRTH RATES BY YEAR OF OCCURRENCE, STATES AND TERRITORIES (PRELIMINARY)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA(a)</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT(b)</i>	<i>Other Territories</i>	<i>Australia</i>
1984	15.4	14.8	16.0	14.8	16.4	16.5	21.8	16.9	—	15.5
1989	15.1	14.7	15.1	13.8	16.0	15.1	21.3	15.5	—	15.0
1990	15.3	15.2	15.5	13.7	15.9	15.1	21.4	16.0	—	15.3
1991	14.9	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	15.1	14.9	22.2	15.1	—	14.9
1993	14.6	14.3	14.9	13.4	14.8	14.4	21.4	14.8	n.a.	14.6
1994	14.3	14.3	14.5	13.2	14.5	14.4	20.8	14.9	n.a.	14.3

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

5 BIRTHS REGISTERED IN AUSTRALIA: SUMMARY(a), SELECTED COUNTRIES OF BIRTH OF MOTHER AND FATHER, 1994

	Country of birth of mother														
	Australia	Former Yugoslavia Republics	Greece	Hong Kong	India	Italy	Lebanon	Malaysia	New Zealand	Philippines	South Africa	UK & Ireland	USA	Viet Nam	
Total births	196,048	2,663	1,973	1,142	1,295	1,136	3,078	1,308	6,558	2,734	720	14,931	952	4,352	
Males	100,868	1,357	1,001	593	674	593	1,616	634	3,311	1,424	355	7,576	506	2,278	
Females	95,180	1,306	972	549	621	543	1,462	674	3,247	1,310	365	7,355	446	2,074	
Sex ratio	106.0	103.9	103.0	108.0	108.5	109.2	110.5	94.1	102.0	108.7	97.3	103.0	113.5	109.8	
<i>Mothers born in country shown and father born in —</i>															
Australia —															
Number	159,646	167	506	100	204	634	231	409	3,374	1,096	283	9,379	581	63	
Per cent	81.4	6.3	25.6	8.8	15.8	55.8	7.5	31.3	51.4	40.1	39.3	62.8	61.0	1.4	
Same overseas country —															
Number	—	1,858	1,278	803	877	310	2,566	541	1,829	1,012	231	3,793	178	3,651	
Per cent	—	69.8	64.8	70.3	67.7	27.3	83.4	41.4	27.9	37.0	32.1	25.4	18.7	83.9	
Other overseas countries —															
Number	9,869	34	26	2	10	8	8	16	396	58	21	354	24	371	
Per cent	5.0	1.3	1.3	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.3	1.2	6.0	2.1	2.9	2.4	2.5	8.5	
Ex-nuptial paternity not acknowledged	26,476	603	162	237	203	183	273	342	957	566	185	1,402	169	266	
Nuptial births	139,972	2,381	1,796	1,094	1,241	1,082	2,992	1,212	4,124	2,388	617	12,053	844	3,503	
<i>Ex-nuptial births —</i>															
Number	56,076	282	177	48	54	54	86	96	2,434	346	103	2,878	108	849	
Percentage of total live births	28.6	10.6	9.0	4.2	4.2	4.8	2.8	7.3	37.1	12.7	14.3	19.3	11.3	19.5	
<i>Paternity acknowledged births —</i>															
Number	46,207	248	151	46	44	46	78	80	2,038	288	82	2,524	84	478	
Percentage of total ex-nuptial births	82.4	87.9	85.3	95.8	81.5	85.2	90.7	83.3	83.7	83.2	79.6	87.7	77.8	56.3	
Population '000(b)	6932.8	45.2	82.9	42.9	36.8	124.6	38.4	45.3	139.1	57.0	29.8	610.6	25.9	69.7	
Total fertility rate	1.827	2.611	1.860	1.040	1.969	1.538	3.532	1.352	2.071	2.142	1.440	1.706	1.790	2.435	
Birth rate(c)	28.3	58.9	23.8	26.6	35.2	9.1	80.1	28.8	47.2	47.9	24.1	24.5	36.8	62.5	
CONFINEMENTS															
Total confinements	193,342	2,642	1,948	1,126	1,282	1,124	3,023	1,297	6,465	2,713	707	14,668	938	4,317	
Nuptial	137,861	2,360	1,773	1,079	1,228	1,070	2,939	1,201	4,061	2,369	607	11,828	831	3,474	
Ex-nuptial	55,481	282	175	47	54	54	84	96	2,404	344	100	2,840	107	843	
<i>Median age of mother (years) —</i>															
Nuptial	29.6	31.5	28.9	32.6	30.2	31.7	27.7	32.2	30.5	31.5	31.0	31.1	32.0	30.1	
Ex-nuptial	24.1	32.0	29.8	—	—	—	—	—	25.8	29.5	24.7	29.1	27.6	28.1	
Total	28.5	31.6	29.0	32.5	30.2	31.7	27.6	32.0	29.2	31.3	30.5	30.8	31.7	29.7	
<i>Median age of father (years) —</i>															
Nuptial	31.8	34.2	32.2	34.8	34.2	33.3	33.0	34.9	32.8	37.0	33.7	32.9	33.7	33.4	
All fathers where age is known	31.0	34.2	32.1	34.8	34.1	33.3	33.0	34.7	31.8	36.6	33.3	32.6	33.4	33.4	
Median duration of marriage (years)	4.6	3.5	5.0	5.5	4.9	6.4	5.3	5.2	4.1	3.8	5.2	5.0	4.7	3.5	

See footnotes at end of table

5 BIRTHS REGISTERED IN AUSTRALIA: SUMMARY(a). SELECTED COUNTRIES OF BIRTH OF MOTHER AND FATHER, 1994—continued

	Country of birth of father(d)															
	Australia	China	Former Yugoslav Republics	Greece	Hong Kong	India	Italy	Lebanon	Malaysia	New Zealand	Philip- pines	South Africa	UK & Ireland	USA	Viet Nam	
Total births	182,159	2,260	2,513	1,239	1,201	1,382	2,019	3,582	1,187	6,202	1,175	692	16,463	897	4,140	
Males	93,772	1,144	1,256	658	636	721	1,050	1,901	600	3,115	612	351	8,324	473	2,143	
Females	88,387	1,116	1,257	581	565	661	969	1,681	587	3,087	563	341	8,139	424	1,997	
Sex ratio	106.1	102.5	99.9	113.3	112.6	109.1	108.4	113.1	102.2	100.9	108.7	102.9	102.3	111.6	107.3	
<i>Fathers born in country shown and mother born in —</i>																
Australia —																
Number	159,646	75	976	841	80	312	1,440	756	312	3,527	129	310	10,865	555	77	
Per cent	87.6	3.3	38.8	67.9	6.7	22.6	71.3	21.1	26.3	56.9	11.0	44.8	66.0	61.9	1.9	
Same overseas country —																
Number	—	1,858	1,278	250	803	877	310	2,566	541	1,829	1,012	231	3,793	178	3,651	
Per cent	—	82.2	50.9	20.2	66.9	63.5	15.4	71.6	45.6	29.5	86.1	33.4	23.0	19.8	88.2	
Other overseas countries —																
Number	22,489	327	259	148	318	193	269	259	334	846	34	151	1,805	164	412	
Per cent	12.3	14.5	10.3	11.9	26.5	14.0	13.3	7.2	28.1	13.6	2.9	21.8	11.0	18.3	10.0	
Nuptial births	137,135	2,035	2,294	1,149	1,163	1,321	1,868	3,451	1,109	4,167	1,038	612	13,432	779	3,614	
<i>Paternity acknowledged births —</i>																
Number	45,024	225	219	90	38	61	151	131	78	2,035	137	80	3,031	118	526	
Percentage of total live births	24.7	10.0	8.7	7.3	3.2	4.4	7.5	3.7	6.6	32.8	11.7	11.6	18.4	13.2	12.7	
Population '000(b)	6811.6	46.6	93.0	74.8	42.8	38.5	142.3	42.7	42.6	147.5	31.5	29.0	620.3	29.7	72.5	
Birth rate(c)	26.7	48.5	27.0	16.6	28.1	35.9	14.2	83.9	27.9	42.1	37.3	23.9	26.5	30.2	57.1	
CONFINEMENTS																
Total confinements	179,620	2,245	2,483	1,217	1,184	1,365	1,983	3,530	1,175	6,118	1,168	678	16,209	883	4,104	
First nuptial	54,422	1,230	906	393	603	629	627	1,062	490	1,675	445	247	5,263	343	1,944	
Nuptial	135,072	2,020	2,267	1,130	1,147	1,304	1,835	3,400	1,098	4,105	1,032	601	13,224	768	3,583	
Paternity acknowledged	44,548	225	216	87	37	61	148	130	77	2,013	136	77	2,985	115	521	
<i>Median age of mother (years) —</i>																
Nuptial	29.7	31.7	28.4	30.3	32.3	30.1	31.1	26.9	32.2	30.6	31.2	31.1	30.9	31.7	30.0	
Paternity acknowledged	24.4	32.2	28.7	—	—	—	30.0	25.9	—	26.3	25.2	—	27.7	27.5	28.3	
All where fathers age is known	28.8	31.8	28.4	30.3	32.3	30.1	31.1	26.9	32.1	29.5	30.8	30.8	30.5	31.3	29.8	
<i>Median age of father (years) —</i>																
Nuptial	31.9	33.7	32.0	33.7	34.9	34.0	34.3	32.3	34.8	32.7	33.0	33.9	33.1	33.9	33.3	
Paternity acknowledged	26.9	33.9	32.4	—	—	—	36.5	30.2	—	29.1	26.3	—	30.9	31.6	32.3	
All fathers where age is known	31.0	33.7	32.1	33.8	34.9	33.9	34.4	32.2	34.7	31.7	32.7	33.4	32.8	33.7	33.2	
Median duration of marriage (years)	4.5	3.6	4.8	5.6	5.4	4.7	6.3	4.9	5.4	4.3	4.0	5.3	4.9	5.0	3.6	

(a) See glossary for definitions of the terms used. (b) Estimated male or female resident population by country of birth, 1994 preliminary. (c) Per 1,000 male or female estimated resident population by country of birth, 1994 preliminary. (d) Excludes nuptial, paternity not acknowledged births and confinements.

6 BIRTHS: NUMBER REGISTERED, AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES AND TOTAL FERTILITY RATES, AUSTRALIA AND SELECTED COUNTRIES

Selected countries	Registered births		Age-specific birth rates							Total fertility rates		
	Reference period	Number '000	Reference period	15-19(a)	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49(b)	Reference period	Rate
Australia	1994	258.1	1994	20.7	69.2	126.0	105.1	41.2	6.7	0.3	1994	1.8
Canada	1991	411.9	1990	25.8	83.3	129.5	86.3	28.2	3.9	9.0	1992	1.8
China	1989	23,851.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1992	2.2
Fiji	1992	18.8	1987	60.5	214.7	178.9	100.2	52.4	14.6	1.2	1987	3.1
France	1992	743.7	1991	9.1	73.2	139.4	93.4	37.0	7.4	0.5	1992	1.8
Germany, Former Federal Republic	1993	795.0	1989	11.1	54.2	107.3	78.1	26.7	4.9	0.2	n.a.	n.a.
Germany, Former Democratic Republic	1992	718.7	1989	33.2	140.3	97.4	34.5	10.2	1.4	—	1988	1.4
Hong Kong	1992	70.9	1992	6.3	40.6	91.7	78.9	29.3	4.4	0.3	1992	1.3
Indonesia	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1992	3.1
Italy	1993	537.5	1988	9.6	58.6	97.2	68.6	26.5	5.4	0.3	1992	1.3
Japan	1993	1,188.3	1992	3.9	43.5	128.7	92.6	22.6	2.3	0.1	1992	1.5
Korea, Republic of	1992	712.3	1990	3.8	81.7	166.4	48.8	8.9	1.3	0.3	1992	1.8
Lebanon	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1992	3.1
Malaysia	1992	515.4	1990	18.5	123.9	203.3	170.5	105.8	39.3	4.4	1992	3.7
New Zealand	1993	58.9	1992	33.8	95.3	142.0	108.5	39.9	6.5	0.3	1992	2.1
Papua New Guinea	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1992	4.9
Philippines	1990	1,631.1	1990	35.5	164.8	180.5	137.7	93.5	42.0	8.7	1992	4.0
Singapore	1993	50.2	1993	8.6	52.2	136.5	115.5	46.2	7.5	0.2	1993	1.7
Thailand	1992	964.6	1991	42.9	110.1	101.1	64.6	30.6	12.9	6.8	1992	2.3
United Kingdom	1993	762.0	1992	31.8	85.5	117.7	87.1	33.2	5.5	0.3	1992	1.8
United States of America	1993	4,039.0	1991	63.5	115.7	118.2	79.5	32.0	5.5	0.2	1992	2.1
Viet Nam	1990	1,980.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1992	3.9

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

Source for overseas countries: 1993 United Nations Demographic Yearbook (registered births, age-specific birth rates and available total fertility rates)
The State of the World's Children, 1994 (remainder total fertility rates)

PART B: YEAR OF REGISTRATION

7 BIRTHS: NUMBER REGISTERED, SEX, STATES AND TERRITORIES

<i>Selected years</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Other Territories</i>	<i>Australia</i>
MALES										
1974	44,614	33,910	19,563	10,471	10,297	3,784	1,460	2,177	..	126,295
1979	39,858	29,643	18,150	9,474	10,423	3,438	1,456	2,171	..	114,613
1984	39,885	30,404	20,840	10,276	11,152	3,582	1,629	2,048	..	119,816
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
1994	45,187	32,904	24,148	9,951	12,867	3,497	1,818	2,232	21	132,625
FEMALES										
1974	41,869	32,107	18,207	9,646	9,946	3,657	1,395	2,039	..	118,882
1979	37,611	27,985	17,070	8,939	10,092	3,351	1,392	2,076	..	108,516
1984	38,109	29,081	19,606	9,776	10,473	3,550	1,562	2,061	..	114,218
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
1994	42,790	31,070	22,430	9,458	12,271	3,347	1,808	2,229	23	125,426
PERSONS										
1974	86,483	66,017	37,770	20,117	20,243	7,441	2,855	4,216	..	245,177
1979	77,469	57,628	35,220	18,413	20,515	6,789	2,848	4,247	..	223,129
1984	77,994	59,485	40,446	20,052	21,625	7,132	3,191	4,109	..	234,034
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
1994	87,977	63,974	46,578	19,409	25,138	6,844	3,626	4,461	44	258,051

8 CRUDE BIRTH RATES: STATES AND TERRITORIES

<i>Selected years</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Other Territories</i>	<i>Australia</i>
1974	17.7	17.6	18.8	16.2	18.0	18.3	27.7	22.6	..	17.9
1979	15.2	14.8	15.9	14.2	16.5	16.1	24.9	19.2	..	15.4
1984	14.4	14.6	16.0	14.7	15.5	16.3	22.4	16.8	..	15.0
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
1994	14.5	14.3	14.6	13.2	14.8	14.5	21.2	14.8	n.a.	14.5

9 BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS: AGE GROUP OF MOTHER, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1994

Age group (years)	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other Territories	Australia
MALES										
19 and under	2,169	1,141	1,532	398	817	223	241	81		6,602
20-24	8,756	5,401	5,285	1,787	2,569	811	502	370	2	25,483
25-29	14,886	11,139	7,978	3,357	4,228	1,176	496	726	9	43,995
30-34	13,390	10,614	6,585	3,031	3,680	940	398	731	8	39,377
35-39	5,150	3,941	2,381	1,192	1,355	305	155	267	1	14,747
40 and over	832	615	384	178	214	41	26	39	1	2,330
Not stated	4	53	3	8	4	1	—	18	—	91
Total	45,187	32,904	24,148	9,951	12,867	3,497	1,818	2,232	21	132,625
FEMALES										
19 and under	2,064	1,042	1,475	383	716	231	251	87	2	6,251
20-24	8,203	5,005	4,960	1,667	2,405	784	459	418	2	23,903
25-29	13,840	10,522	7,285	3,189	4,177	1,094	535	726	9	41,377
30-34	12,928	10,036	6,218	2,970	3,550	912	395	678	7	37,694
35-39	4,941	3,805	2,177	1,054	1,227	278	150	258	3	13,893
40 and over	811	612	315	187	196	47	17	37	—	2,222
Not stated	3	48	—	8	—	1	1	25	—	86
Total	42,790	31,070	22,430	9,458	12,271	3,347	1,808	2,229	23	125,426
PERSONS										
19 and under	4,233	2,183	3,007	781	1,533	454	492	168	2	12,853
20-24	16,959	10,406	10,245	3,454	4,974	1,595	961	788	4	49,386
25-29	28,726	21,661	15,263	6,546	8,405	2,270	1,031	1,452	18	85,372
30-34	26,318	20,650	12,803	6,001	7,230	1,852	793	1,409	15	77,071
35-39	10,091	7,746	4,558	2,246	2,582	583	305	525	4	28,640
40 and over	1,643	1,227	699	365	410	88	43	76	1	4,552
Not stated	7	101	3	16	4	2	1	43	—	177
Total births	87,977	63,974	46,578	19,409	25,138	6,844	3,626	4,461	44	258,051
CONFINEMENTS (a)										
19 and under	4,197	2,171	2,988	779	1,520	454	488	168	2	12,767
20-24	16,800	10,305	10,129	3,425	4,933	1,579	950	782	4	48,907
25-29	28,356	21,391	15,073	6,469	8,285	2,252	1,018	1,439	18	84,301
30-34	25,892	20,301	12,605	5,886	7,112	1,824	778	1,391	15	75,804
35-39	9,914	7,603	4,452	2,196	2,538	570	303	517	4	28,097
40 and over	1,619	1,213	691	363	402	87	42	76	1	4,494
Not stated	7	101	3	16	4	2	1	43	—	177
Total confinements	86,785	63,085	45,941	19,134	24,794	6,768	3,580	4,416	44	254,547

(a) Resulting in one or more births.

10 BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS(a): NUPTIALITY AND PLURALITY, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1994

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other Territories	Australia
BIRTHS										
<i>Nuptial</i> ---										
Single	64,542	49,360	31,773	13,824	17,365	4,597	1,540	3,347	36	186,384
Twins	1,818	1,455	898	416	526	128	43	69	1	5,354
Triplets and higher order	69	45	56	21	27	—	—	3	—	221
Total	66,429	50,860	32,727	14,261	17,918	4,725	1,583	3,419	37	191,959
<i>Ex-nuptial</i> ---										
Single	21,054	12,831	13,544	5,038	7,086	2,095	1,992	1,024	7	64,671
Twins	482	283	298	106	134	24	51	18	—	1,396
Triplets and higher order	12	—	9	4	—	—	—	—	—	25
Total	21,548	13,114	13,851	5,148	7,220	2,119	2,043	1,042	7	66,092
Total births	87,977	63,974	46,578	19,409	25,138	6,844	3,626	4,461	44	258,051
CONFINEMENTS (b)										
<i>Nuptial</i> ---										
Single	64,542	49,360	31,773	13,824	17,365	4,597	1,540	3,347	36	186,384
Twins	917	735	452	210	265	64	22	35	1	2,701
Triplets and higher order	24	15	19	7	9	—	—	1	—	75
Total	65,483	50,110	32,244	14,041	17,639	4,661	1,562	3,383	37	189,160
<i>Ex-nuptial</i> ---										
Single	21,054	12,831	13,544	5,038	7,086	2,095	1,992	1,024	7	64,671
Twins	244	144	150	54	69	12	26	9	—	708
Triplets and higher order	4	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	8
Total	21,302	12,975	13,697	5,093	7,155	2,107	2,018	1,033	7	65,387
Total confinements	86,785	63,085	45,941	19,134	24,794	6,768	3,580	4,416	44	254,547

(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.

11 EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS: TOTAL NUMBER AND NUMBER WHERE PATERNITY WAS ACKNOWLEDGED, STATES AND TERRITORIES

Selected years	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other Territories	Australia
EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS										
1974	8,395	4,361	4,940	1,873	2,357	808	465	200	..	23,408
1979	9,079	5,028	5,139	2,101	2,792	937	744	290	..	26,110
1984	11,871	6,519	6,937	2,904	3,489	1,086	1,424	399	..	34,629
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
1994	21,548	13,114	13,851	5,148	7,220	2,119	2,043	1,042	7	66,092
PATERNITY ACKNOWLEDGED EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS(a)										
1979	5,502	2,732	2,700	1,247	1,531	446	479	181	..	14,818
1984	8,477	4,132	4,354	2,042	2,198	675	1,051	271	..	23,200
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
1994	17,777	11,034	11,228	4,328	5,951	1,808	1,347	855	5	54,333

(a) Ex-nuptial births where the fathers particulars have been legally recorded.

12 BIRTHS: STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER AND STATE OR TERRITORY OF REGISTRATION, AUSTRALIA, 1994

<i>State or Territory of usual residence of mother</i>	<i>State or Territory of registration</i>								<i>Australia</i>
	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	
New South Wales	86,500	545	355	47	22	4	3	501	87,977
Victoria	210	63,620	38	86	9	2	2	7	63,974
Queensland	528	33	45,965	13	12	9	9	9	46,578
South Australia	22	29	15	19,284	2	1	55	1	19,409
Western Australia	22	18	20	8	25,031	1	37	1	25,138
Tasmania	12	11	1	2	1	6,816	1	—	6,844
Northern Territory	13	11	37	37	21	3	3,504	—	3,626
Australian Capital Territory	126	15	7	5	3	—	—	4,305	4,461
Other Territories	20	—	—	—	23	—	1	—	44
Australia	87,453	64,282	46,438	19,482	25,124	6,836	3,612	4,824	258,051

13 BIRTHS: NUMBER REGISTERED, YEAR OF OCCURRENCE, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a), 1994

<i>Year of occurrence</i>	<i>State or Territory of registration</i>								<i>Australia</i>
	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.(b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	
Before 1984	428	—	22	77	23	16	1	—	567
1984	42	—	3	6	6	—	—	—	57
1985	37	—	2	4	3	—	1	—	47
1986	42	—	3	4	5	1	—	—	55
1987	55	—	6	7	7	3	1	—	79
1988	119	—	21	11	10	2	1	—	164
1989	256	—	54	7	38	10	—	—	365
1990	225	—	34	5	56	5	—	1	326
1991	277	—	59	11	42	7	—	—	396
1992	463	—	145	22	122	8	1	1	762
1993	8,236	5,010	4,210	1,347	2,232	494	391	388	22,308
1994	77,273	59,272	41,879	17,981	22,580	6,290	3,216	4,434	232,925
Total	87,453	64,282	46,438	19,482	25,124	6,836	3,612	4,824	258,051

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

14 AGE SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES AND TOTAL FERTILITY RATES, AUSTRALIA

Selected years	Age group (years)							Total fertility rate
	15-19(a)	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49(b)	
1974	44.4	146.1	161.3	79.3	29.5	7.3	0.5	2.341
1979	28.5	109.1	142.5	73.9	23.6	4.6	0.3	1.913
1984	23.2	94.3	140.4	81.2	25.0	4.3	0.3	1.844
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	74.8	132.5	104.6	38.4	6.1	0.3	1.894
1993	20.9	71.1	130.0	105.5	39.0	6.3	0.2	1.865
1994	20.7	69.2	126.0	105.1	41.2	6.7	0.3	1.846

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

15 FEMALE GROSS AND NET REPRODUCTION RATES, AUSTRALIA

Selected years	Female net reproduction rate(a)		
	Female gross reproduction rate	Rate	Life table experience on which rate is based
1974	1.137	1.108	1974
1979	0.941	0.911	1979
1984	0.917	0.902	1984
1989	0.899	0.884	1989
1990	0.926	0.911	1990
1991	0.903	0.890	1991
1992	0.922	0.909	1992
1993	0.908	0.896	1993
1994	0.897	0.882	1994

(a) Net reproduction rates are based on Annual Life Tables calculated by the Australian Statistician.

16 CONFINEMENTS: MEDIAN AGES OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA

Selected years	Median age (years)				
	Fathers of nuptial children of current marriage	Mothers of			Total mothers
		First nuptial children of current marriage	All nuptial children of current marriage	Ex-nuptial children	
1974	28.4	23.9	26.0	21.1	25.7
1979	29.5	25.1	26.9	21.6	26.5
1984	30.2	26.0	27.6	22.8	27.1
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	32.1	28.3	29.7	24.5	28.9
1994	32.3	28.5	29.9	24.6	29.0

17 CONFINEMENTS: AGE OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1994

Age of father (years)	Age of mother (years)																					
	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	1																					
18	1	1	2	13	16	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
19	2	8	15	63	24	16	11	5	4	2	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
20	3	6	39	104	93	78	51	25	16	9	9	31	18	9	4	4	5	1	1	3	2	
21	1	3	6	49	121	186	229	142	97	49	32	64	43	28	23	10	11	5	7	7	3	
22	2	6	48	121	268	363	392	613	627	377	204	142	77	62	55	24	24	18	11	10	10	
23	2	5	31	122	243	423	613	626	863	926	548	322	179	119	103	61	35	17	23	7	7	
24	2	5	26	97	225	414	628	628	988	1,133	1,098	673	372	237	149	116	98	42	31	27	27	
25	1	5	18	85	171	357	628	628	988	1,133	1,098	673	372	237	149	116	98	42	31	27	27	
26	1	5	25	81	150	267	508	508	851	1,141	1,440	1,428	736	471	327	219	129	106	65	32	32	
27	4	4	12	50	104	207	397	397	751	1,114	1,509	1,808	1,535	938	525	372	216	149	105	65	65	
28	—	—	—	10	60	106	198	364	549	920	1,424	1,673	1,939	1,805	1,051	594	373	254	180	108	108	
29	—	—	—	9	44	84	120	270	477	777	1,094	1,506	1,959	2,150	1,940	1,147	613	399	258	183	183	
30	—	—	1	7	22	77	126	241	384	558	929	1,287	1,749	2,222	2,327	2,063	1,198	641	407	274	274	
31	—	—	—	4	18	51	91	169	258	447	672	973	1,329	1,768	2,238	2,281	1,996	1,071	680	361	361	
32	—	—	—	5	12	34	66	140	220	362	517	750	1,135	1,418	1,808	2,178	2,176	1,889	986	524	524	
33	—	—	1	2	14	25	58	90	188	265	406	557	803	1,034	1,402	1,708	2,009	2,000	1,542	805	805	
34	—	—	—	2	8	24	46	75	110	187	268	395	569	750	1,007	1,331	1,562	1,615	1,574	1,152	1,152	
35	—	—	—	1	6	13	32	66	82	128	187	298	383	543	784	958	1,166	1,358	1,418	1,278	1,278	
36	—	—	—	3	6	12	23	41	50	105	154	206	265	386	544	700	924	1,004	1,157	1,110	1,110	
37	—	—	—	1	4	9	12	24	48	69	104	159	234	277	396	507	654	829	866	965	965	
38	—	—	—	1	2	7	20	24	27	69	69	108	150	207	281	385	448	566	655	713	713	
39	—	—	—	—	1	4	6	16	26	38	56	82	99	144	248	269	343	408	450	534	534	
40	—	—	—	—	3	3	9	13	16	31	51	62	83	109	152	210	222	308	349	376	376	
41	—	—	—	1	1	1	6	10	13	29	29	58	61	61	108	151	202	196	270	253	253	
42	—	—	—	—	2	1	5	11	6	14	31	33	48	61	92	99	149	158	184	212	212	
43	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	5	8	17	23	28	28	40	94	84	96	117	143	149	149	
44	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	3	7	18	18	23	28	41	42	74	81	98	104	129	129	
45	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	6	7	5	14	19	27	28	32	47	57	62	64	77	77	
46	—	—	—	—	1	2	3	3	5	11	10	18	20	15	27	30	45	48	63	79	79	
47	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	4	5	10	10	19	16	24	21	34	36	44	44	69	69	
48	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	3	3	4	5	11	9	21	29	23	27	38	43	43	
49	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	5	5	4	5	10	13	25	20	21	30	21	21	
50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	4	3	8	10	13	17	18	19	22	18	18	
51	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	6	3	1	8	18	7	9	8	14	14	14	
52	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	5	2	4	3	5	6	13	15	8	14	14	
53	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	2	2	1	3	3	11	11	10	7	12	12	
54	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	1	5	4	6	5	2	10	8	8	
55-59	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	5	3	9	8	12	15	13	19	17	23	22	22	
60 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	1	3	2	6	8	9	12	12	12	12	2	2
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	3	2	—	2	1	3	2	—	1	1	1	1
Nuptial confinements	2	19	54	325	1,069	1,927	3,202	4,960	6,964	8,989	11,035	12,766	13,934	15,019	15,883	15,784	15,002	13,535	11,805	9,653	9,653	
Ex-nuptial confinements	491	1,072	2,225	3,174	4,336	4,670	4,832	4,800	4,536	4,027	3,700	3,342	3,110	2,899	2,613	2,408	2,264	2,049	1,791	1,513	1,513	
Total confinements	493	1,091	2,279	3,499	5,405	6,597	8,034	9,760	11,500	13,016	14,735	16,108	17,044	17,918	18,496	18,192	17,266	15,584	13,596	11,166	11,166	

17 CONFINEMENTS: AGE OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1994—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																			3
18	1																		44
19																			164
20	1			1															443
21				1	1														994
22	2	2	2	2															1,862
23	6	5	11	3														3	3,088
24	11	6	16	6	8	1		1	2										4,633
25	17	16	6	5	8		1	1	1	1									6,285
26	28	15	12	9	6	6	4	4	1	1								3	8,064
27	50	21	21	10	13	6	4	1	1									4	9,993
28	66	46	20	20	8	5	4	1											11,778
29	103	60	47	27	10	8	6	3	3	1								5	13,303
30	164	105	74	44	33	14	13	6	2	1	1							1	14,971
31	254	145	86	69	40	18	17	6	3	3		1						3	15,052
32	331	206	113	73	49	24	8	9	5	2	1		1					1	15,044
33	447	261	182	86	64	36	22	12	5	2		1						2	14,030
34	652	344	203	106	65	35	18	15	6	5	1	1						2	12,129
35	965	510	297	146	83	41	24	13	3	1	2							1	10,787
36	943	695	361	198	128	60	28	28	5	3								2	9,141
37	818	719	496	264	152	67	39	21	7	3	4	1						2	7,749
38	665	646	567	353	171	96	44	33	11	4		1						2	6,325
39	513	530	470	370	224	120	52	22	9	7	3	2						1	5,047
40	370	396	388	282	242	156	50	30	8	5		1							3,927
41	277	277	273	240	205	143	82	51	22	4	2							1	3,027
42	218	225	229	210	197	162	87	44	26	8	3		1						2,516
43	174	197	178	131	129	96	89	48	27	8	3							1	1,919
44	130	139	113	137	125	78	65	44	27	10	4	2						2	1,548
45	96	93	80	91	90	76	50	44	26	13	12	2							1,121
46	68	62	80	83	69	59	40	34	14	12	2	2	1						908
47	62	46	51	52	47	41	41	28	19	8	6	2							746
48	43	36	39	32	41	38	11	15	11	11	6	5	1						514
49	29	36	24	28	37	23	17	18	15	6	6	3	1	1					409
50	30	17	21	27	24	24	15	11	6	3	5	2	2						329
51	15	18	12	14	21	18	11	4	2	2	1	1	2						217
52	23	19	16	20	9	10	10	11	3	1	2								206
53	13	14	13	6	9	9	8	5	4	3		1							160
54	7	10	9	6	9	13	4	5	4	2	1	2							125
55-59	19	25	20	27	19	23	16	11	13	4	1	2						1	333
60 and over	15	16	12	12	14	10	6	2	6	1	2								172
Not stated	2	1	4															22	54
Nuptial confinements	7,628	5,959	4,532	3,185	2,342	1,516	884	577	296	135	67	35	11	2	4	4	56		189,160
Ex-nuptial confinements	1,313	1,074	863	666	535	395	265	150	90	34	16	3	6	4			121		65,387
Total confinements	8,941	7,033	5,395	3,851	2,877	1,911	1,149	727	386	169	83	38	17	6	4	4	177		254,547

18 CONFINEMENTS: NUPTIAL AND EX-NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, BY AGE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA

Age of mother (years)	Nuptial (Selected years)					Ex-nuptial (Selected years)						
	1979	1984	1989	1992	1993	1994	1979	1984	1989	1992	1993	1994
15 and under	56	6	5	—	1	2	587	495	477	400	420	491
16	303	140	71	23	20	19	1,330	1,126	1,141	1,087	1,031	1,072
17	1,181	516	334	168	95	54	2,233	2,162	2,349	2,299	2,277	2,225
18	2,560	1,445	899	602	427	325	2,676	2,789	3,361	3,515	3,331	3,174
19	4,698	2,886	1,784	1,412	1,166	1,069	2,578	2,957	3,732	4,571	4,322	4,336
20	7,113	4,935	3,098	2,637	2,289	1,927	2,285	2,888	3,951	5,045	4,894	4,670
21	9,589	7,346	4,572	4,104	3,563	3,202	2,007	2,746	3,683	4,910	4,911	4,832
22	11,631	10,017	6,581	5,783	5,449	4,960	1,698	2,510	3,557	4,350	4,755	4,800
23	13,681	12,680	8,690	7,882	7,171	6,964	1,483	2,294	3,290	4,138	4,193	4,536
24	15,342	14,785	11,084	9,690	9,147	8,989	1,286	2,039	2,891	3,783	3,855	4,027
25	16,644	16,283	13,975	11,765	11,226	11,035	1,163	1,759	2,814	3,325	3,594	3,700
26	17,090	17,300	16,079	13,771	13,222	12,766	1,042	1,552	2,729	3,122	3,322	3,342
27	16,288	17,222	17,272	15,492	14,509	13,934	856	1,435	2,433	2,973	2,978	3,110
28	15,232	16,057	17,799	16,971	15,899	15,019	817	1,319	2,159	2,714	2,868	2,899
29	13,553	14,776	17,178	17,304	16,697	15,883	704	1,094	2,025	2,590	2,734	2,613
30	11,390	12,856	15,319	16,529	16,593	15,784	601	987	1,777	2,314	2,457	2,408
31	9,586	11,178	13,503	15,399	15,126	15,002	480	795	1,477	2,078	2,234	2,264
32	8,179	9,065	11,479	13,247	13,761	13,535	451	1,319	1,306	1,793	1,976	2,049
33	5,360	7,320	9,490	11,103	11,258	11,805	319	568	1,162	1,629	1,707	1,791
34	4,344	5,685	7,565	9,103	9,278	9,653	303	502	944	1,287	1,393	1,513
35	3,340	4,372	5,862	7,221	7,258	7,628	241	402	810	1,141	1,193	1,313
36	2,346	3,438	4,661	5,473	5,663	5,959	183	320	667	976	995	1,074
37	1,719	2,501	3,259	4,047	4,068	4,532	143	249	534	761	759	863
38	1,197	1,584	2,441	2,918	3,143	3,185	109	209	421	552	593	666
39	974	1,105	1,720	1,988	2,097	2,342	109	147	284	456	483	535
40	643	726	1,058	1,405	1,470	1,516	56	96	199	316	311	395
41	409	430	695	839	827	884	48	56	134	200	208	265
42	259	317	418	498	512	577	33	38	93	105	151	150
43	169	164	193	276	292	296	17	20	36	72	82	90
44	103	84	121	159	134	135	13	10	16	23	47	34
45	47	38	47	85	57	67	13	9	12	17	13	16
46	29	27	15	32	31	35	4	3	4	3	8	3
47	13	7	10	17	14	11	2	3	1	4	5	6
48	3	5	2	7	6	2	2	—	—	2	2	4
49	3	2	2	4	1	4	1	—	—	—	—	—
50 and over	2	4	—	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not stated	8	4	21	44	48	56	11	22	52	116	81	121
Total	195,084	197,306	197,302	198,002	192,518	189,160	25,884	34,337	50,321	62,667	64,185	65,387

19 CONFINEMENTS: AGE AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1994

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	11,539	40,619	64,968	54,746	18,637	2,765	68	193,342
Fiji	17	230	301	279	111	18	—	956
New Zealand	355	1,228	2,000	1,917	832	133	—	6,465
Papua New Guinea	25	143	240	193	55	9	—	665
Other	24	189	429	312	165	40	—	1,159
<i>Total</i>	<i>11,960</i>	<i>42,409</i>	<i>67,938</i>	<i>57,447</i>	<i>19,800</i>	<i>2,965</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>202,587</i>
EUROPE AND FORMER USSR—								
Austria	—	21	33	36	21	5	—	116
Czechoslovakia	7	11	46	32	19	2	—	117
Cyprus	1	36	125	106	39	9	—	316
Denmark	6	17	66	61	15	5	—	170
Former USSR & Baltic States	9	57	95	76	24	8	—	269
Former Yugoslav Republics	24	311	790	562	211	47	3	1,948
France	1	25	92	89	32	10	—	249
Germany	11	67	253	284	136	30	1	782
Greece	3	49	206	242	103	24	3	630
Hungary	4	9	36	29	24	16	—	118
Ireland	5	30	169	302	139	15	—	660
Italy	7	43	337	495	201	41	—	1,124
Malta	1	32	82	130	72	28	—	345
Netherlands	5	34	123	157	117	28	1	465
Poland	7	60	115	160	113	24	1	480
Portugal	6	26	87	76	33	8	—	236
Romania	8	44	67	39	15	4	—	177
Spain	2	32	53	74	34	3	—	198
Switzerland	—	7	48	56	25	3	—	139
United Kingdom	164	1,240	4,614	5,482	2,143	359	6	14,008
Other	5	31	141	141	74	11	1	404
<i>Total</i>	<i>276</i>	<i>2,182</i>	<i>7,578</i>	<i>8,629</i>	<i>3,590</i>	<i>680</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>22,951</i>
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA—								
Egypt	2	48	167	173	85	18	—	493
Iran	1	19	85	96	43	4	—	248
Israel	1	13	37	32	17	3	—	103
Lebanon	131	851	1,008	688	287	55	3	3,023
Syria	9	67	115	72	42	6	—	311
Turkey	36	336	360	172	45	11	4	964
Other	10	99	176	166	73	8	1	533
<i>Total</i>	<i>190</i>	<i>1,433</i>	<i>1,948</i>	<i>1,399</i>	<i>592</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>5,675</i>
SOUTHEAST ASIA—								
Cambodia	20	165	226	158	90	22	6	687
Indonesia	7	93	259	268	104	22	—	753
Laos	9	62	79	68	30	9	—	257
Malaysia	10	93	331	520	286	57	—	1,297
Philippines	47	311	746	939	554	115	1	2,713
Singapore	3	74	101	180	87	18	—	463
Thailand	15	68	123	121	67	9	—	403
Viet Nam	104	830	1,291	1,211	704	163	14	4,317
Other	2	9	50	70	49	8	—	188
<i>Total</i>	<i>217</i>	<i>1,705</i>	<i>3,206</i>	<i>3,535</i>	<i>1,971</i>	<i>423</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>11,078</i>
NORTHEAST ASIA—								
China	3	137	710	1,207	512	73	—	2,642
Hong Kong	8	30	227	588	243	30	—	1,126
Japan	—	19	124	167	67	17	—	394
Korea	2	26	187	153	53	4	—	425
Other	3	14	53	90	49	7	—	216
<i>Total</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>226</i>	<i>1,301</i>	<i>2,205</i>	<i>924</i>	<i>131</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>4,803</i>

19 CONFINEMENTS: AGE AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA, 1994—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	5	153	463	460	174	27	—	1,282
Pakistan	4	38	53	59	15	1	—	170
Sri Lanka	4	57	239	325	172	21	1	819
Other	5	83	107	75	25	5	1	301
<i>Total</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>331</i>	<i>862</i>	<i>919</i>	<i>386</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2,572</i>
THE AMERICAS—								
Argentina	3	34	64	52	32	7	—	192
Canada	5	55	138	205	100	9	1	513
Caribbean	—	4	11	26	16	4	—	61
Central America	17	45	65	71	37	7	—	242
Chile	13	94	165	135	59	3	—	469
United States of America	12	98	235	352	196	45	—	938
Uruguay	1	39	75	46	14	6	—	181
Other	4	27	91	111	65	14	—	312
<i>Total</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>396</i>	<i>844</i>	<i>998</i>	<i>519</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2,908</i>
AFRICA (Excluding North Africa)—								
Kenya	—	4	30	51	25	3	—	113
Mauritius	3	20	132	122	63	10	1	351
South Africa	16	99	210	237	130	15	—	707
Zimbabwe	1	21	50	73	26	2	—	173
Other	9	61	181	177	65	9	3	505
<i>Total</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>205</i>	<i>603</i>	<i>660</i>	<i>309</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1,849</i>
Other and not stated	6	20	21	12	6	2	57	124
Total	12,767	48,907	84,301	75,804	28,097	4,494	177	254,547

20 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: PREVIOUS BIRTHS TO MOTHER IN THE CURRENT MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA

Selected years	Previous births of the current marriage						Not stated	Total
	0	1	2	3	4	5 and over		
1974	86,248	75,996	34,810	13,362	4,784	4,408	21	219,629
1979	77,032	67,250	34,387	11,100	3,124	2,190	1	195,084
1984	79,295	69,312	33,027	10,802	3,013	1,825	32	197,306
1989	81,357	67,459	33,066	10,856	2,874	1,687	3	197,302
1990	84,228	68,301	34,026	11,179	3,089	1,761	1	202,585
1991	81,179	67,055	32,231	10,300	2,811	1,680	2	195,258
1992	80,821	69,467	32,644	10,522	2,843	1,702	3	198,002
1993	77,718	68,389	31,801	10,145	2,731	1,733	1	192,518
1994	77,166	67,123	31,118	9,598	2,500	1,655	—	189,160

21 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: BIRTHPLACE OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1994

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	117,212	—	17,847	135,072	117,212	—	20,627	137,861
Fiji	136	515	80	731	184	515	119	818
New Zealand	2,229	1,228	648	4,105	2,150	1,228	682	4,061
Papua New Guinea	324	45	75	444	336	45	97	478
Other	171	606	180	957	124	606	146	876
<i>Total</i>	<i>120,072</i>	<i>2,394</i>	<i>18,830</i>	<i>141,309</i>	<i>120,006</i>	<i>2,394</i>	<i>21,671</i>	<i>144,094</i>
EUROPE AND FORMER USSR—								
Austria	82	10	36	128	59	10	25	94
Czechoslovakia	45	44	31	120	30	44	19	93
Cyprus	142	157	46	345	84	157	65	306
Denmark	41	18	27	86	76	18	31	125
Former USSR & Baltic States	25	173	19	217	36	173	41	250
Former Yugoslav Republics	827	1,224	216	2,267	423	1,224	126	1,773
France	144	26	61	231	94	26	68	188
Germany	445	81	185	711	364	81	171	616
Greece	759	242	129	1,130	284	242	68	595
Hungary	46	50	29	125	23	50	27	100
Ireland	264	239	165	668	225	239	128	592
Italy	1,305	300	230	1,835	602	300	167	1,070
Malta	271	92	78	441	170	92	48	310
Netherlands	417	52	138	607	266	52	75	393
Poland	92	303	62	457	70	303	50	423
Portugal	71	131	45	247	46	131	38	215
Romania	26	146	40	212	7	146	12	165
Spain	84	31	52	167	98	31	43	172
Switzerland	80	33	37	150	66	33	22	121
United Kingdom	8,180	2,883	1,493	12,556	7,169	2,883	1,182	11,236
Other	147	69	80	296	177	69	64	310
<i>Total</i>	<i>13,493</i>	<i>6,304</i>	<i>3,199</i>	<i>22,996</i>	<i>10,369</i>	<i>6,304</i>	<i>2,470</i>	<i>19,147</i>
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA—								
Egypt	153	384	113	650	54	384	45	483
Iran	29	206	59	294	15	206	22	243
Israel	70	41	67	178	24	41	34	99
Lebanon	694	2,469	237	3,400	219	2,469	251	2,939
Syria	30	147	122	299	9	147	149	305
Turkey	156	817	81	1,054	56	817	59	932
Other	118	307	235	660	58	307	152	518
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,250</i>	<i>4,371</i>	<i>914</i>	<i>6,535</i>	<i>435</i>	<i>4,371</i>	<i>712</i>	<i>5,519</i>
SOUTHEAST ASIA—								
Cambodia	4	407	97	508	15	407	132	554
Indonesia	122	437	114	673	110	437	146	693
Laos	6	134	41	181	6	134	47	187
Malaysia	260	532	306	1,098	354	532	315	1,201
Philippines	87	922	23	1,032	957	922	488	2,369
Singapore	113	110	104	327	140	110	159	409
Thailand	17	62	29	108	163	62	102	327
Viet Nam	27	3,189	367	3,583	53	3,189	231	3,474
Other	43	59	44	146	53	59	57	169
<i>Total</i>	<i>679</i>	<i>5,852</i>	<i>1,125</i>	<i>7,656</i>	<i>1,851</i>	<i>5,852</i>	<i>1,677</i>	<i>9,383</i>
NORTHEAST ASIA—								
China	69	1,654	297	2,020	151	1,654	555	2,360
Hong Kong	74	776	297	1,147	89	776	214	1,079
Japan	37	168	20	225	128	168	79	375
Korea	8	365	22	395	24	365	28	417
Other	4	120	44	168	16	120	66	202
<i>Total</i>	<i>192</i>	<i>3,083</i>	<i>680</i>	<i>3,955</i>	<i>408</i>	<i>3,083</i>	<i>942</i>	<i>4,433</i>

21 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: BIRTHPLACE OF PARENTS, AUSTRALIA, 1994—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	268	860	176	1,304	179	860	188	1,228
Pakistan	37	123	52	212	18	123	27	168
Sri Lanka	112	666	76	854	75	666	54	795
Other	16	279	29	324	9	279	5	293
<i>Total</i>	<i>433</i>	<i>1,928</i>	<i>333</i>	<i>2,694</i>	<i>281</i>	<i>1,928</i>	<i>274</i>	<i>2,484</i>
THE AMERICAS—								
Argentina	77	63	42	182	51	63	51	165
Canada	239	50	71	360	316	50	82	448
Caribbean	33	6	23	62	36	6	13	55
Central America	18	132	37	187	23	132	34	189
Chile	102	213	70	385	80	213	95	388
United States of America	453	175	140	768	507	175	149	831
Uruguay	50	45	38	133	55	45	52	152
Other	57	91	65	213	88	91	88	267
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,029</i>	<i>775</i>	<i>486</i>	<i>2,290</i>	<i>1,156</i>	<i>775</i>	<i>564</i>	<i>2,495</i>
AFRICA (Excluding North Africa)—								
Kenya	63	5	43	111	47	5	45	97
Mauritius	115	151	43	309	88	151	74	313
South Africa	252	222	127	601	225	222	160	607
Zimbabwe	81	32	56	169	70	32	48	150
Other	178	152	171	501	121	152	150	423
<i>Total</i>	<i>689</i>	<i>562</i>	<i>440</i>	<i>1,691</i>	<i>551</i>	<i>562</i>	<i>477</i>	<i>1,590</i>
Other and not stated	23	—	11	34	14	—	1	15
Total	137,860	25,269	26,018	189,160	135,071	25,269	28,788	189,160

(a) Includes not stated.

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	3	1.5
16	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	19	1.0
17	48	6	—	—	—	—	—	54	60	1.1
18	276	47	2	—	—	—	—	325	380	1.2
19	789	255	25	—	—	—	—	1,069	1,382	1.3
20	1,313	530	83	1	—	—	—	1,927	2,646	1.4
21	2,021	978	185	16	2	—	—	3,202	4,631	1.4
22	2,966	1,568	369	49	7	1	—	4,960	7,505	1.5
23	4,059	2,179	604	107	13	2	—	6,964	10,810	1.6
24	4,992	2,858	926	178	24	11	—	8,989	14,491	1.6
25	5,907	3,653	1,186	244	37	8	—	11,035	18,106	1.6
26	6,508	4,364	1,479	337	66	12	—	12,766	21,579	1.7
27	6,657	4,989	1,734	440	87	27	—	13,934	24,379	1.7
28	6,572	5,544	2,171	539	136	57	—	15,019	27,589	1.8
29	6,499	5,979	2,547	682	135	41	—	15,883	29,999	1.9
30	5,933	6,062	2,806	736	172	75	—	15,784	31,005	2.0
31	5,091	5,720	2,985	888	212	106	—	15,002	31,013	2.1
32	4,157	5,263	2,881	897	208	129	—	13,535	29,001	2.1
33	3,424	4,448	2,627	945	230	131	—	11,805	26,210	2.2
34	2,661	3,428	2,377	844	213	130	—	9,653	22,118	2.3
35	2,064	2,729	1,829	702	174	130	—	7,628	17,703	2.3
36	1,545	2,048	1,425	576	199	166	—	5,959	14,467	2.4
37	1,167	1,537	1,085	461	155	127	—	4,532	11,103	2.4
38	798	1,080	707	322	146	132	—	3,185	8,075	2.5
39	674	765	468	235	96	104	—	2,342	5,809	2.5
40	425	468	266	192	74	91	—	1,516	3,993	2.6
41	230	294	160	97	42	61	—	884	2,336	2.6
42	187	170	95	49	32	44	—	577	1,494	2.6
43	83	83	47	31	19	33	—	296	865	2.9
44	42	29	20	14	11	19	—	135	410	3.0
45	20	17	9	7	4	10	—	67	220	3.3
46	10	8	7	3	2	5	—	35	111	3.2
47	2	1	4	1	2	1	—	11	37	3.4
48	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	2	10	5.0
49	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	4	8	2.0
50 and over	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	10	2.5
Not stated	22	20	7	5	2	—	—	56	113	2.0
Total	77,166	67,123	31,118	9,598	2,500	1,655	—	189,160	369,690	2.0

(a) Excludes previous births not stated.

23 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA

Selected years	Duration of current marriage (years)												Not stated	Total
	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10-14	15 and over		
1974	24,238	24,339	29,524	30,133	26,487	21,332	15,902	11,769	9,009	6,531	14,546	14,546	562	219,629
1979	18,355	19,484	21,716	22,117	22,156	21,162	17,418	14,431	10,976	8,098	15,417	15,417	521	195,084
1984	18,797	22,000	23,200	23,022	20,551	17,373	14,848	12,951	10,922	9,225	20,597	20,597	26	197,306
1989	19,534	22,338	22,282	22,185	21,186	18,537	15,891	13,068	10,582	7,887	19,074	19,074	42	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	19,484	34	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	18,633	28	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	18,861	61	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	18,647	1	192,518
1994	16,658	22,211	21,932	21,763	20,252	17,935	15,207	12,424	9,928	7,994	18,278	18,278	—	189,160

24 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE AND PREVIOUS BIRTHS TO MOTHER IN THE CURRENT MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1994

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	13,740	2,347	451	81	32	7	—	16,658	20,556	1.2
1	17,794	3,709	564	114	18	12	—	22,211	27,777	1.3
2	13,402	7,403	948	155	16	8	—	21,932	32,088	1.5
3	9,753	10,182	1,604	174	39	11	—	21,763	36,204	1.7
4	7,127	10,138	2,578	354	40	15	—	20,252	37,148	1.8
5	5,022	8,815	3,467	535	76	20	—	17,935	35,971	2.0
6	3,351	7,101	3,844	795	93	23	—	15,207	33,110	2.2
7	2,237	5,279	3,793	940	138	37	—	12,424	29,067	2.3
8	1,515	3,764	3,344	1,040	207	58	—	9,928	24,812	2.5
9	983	2,775	2,845	1,067	252	72	—	7,994	21,178	2.6
10-14	1,904	4,900	6,467	3,346	1,008	653	—	18,278	54,154	3.0
15 and over	338	710	1,213	997	581	739	—	4,578	17,625	3.8
Total	77,166	67,123	31,118	9,598	2,500	1,655	—	189,160	369,690	2.0

(a) Excludes previous births not stated.

25 NUPTIAL FIRST CONFINEMENTS: DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA

Selected years	Duration of current marriage (years)								Total	Median duration (years)
	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5-9	10 and over	Not stated		
1974	23,411	19,811	16,244	11,427	6,904	7,641	655	155	86,248	2.0
1979	17,091	15,988	12,817	9,924	7,790	12,356	905	153	77,024	2.4
1984	16,959	18,102	13,488	9,852	6,789	12,320	1,785	11	79,295	2.3
1989	17,747	18,209	13,256	9,713	7,355	12,982	2,077	18	81,357	2.4
1990	18,085	19,232	13,904	10,097	7,296	13,375	2,229	10	84,228	2.3
1991	17,190	18,602	13,488	9,771	6,800	13,167	2,154	7	81,179	2.4
1992	16,175	18,406	13,459	9,959	7,261	13,314	2,205	42	80,821	2.4
1993	15,234	17,613	12,946	9,897	7,043	12,867	2,090	1	77,718	2.5
1994	13,740	17,794	13,402	9,753	7,127	13,108	2,242	—	77,166	2.5

26 NUPTIAL FIRST CONFINEMENTS: AGE OF MOTHER, AUSTRALIA

Selected years	Age of mother (years)						Total	Median age	
	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over			Not stated
1974	13,380	39,475	25,815	5,758	1,475	340	5	86,248	23.9
1979	6,985	31,001	28,039	8,722	1,986	290	1	77,024	25.1
1984	3,979	28,146	32,000	11,844	2,928	398	1	79,295	26.0
1989	2,528	20,492	36,274	16,758	4,567	730	8	81,357	27.3
1990	2,418	20,158	37,181	18,646	5,023	795	7	84,228	27.6
1991	2,097	19,005	34,827	19,076	5,334	834	6	81,179	27.8
1992	1,765	17,927	34,377	20,057	5,749	919	27	80,821	28.0
1993	1,343	16,207	32,850	20,574	5,772	956	1	77,718	28.3
1994	1,133	15,351	32,143	21,266	6,248	1,003	22	77,166	28.5

27 NUPTIAL FIRST CONFINEMENTS: AGE OF MOTHER AND DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1994

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	550	2,364	1,814	1,197	518	125	—	6,568
7 months	47	380	358	242	113	12	—	1,152
8 months	45	335	390	282	90	19	—	1,161
9 months	53	456	550	380	127	22	1	1,589
10 months	79	547	617	426	165	23	—	1,857
11 months	40	438	512	290	116	16	1	1,413
Total under 1 year	814	4,520	4,241	2,817	1,129	217	2	13,740
1 year	272	5,313	6,679	4,075	1,279	173	3	17,794
2 years	34	3,092	6,119	3,126	854	171	6	13,402
3 years	12	1,533	5,089	2,459	573	82	5	9,753
4 years	1	632	4,000	1,996	432	66	—	7,127
5-9 years	—	258	5,935	5,604	1,161	144	6	13,108
10-14 years	—	3	78	1,154	609	60	—	1,904
15 years and over	—	—	2	35	211	90	—	338
Total	1,133	15,351	32,143	21,266	6,248	1,003	22	77,166

PART D: BIRTH ORDER — SPECIAL FEATURE

INTRODUCTION

For the first time birth order details registered in Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory have been included in this publication. Details for other States and the Northern Territory are either not available or not considered to be of a publishable standard.

Precise measures of fertility are required for health policy and planning, and as input to population projections for population policy and planning. Age-specific fertility rates for first order births have been used as the starting point for the calculation of total fertility rates for future years. Information on family structure is important for family studies.

Birth interval information based on all previous issue of mother provides important risk factor indicators in health planning. Fertility patterns can differ widely between unmarried women, women in first marriages and women who have remarried. These are significant groups and require separate consideration for the study of fertility trends. Ex-nuptial births constituted 26% of all births in 1994, while 19% of all marriages in 1994 involved women of child-bearing age who had been previously married (67% of these women also had children from previous marriages). These trends mean that data collected on fertility have become increasingly distorted due to a lack of information about *all* previous issue.

DATA QUALITY

In 1995, an ABS study of the quality of birth order data in all States and Territories was conducted. The study found that birth interval data in relation to previous issue are only available for issue of current relationships/marriages. Date of birth (required for the calculation of birth interval) is not available for all previous issue in any State or Territory.

Some data are available in all States and Territories on the number of previous issue of the mother from all relationships. The quality of these data has improved substantially since 1992 due to improvements in both collection and processing, although satisfactory data are not yet available for half of the States/Territories. There are two areas of particular concern:

- the number of previous issue from current relationships, where the birth being registered is ex-nuptial but paternity is not acknowledged (or the father's details are not recorded); and,
- the number of previous issue from other relationships.

The number of previous issue from current relationships was a problem in relation to the Northern Territory, which has by far the largest proportion of ex-nuptial births where paternity is not acknowledged. Previous issue of the current relationship is not collected in relation to 42% of indigenous births registered in the Northern Territory. There was also a problem in Tasmania, because respondents are asked only about children of the current marriage. The problem relating to other relationships was greatest for New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and the Northern Territory (where relevant questions are not asked).

Of the two States and one Territory which ask for number of previous issue of both the current and other relationships on birth information forms (South Australia, Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory), data for Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory for reference years 1993 and 1994 were considered to be of reasonable quality. (Data for South Australia are not available due to processing problems.)

PROPORTION OF MOTHERS WITH PREVIOUS ISSUE¹, WA AND ACT

	1991		1993		1994	
	Midwives data ²		Registration data ¹		Registration data ¹	
	WA	ACT	WA	ACT	WA	ACT
<i>Previous issue</i>	%	%	%	%	%	%
0	40.0	39.0	44.0	45.0	41.5	42.5
1	32.0	36.0	31.0	33.0	32.4	35.4
2	18.0	17.0	16.0	15.0	16.4	15.2
3 or more	11.0	9.0	9.0	7.0	9.6	6.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Includes all previous issue of the mother — current marriage/relationship and other relationships.

² Includes stillbirths.

³ Excludes stillbirths.

In 1993 and 1994 (after improvements to processing and form design), the proportion of mothers with previous issue in Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory was comparable to previous issue data collected by midwives in 1991 (the latest available data). Note that the number of previous issue as collected in the midwives collection is overstated as stillbirths are also included as previous issue.

Further, comparison of Western Australian data with data collected in the 1992 Family Survey showed similar results for married mothers. However, for unmarried mothers, the proportion of previous issue recorded on registration forms appeared to be below those recorded in the Family Survey.

Number of previous issue

In about 40% of confinements in Western Australia in 1994, there were no previous children. There was one previous child in 32% of cases, and two previous children in 16% of cases. Similar proportions were recorded for the Australian Capital Territory.

Average issue and age of mother

The average issue of mothers giving birth in 1994 in Western Australia was 2.0 children. This increased according to the age group of mothers, from 1.2 children for mothers aged 19 years and under, to 3.1 children for mothers aged 45 years and over. In the Australian Capital Territory, the average issue was slightly lower in all age groups, with an average for all mothers of 1.9. Age-specific birth rates were much lower for nuptial first births than all first births in all age groups, particularly younger age groups where mothers are less likely to be married. The total fertility rate for nuptial first births was 0.5 in both Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory, while the rate for all first births was 0.7.

31 CONFINEMENTS: AGE GROUP AND PREVIOUS BIRTHS OF MOTHER(a), REGISTERED IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Age group of mother (years)	Previous births						Not stated	Total confinements (b)	Total confinements (c)	Total births (c)	Average issue (c)
	0	1	2	3	4	5 and over					
WESTERN AUSTRALIA											
19 and under	951	152	31	3	—	—	385	1,522	1,137	1,360	1.2
20-24	2,543	1,360	458	109	24	10	431	4,935	4,504	7,254	1.6
25-29	3,585	2,731	1,202	386	119	52	204	8,279	8,075	15,136	1.9
30-34	2,066	2,505	1,484	585	194	129	138	7,101	6,963	15,704	2.3
35-39	542	797	587	313	116	109	73	2,537	2,464	6,472	2.6
40-44	84	82	95	54	27	31	13	386	373	1,109	3.0
45 and over	3	2	5	1	1	2	1	15	14	44	3.1
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—
Total	9,774	7,629	3,862	1,451	481	333	1,248	24,778	23,530	47,079	2.0
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY											
19 and under	127	17	2	—	—	—	38	184	146	167	1.1
20-24	479	202	58	14	4	1	51	809	758	1,139	1.5
25-29	704	569	185	54	13	3	37	1,565	1,528	2,696	1.8
30-34	477	595	307	86	20	10	14	1,509	1,495	3,095	2.1
35-39	138	208	128	43	25	13	11	566	555	1,321	2.4
40-44	20	26	13	20	4	7	2	92	90	268	3.0
45 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	44	44	—	—	—
Total	1,945	1,617	693	217	66	34	197	4,769	4,572	8,686	1.9

(a) Includes all previous births of the mother ... current marriage/relationship and other relationships. (b) Includes previous births not stated. (c) Excludes previous births not stated.

32 BIRTHS: FEMALE AGE SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES AND TOTAL FERTILITY RATES, REGISTERED IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Age group of mother (years)	Nuptial first births				All first births			
	Western Australia		Australian Capital Territory		Western Australia		Australian Capital Territory	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
15-19	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.0	15.5	15.5	12.7	10.4
20-24	20.7	18.9	18.3	16.4	40.0	37.7	32.5	31.0
25-29	42.7	45.1	50.0	49.9	54.6	55.6	60.1	56.4
30-34	23.9	23.8	28.7	31.4	30.0	29.3	34.9	37.3
35-39	5.8	5.9	8.9	8.9	8.0	7.9	11.4	11.2
40-44	0.8	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.8	1.6
45-49	—	—	—	—	0.1	0.1	0.1	—
Total fertility rate	0.477	0.481	0.544	0.545	0.747	0.736	0.768	0.740

PART E: BIRTHS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE

Children of Indigenous people are those where either one or both parents are recorded as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. Only data for South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory are considered to be of publishable quality. These data are generally at least 90% complete. Although New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania have provision for identification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin, data for these States are currently considered to be significantly under-recorded. Queensland does not currently identify indigenous origin in its registration process.

This publication includes birth data of Indigenous children for South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. Due to the small numbers involved in the Australian Capital Territory only summary details have been provided.

33 BIRTHS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT CHILDREN, SUMMARY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY AND AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

<i>Selected years</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
TOTAL BIRTHS				
1988	508	n.a.	1,138	n.a.
1989	467	n.a.	1,277	n.a.
1990	588	n.a.	1,289	n.a.
1991	593	n.a.	1,257	58
1992	561	n.a.	1,354	n.p.
1993	519	1,535	1,359	43
1994	531	1,578	1,338	59
TOTAL FERTILITY RATE ^(a)				
1988	2.654	n.a.	2.751	n.a.
1989	2.392	n.a.	2.953	n.a.
1990	3.049	n.a.	2.908	n.a.
1991	2.803	n.a.	2.773	2.407
1992	2.733	n.a.	2.973	n.p.
1993	2.482	3.052	2.935	1.515
1994	2.440	3.012	2.868	2.203

(a) Total fertility rates include only those births to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mothers.

34 BIRTHS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN AND ALL CHILDREN(a): SELECTED DETAILS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

	<i>Mothers of indigenous children</i>						<i>All children</i>	
	<i>Total</i>		<i>Indigenous mothers</i>				1993	1994
	1993	1994	<i>Number</i>		<i>Per cent</i>			
			1993	1994	1993	1994		
BIRTHS								
Total births	519	531	415	414	80	77.8	20,078	19,409
Males	257	273	207	220	80.5	80.6	10,232	9,951
Females	262	258	208	193	79.4	74.8	9,846	9,458
Sex ratio	98.1	105.8	99.5	114.0	..	..	103.9	105.2
Nuptial births	127	120	79	79	62.2	65.8	14,982	14,261
<i>Ex-nuptial births—</i>								
Number	392	411	336	335	85.7	81.5	5,096	5,148
Percentage of live births	75.5	77.4	81.0	81.1	..	..	25.4	26.5
<i>Paternity acknowledged births—</i>								
Number	320	329	264	258	82.5	78.4	4,227	4,328
Percentage of ex-nuptial births	81.6	80.0	78.6	77.0	..	..	82.9	84.1
<i>Age group of mother (years)—</i>								
14 and under	4	1	3	1	75.0	100.0	4	3
15-19	100	97	86	80	86.0	82.5	875	778
20-24	169	194	140	162	82.8	83.5	3,693	3,454
25-29	137	120	108	87	78.8	72.5	6,836	6,546
30-34	75	82	52	58	69.3	69.5	6,136	6,001
35-39	26	26	18	16	69.2	61.5	2,169	2,246
40-44	3	3	3	2	100.0	66.7	342	355
45 and over	..	—	—	—	—	—	12	10
Not stated	5	8	5	8	60.0	100.0	11	16
<i>Age-specific birth rates—</i>								
15-19(b)	..	..	102.2	93.6	..	..	17.8	16.1
20-24	..	..	155.5	183.7	..	..	65.6	62.7
25-29	..	..	129.6	102.6	..	..	125.4	121.1
30-34	..	..	70.4	76.8	..	..	102.9	101.5
35-39	..	..	31.7	26.8	..	..	38.4	39.4
40-44	..	..	6.9	4.5	..	..	6.3	6.6
45-49(c)	..	..	—	—	..	..	0.2	0.2
Total fertility rate	..	..	2.482	2.440	..	..	1.784	1.738
CONFINEMENTS								
Total confinements	514	527	412	409	80.2	77.6	19,802	19,134
Median age of mother	24.4	24.2	23.9	23.8	..	..	29.1	29.2
Median age of father(d)	27.6	27.4	27.2	26.6	..	..	31.5	31.7
<i>Previous births(d)—</i>								
0	245	227	186	168	75.9	74.0	9,230	8,855
1	104	115	78	80	75.0	69.6	6,180	6,107
2	46	66	35	49	76.1	74.2	2,489	2,361
3	31	18	25	18	80.6	100.0	738	720
4 and over	15	19	15	17	100.0	89.5	300	278
Average number of births	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.9	..	..	1.8	1.8

See footnotes at end of table.

34 BIRTHS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN AND ALL CHILDREN(a): SELECTED DETAIL S.
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—continued

	Mothers of indigenous children						All children	
	Total		Indigenous mothers				1993	1994
	1993	1994	Number		Per cent			
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
BIRTHS								
Total births	1,535	1,578	1,303	1,316	84.9	83.4	25,081	25,138
Males	764	858	653	716	85.5	83.4	12,925	12,867
Females	771	720	650	600	84.3	83.3	12,156	12,271
Sex ratio	99.1	119.2	100.5	119.3	..	..	106.3	104.9
Nuptial births	271	249	184	159	67.9	63.9	18,090	17,918
<i>Ex nuptial births—</i>								
Number	1,264	1,329	1,119	1,157	88.5	87.1	6,991	7,220
Percentage of live births	82.3	84.2	85.9	87.9	..	..	27.9	28.7
<i>Paternity acknowledged births</i>								
Number	932	1,009	787	837	84.4	83.0	5,713	5,951
Percentage of ex-nuptial births	73.7	75.9	70.3	72.3	..	..	81.7	82.4
<i>Age group of mother (years) —</i>								
14 and under	10	13	10	13	100.0	100.0	15	22
15-19	384	388	340	340	88.5	87.6	1,436	1,511
20-24	556	572	469	494	84.4	86.4	5,005	4,974
25-29	340	375	279	299	82.1	79.7	8,494	8,405
30-34	174	173	144	125	82.8	72.3	7,300	7,230
35-39	50	45	40	38	80.0	84.4	2,444	2,582
40-44	9	11	9	6	100.0	54.5	349	395
45 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	15
Not stated	12	1	12	1	100.0	100.0	30	4
<i>Age specific birth rates:</i>								
15-19(b)	..	..	152.1	148.4	..	..	23.7	24.9
20-24	..	..	206.6	217.7	..	..	74.8	73.6
25-29	..	..	129.6	134.8	..	..	132.0	130.3
30-34	..	..	84.6	69.5	..	..	104.3	102.6
35-39	..	..	29.1	26.7	..	..	35.9	37.5
40-44	..	..	8.4	5.2	..	..	5.4	6.1
45-49(c)	..	..	—	—	..	..	0.1	0.3
Total fertility rate	..	..	3.052	3.012	..	..	1.881	1.877
CONFINEMENTS								
Total	1,518	1,564	1,289	1,304	84.9	83.4	24,725	24,794
Median age of mother	23.0	24.2	22.8	23.8	..	..	28.7	29.2
Median age of father(d)	26.1	27.4	25.8	26.6	..	..	31.2	31.7
<i>Previous births(d)—</i>								
0	660	627	539	501	81.7	79.9	11,062	11,016
1	240	304	186	222	77.5	73.0	7,514	7,722
2	162	161	124	131	76.5	81.4	3,355	3,290
3	68	91	57	77	83.8	84.6	1,107	1,048
4 and over	58	66	53	58	91.4	87.9	423	465
Average number of births	0.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	..	..	1.8	1.8

See footnotes at end of table

**34 BIRTHS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN AND ALL CHILDREN(a): SELECTED DETAILS,
NORTHERN TERRITORY -- continued**

	<i>Mothers of indigenous children</i>						<i>All children</i>	
	<i>Total</i>		<i>Indigenous mothers</i>				1993	1994
	1993	1994	<i>Number</i>		<i>Per cent</i>			
			1993	1994	1993	1994		
BIRTHS								
Total births	1,359	1,338	1,272	1,256	93.6	93.9	3,603	3,626
Males	718	686	673	641	93.7	93.4	1,884	1,818
Females	641	652	599	615	93.4	94.3	1,719	1,808
Sex ratio	112.0	105.2	112.4	104.2	..	..	109.6	100.6
Nuptial births	94	88	72	66	76.6	75.0	1,611	1,583
<i>Ex-nuptial births—</i>								
Number	1,265	1,250	1,200	1,190	94.9	95.2	1,992	2,043
Percentage of live births	93.1	93.4	94.3	94.7	..	..	55.3	56.3
<i>Paternity acknowledged births—</i>								
Number	699	675	634	624	90.7	92.4	1,279	1,347
Percentage of ex-nuptial births	55.3	54.0	52.8	52.4	..	..	64.2	65.9
<i>Age group of mother (years)—</i>								
14 and under	18	20	18	20	100.0	100.0	18	21
15-19	368	363	354	353	96.2	97.2	473	471
20-24	482	467	456	435	94.6	93.1	952	961
25-29	298	304	269	277	90.3	91.1	1,071	1,031
30-34	137	118	119	110	86.9	93.2	764	793
35-39	46	59	46	55	100.0	93.2	277	305
40-44	7	7	7	6	100.0	85.7	44	42
45 and over	2	—	2	—	100.0	—	3	1
Not stated	1	—	1	—	100.0	—	1	1
<i>Age-specific birth rates—</i>								
15-19(b)	..	..	169.3	168.4	..	..	81.1	84.0
20-24	..	..	182.3	176.5	..	..	116.1	121.4
25-29	..	..	127.4	126.7	..	..	127.6	122.3
30-34	..	..	66.3	59.0	..	..	90.7	93.0
35-39	..	..	33.1	37.9	..	..	38.0	41.2
40-44	..	..	6.2	5.1	..	..	7.0	6.6
45-49(c)	..	..	2.6	—	..	..	0.6	0.2
Total fertility rate	..	..	2.935	2.868	..	..	2.305	2.344
CONFINEMENTS								
Total confinements	1,347	1,322	1,260	1,240	93.5	93.8	3,560	3,580
Median age of mother	22.8	22.9	22.7	22.7	..	..	26.7	26.7
Median age of father(d)	27.2	26.1	27.0	26.0	..	..	30.6	30.7
<i>Previous births(d)—</i>								
0	336	345	288	312	85.7	90.4	1,350	1,416
1	195	199	173	174	88.7	87.4	862	948
2	121	108	111	98	91.7	90.7	400	336
3	72	49	66	46	91.7	93.9	155	112
4 and over	62	51	61	49	98.4	96.1	89	78
Average number of births	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.1	..	..	1.9	1.8

(a) See explanatory notes for definitions used. (b) Includes births to mothers under 15 years of age. (c) Includes births to mothers aged 50 years and over. (d) Includes both nuptial confinements and ex-nuptial confinements where paternity was acknowledged.

Victorian birth registration system with regard to the processing of births occurring more than one year before the reference period. Although this change affects the comparability of 1994 registration data in relation to previous registration data, the effect on data quality is expected to be minimal.

BIRTHS TO ABORIGINAL
AND TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDER PEOPLE

7 This publication includes in Part E, indigenous birth data for South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

8 The population used to calculate indigenous birth and fertility rates is based on projections of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population at 30 June, 1994 (see Appendix C). These projections are in turn based on the 1991 experimental estimates of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

9 Other ABS publications which may be of interest to users include:

Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0) — issued quarterly

Deaths, Australia (3302.0) — issued annually

Causes of Death, Australia (3303.0) — issued annually

Perinatal Deaths, Australia (3304.0) — issued annually to 1993

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.

10 A compendium of all demographic data for each State and the Australian Capital Territory has been released in State/Territory specific publications, *Demography* (3311.1-8). The first release contained 1990 data. These publications are released each year for each State and the Australian Capital Territory and contain a variety of demographic data. The first release for the Northern Territory contained 1993 data.

11 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS
AVAILABLE

12 In some cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published. Appendix D lists characteristics processed by the ABS for births registered. 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 E.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER
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— nil or rounded to zero
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APPENDIX B

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, AGE GROUPS, SEX, AUSTRALIA

Age group (years)	1974	1979	1984	1989	1992	1993	1994p
MALES							
Under 1	124 803	113 443	122 309	127 847	131 054	131 605	131 108
1-4	536 558	471 011	484 603	509 185	525 881	528 168	530 356
5-9	631 173	675 793	607 747	637 038	655 720	654 439	655 429
10-14	667 319	641 174	698 260	636 289	642 650	648 963	654 722
15-19	617 791	670 508	657 856	722 148	679 645	665 409	656 284
20-24	586 945	629 292	686 831	677 209	726 476	736 291	740 128
25-29	577 081	601 835	651 692	717 741	692 546	683 601	680 879
30-34	470 295	582 822	626 848	681 275	725 568	729 998	733 993
35-39	411 652	466 350	602 769	649 036	673 702	682 000	691 065
40-44	396 289	404 483	476 031	619 704	654 565	654 391	656 094
45-49	414 312	386 245	405 161	482 290	561 608	595 889	619 079
50-54	381 987	398 114	379 923	405 930	447 166	456 880	474 887
55-59	304 547	357 935	382 518	371 161	373 830	383 862	395 977
60-64	272 869	278 983	335 472	364 724	362 272	366 357	352 123
65-69	208 066	238 716	249 381	306 968	325 240	330 957	333 955
70-74	143 114	165 009	198 959	212 201	239 249	250 169	262 919
75-79	78 887	99 735	120 540	149 797	162 310	164 013	164 977
80-84	44 677	45 766	61 115	77 066	88 162	92 644	97 651
85 and over	23 303	26 548	30 197	39 980	47 295	50 210	53 111
Total	6 889 668	7 253 762	7 778 212	8 387 589	8 714 939	8 795 846	8 884 737
FEMALES							
Under 1	117 770	108 325	116 912	121 711	124 452	124 920	124 367
1-4	515 093	449 293	460 009	485 107	499 634	501 354	503 316
5-9	600 241	647 740	578 652	603 863	622 730	622 687	623 797
10-14	631 303	611 656	667 313	603 878	608 137	613 688	619 375
15-19	594 880	643 051	629 553	691 024	645 481	631 565	622 558
20-24	569 744	610 710	665 100	658 687	706 416	713 510	713 739
25-29	547 798	591 462	639 112	706 374	688 676	679 403	677 648
30-34	440 137	561 593	619 911	677 378	724 750	730 189	733 853
35-39	390 065	443 837	579 973	645 714	675 653	685 300	695 109
40-44	370 027	386 494	452 177	595 918	642 605	647 937	654 395
45-49	389 440	364 900	385 906	455 920	538 595	573 621	599 084
50-54	374 285	381 014	362 034	389 177	424 543	433 827	451 745
55-59	314 623	363 896	374 424	360 992	365 621	375 251	386 324
60-64	292 386	304 042	356 509	370 601	365 165	357 954	353 294
65-69	232 859	275 225	288 824	342 874	352 908	356 272	356 636
70-74	184 211	207 743	252 401	265 811	292 925	303 430	315 508
75-79	129 405	149 992	176 220	214 781	229 500	231 352	231 270
80-84	85 397	92 838	112 923	133 809	151 095	157 096	164 858
85 and over	53 239	68 156	83 226	103 208	115 247	121 225	126 788
Total	6 832 903	7 261 967	7 801 179	8 426 827	8 774 133	8 860 581	8 953 664
PERSONS							
Under 1	242 573	221 768	239 221	249 558	255 506	256 525	255 475
1-4	1 051 651	920 304	944 612	994 292	1 025 515	1 029 522	1 033 672
5-9	1 231 414	1 323 533	1 186 399	1 240 901	1 278 450	1 277 126	1 279 226
10-14	1 298 622	1 252 830	1 365 573	1 240 167	1 250 787	1 262 651	1 274 097
15-19	1 212 671	1 313 559	1 287 409	1 413 172	1 325 126	1 296 974	1 278 842
20-24	1 156 689	1 240 002	1 351 931	1 335 896	1 432 892	1 449 801	1 453 867
25-29	1 124 879	1 193 297	1 290 804	1 424 115	1 381 222	1 363 004	1 358 527
30-34	910 432	1 144 415	1 246 759	1 358 653	1 450 318	1 460 187	1 467 846
35-39	801 717	910 187	1 182 742	1 294 750	1 349 355	1 367 300	1 386 174
40-44	766 316	790 977	928 208	1 215 622	1 297 170	1 302 328	1 310 489
45-49	803 752	751 145	791 067	938 210	1 100 203	1 169 510	1 218 163
50-54	756 272	779 128	741 957	795 107	871 709	890 707	926 632
55-59	619 170	721 831	756 942	732 153	739 451	759 113	782 301
60-64	565 255	583 025	691 981	735 325	727 437	714 311	705 417
65-69	438 925	513 941	538 205	649 842	678 148	687 229	690 591
70-74	327 325	372 752	451 360	478 012	532 174	553 599	578 427
75-79	208 292	249 727	296 760	364 578	391 810	395 365	396 247
80-84	130 074	138 604	174 038	210 875	239 257	249 740	262 509
85 and over	76 542	94 704	113 423	143 188	162 542	171 435	179 899
Total	13 722 571	14 515 729	15 579 391	16 814 416	17 489 072	17 656 427	17 838 401

APPENDIX D

CHARACTERISTICS
AVAILABLE FOR
REGISTERED BIRTHS

Date of registration
State of registration
Date of birth
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

GLOSSARY

- Age-specific birth rates** *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.
- Births** The term *births* 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 heartbeat.
- Confinements** *Confinements* are the number of pregnancies resulting in at least one live birth.
- Country of birth** 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).
- 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.
- Crude birth rates** The *crude birth rate* is the number of live births registered during the calendar year, per 1,000 of estimated resident population at 30 June of that year. For years prior to 1994, the crude birth rate is based on the mean estimated resident population for the calendar year.
- Estimated resident population** The *estimated resident population* (ERP) is the official ABS estimate of the Australian population. The ERP is based on the results of the latest population census and updated for subsequent births, deaths and overseas and interstate migration.
- Death rates shown in this publication for the years since 1974 are calculated using estimates of resident population. A description of the conceptual basis of the estimated resident population is contained in *Population Estimates: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (3228.0) published 23 June 1995. Revised population estimates are shown in the *Australian Demographic Statistics* (3101.0) (issued quarterly).
- Female gross reproduction rate** 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 child-bearing period.

Previous births *Previous births* refer to children born alive (which may be still living or now dead) to a mother prior to the registration of the current birth in the processing period. In some States legitimated and legally adopted children may also be included.

Due to variation in data collection and processing methods across States and Territories, different definitions of the concept of previous births have been applied throughout this publication.

Previous births of the current marriage relates to nuptial births to the same parents prior to the current nuptial confinement. See Parts A and B.

All previous births of the mother includes all births prior to the current confinement, regardless of nuptiality and paternity. This information is important for measuring fertility. See Part D.

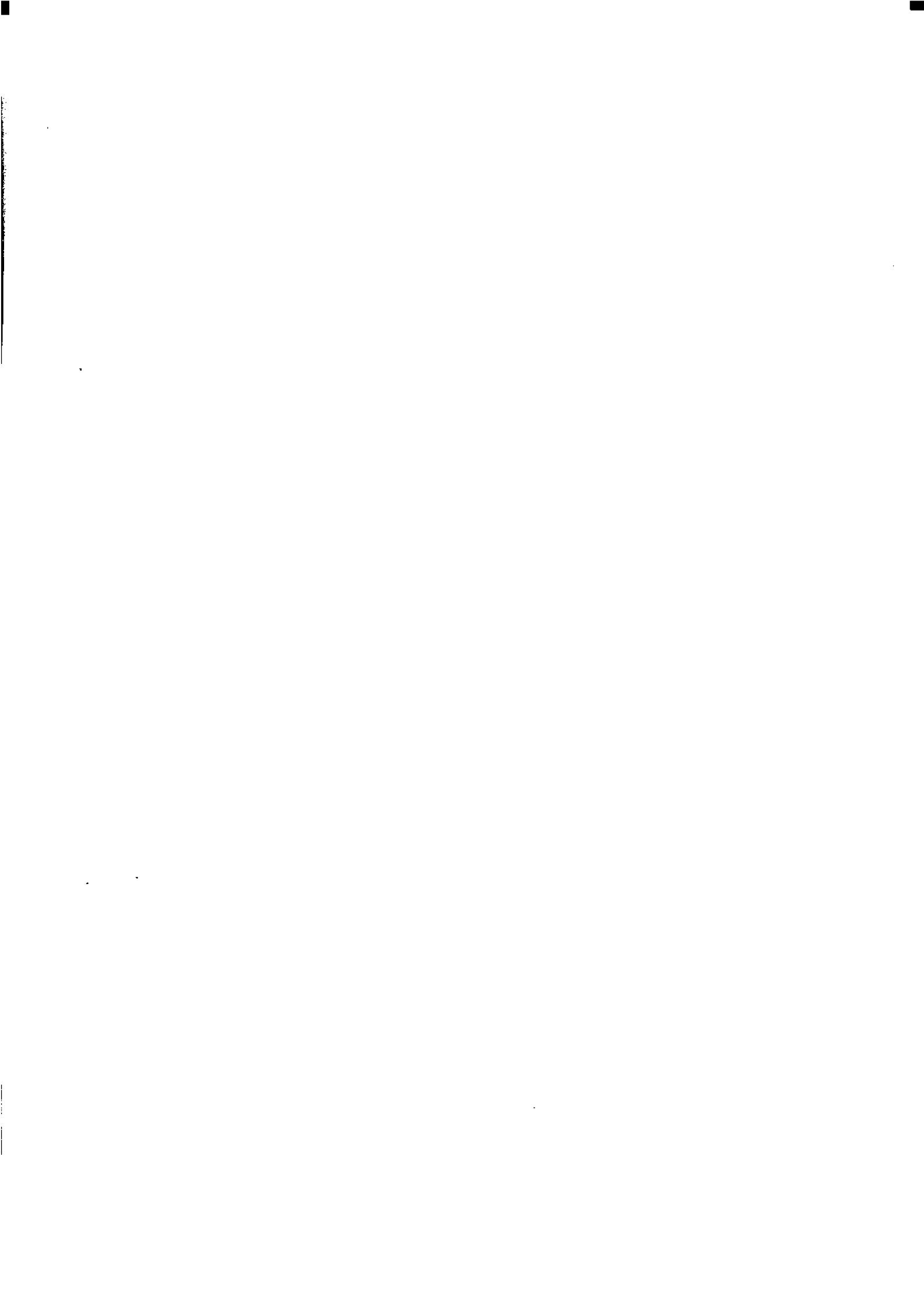
Previous births of the current relationship where paternity was acknowledged includes all births prior to the current confinement where the current confinement relates to a nuptial birth, or an ex-nuptial birth where paternity was acknowledged. In regard to births of Indigenous children, this information provides a more meaningful indication of previous issue than previous births of the current marriage. See Part E.

Previous issue See *previous births*.

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

State/Territory of usual residence State/Territory of usual residence refers to the State/Territory of usual residence of the population in estimated resident population and the State/Territory of usual residence of the deceased in deaths.

Total fertility rate The *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 bear if the age-specific rates of the year shown continued during her child-bearing lifetime.





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