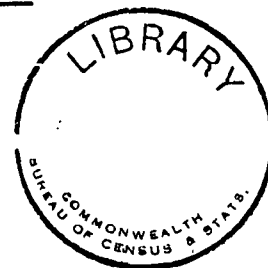


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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bulletin contains statistics of divorce for the quarter and year ended December, 1964, and for previous periods. For further details in respect of past periods, see previous issues in this series and the annual bulletin "Demography". Some revisions have been made of statistics of dissolutions published in earlier issues of this series and in the 1963 and earlier issues of "Demography". These are noted in the respective tables by the symbol r. Detailed revised figures for previous years and quarters may be obtained on request from the Commonwealth Statistician, Canberra, or the Deputy Commonwealth Statisticians in the State capitals.

2. The Commonwealth Matrimonial Causes Act 1959 came into operation on 1st February, 1961. This Act provides a uniform law throughout Australia with respect to divorce and other matrimonial causes, and supersedes the Matrimonial Causes laws of the States and Territories except in so far as the transitional provisions of the Act keep them in force for the purpose of completing pending proceedings. Therefore statistics of petitions filed since February, 1961, are on a uniform basis for all States and Territories, but statistics of decrees of dissolution, nullity and judicial separation granted after that date included some decrees made on petitions under the superseded laws and were to that extent not uniformly based. Of the decrees granted in 1964, less than 5% were for petitions under the old legislation.

3. Because of differences in legislation and also some variations from State to State in the bases of compilation of divorce statistics prior to the introduction of the uniform system, the figures for 1961 and subsequent years are not strictly comparable with those for earlier years. See especially the notes to Tables 9, 14, 16 and 26.

4. Under the new legislation a court may grant decrees of dissolution of marriage (commonly known as divorce), judicial separation, nullity of marriage, restitution of conjugal rights and jactitation of marriage (i.e. that a person has falsely claimed to be another person's wife or husband). Orders may be made for the custody of children, the provision of maintenance, damages and the settlement of marriage property.

5. The statistics in this bulletin refer only to petitions filed and final decrees granted, for dissolution, nullity and judicial separation. Statistics of petitions filed relate only to the original petition in a suit, i.e. a cross-petition contained in an answer by the respondent is not taken as a separate petition, nor are the grounds cited in a cross-petition included in Tables 3, 8, 9, 19 and 22.

I. PETITIONS FILED

TABLE 1. - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION : QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1964

Petition for -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Dissolution of Marriage -									
Husband Petitioner	460	281	124	98	80	39	5	13	1,100
Wife Petitioner	700	364	148	150	76	43	8	14	1,503
<u>Total</u>	1,160	645	272	248	156	82	13	27	2,603
Nullity of Marriage -									
Husband Petitioner	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Wife Petitioner	4	2	1	2	1	..	..	..	10
<u>Total</u>	4	6	1	2	1	..	..	..	14
Dissolution or Nullity -									
Husband Petitioner	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Wife Petitioner	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
<u>Total</u>	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Judicial Separation -									
Wife Petitioner	1	3	3	..	..	1	..	1	9
Total Petitions -									
Husband Petitioner	No. 460	287	125	98	80	39	5	13	1,107
Per cent.	39	44	45	39	51	47	38	46	42
Wife Petitioner	No. 705	372	152	152	77	44	8	15	1,525
Per cent.	61	56	55	61	49	53	62	54	58
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,165	659	277	250	157	83	13	28	2,632

TABLE 2. - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE,
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION : AUSTRALIA

Petition for -	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	Quarter ended -				
						Dec., 1963	March, 1964	June, 1964	Sept., 1964	Dec., 1964
Dissolution of Marriage -										
Husband Petitioner	3,709	4,394	4,072	4,000	4,215	991	954	1,115	1,046	1,100
Wife Petitioner	4,385	5,110	5,176	5,602	5,933	1,390	1,271	1,509	1,650	1,503
<u>Total</u>	8,094	9,504	9,248	9,602	10,148	2,381	2,225	2,624	2,696	2,603
Nullity of Marriage -										
Husband Petitioner	23	13	15	11	14	6	..	5	5	4
Wife Petitioner	32	44	35	28	30	6	8	6	6	10
<u>Total</u>	55	57	50	39	44	12	8	11	11	14
Dissolution or Nullity -										
Husband Petitioner	..	3	6	5	5	..	..	..	2	3
Wife Petitioner	..	4	5	10	12	4	3	1	5	3
<u>Total</u>	..	7	11	15	17	4	3	1	7	6
Judicial Separation -										
Husband Petitioner	7	2	2	3	..	1	..	..	..	..
Wife Petitioner	31	9	18	26	34	6	12	8	5	9
<u>Total</u>	38	11	20	29	34	7	12	8	5	9
Dissolution or Judicial Separation -										
Husband Petitioner	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wife Petitioner	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..
<u>Total</u>	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Total Petitions -										
Husband Petitioner	No. 3,739	4,412	4,095	4,020	4,234	998	954	1,120	1,053	1,107
Per cent.	46	46	44	42	41	42	42	42	39	42
Wife Petitioner	No. 4,448	5,167	5,234	5,666	6,010	1,406	1,294	1,525	1,666	1,525
Per cent.	54	54	56	58	59	58	58	58	61	58
<u>TOTAL</u>	8,187	9,579	9,329	9,686	10,244	2,404	2,248	2,645	2,719	2,632

**TABLE 3. - GROUNDS (a) ON WHICH PETITIONS WERE FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE,
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION :
QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1964**

Ground	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
PETITIONS FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE									
Single grounds -									
Desertion	430	218	109	82	45	34	7	10	935
Adultery	261	149	50	62	52	21	3	5	603
Separation	186	97	42	38	44	11	..	3	421
Cruelty	80	8	14	40	1	1	2	2	148
Drunkenness	14	2	2	2	1	4	..	2	27
Refusal to consummate	5	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	9
Insanity	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Frequent convictions	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	3
Other single grounds	4	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	7
Dual grounds -									
Desertion and adultery	11	34	4	3	1	4	..	..	57
Desertion and separation	64	98	37	12	11	5	..	2	229
Desertion and cruelty	20	3	5	2	..	..	..	..	30
Desertion and drunkenness	11	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	12
Desertion and failure to pay maintenance	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Adultery and separation	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Adultery and cruelty	3	1	..	4	..	..	..	1	9
Separation and drunkenness	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Cruelty and drunkenness	39	7	3	2	..	1	1	2	55
Other dual grounds	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Three grounds or more	12	17	2	..	..	..	..	..	31
<u>TOTAL PETITIONS FOR DISSOLUTION</u>	1,160	645	272	248	156	82	13	27	2,603
OTHER PETITIONS									
Petitions for nullity of marriage -									
Bigamy	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Incapacity to consummate	1	4	1	2	..	..	..	..	8
Other grounds	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	3
<u>Total Petitions for Nullity</u>	4	6	1	2	1	..	..	..	14
Petitions for dissolution or nullity of marriage	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Petitions for judicial separation	1	3	3	..	..	1	..	1	9
<u>TOTAL PETITIONS OTHER THAN FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE</u>	5	14	5	2	2	..	1	..	29

(a) Excludes grounds cited in answers.

TABLE 4. - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (a)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Year - 1960	3,746	1,798	863	781	560	274	26	46	8,094
1961	4,215	2,289	1,084	865	620	321	40	70	9,504
1962	4,093	2,148	1,083	910	651	276	39	48	9,248
1963	4,339	2,163	1,061	1,005	623	271	50	90	9,602
1964	4,484	2,357	1,121	1,034	653	322	53	124	10,148
Quarter ended -									
December, 1963	1,047	554	262	258	146	74	12	28	2,381
March, 1964	1,020	467	261	231	143	68	7	28	2,225
June, 1964	1,146	642	255	256	190	87	20	28	2,624
September, 1964	1,158	603	333	299	164	85	13	41	2,696
December, 1964	1,160	645	272	248	156	82	13	27	2,603

(a) This table excludes petitions filed for nullity of marriage, judicial separation and any petitions for two or more alternative types of relief.

II. DISSOLUTIONS, ETC. GRANTED : NUMBER

TABLE 5. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE,

NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS GRANTED (a) :

QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1964

Decree for -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Dissolution of Marriage -									
Husband Petitioner	387	265	108	82	77	28	2	7	956
Wife Petitioner	572	414	148	143	65	22	4	14	1,382
<u>Total</u>	959	679	256	225	142	50	6	21	2,338
Nullity of Marriage -									
Husband Petitioner	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	4
Wife Petitioner	3	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	9
<u>Total</u>	5	3	2	1	2	..	..	..	13
Judicial Separation -									
Wife Petitioner	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Total Decrees -									
Husband Petitioner	No. 389	266	108	82	78	28	2	7	960
	Per cent. 40	39	42	36	54	56	33	33	41
Wife Petitioner	No. 576	418	150	144	66	22	4	14	1,394
	Per cent. 60	61	58	64	46	44	67	67	59
<u>TOTAL</u>	965	684	258	226	144	50	6	21	2,354

(a) Decrees absolute.

**TABLE 6. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS GRANTED (a) : AUSTRALIA**

Decree for	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	Quarter ended -				
						Dec., 1963	March, 1964	June, 1964	Sept., 1964	Dec., 1964
Dissolution of Marriage-		r	r	r		r	r	r	r	
Husband Petitioner	3,078	3,068	3,308	3,257	3,377	854	863	565	993	956
Wife Petitioner	3,555	3,643	3,935	4,216	4,536	1,189	1,124	743	1,287	1,382
Granted on Petition of Both	..	1	2	3	4	3	1	2	1	..
<u>Total</u>	6,633	6,712	7,245	7,476	7,917	2,046	1,988	1,310	2,281	2,338
Nullity of Marriage -										
Husband Petitioner	26	15	12	7	11	2	3	2	2	4
Wife Petitioner	37	22	28	25	33	5	6	7	11	9
<u>Total</u>	63	37	40	32	44	7	9	9	13	13
Judicial Separation -										
Husband Petitioner	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wife Petitioner	11	2	3	7	6	1	1	2	..	3
<u>Total</u>	13	2	5	7	6	1	1	2	..	3
Total Decrees -										
Husband Petitioner										
No.	3,106	3,083	3,322	3,264	3,388	856	866	567	995	960
Per cent.	46	46	46	43	43	42	43	43	43	41
Wife Petitioner										
No.	3,603	3,667	3,966	4,248	4,575	1,195	1,131	752	1,298	1,394
Per cent.	54	54	54	57	57	58	57	57	57	59
Granted on Petition of Both	..	1	2	3	4	3	1	2	1	..
<u>TOTAL</u>	6,709	6,751	7,290	7,515	7,967	2,054	1,998	1,321	2,294	2,354

(a) Decrees absolute.

TABLE 7. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Year - 1960	3,243	1,296	696	610	540	210	5	33	6,633
1961	3,156	1,248	779	r718	466	286	23	-36	r6,712
1962	3,113	1,615	920	r685	582	248	38	44	r7,245
1963	3,293	1,616	910	r765	553	260	38	41	r7,476
1964	3,024	2,130	981	887	542	229	31	93	7,917
Quarter ended -									
December, 1963	916	430	236	r213	139	79	17	16	r2,046
March, 1964	746	440	337	r223	168	48	4	22	r1,988
June, 1964	523	282	129	r189	98	62	11	16	r1,310
September, 1964	796	729	259	r250	134	69	10	r34	r2,281
December, 1964	959	679	256	225	142	50	6	21	2,338

(a) Decrees absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations.

TABLE 8. - GROUNDS ON WHICH DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS WERE GRANTED (a) : QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1964

Ground	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE									
Single grounds -									
Desertion	445	328	132	70	37	18	1	5	1,036
Adultery	219	155	46	56	54	10	2	4	546
Separation	163	165	50	39	41	16	1	1	476
Cruelty	44	14	4	30	1	2	1	6	102
Drunkenness	10	4	5	7	2	1	..	1	30
Non-compliance with restitution decree	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Refusal to consummate	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Insanity	1	2	3	..	1	..	..	..	7
Frequent convictions	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Imprisonment	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	4
Rape	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Other single grounds	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	4
Dual grounds -									
Desertion and adultery	9	3	2	4	3	1	..	..	22
Desertion and separation	20	2	2	8	1	2	..	..	35
Desertion and cruelty	12	..	1	3	..	..	1	..	17
Desertion and drunkenness	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	5
Adultery and cruelty	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3
Cruelty and drunkenness	13	2	4	1	..	..	..	1	21
Other dual grounds	7	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	12
Three grounds or more	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
<u>Total</u>	959	679	256	225	142	50	6	21	2,338

NULLITY OF MARRIAGE

Bigamy	3	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	7
Incapacity to consummate	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	4
Other	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
<u>Total</u>	5	3	2	1	2	..	..	..	13

JUDICIAL SEPARATION

Desertion	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Adultery	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cruelty and drunkenness	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<u>Total</u>	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3

(a) Decrees absolute.



TABLE 9. - GROUNDS ON WHICH DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS WERE GRANTED (a) : AUSTRALIA

Ground (b)	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	Quarter ended -				
						Dec., 1963	March, 1964	June, 1964	Sept., 1964	Dec., 1964
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE										
Single grounds -		r	r	r		r	r	r	r	
Desertion	3,873	3,639	3,645	3,531	3,468	900	892	547	993	1,036
Adultery	2,103	1,855	1,548	1,676	1,833	464	431	316	540	546
Separation (c)	133	350	1,272	1,495	1,687	373	447	282	482	476
Cruelty	216	238	207	254	316	75	64	57	93	102
Drunkenness	56	53	74	75	81	16	12	13	26	30
Intoxication by drugs	..	..	1	..	4	..	1	..	2	1
Failure to pay maintenance	23	19	18	10	10	2	2	2	5	1
Non-compliance with restitution decree (d)	..	296	57	40	17	6	4	3	6	4
Refusal to consummate (e)	5	8	16	15	22	4	9	5	4	4
Insanity	12	12	36	23	16	5	3	3	3	7
Frequent convictions	..	12	19	14	12	2	5	1	1	5
Imprisonment	19	9	3	4	5	1	..	..	1	4
Other single grounds	1	6	5	6	8	3	..	2	1	5
Dual grounds -										
Desertion and adultery	71	48	54	65	73	35	18	14	19	22
Desertion and separation (f)	(f)	29	140	115	159	92	50	27	47	35
Desertion and cruelty (f)	(f)	10	22	37	44	16	10	5	12	17
Desertion and drunkenness (f)	(f)	4	19	14	13	7	4	1	3	5
Desertion and failure to pay maintenance (f)	(f)	1	8	5	5	2	1	..	2	2
Desertion and frequent convictions (f)	(f)	3	8	1	4	2	1	1	1	1
Adultery and separation (f)	(f)	3	4	7	9	3	5	..	3	1
Adultery and cruelty (f)	(f)	3	6	4	11	2	4	4	..	3
Adultery and drunkenness	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	1	2
Adultery and bigamy (g)	1	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Separation and failure to pay maintenance (f)	(f)	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	..
Separation and refusal to consummate	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	3	1
Separation and insanity (f)	(f)	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cruelty and drunkenness	120	97	60	59	69	19	13	17	18	21
Cruelty and sodomy	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	1	1	1
Other dual grounds (f)	(f)	..	6	9	16	2	4	4	4	4
Three grounds or more (f)	(f)	11	13	11	21	14	4	5	10	2
<u>Total</u>	6,633	6,712	7,245	7,476	7,917	2,046	1,988	1,310	2,281	2,338
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE										
Bigamy	24	9	14	10	16	2	1	3	5	7
Invalid marriage	6	2	2	1	3	..	1	..	1	1
Incapacity to consummate	27	25	24	21	23	5	7	5	7	4
Other grounds	6	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	1
<u>Total</u>	63	37	40	32	44	7	9	9	13	13
JUDICIAL SEPARATION										
Desertion	10	..	2	2	2	..	..	1	..	1
Adultery	3	1	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	1
Cruelty	..	1	..	2	2	..	1	1	..	..
Other grounds	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	1
<u>Total</u>	13	2	5	7	6	1	1	2	..	3

(a) Decrees absolute.

(b) Statistics in respect of dissolutions of marriage for which petitions were lodged in or after February, 1961, are on a uniform basis in all States. Petitions lodged before that date were dealt with under the various, now superseded, State laws even if they were heard in 1961 or later years. Furthermore, there were changes made in some States regarding the way in which divorce statistics were compiled. For instance, dissolutions made on more than one ground were allocated to the more

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important ground in earlier years. For these reasons, comparisons from year to year of the figures shown in the above table should be made with caution. See also Explanatory Notes, page 2.

- (c) Separation was a ground for dissolution in only two States under the old legislation.
 (d) This was a ground in one State only under the old legislation. Separate figures were not compiled for 1960, the dissolutions on this ground being included with desertion.
 (e) This was a ground for dissolution in only one State under the old legislation.
 (f) Not separately compiled for 1960. See note (a) above.
 (g) "Adultery and Bigamy" is not a ground for dissolution under the new Commonwealth legislation.

III. DISSOLUTIONS GRANTED - AGES OF PARTIES

TABLE 10. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : AGES OF PARTIES AT THE TIME OF MARRIAGE

AUSTRALIA, QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1964

Age of Husband (Years)	Age of Wife (Years)											Total Husbands	
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not Stated	No.	Per Cent.
Under 20	104	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	134	6
20-24	448	587	79	16	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	1,135	49
25-29	122	319	131	31	9	..	4	..	..	..	..	616	26
30-34	26	76	70	45	16	4	..	..	..	..	..	237	10
35-39	7	23	27	25	21	8	1	..	..	..	..	112	5
40-44	..	5	10	12	6	8	6	..	..	..	..	47	2
45-49	..	1	2	3	6	4	3	1	..	..	..	20	1
50-54	..	..	1	..	3	6	3	2	2	1	..	18	1
55-59	..	..	3	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	8	..
60 and over	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	3	2	2	..	11	..
Not stated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total (No.)	708	1,041	324	133	65	33	20	6	4	3	1	2,338	..
Total Wives (%)	30	45	14	6	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	100

(a) Decrees absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations.

TABLE 11. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : AGES OF PARTIES AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION

OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1964

Age of Husband (Years)	Age of Wife (Years)											Total Husbands	
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not Stated	No.	Per Cent.
20-24	2	50	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61	3
25-29	1	95	173	16	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	288	12
30-34	1	27	163	160	32	2	2	1	..	..	..	388	17
35-39	..	4	38	179	182	34	6	2	2	1	1	449	19
40-44	..	1	9	48	152	142	37	7	1	..	..	397	17
45-49	..	..	1	9	39	105	94	19	5	..	..	272	12
50-54	..	..	..	2	17	39	80	58	16	8	..	220	9
55-59	..	..	1	..	5	16	26	52	33	13	..	146	6
60 and over	..	1	1	1	1	6	10	17	26	54	..	117	5
Not stated	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total (No.)	4	178	395	415	430	345	255	156	83	76	1	2,338	..
Total Wives (%)	..	8	17	18	18	15	11	7	3	3	..	..	100

(a) Decrees absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations.

TABLE 12. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :
AGE OF HUSBAND AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA

Period	Age of Husband (Years)										Total
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not Stated	
Year - 1960	143	931	1,377	1,324	989	822	473	291	212	71	6,633
1961	r 136	816	1,363	1,304	980	819	571	326	314	83	6,712
1962	r 137	814	1,276	1,385	1,139	926	682	454	394	38	7,245
1963	r 156	845	1,369	1,426	1,205	900	697	445	405	28	7,476
1964	165	913	1,305	1,441	1,282	1,017	798	499	484	13	7,917
Quarter ended -											
December, 1963	r 56	248	389	377	314	240	200	105	102	15	2,046
March, 1964	r 27	225	328	358	306	259	207	138	135	5	1,988
June, 1964	r 28	143	215	225	206	189	138	83	80	3	1,310
September, 1964	r 49	257	374	409	373	297	233	132	152	5	2,281
December, 1964	61	288	388	449	397	272	220	146	117	..	2,338

(a) Decrees absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations.

TABLE 13. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :
AGE OF WIFE AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA

Period	Age of Wife (Years)										Total
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not Stated	
Year - 1960	582	1,261	1,439	1,210	865	652	300	145	108	71	6,633
1961	r 525	1,236	1,348	1,163	914	686	367	196	191	86	6,712
1962	r 540	1,153	1,366	1,341	1,027	801	478	240	260	39	7,245
1963	r 550	1,302	1,417	1,284	1,111	774	520	261	228	29	7,476
1964	584	1,292	1,365	1,364	1,207	900	568	340	283	14	7,917
Quarter ended -											
December, 1963	r 175	378	375	328	322	205	132	59	54	18	2,046
March, 1964	r 133	302	350	332	291	238	160	98	79	5	1,988
June, 1964	r 102	201	207	243	205	156	89	57	46	4	1,310
September, 1964	r 167	394	393	359	366	251	163	102	82	4	2,281
December, 1964	182	395	415	430	345	255	156	83	76	1	2,338

(a) Decrees absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations.

IV. DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND NUMBER AND AGE OF CHILDREN

TABLE 14. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : DURATION OF MARRIAGE
AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN (b), AUSTRALIA, QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1964

Duration of Marriage (Years)	Dissolution of Marriage with -							Total Marriages Dissolved		Total Number of Children (b)
	No Child- ren	1 Child	2 Child- ren	3 Child- ren	4 Child- ren	5 Child- ren	6 or more Child- ren	No.	Per cent.	
	Under 5	97	54	10	2	163		7	80
5 - 9	219	229	121	37	9	1	..	616	26	623
10 - 14	134	136	139	70	27	8	2	516	22	784
15 - 19	81	97	128	87	35	7	7	442	19	832
20 - 24	62	59	77	58	15	8	1	280	12	495
25 - 29	74	50	29	10	2	..	2	167	7	158
30 and over	119	25	6	2	1	1	..	154	7	52
Total (No. Marriages Dissolved)	786	650	510	266	89	25	12	2,338	..	..
Dissolved (%)	34	28	22	11	4	1	..	..	100	..
Total Number of Children (b)	..	650	1,020	798	356	125	75	..	..	3,024

(a) Decrees absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations.

(b) At time of petition. The term "children" refers to "children of the marriage" as defined in the Matrimonial Causes Act, living and under 21 years.

TABLE 15. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : DURATION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of Marriages Dissolved whose Duration was (years) -								Total Marriages Dissolved
	Under 5	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30 and over	Not Stated	
Year - 1960	533	2,016	1,804	991	682	354	252	1	6,633
1961 r	481	1,946	1,702	1,039	784	373	385	2	6,712
1962 r	450	1,894	1,800	1,232	890	459	520	..	7,245
1963 r	503	2,010	1,677	1,358	915	515	498	..	7,476
1964	501	1,980	1,741	1,474	984	633	602	2	7,917
Quarter ended -									
December, 1963 r	168	541	468	348	265	140	116	..	2,046
March, 1964 r	120	459	473	345	245	179	165	2	1,988
June, 1964 r	81	316	286	259	162	97	109	..	1,310
September, 1964 r	137	589	466	428	297	190	174	..	2,281
December, 1964	163	616	516	442	280	167	154	..	2,338

(a) Decreases absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations.

TABLE 16. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : NUMBER OF CHILDREN (b), AUSTRALIA

Period	Dissolutions of Marriage with -							Total Marriages Dissolved	Total Number of Children
	No Children	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	4 Children	5 Children	6 or more Children		
Year - 1960	2,213	1,733	1,452	719	291	120	105	6,633	9,302
1961 r	2,606	1,724	1,404	648	204	80	46	6,712	7,999
1962 r	2,878	1,905	1,430	665	244	73	50	7,245	8,422
1963 r	2,908	1,887	1,611	673	286	70	41	7,476	8,893
1964	2,885	2,052	1,703	810	309	104	54	7,917	9,997
Quarter ended -									
December, 1963 r	757	522	474	190	79	14	10	2,046	2,496
March, 1964 r	776	475	431	191	69	30	16	1,988	2,439
June, 1964 r	444	371	277	138	46	24	10	1,310	1,713
September, 1964 r	879	556	485	215	105	25	16	2,281	2,821
December, 1964	786	650	510	266	89	25	12	2,338	3,024

(a) Decreases absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations.

(b) At time of petition. The figures include dissolutions granted on petitions filed under the old legislation of the States in which the term "children" was variously defined. For petitions filed under Commonwealth legislation, "children" refers to "children of the marriage" as defined in the Matrimonial Causes Act, living and under 21 years.

TABLE 17. - CHILDREN (a) OF DISSOLVED MARRIAGES (b) : AUSTRALIA

QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1964

Petitioner	Ages of Children at Time of Petition - (Years)																Total Number of Children	
	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		16-20
Husband	2	14	33	44	58	70	84	77	83	67	65	65	73	63	64	70	207	1,139
Wife	9	39	75	107	100	106	118	114	107	115	114	107	127	97	96	110	344	1,885
Total	11	53	108	151	158	176	202	191	190	182	179	172	200	160	160	180	551	3,024

(a) See note (b) to Table 16 above.

(b) Marriages for which decrees absolute for dissolution were granted. Excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations.

V. YEAR ENDED DECEMBER, 1964

TABLE 18. - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE,
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION, 1964

Petition for -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Dissolution of Marriage -									
Husband Petitioner	1,748	993	511	420	313	149	28	53	4,215
Wife Petitioner	2,736	1,364	610	614	340	173	25	71	5,933
<u>Total</u>	4,484	2,357	1,121	1,034	653	322	53	124	10,148
Nullity of Marriage -									
Husband Petitioner	8	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	14
Wife Petitioner	9	10	4	5	1	..	..	1	30
<u>Total</u>	17	15	4	5	2	..	..	1	44
Dissolution or Nullity -									
Husband Petitioner	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	5
Wife Petitioner	3	7	1	1	..	..	..	..	12
<u>Total</u>	3	10	2	2	..	..	..	..	17
Judicial Separation -									
Wife Petitioner	13	7	6	4	1	2	..	1	34
Dissolution or Judicial									
Separation -									
Wife Petitioner	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total Petitions -									
Husband Petitioner No.	1,756	1,001	512	421	314	149	28	53	4,234
Per cent.	39	42	45	40	48	46	53	42	41
Wife Petitioner No.	2,761	1,389	621	624	342	175	25	73	6,010
Per cent.	61	58	55	60	52	54	47	58	59
<u>TOTAL</u>	4,517	2,390	1,133	1,045	656	324	53	126	10,244

TABLE 19. - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE,
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION : GROUNDS, 1964

Ground	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
PETITIONS FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE									
Single Grounds -									
Desertion	1,748	837	446	312	174	127	21	35	3,700
Adultery	976	491	196	247	234	87	17	27	2,275
Separation	711	342	184	181	173	55	3	12	1,661
Cruelty	314	39	41	154	10	13	5	14	590
Drunkenness	60	13	13	18	7	10	1	11	133
Intoxication by drugs	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4
Failure to pay maintenance	4	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	10
Non compliance with restitution decree	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	11
Refusal to consummate	17	5	3	1	3	..	..	..	29
Insanity	9	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	13
Frequent convictions	7	4	2	3	1	1	..	..	18
Imprisonment	3	2	2	1	2	..	..	..	10
Rape	1	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Other single grounds	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	5
Dual Grounds -									
Desertion and adultery	49	113	23	16	10	9	2	1	223
Desertion and separation	258	378	158	46	26	12	1	5	884
Desertion and cruelty	65	19	9	14	..	1	1	1	110
Desertion and drunkenness	26	5	4	..	..	..	..	3	38
Desertion and failure to pay maintenance	6	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	12
Desertion and refusal to consummate	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Desertion and frequent convictions	3	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	7
Adultery and separation	5	10	..	..	1	..	..	1	17
Adultery and cruelty	7	4	5	13	..	1	..	1	31
Adultery and drunkenness	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Separation and drunkenness	3	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	7
Separation and insanity	5	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	7
Cruelty and drunkenness	122	22	9	14	4	3	1	11	186
Cruelty and sodomy	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	5
Other dual grounds	18	2	3	2	..	..	..	1	26
Three grounds or more	47	51	13	6	2	1	..	1	121
<u>Total</u>	4,484	2,357	1,121	1,034	653	322	53	124	10,148
OTHER PETITIONS									
Petitions for nullity of marriage -									
Bigamy	7	5	2	..	1	..	..	1	16
Incapacity to consummate	9	8	2	5	..	..	..	..	24
Other grounds	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	4
<u>Total petitions for nullity</u>	17	15	4	5	2	..	..	1	44
Petitions for dissolution or nullity of marriage	3	10	2	2	..	..	..	..	17
Petitions for judicial separation -									
Adultery	4	4	2	1	1	1	..	1	14
Cruelty	6	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	9
Other grounds	3	3	4	1	..	..	..	..	11
<u>Total petitions for judicial separation</u>	13	7	6	4	1	2	..	1	34
Petitions for dissolution or judicial separation	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<u>Total Petitions other than for Dissolution of Marriage</u>	33	33	12	11	3	2	..	2	96

TABLE 20. - PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, NULLITY OF MARRIAGE
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PETITIONER
AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN (a) : AUSTRALIA, 1964

Petition for -	Dissolutions of Marriage with -							Total Petitions	Total Number of Children (a)
	No Child- ren	1 Child	2 Child- ren	3 Child- ren	4 Child- ren	5 Child- ren	6 or more Child- ren		
Dissolution of Marriage - Husband Petitioner	1,659	1,021	845	447	167	46	30	4,215	5,146
Wife Petitioner	1,808	1,554	1,380	734	287	102	68	5,933	8,625
<u>Total</u>	3,467	2,575	2,225	1,181	454	148	98	10,148	13,771
Nullity of Marriage - Husband Petitioner	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..
Wife Petitioner	23	3	2	1	1	..	..	30	14
<u>Total</u>	37	3	2	1	1	..	..	44	14
Dissolution or Nullity - Husband Petitioner	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	5	4
Wife Petitioner	7	3	2	..	..	..	..	12	7
<u>Total</u>	9	5	3	..	..	..	..	17	11
Judicial Separation - Wife Petitioner	14	3	3	4	2	2	1	34	55
Total Petitions - Husband Petitioner	1,675	1,023	846	447	167	46	30	4,234	5,150
Wife Petitioner	(b) 1,853	1,563	1,392	739	290	104	69	(b) 6,010	8,701
<u>TOTAL</u>	(b) 3,528	2,586	2,238	1,186	457	150	99	(b) 10,244	13,851

(a) Living children under 21 at time of petition.

(b) Includes one petition for Dissolution or Judicial Separation.

TABLE 21. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS GRANTED (a), 1964

Decree for -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Dissolution of Marriage - Husband Petitioner	1,222	939	431	357	259	115	15	39	3,377
Wife Petitioner	1,802	1,189	550	529	282	114	16	54	4,536
Granted on Petitions of Both	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	4
<u>Total</u>	3,024	2,130	981	887	542	229	31	93	7,917
Nullity of Marriage - Husband Petitioner	3	5	1	..	1	1	..	..	11
Wife Petitioner	11	14	4	3	1	..	..	..	33
<u>Total</u>	14	19	5	3	2	1	..	..	44
Judicial Separation - Wife Petitioner	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	6
Total Decrees - Husband Petitioner	No. 1,225	944	432	357	260	116	15	39	3,388
Per cent.	40	44	44	40	48	50	48	42	43
Wife Petitioner	No. 1,816	1,205	554	532	284	114	16	54	4,575
Per cent.	60	56	56	60	52	50	52	58	57
Granted on Petitions of Both	No. ..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	4
<u>TOTAL</u>	3,041	2,151	986	890	545	230	31	93	7,967

(a) Decrees absolute.

TABLE 22. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE

AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS GRANTED (a): GROUNDS, 1964

Ground	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE									
Single Grounds -									
Desertion	1,423	1,004	506	268	134	95	11	27	3,468
Adultery	659	484	165	243	198	54	8	22	1,833
Separation	515	552	220	180	160	45	5	10	1,687
Cruelty	136	31	19	102	3	9	2	14	316
Drunkenness	32	10	8	13	4	6	2	6	81
Intoxication by drugs	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	4
Failure to pay maintenance	1	2	1	1	5	..	..	..	10
Non-compliance with restitution decree	15	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	17
Refusal to consummate	14	2	2	2	..	..	1	1	22
Insanity	5	2	5	3	1	..	..	..	16
Frequent convictions	3	4	2	..	3	..	..	..	12
Imprisonment	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	5
Other single grounds	3	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	8
Dual Grounds -									
Desertion and adultery	27	13	8	8	10	7	..	..	73
Desertion and separation	70	9	21	34	13	8	..	4	159
Desertion and cruelty	30	2	2	6	1	..	2	1	44
Desertion and drunkenness	7	1	2	2	..	..	..	1	13
Desertion and failure to pay maintenance	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	5
Desertion and frequent convictions	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Adultery and separation	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	1	9
Adultery and cruelty	4	..	2	5	..	..	..	..	11
Adultery and drunkenness	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Separation and refusal to consummate	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Cruelty and drunkenness	41	5	7	9	1	3	..	3	69
Cruelty and sodomy	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	4
Other dual grounds	7	3	1	1	2	..	..	2	16
Three grounds or more	12	..	1	3	2	2	..	1	21
<u>Total</u>	3,024	2,130	981	887	542	229	31	93	7,917
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE									
Bigamy	7	7	1	..	1	..	..	..	16
Invalid marriage	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	3
Incapacity to consummate	6	10	4	3	..	..	..	..	23
Other grounds	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
<u>Total</u>	14	19	5	3	2	1	..	..	44
JUDICIAL SEPARATION									
Desertion	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Adultery	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cruelty	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Cruelty and drunkenness	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<u>Total</u>	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	6

(a) Decrees absolute.

TABLE 23. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE
AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS (a) : MONTH IN WHICH GRANTED, 1964

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE									
January	293	90	115	45	58	14	1	10	626
February	253	142	99	99	49	31	1	6	680
March	200	208	123	79	61	3	2	6	682
April	73	31	3	13	25	1	..	..	146
May	252	89	57	75	27	33	4	10	547
June	198	162	69	101	46	28	7	6	617
July	314	227	79	101	50	33	3	7	814
August	313	266	83	59	40	4	..	15	780
September	169	236	97	90	44	32	7	12	687
October	202	211	81	43	50	2	2	4	595
November	354	227	86	92	44	36	2	8	849
December	403	241	89	90	48	12	2	9	894
<u>Total</u>	3,024	2,130	981	887	542	229	31	93	7,917
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE									
January	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
February	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
March	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
April	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
May	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
June	1	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	5
July	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
August	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
September	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
October	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	5
November	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
December	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	4
<u>Total</u>	14	19	5	3	2	1	..	..	44
JUDICIAL SEPARATION									
January	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
February	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
March	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
April	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
May	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
June	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
July	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
August	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
September	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
October	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
November	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<u>Total</u>	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	6

(a) Decrees absolute.

TABLE 24. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :
AGES OF PARTIES AT TIME OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1964

Age of Husband (Years)	Age of Wife (Years)											Total Husbands	
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not Stated	No.	Per cent.
Under 20	397	91	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	497	6
20 - 24	1,536	1,950	237	40	7	2	1	1	..	..	2	3,776	48
25 - 29	426	1,045	408	99	36	3	6	..	..	..	1	2,024	26
30 - 34	81	271	251	142	46	19	3	1	..	..	..	814	10
35 - 39	20	84	79	81	81	29	5	..	..	..	1	380	5
40 - 44	4	26	36	45	42	29	15	4	1	..	..	202	3
45 - 49	..	4	11	23	21	21	15	4	2	..	..	102	1
50 - 54	..	..	6	5	9	12	11	3	5	1	..	52	1
55 - 59	..	2	3	2	4	2	7	5	2	1	..	28	..
60 and over	1	..	1	..	..	1	2	6	11	8	..	30	..
Not stated	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	9	12	..
Total (No.)	2,465	3,473	1,041	437	247	119	67	24	21	10	13	7,917	..
Wives (%)	31	44	13	6	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	100

(a) Decrees absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations.

TABLE 25. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :
AGES OF PARTIES AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION, AUSTRALIA, 1964

Age of Husband (Years)	Age of Wife (Years)											Total Husbands	
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not Stated	No.	Per cent.
Under 20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20 - 24	6	139	18	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	165	2
25 - 29	3	318	527	58	3	3	..	1	..	..	..	913	12
30 - 34	4	86	563	524	104	16	4	4	..	..	..	1,305	17
35 - 39	..	19	142	578	539	130	22	4	5	1	1	1,441	18
40 - 44	..	7	29	150	506	461	103	24	2	..	..	1,282	16
45 - 49	..	1	9	40	141	397	344	67	11	6	1	1,017	13
50 - 54	..	..	1	11	53	133	293	233	53	20	1	798	10
55 - 59	..	..	1	..	15	44	92	162	145	40	..	499	6
60 and over	..	1	2	2	3	22	42	72	124	215	1	484	6
Not stated	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	10	13	..
Total (No.)	13	571	1,292	1,365	1,364	1,207	900	568	340	283	14	7,917	..
Wives (%)	..	7	16	17	17	15	12	7	5	4	..	..	100

(a) Decrees absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations.

TABLE 26. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :

DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN (b), AUSTRALIA, 1964

Duration of Marriage (Years)	Dissolutions of Marriage with -							Total Marriages Dissolved		Total Number of Children
	No Children	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	4 Children	5 Children	6 or more Children	No.	Per cent.	
	Under 5	308	148	35	9	1	501		6	249
5 - 9	787	661	383	119	25	5	..	1,980	25	1,909
10 - 14	474	458	459	227	89	27	7	1,741	22	2,591
15 - 19	317	320	419	250	107	39	22	1,474	19	2,673
20 - 24	233	210	268	159	68	28	18	984	12	1,755
25 - 29	288	168	113	38	15	4	7	633	8	636
30 and over	478	85	26	8	4	1	..	602	8	182
Not stated	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
<u>Total Marriages Dissolved</u>	No. 2,885	2,052	1,703	810	309	104	54	7,917	..	..
	% 36	26	22	10	4	1	1	..	100	..
<u>Total Number of Children</u>	..	2,052	3,406	2,430	1,236	520	353	..	..	9,997

(a) Decrees absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations.

(b) At time of petition. The term "children" refers to "children of the marriage" as defined in the Matrimonial Causes Act, living and under 21 years.

TABLE 27. - CHILDREN (a) OF DISSOLVED MARRIAGES (b) :

AGES, AUSTRALIA, 1964

Petitioner	Ages of Children at Time of Petition (Years)																	Total Number of Children	
	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16 to 20		Not Stated
Husband	23	70	139	185	218	231	276	250	241	248	229	222	203	225	190	184	720	2	3,856
Wife	45	102	235	324	349	376	380	415	364	392	361	373	392	320	296	325	1,083	4	6,136
Both	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
<u>Total</u>	68	172	374	509	567	607	656	665	605	642	592	595	596	545	486	509	1,803	6	9,997

(a) See note (b) to Table 26 above.

(b) Marriages for which decrees absolute for dissolution were granted. Excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations.

TABLE 28. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) :

DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND AGE OF PARTIES AT TIME OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

AUSTRALIA, 1964

Duration of Marriage (years)	Age of Parties (years)											Total
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not Stated	
HUSBAND												
Under 5	..	104	188	88	45	29	13	12	8	14	..	501
5 - 9	..	61	678	644	279	138	71	43	37	26	3	1,980
10 - 14	47	549	622	251	120	76	35	38	3	1,741
15 - 19	23	479	548	225	106	45	44	4	1,474
20 - 24	16	306	412	151	59	38	2	984
25 - 29	10	173	291	106	53	..	633
30 and over	3	119	209	271	..	602
Not stated	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
<u>Total Marriages Dissolved</u> { No. %	..	165	913	1,305	1,441	1,282	1,017	798	499	484	13	7,917
	..	2	12	17	18	16	13	10	6	6	..	100
WIFE												
Under 5	12	230	139	44	24	18	11	10	6	7	..	501
5 - 9	1	340	928	349	149	91	62	26	18	14	2	1,980
10 - 14	225	780	397	158	89	53	21	15	3	1,741
15 - 19	192	701	364	116	48	29	21	3	1,474
20 - 24	92	506	273	67	22	21	3	984
25 - 29	1	70	311	184	49	17	1	633
30 and over	38	180	195	188	1	602
Not stated	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
<u>Total Marriages Dissolved</u> { No. %	13	571	1,292	1,365	1,364	1,207	900	568	340	283	14	7,917
	..	7	16	17	17	15	12	7	5	4	..	100

(a) Decrees absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations.

TABLE 29. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND CONJUGAL CONDITION OF PARTIES AT TIME OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1964

Duration of Marriage (years)	Conjugal Condition at Time of Marriage of -									
	Husband					Wife				
	Single	Widowed	Divorced	Not Stated	Total	Single	Widowed	Divorced	Not Stated	Total
0 - 4	430	27	44	..	501	425	22	54	..	501
5 - 9	1,757	49	173	1	1,980	1,723	62	195	..	1,980
10 - 14	1,545	36	160	..	1,741	1,481	62	198	..	1,741
15 - 19	1,328	33	113	..	1,474	1,295	59	120	..	1,474
20 - 24	927	17	40	..	984	925	17	42	..	984
25 - 29	610	8	15	..	633	609	6	18	..	633
30 and over	589	5	8	..	602	589	4	9	..	602
Not stated	2	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	2
TOTAL	7,188	175	553	1	7,917	7,049	232	636	..	7,917

(a) Decrees absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations.

TABLE 30. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : CONJUGAL CONDITION OF PARTIES AT TIME OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1964

Conjugal Condition of Husband at Time of Marriage	Conjugal Condition of Wife at Time of Marriage -				
	Single	Widowed	Divorced	Not Stated	Total
Single	6,670	124	394	..	7,188
Widowed	72	53	50	..	175
Divorced	306	55	192	..	553
Not stated	1	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	7,049	232	636	..	7,917

(a) Decrees absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations.

TABLE 31. - DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE GRANTED (a) : NUMBER OF TIMES THE PARTIES HAVE BEEN DIVORCED, AUSTRALIA, 1964

Husband	Wife				
	Now divorced for the first time	Now divorced for the second time	Now divorced for the third time	Not Stated	Total
Now divorced for the first time	6,915	423	13	11	7,362
Now divorced for the second time	340	184	5	1	530
Now divorced for the third time	12	1	1	..	14
Not stated	9	..	..	1	10
TOTAL	7,277(b)	608	19	13	7,917(b)

(a) Decrees absolute. This table excludes nullities of marriage and judicial separations. (b) Includes one husband now divorced for the fourth time.

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