

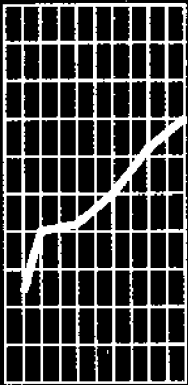


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# Demography

## Victoria



# NOTES

**CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE** The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) undertook reduced processing of marriage and divorce data in 1995. Full processing was resumed for 1996 marriage and available divorce data. (See paragraph 24 of the Explanatory Notes for further detail.)

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**REVISIONS** In 1994, children data for Victoria (divorce collection) were found to be understated and hence numbers were suppressed for that State and Australia. These data have been finalised in this issue for both Victoria and Australia (see paragraph 26 of Explanatory Notes).

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**PLEASE NOTE** Because of the complexity and variety of concepts included in this publication, users are advised to consult both the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for clarification.

Final figures for births and deaths may differ slightly from those used to compile natural increase for population estimates because it is necessary to use preliminary births and deaths data when finalising population estimates.

Australia details for population, births and deaths include Other Territories (see paragraph 2 of the Explanatory Notes).

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<b>SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES</b>	ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
	ASGC	Australian Standard Geographical Classification
	ICD	International Classification of Diseases
	n.a.	not available
	n.p.	not available for publication but included in totals where applicable
	n.y.a.	not yet available
	p	preliminary
	r	figure or series revised since previous issue
	SD	Statistical division
	SDR	Standardised death rates
	SSD	Statistical subdivision
	..	not applicable
	—	nil or rounded to zero

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	VICTORIA...			AUSTRALIA.....		
	1986	1996	Change	1986	1996	Change
	'000	'000	%	'000	'000	%
Estimated resident population	4 183.8	4 581.6	9.5	16 138.8	18 426.9	14.2
Net overseas migration	29.7	26.7	-10.0	110.7	111.2	0.4
Net interstate migration	-13.5	-13.8	2.8	..	..	..
<b>Births</b>						
Registration basis	60.2	61.1	1.6	243.4	253.8	4.3
Occurrence basis	60.6	60.7	0.2	242.9	249.1	2.6
<b>Deaths</b>						
Registration basis	30.2	32.7	8.5	115.0	128.7	11.9
Occurrence basis	30.3	32.2	6.2	114.3	127.3	11.3
<b>Marriages</b>	29.4	26.1	-11.3	114.9	106.1	-7.7
<b>Divorces</b>	9.7	12.5	29.2	39.4	52.5	33.1

### ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

The estimated resident population of Victoria at 31 December 1996 was 4,581,600. This was an increase of 9.5% over the last 10 years.

The median age of people resident in Victoria at 30 June 1996 was 33.9 years, almost one year higher than that for the resident Australian population, which was 33.0 years.

### OVERSEAS MIGRATION

In 1996, Victoria experienced a net gain of 26,714 people from overseas migration (permanent and long term). All States and Territories experienced a net overseas migration gain in 1996, the total gain for Australia being 111,157.

### INTERSTATE MIGRATION

More people left Victoria for other parts of Australia than settled in Victoria in 1996. The net loss to Victoria from Interstate migration was 13,822 persons. The State recording the highest intake of persons from Victoria in 1996 was Queensland (27,655 persons or 38% of all interstate departures from Victoria).

BIRTHS

Registration basis

In 1996 there were 61,143 births registered in Victoria, a rate of 13.5 births per 1,000 population which was slightly below the Australian rate of 13.9 births per 1,000 population.

The total fertility rate has, over the last 10 years, fluctuated around 1.8 children per woman. In 1996, the total fertility rate in Victoria decreased to 1.7 children per woman and is lower than the rate of 1.8 recorded for Australia.

The peak age group for mothers giving birth in Victoria was 30-34 years with a birth rate of 113 per 1,000 mothers. This is reflected in the increasing median age of Victorian mothers over the previous ten years. Prior to 1996, the peak age group was 25-29 years. The birth rate for this age group has decreased from 141 per 1,000 mothers in 1986 to 112 per 1,000 mothers in 1996.

Ex-nuptial births represented 22% of all births registered in Victoria in 1996 (13,210) compared with 12% in 1986 (7,395).

Occurrence basis

In 1996, a total of 60,727 births occurred in Victoria, compared with 60,610 in 1986, an increase of 0.2%. The number of births occurring each year has decreased since 1992.

The highest number of births occurred in the month of October (5,449) and the lowest in December (4,830).

DEATHS

Registration basis

The number of deaths registered in Victoria in 1996 was 32,726, a rate of 7.2 deaths per 1,000 population.

The standardised death rate in Victoria in 1996 was 6.3 per 1,000 standard population, compared with a standardised rate of 7.5 per 1,000 in 1986.

The median age at death was 74.7 years for men and 81.3 years for women. By comparison the 1986 medians were 71.5 years and 78.4 years, respectively.

The infant mortality rate was 5.0 per 1,000 live births compared with 8.6 in 1986.

Occurrence basis

In 1996, a total of 32,231 deaths occurred in Victoria. This was a 6.2% increase on the number occurring in 1986.

The highest number of deaths in 1996 occurred in the month of July (3,222) and the lowest in December (2,313).

The number of infant deaths which occurred in 1996 was 289, a decrease of 42% from 1986.

## MARRIAGES

There were 26,074 marriages registered in Victoria in 1996. This was 11% less than the number registered in 1986, which was 29,390.

In 1996 the crude marriage rate of 5.7 per 1,000 population continued the downward trend which commenced in 1972.

The median at first marriage age was 27.8 years for men and 26.0 years for women, compared with 25.7 years and 23.7 years respectively in 1986.

## DIVORCES

In Victoria in 1996 there were 12,491 divorces granted compared with 9,670 in 1986.

Men and women divorcing in 1996 were older than men and women divorcing in 1986.

In 1996, the median age at divorce was 40.0 years for men and 37.3 years for women.

The comparative medians in 1986 were 37.3 years and 34.7 years respectively.

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# SECTION 1

## DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY .....

### POPULATION

At 31 December 1996, the estimated resident population of Victoria was 4,581,600. This represents a growth of 0.9% for the year. Northern Territory and Queensland had the highest growth at 2.2% and Tasmania had virtually zero growth. The population of Australia increased by 1.3% to 18,426,900.

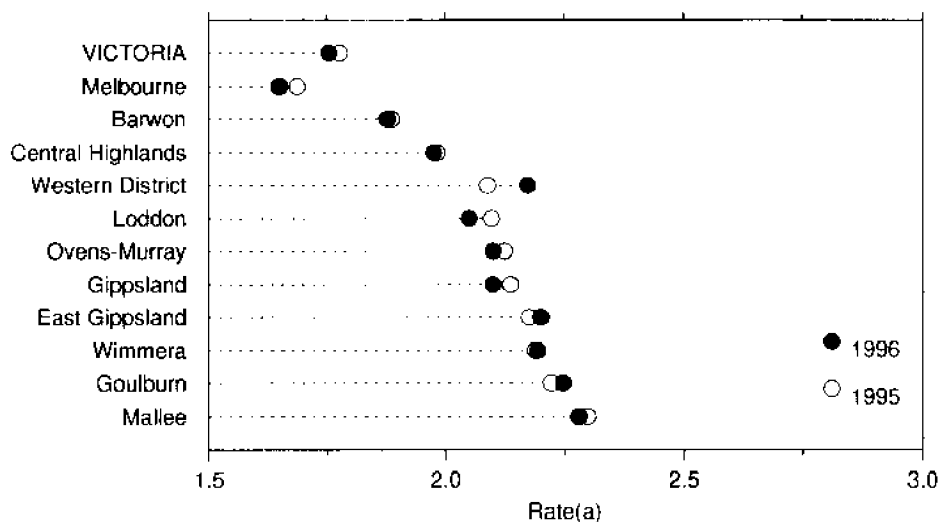
### COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

While the Victorian population was 25% of the Australian population, its total growth of 43,079 in 1996 represents only 18% of the Australian growth. The smaller percentage for total growth was predominantly caused by an interstate migration loss of 13,822 which was mainly to Queensland where there was an interstate migration gain of 33,817. This interstate migration loss increased significantly from 1990 reaching a peak of 32,000 in 1993.

### BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS

The Victorian births registration figure of 61,143 for 1996 includes 61,121 births to Victorian mothers and 22 births which occurred in Victoria where the usual residence of the mother was overseas. Residents of Melbourne Statistical Division accounted for 72% (44,054 births) of all Victorian births.

### TOTAL FERTILITY RATES BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, 1995 AND 1996



(a) Per 1,000 population

The average fertility rate for Victoria was 1.754 in the period from 1994 to 1996. This represents the average number of children each woman would bear if the current birth rates continued during their child-bearing lifetimes. The highest total fertility rate for a statistical division was 2.280 in Mallee (SD), while the lowest fertility rate was 1.650 in Melbourne (SD).

1.1 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY(a)—Year ended 31 December 1996 *continued*

Particulars	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.(b)
MARRIAGES									
Number registered	35 716	<b>28 074</b>	20 913	8 011	10 294	2 654	787	1 654	106 103
Crude marriage rate	5.8	<b>5.7</b>	6.2	5.4	5.8	5.6	4.4	5.4	5.8
Median age at marriage (years)									
Bridegroom	29.5	<b>29.4</b>	29.4	29.6	30.2	29.6	30.9	30.0	29.6
Bride	27.1	<b>27.3</b>	27.1	27.3	27.6	27.2	28.2	27.6	27.2
DIVORCES (c)									
Number granted	15 984	<b>12 491</b>	10 996	4 358	4 959	1 582	486	1 610	52 466
Crude divorce rate	2.6	<b>2.8</b>	3.3	2.9	2.8	3.3	2.7	5.2	2.9
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.1	<b>10.8</b>	11.7	11.7	12.0	12.1	10.8	11.3	11.0
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	6.8	<b>7.6</b>	8.1	8.0	8.4	8.8	7.3	7.9	7.6

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) Population, births and deaths include Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands. Divorces include Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands; usual residence overseas; and not stated.

(c) See paragraph 18 in Explanatory Notes.

## 1.2 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY(a)

<i>Statistical division</i>	<i>Estimated mid-year resident population(b)</i>	<i>Births(c)</i>	<i>Total fertility rate(d)</i>	<i>Deaths(c)</i>	<i>Indirect standardised death rate(e)</i>
<i>Melbourne SD</i>	3 283 014	44 054	1.650	21 967	6.2
<i>Barwon SD</i>	239 722	2 996	1.877	1 879	6.4
<i>Western District SD</i>	100 228	1 407	2.172	925	7.1
<i>Central Highlands SD</i>	134 767	1 812	1.975	1 165	7.2
<i>Wimmera SD</i>	52 233	658	2.194	526	6.7
<i>Mallee SD</i>	87 239	1 258	2.280	789	7.0
<i>Loddon SD</i>	157 472	2 043	2.050	1 286	6.7
<i>Goulburn SD</i>	182 796	2 620	2.247	1 430	6.6
<i>Ovens-Murray SD</i>	89 159	1 180	2.068	722	6.9
<i>East Gippsland SD</i>	80 670	1 075	2.243	717	7.0
<i>Gippsland SD</i>	153 517	2 018	2.093	1 242	7.2
<b>Victoria(f)</b>	<b>4 560 817</b>	<b>61 143</b>	<b>1.745</b>	<b>32 726</b>	<b>6.4</b>

(a) The statistical area boundaries used in the compilation of these statistics are those in existence at 1 July 1996.

(b) As at 30 June 1996.

(c) Data is for calendar year 1996.

(d) The average total fertility rate over the three years 1994 to 1996.

(e) The average indirect standardised death rate over three years 1994 to 1996.

(f) Includes births and deaths where usual residence was overseas, no fixed abode and Victoria undefined.

## SECTION 2

## POPULATION

### Estimated Resident Population

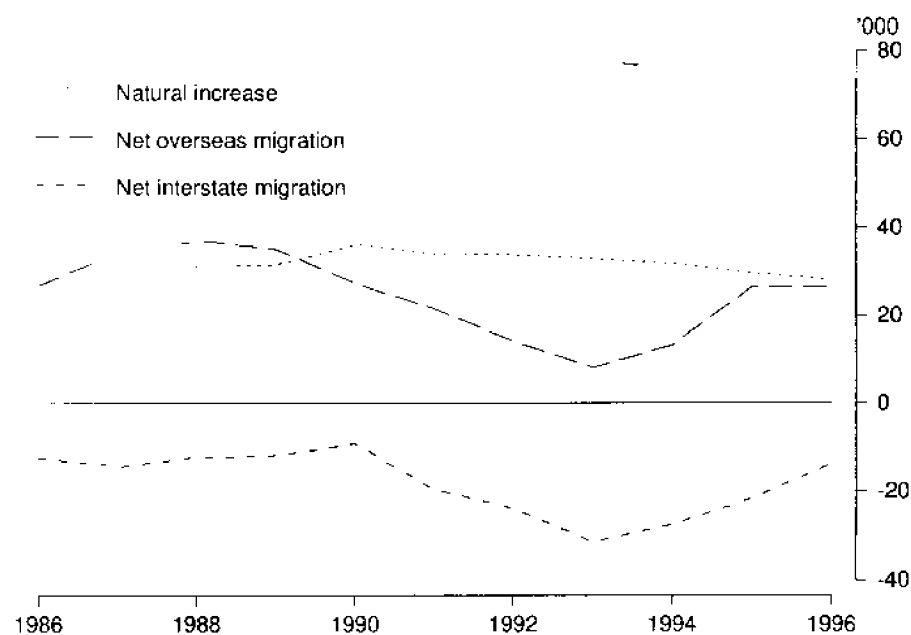
The population of Victoria passed the one million mark in 1887, two million in 1945, three million in 1962 and four million in 1982.

At 31 December 1996, the estimated resident population of Victoria was 4,581,600 comprising 2,262,900 males and 2,318,700 females.

### Population change

In 1996 the population of Victoria increased by 40,927 persons (or 0.9%). This was due to gains of 28,035 from natural increase and 26,714 from net overseas migration and a loss of 13,822 from net interstate migration. The following graph shows the contribution of the three components of change in the total population of Victoria since 1986.

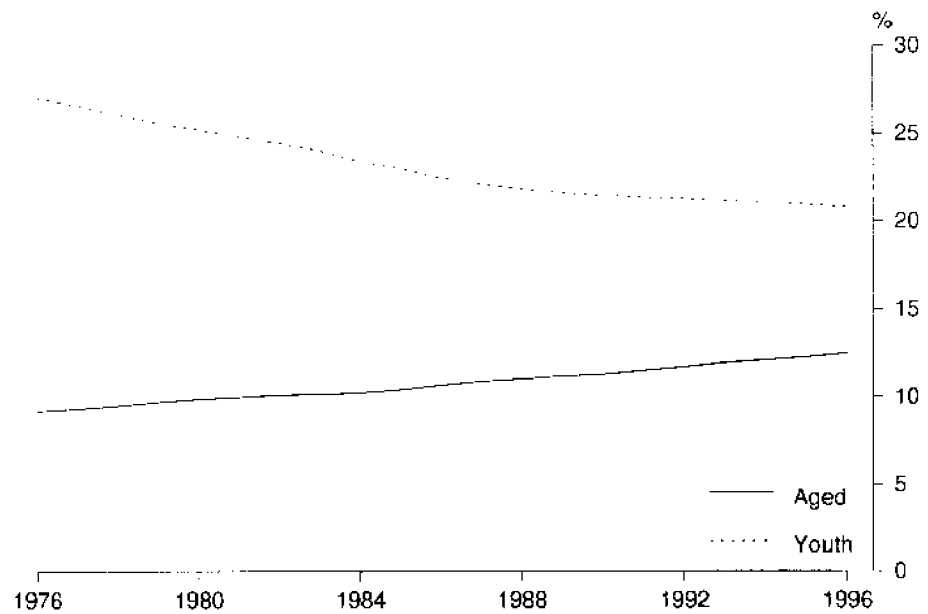
COMPONENTS OF POPULATION INCREASE



### Age distribution

Estimated resident population by age at 30 June 1996 shows the continuance of the trend toward an ageing of the State's population. In 1996 the proportion of aged persons (those aged 65 years and over) in Victoria was 12.5% compared to 9.2% in 1976. In contrast, the proportion of children (persons aged less than 15 years) in Victoria is decreasing. In 1996 the proportion of children in Victoria was 20.8% while the figure for 1976 was 27.0%.

## PROPORTION OF POPULATION: AGED PERSONS AND CHILDREN

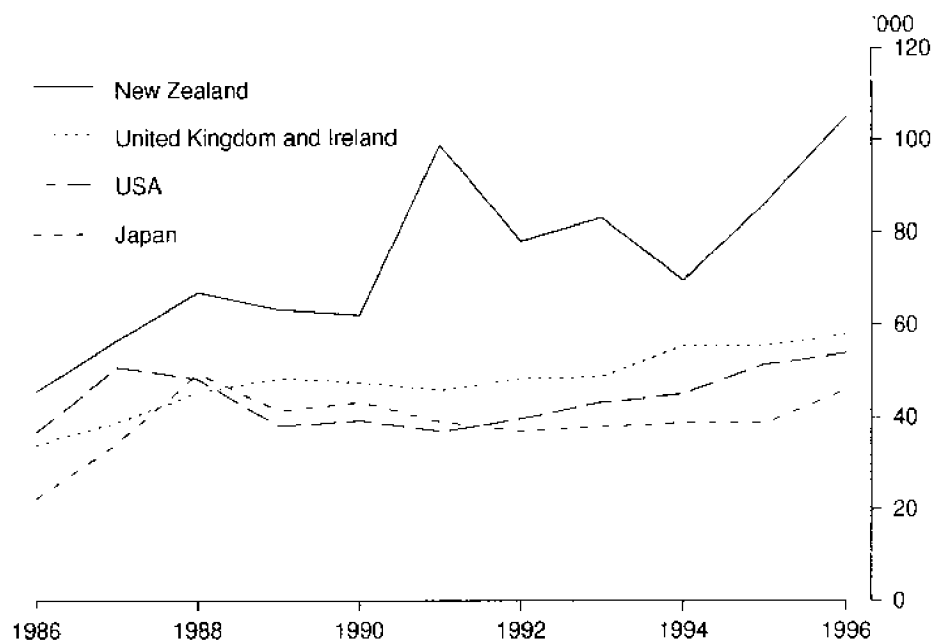


## Tourism

The impact of tourism to and from Australia is reflected in statistics of short term movement (i.e. overseas arrivals and departures for less than 12 months). In 1996, there were 543,100 short-term visitors to Victoria and 641,600 Victorian residents departing for overseas for less than 12 months. The corresponding figures for 1986 were 234,900 and 390,100 respectively.

In 1996, the major source countries of overseas visitors to Victoria were New Zealand (19.3%), United Kingdom (including Ireland) (10.7%), United States of America (9.9%) and Japan (8.5%).

## SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS, Major Source Countries



## 2.1 POPULATION, Summary(a)

Particulars	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Estimated resident population at 31 December ('000)</b>							
Males	2 076.7	2 199.4	2 211.3	2 215.8	2 225.1	2 242.5	2 262.9
Females	2 107.1	2 238.1	2 253.7	2 262.4	2 274.4	2 296.0	2 318.7
Persons	4 183.8	4 437.6	4 465.0	4 478.2	4 499.5	4 538.5	4 581.6
<b>Components of population change(b)</b>							
<b>Net natural increase(c)</b>							
Number	29 987	34 065	33 739	32 948	31 680	29 611	28 035
% of total annual growth	66.7	94.8	142.1	350.1	181.1	85.9	68.5
<b>Net overseas migration(d)</b>							
Number	28 238	21 478	13 988	7 996	13 333	26 435	26 714
% of total annual growth	62.8	59.8	58.9	85.0	76.2	76.6	65.3
<b>Net interstate migration</b>							
Number	-13 295	-19 622	-23 990	-31 533	-27 519	-21 557	-13 822
% of total annual growth	-29.6	-54.6	-101.1	-335.1	-157.3	-62.5	-33.8
<b>Total population growth</b>							
Number	44 930	35 921	23 737	9 411	17 494	34 489	40 927
Annual growth rate (%) <sup>(e)</sup>	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.9
<b>Overseas arrivals and departures(f)</b>							
<b>Permanent movement</b>							
Arrivals	26 210	30 240	23 740	15 510	17 810	22 060	20 250
Departures	3 800	6 700	6 170	6 140	5 600	5 680	5 580
Former settlers	2 040	3 460	2 970	2 770	2 520	2 500	2 440
Other Australian residents	1 760	3 240	3 200	3 370	3 080	3 180	3 140
<b>Long-term movement</b>							
Arrivals	22 010	27 690	29 290	29 960	32 580	36 700	40 070
Australian residents returning	13 600	13 950	15 420	16 980	18 380	19 220	19 220
Overseas visitors arriving	8 410	13 740	13 870	12 980	14 210	17 480	20 850
Departures	17 740	27 460	27 280	26 360	25 810	27 220	29 760
Australian residents departing	11 960	16 300	16 540	16 040	15 760	16 800	17 150
Overseas visitors departing	5 790	11 170	10 740	10 320	10 050	10 420	12 610
<b>Short-term movement</b>							
Arrivals	612 200	836 400	876 700	905 200	967 700	1 051 000	1 168 300
Australian residents returning	377 300	469 800	514 900	507 200	529 000	570 800	625 200
Overseas visitors arriving	234 900	366 600	361 900	398 000	438 700	480 200	543 100
Departures	595 400	824 700	860 100	889 800	935 400	1 044 500	1 162 800
Australian residents departing	390 100	486 400	534 700	529 600	542 000	593 200	641 600
Overseas visitors departing	205 300	338 300	325 500	360 200	393 300	451 300	521 200

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) From previous year.

(c) Final figures for births and deaths may differ from those used to compile natural increase for population estimates, which are compiled at a preliminary stage.

(d) Includes an estimate of those persons who changed category from short-term visitor to long-term visitor or resident of Australia.

(e) Includes intercensal discrepancy not accounted for by natural increase and net migration.

(f) Statistics have been rounded to the nearest 100 for short-term movement, and to the nearest 10 for permanent and long-term movement.

## 2.2 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION—at 30 June 1996

Age(years)	Males	Females	Persons	Age(years)	Males	Females	Persons
Under 1	31 749	30 229	61 978	50	27 742	27 041	54 783
1	32 468	30 790	63 258	51	26 594	26 180	52 774
2	32 748	30 966	63 714	52	25 653	25 409	51 062
3	32 579	31 133	63 712	53	23 643	23 078	46 721
4	32 648	30 748	63 396	54	23 267	22 596	45 863
0-4	162 192	153 866	316 058	50-54	126 899	124 304	251 203
5	33 192	31 615	64 807	55	22 484	21 784	44 268
6	33 111	31 725	64 836	56	21 744	21 271	43 015
7	32 340	30 749	63 089	57	20 926	20 637	41 563
8	32 141	30 732	62 873	58	20 249	20 455	40 704
9	31 967	30 393	62 360	59	19 695	19 598	39 293
5-9	162 751	155 214	317 965	55-59	105 098	103 745	208 843
10	32 112	30 729	62 841	60	18 912	19 297	38 209
11	31 951	30 851	62 802	61	17 936	18 496	36 432
12	32 002	30 674	62 676	62	18 264	18 665	36 929
13	32 268	30 562	62 830	63	17 652	18 438	36 090
14	31 836	30 650	62 486	64	17 607	17 809	35 416
10-14	160 169	153 466	313 635	60-64	90 371	92 705	183 076
15	31 985	30 700	62 685	65	18 389	19 123	37 512
16	31 753	30 164	61 917	66	17 593	18 488	36 081
17	32 059	30 370	62 429	67	17 297	18 129	35 426
18	32 690	30 584	63 274	68	16 814	18 173	34 987
19	32 851	31 287	64 138	69	16 278	17 993	34 271
15-19	161 338	153 105	314 443	65-69	86 371	91 906	178 277
20	33 402	32 084	65 486	70	15 890	18 366	34 256
21	34 461	33 731	68 192	71	14 455	17 075	31 530
22	34 941	34 355	69 296	72	14 286	17 328	31 614
23	35 729	35 091	70 820	73	13 111	16 648	29 759
24	37 082	37 055	74 137	74	12 492	15 941	28 433
20-24	175 615	172 316	347 931	70-74	70 234	85 358	155 592
25	37 707	38 367	76 074	75	11 877	15 540	27 417
26	36 161	36 377	72 538	76	10 418	14 067	24 485
27	36 161	36 548	72 709	77	8 038	11 318	19 356
28	35 055	35 609	70 664	78	7 560	11 000	18 560
29	34 111	34 721	68 832	79	7 308	10 722	18 030
25-29	179 195	181 622	360 817	75-79	45 201	62 647	107 848
30	34 311	35 437	69 748	80	6 727	10 503	17 230
31	35 082	35 775	70 857	81	6 024	9 908	15 932
32	36 299	36 829	73 128	82	5 691	9 697	15 388
33	36 584	37 170	73 754	83	4 887	8 529	13 416
34	36 704	37 251	73 955	84	4 104	7 686	11 790
30-34	178 980	182 462	361 442	80-84	27 433	46 323	73 756
35	37 446	37 557	75 003	85	3 427	6 774	10 201
36	36 240	37 170	73 410	86	2 935	5 995	8 930
37	35 946	35 951	71 897	87	2 252	4 763	7 015
38	35 386	35 796	71 182	88	1 851	4 183	6 034
39	34 548	35 134	69 682	89	1 426	3 524	4 950
35-39	179 566	181 608	361 174	85-89	11 891	25 239	37 130
40	34 710	34 813	69 523	90	1 064	2 915	3 979
41	33 420	34 398	67 818	91	828	2 331	3 159
42	33 540	34 263	67 803	92	628	1 889	2 517
43	33 152	33 809	66 961	93	489	1 527	2 016
44	31 713	32 013	63 726	94	343	1 135	1 478
40-44	166 535	169 296	335 831	90-94	3 352	9 797	13 149
45	31 989	32 787	64 776	95 and over	782	2 955	3 737
46	31 703	32 044	63 747				
47	30 680	30 823	61 503	<b>Total</b>	<b>2 252 898</b>	<b>2 307 919</b>	<b>4 560 817</b>
48	31 666	31 940	63 606				
49	32 887	32 391	65 278				
45-49	158 925	159 985	318 910				

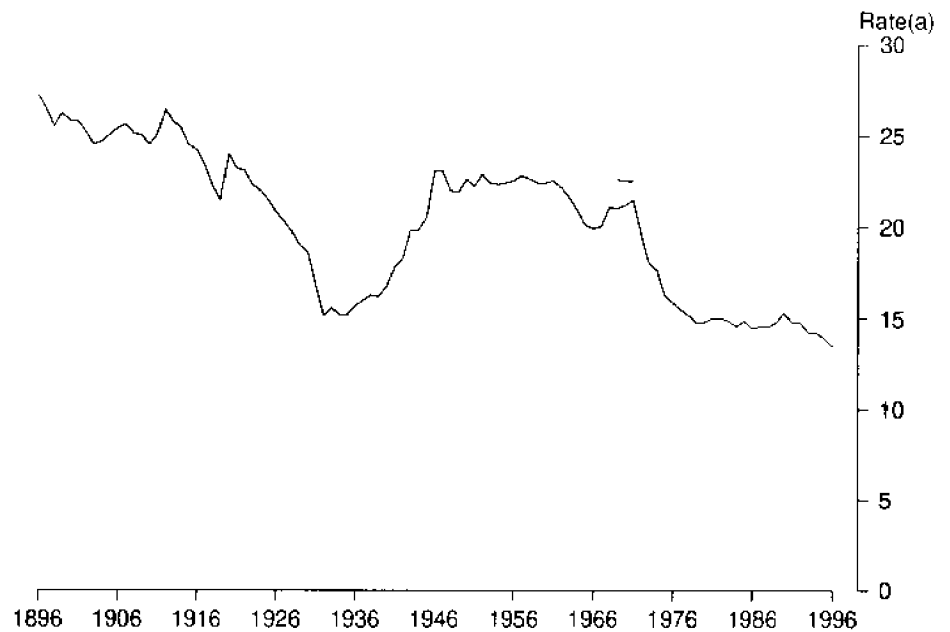
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**BIRTHS — YEAR OF REGISTRATION .....**

BIRTHS —YEAR OF REGISTRATION

In 1996 there were 61,121 live births registered (in Australia) to mothers whose usual residence was in Victoria and 22 births registered in Victoria where the usual residence of the mother was overseas. The crude birth rate was 13.5 births per 1,000 of total population. The sex ratio was 107 males born for every 100 females. The *total fertility rate*, expressed as the number of children one woman would expect to bear during her child-bearing lifetime, decreased from 1.8 to 1.7 in 1996. This is lower than the Australian total fertility rate of just under 1.8 children per woman and is the second lowest in the country.

CRUDE BIRTH RATE



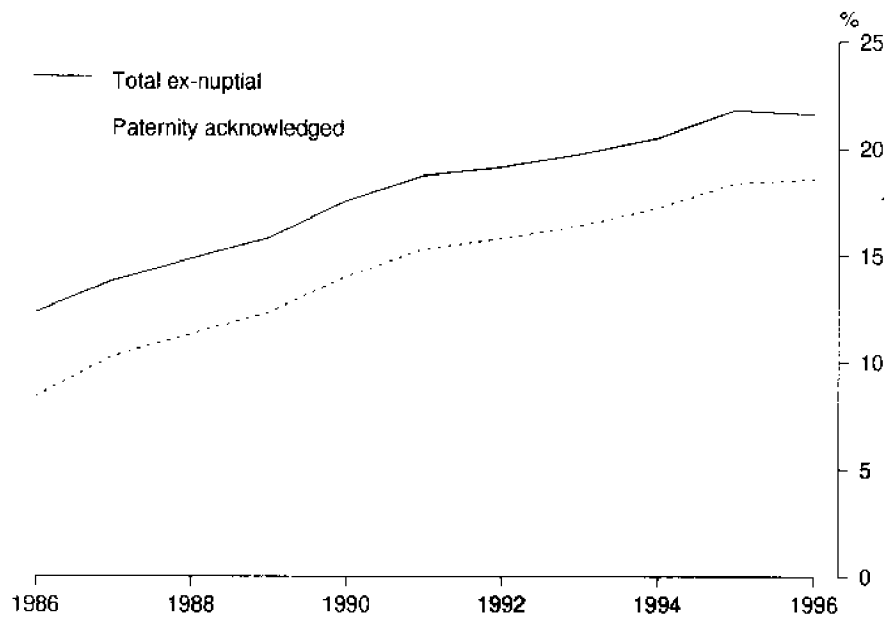
(a) Per 1,000 population.

Ex-nuptial births

There were 13,210 ex-nuptial births registered in 1996. The proportion of ex-nuptial births to total births decreased slightly from 21.8% in 1995 to 21.6% in 1996. This proportion varied considerably between Melbourne Statistical Division (SD) (19.4%) and the remainder of Victoria (27.3%). The highest ex-nuptial percentage was found in East Gippsland SD (31.6%), followed by Gippsland SD (30.2%).



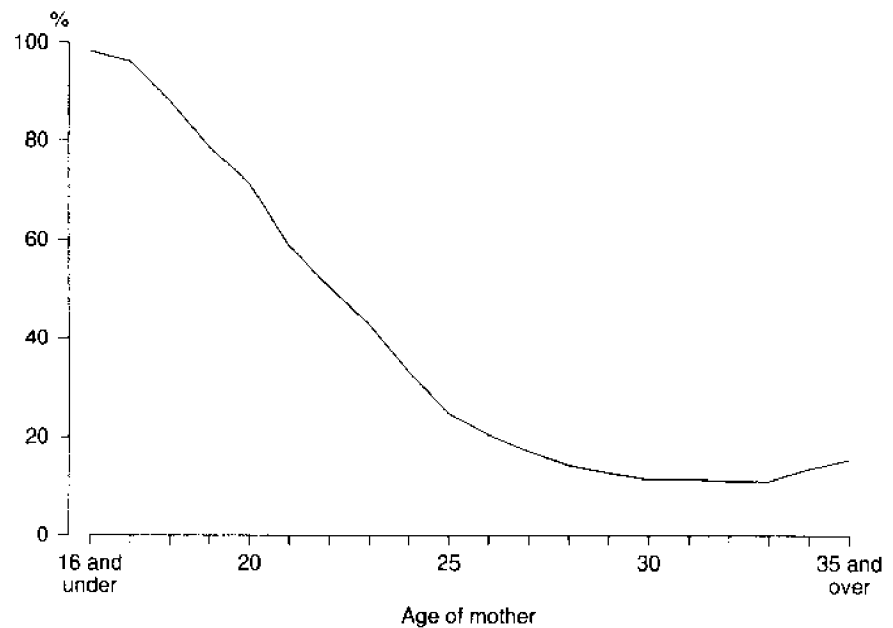
## EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS, Proportion of Total Births



## Teenage mothers

The highest proportion of ex-nuptial confinements occur to younger women. In 1996, 87% of the 1,954 confinements occurring to teenage mothers were ex-nuptial. This proportion decreased to 47% for women in the 20-24 year age group and to 12% for women in the 30-34 year age group. The proportion of ex-nuptial births to total births for mothers at each age is shown in the following chart.

## EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS, Proportion of Total Births by Age of Mother



## Paternity acknowledgment

The proportion of ex-nuptial births where the father is acknowledged has steadily increased from 69% in 1986 to 86% in 1996 (19% of total births).

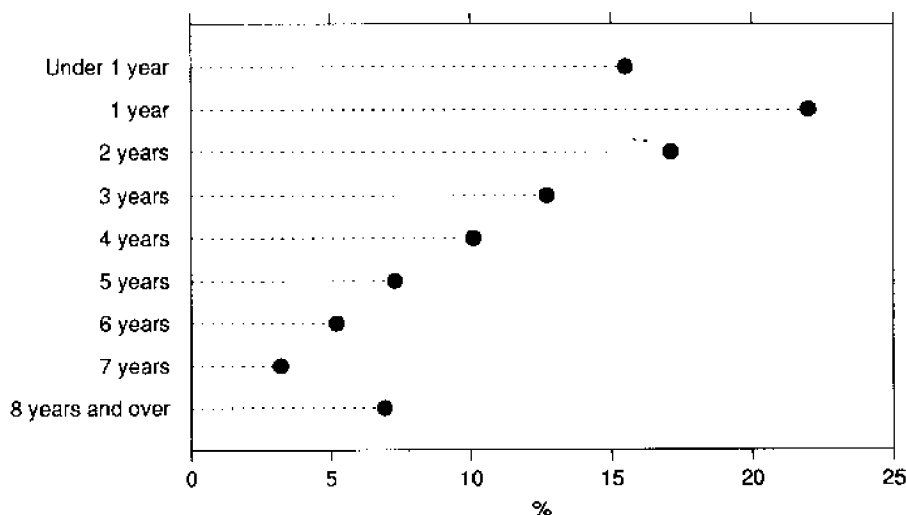
### Multiple births

The 61,143 Victorian births resulted from 60,294 confinements of which 847 confinements gave rise to multiple births (1 in every 71 confinements). This included 825 sets of twins, which was a similar proportion (1.4%) of total confinements as in 1995. In 1996, 22 sets of triplets were born.

### Nuptial first births (to current marriage)

The highest proportion of nuptial first births occurred during the second year of marriage (22%), while 17% occurred in the third year and another 15% within the first year. Almost 7% of mothers had their first child of their current marriage after eight or more years of marriage. The median age of mothers at the birth of the first child of their current marriage continues to increase steadily, and reached 29.1 years in 1996. Mothers aged 30 years and over contributed 42% of nuptial first births in 1996, compared with 24% in 1986.

NUPTIAL FIRST CONFINEMENTS, Duration of Marriage



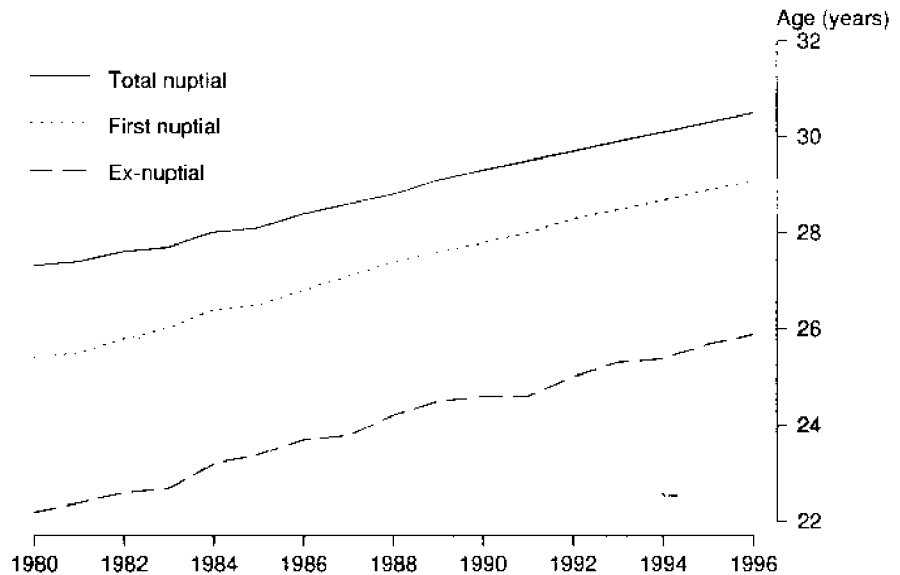
### Previous children

In 1996, 41% of married mothers had no previous children, while 36% of married mothers had one previous child. The average number of children per mother (including the current birth) was 1.9 which has varied only marginally since 1986.

## Median ages of parents (nuptial confinements)

The median ages of both parents in nuptial confinements have continued to increase which continues the trend that has been in evidence in the past two decades. In 1996, the median age at birth of child was 30.5 years for married mothers and 32.8 years for married fathers.

## MEDIAN AGE OF MOTHER



## Country of birth of parents

Of all nuptial confinements registered in 1996, 61% were to parents who were both born in Australia, 15% were to parents born in the same overseas country and 19% were where one parent was born in Australia and the other parent was born overseas. The remaining 4% were to parents who were born in different overseas countries.

## 3.1 BIRTHS, Summary(a)

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>BIRTHS</b>							
<b>Total births</b>	<b>60 162</b>	<b>65 438</b>	<b>65 766</b>	<b>64 049</b>	<b>63 974</b>	<b>62 591</b>	<b>61 143</b>
Males	30 855	33 636	33 691	32 793	32 904	32 108	31 587
Females	29 307	31 802	32 075	31 256	31 070	30 483	29 556
Sex ratio	105.3	105.8	105.0	104.9	105.9	105.3	106.9
Nuptial births	52 767	53 217	53 175	51 420	50 860	48 962	47 933
Ex-nuptial births							
Number	7 395	12 221	12 591	12 629	13 114	13 629	13 210
Percentage of total live births	12.3	18.7	19.1	19.7	20.5	21.8	21.6
Paternity acknowledged births							
Number	5 075	10 043	10 372	10 514	11 034	11 527	11 367
Percentage of total ex-nuptial births	68.6	82.2	82.4	83.3	84.1	84.6	86.0
Crude birth rate	14.5	14.8	14.8	14.3	14.3	13.9	13.5
Age-specific birth rate							
Age Group (years)							
15-19	14.2	16.1	14.7	13.8	14.2	13.8	12.8
20-24	75.3	63.7	61.7	57.7	57.1	54.1	50.4
25-29	140.7	131.7	130.2	127.4	123.7	118.8	112.1
30-34	92.2	106.1	109.5	110.0	112.0	112.1	113.1
35-39	28.0	39.2	41.1	41.0	44.3	45.0	46.0
40-44	4.2	5.8	6.5	6.7	7.2	7.5	7.8
45-49	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total fertility rate	1.775	1.814	1.820	1.784	1.793	1.758	1.712
Female net reproduction rate	0.850	0.870	0.874	0.859	0.861	0.845	0.817

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

3.1 BIRTHS, Summary(a) *continued*

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
CONFINEMENTS							
<b>Total confinements</b>	<b>59 432</b>	<b>64 566</b>	<b>64 898</b>	<b>63 172</b>	<b>63 085</b>	<b>61 685</b>	<b>60 294</b>
First nuptial	21 426	21 985	21 814	20 769	21 013	20 255	19 561
All nuptial	52 119	52 485	52 449	50 655	50 110	48 222	47 247
Paternity acknowledged	5 018	9 930	10 246	10 418	10 912	11 384	11 225
All ex-nuptial	7 313	12 081	12 449	12 517	12 975	13 463	13 047
 Median age of mother (years)							
First nuptial	26.8	28.0	28.3	28.5	28.7	28.9	29.1
All nuptial	28.4	29.5	29.7	29.9	30.1	30.3	30.5
Paternity acknowledged	24.3	24.9	25.2	25.5	25.7	25.9	26.1
All ex-nuptial	23.7	24.6	25.0	25.3	25.4	25.7	25.9
Total	28.0	28.9	29.2	29.3	29.5	29.7	29.9
 Median age of father (years)							
Nuptial	30.7	31.7	32.0	32.1	32.4	32.6	32.8
Paternity acknowledged	26.8	27.5	27.7	27.9	28.2	28.3	28.4
All fathers where age is known	30.5	31.2	31.5	31.7	31.9	32.0	32.3
 Median duration of marriage (years)							
First nuptial	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Nuptial	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8
 Nuptial confinements							
Previous births							
0	21 426	21 985	21 814	20 769	21 013	20 255	19 561
1	18 050	17 972	18 316	17 955	17 637	17 095	16 905
2	8 653	8 703	8 645	8 282	8 187	7 705	7 544
3	2 846	2 690	2 604	2 553	2 321	2 165	2 238
4	702	666	671	651	568	587	612
5 and over	442	469	398	445	384	415	387
Average number of births	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

## 3.2 CONFINEMENTS, Age of Mother

## AGE GROUP OF MOTHER (YEARS).....

Confinements	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over	Not stated	Total
NUMBER								
Nuptial								
Single	254	4 550	16 343	17 473	6 860	1 039	49	46 568
Twins	1	47	221	259	114	16	—	658
Triplets or higher order	—	—	7	10	1	3	—	21
Total	255	4 597	16 571	17 742	6 975	1 058	49	47 247
Ex-nuptial								
Single	1 683	4 020	3 409	2 309	1 167	261	30	12 879
Twins	8	51	47	28	28	5	—	167
Triplets or higher order	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total	1 691	4 072	3 456	2 337	1 195	266	30	13 047
<b>Total confinements</b>	<b>1 946</b>	<b>8 669</b>	<b>20 027</b>	<b>20 079</b>	<b>8 170</b>	<b>1 324</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>60 294</b>
PROPORTION (%)								
Nuptial	13.1	53.0	82.7	88.4	85.4	79.9	62.0	78.4
Ex-nuptial	86.9	47.0	17.3	11.6	14.6	20.1	38.0	21.6

## 3.3 CONFINEMENTS, Age of Parents

Age of mother (years)															
Age of father (years)	16 and under	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
19 and under	101	117	126	92	60	26	21	8	5	6	3	2	2	2	
20	21	36	70	80	79	56	31	15	10	8	9	—	1	5	
21	14	29	55	84	114	103	85	43	23	23	14	5	9	5	
22	6	25	44	88	116	129	128	108	68	33	32	22	14	11	
23	4	16	44	71	115	157	204	190	146	85	45	34	20	15	
24	4	18	30	59	86	159	197	230	256	177	87	60	42	37	
25	7	6	24	46	92	114	188	242	303	357	210	151	89	47	
26	2	8	9	43	62	92	149	241	334	424	365	271	154	87	
27	—	7	11	32	36	73	116	173	280	427	471	458	291	179	
28	—	1	8	24	32	61	89	156	213	344	445	543	525	312	
29	—	2	7	14	32	52	67	123	182	288	394	537	625	579	
30	2	2	3	8	13	30	57	81	162	210	312	499	558	624	
31	—	1	2	17	17	34	48	62	87	177	238	348	478	600	
32	—	—	6	4	17	18	41	56	99	159	214	277	395	512	
33	—	2	1	9	14	14	21	55	98	95	165	233	309	398	
34	2	1	—	3	8	14	25	31	71	93	110	180	208	300	
35	—	1	1	1	11	13	13	28	52	64	89	124	171	207	
36	1	—	1	1	5	8	14	15	36	45	68	95	118	151	
37	1	1	1	4	4	7	5	10	33	44	42	65	94	109	
38	—	—	1	3	3	5	7	12	26	28	27	36	76	65	
39	—	—	—	—	2	5	10	11	9	26	33	28	48	66	
40–44	—	—	3	4	10	6	10	15	44	39	61	81	110	141	
45–49	—	1	1	3	1	4	2	3	6	13	15	14	34	40	
50 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	6	4	10	9	12	14	
Not stated	—	1	—	2	—	—	1	3	4	2	3	3	3	3	
Not applicable(a)	63	90	95	118	104	111	110	112	121	108	87	99	74	56	
Nuptial	4	14	65	172	299	533	815	1 160	1 790	2 470	2 832	3 454	3 827	3 988	
Ex-nuptial	224	351	478	638	734	758	829	867	884	809	717	720	633	577	
<b>Total</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1 033</b>	<b>1 291</b>	<b>1 644</b>	<b>2 027</b>	<b>2 674</b>	<b>3 279</b>	<b>3 549</b>	<b>4 174</b>	<b>4 460</b>	<b>4 565</b>	

(a) Confinements where paternity was not acknowledged.

3.3 CONFINEMENTS, Age of Parents *continued*

		Age of mother (years).....								Total.....		
Age of father (years)	30	31	32	33	34	35-39	40 and over	Not stated	Nuptial	Ex-nuptial	Total	
19 and under	2	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	33	544	577	
20	1	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	68	358	426	
21	3	1	1	—	2	5	—	1	148	471	619	
22	6	5	2	—	—	6	1	4	268	580	848	
23	20	8	6	5	3	6	2	1	517	680	1 197	
24	22	19	12	6	7	15	2	1	882	644	1 526	
25	28	33	22	11	11	17	5	2	1 270	735	2 005	
26	88	53	35	26	18	29	2	4	1 804	692	2 496	
27	113	77	54	32	21	40	6	2	2 265	634	2 899	
28	198	137	81	52	35	60	12	2	2 738	592	3 330	
29	358	199	134	81	51	90	10	3	3 259	569	3 828	
30	564	330	195	141	94	138	11	3	3 519	518	4 037	
31	675	585	337	169	129	197	16	2	3 705	514	4 219	
32	601	648	537	307	176	290	27	7	3 905	486	4 391	
33	480	583	623	496	254	427	22	2	3 827	474	4 301	
34	368	475	528	500	378	502	26	3	3 413	413	3 826	
35	276	344	370	466	423	684	48	4	3 025	365	3 390	
36	201	278	305	347	327	777	38	2	2 511	322	2 833	
37	149	155	214	277	294	828	68	1	2 136	270	2 406	
38	100	121	183	171	197	815	82	1	1 731	228	1 959	
39	84	96	122	137	183	658	73	1	1 381	211	1 592	
40-44	148	202	271	295	349	1 737	488	2	3 424	592	4 016	
45-49	49	47	59	69	96	504	243	1	984	221	1 205	
50 and over	21	30	19	27	29	188	101	·	387	92	479	
Not stated	1	6	3	2	3	8	·	19	47	20	67	
Not applicable(a)	59	55	56	46	58	148	41	11	—	1 822	1 822	
Nuptial	4 087	3 976	3 703	3 262	2 714	6 975	1 058	49	47 247	·	47 247	
Ex-nuptial	528	515	467	402	425	1 195	266	30	·	13 047	13 047	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 615</b>	<b>4 491</b>	<b>4 170</b>	<b>3 664</b>	<b>3 139</b>	<b>8 170</b>	<b>1 324</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>47 247</b>	<b>13 047</b>	<b>60 294</b>	

(a) Confinements where paternity was not acknowledged.



## 3.4 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Birthplace of Parents

	FATHER BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND MOTHER BORN IN.....				MOTHER BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND FATHER BORN IN.....			
	<i>Australia</i>	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	<i>Total</i>	<i>Australia</i>	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	<i>Total</i>
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA								
Australia	28 915	—	3 994	32 909	28 915	—	5 110	34 025
Fiji	20	91	13	124	35	91	19	145
New Zealand	366	164	105	635	376	164	100	640
Other	62	105	30	197	71	105	34	210
<i>Total</i>	29 363	360	4 142	33 865	29 397	360	5 263	35 020
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Austria	11	1	6	18	9	1	11	21
Former USSR & Baltic States	10	72	8	90	18	72	18	108
Former Yugoslav Republics	350	485	70	905	166	485	61	712
Germany	123	30	53	206	69	30	51	150
Greece	325	94	50	469	140	94	44	278
Hungary	8	6	6	20	6	6	7	19
Ireland	82	30	25	137	58	30	19	107
Italy	465	101	63	629	212	101	50	363
Malta	96	33	33	162	61	33	17	111
Netherlands	97	7	33	137	68	7	21	96
Poland	27	96	6	129	23	96	16	135
United Kingdom	1 720	398	272	2 390	1 330	398	197	1 925
Other	233	188	102	523	173	188	90	451
<i>Total</i>	3 547	1 541	727	5 815	2 333	1 541	602	4 476
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
Egypt	39	98	25	162	17	98	15	130
Lebanon	164	558	71	793	62	558	60	680
Turkey	89	392	43	524	40	392	23	455
Other	85	247	110	442	33	247	99	379
<i>Total</i>	377	1 295	249	1 921	152	1 295	197	1 644
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Indonesia	24	135	33	192	21	135	30	186
Malaysia	50	165	96	311	84	165	84	333
Philippines	10	222	9	241	181	222	97	500
Singapore	22	22	25	69	23	22	40	85
Thailand	3	12	12	27	44	12	20	76
Viet Nam	7	1 221	121	1 349	18	1 221	70	1 309
Other	7	195	59	261	16	195	66	277
<i>Total</i>	123	1 972	355	2 450	387	1 972	407	2 766

3.4 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Birthplace of Parents *continued*

	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	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total
NORTHEAST ASIA								
China	9	570	75	654	41	570	147	758
Hong Kong	13	139	68	220	18	139	55	212
Other	10	79	18	107	32	79	46	157
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>1 127</b>
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	89	325	45	459	78	325	53	456
Sri Lanka	56	443	37	536	37	443	29	509
Other	15	141	13	169	4	141	14	159
<b>Total</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1 164</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>1 124</b>
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	50	8	14	72	56	8	10	74
Chile	22	77	19	118	24	77	17	118
United States of America	110	37	28	175	126	37	34	197
Other	60	71	34	165	55	71	59	185
<b>Total</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>574</b>
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	65	52	26	143	57	52	32	141
Other	95	176	80	351	100	176	80	356
<b>Total</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>497</b>
Other and not stated	21	2	4	27	12	2	5	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>34 025</b>	<b>7 288</b>	<b>5 934</b>	<b>47 247</b>	<b>32 909</b>	<b>7 288</b>	<b>7 050</b>	<b>47 247</b>

## 3.5 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Previous and Average Issue

## PREVIOUS ISSUE OF THE CURRENT MARRIAGE.....

Age of mother (years)	0	1	2	3	4	5 and over	Not stated	All mothers	Total issue	Average issue
16 and under	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	1.0
17	13	1	—	—	—	—	—	14	15	1.1
18	51	14	—	—	—	—	—	65	79	1.2
19	142	27	3	—	—	—	—	172	206	1.2
20	224	65	10	—	—	—	—	299	385	1.3
21	346	149	35	2	1	—	—	533	768	1.4
22	518	239	47	10	—	1	—	815	1 192	1.6
23	715	337	91	15	1	1	—	1 160	1 747	1.5
24	1 081	515	162	28	4	—	—	1 790	2 745	1.5
25	1 396	803	210	50	9	2	—	2 470	3 924	1.6
26	1 510	937	292	69	16	8	—	2 832	4 694	1.7
27	1 734	1 238	373	89	18	2	—	3 454	5 847	1.7
28	1 864	1 382	457	88	29	7	—	3 827	6 586	1.7
29	1 771	1 461	550	162	29	15	—	3 988	7 296	1.8
30	1 596	1 597	684	158	35	17	—	4 087	7 813	1.9
31	1 433	1 562	720	204	40	17	—	3 976	7 905	2.0
32	1 244	1 439	748	200	57	15	—	3 703	7 607	2.1
33	916	1 271	766	210	67	32	—	3 262	7 192	2.2
34	766	1 030	615	203	60	40	—	2 714	6 098	2.2
35-39	1 900	2 509	1 579	640	192	155	—	6 975	16 363	2.3
40 and over	317	315	195	106	51	74	—	1 058	2 788	2.6
Not stated	20	14	7	4	3	1	—	49	109	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>19 561</b>	<b>16 905</b>	<b>7 544</b>	<b>2 238</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>47 247</b>	<b>91 363</b>	<b>1.9</b>

## 3.6 FIRST NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS

## AGE GROUP OF MOTHER (YEARS).....

<i>Duration of marriage (years)</i>	<i>19 and under</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-29</i>	<i>30-34</i>	<i>35-39</i>	<i>40 and over</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
Under 1	137	822	1 007	682	316	63	2	3 029
1	67	1 017	1 770	1 027	358	57	4	4 300
2	3	580	1 630	856	241	37	4	3 351
3	2	284	1 307	711	149	35	4	2 492
4	1	109	1 053	633	156	23	—	1 975
5	—	39	701	555	115	16	2	1 428
6	—	25	458	421	101	14	1	1 020
7	—	5	201	324	79	9	1	619
8 and over	—	3	148	746	385	63	2	1 347
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>2 884</b>	<b>8 275</b>	<b>5 955</b>	<b>1 900</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19 561</b>

## SECTION 4

### BIRTHS — YEAR OF OCCURRENCE (PRELIMINARY)

There were 60,727 births in Victoria which occurred in 1996 and have been registered up to the present time. This represents a 3% decline from the total number of births occurring in 1995 which itself experienced a 2.4% decline from the previous year. The number of births occurring in Victoria each year has generally been in decline since 1971 and reached a recent peak of 66,565 in 1990.

Birth trends are more meaningful when based on year of occurrence rather than year of registration data because a proportion of births that occur in each calendar year, particularly those occurring towards the end of the year, are not registered until the following year or even later. Based on data for previous years, it is estimated that about 11% of births that occurred in 1996 would not have been registered in 1996. However, only a small percentage would not have been registered by the time the tables in this section were produced.

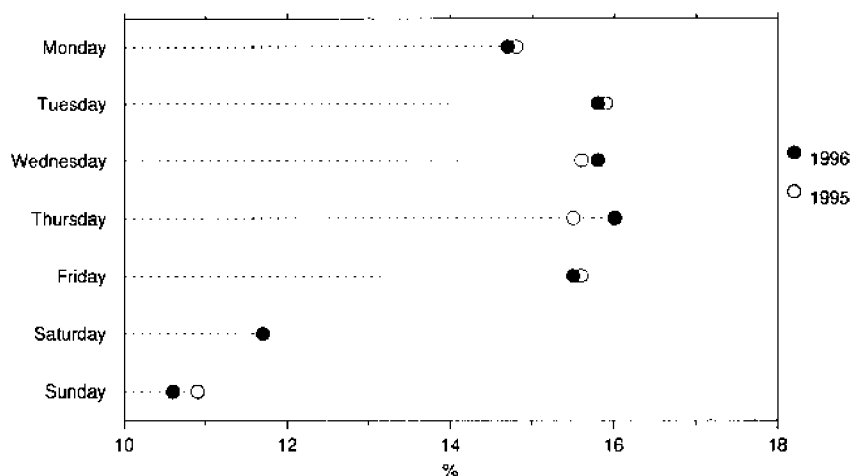
#### Month of occurrence

The number of births that occur each year varies considerably from month to month, ranging between 4,800 and 5,500 births per month in 1996. October had the largest proportion of births (9.0%) and December the smallest (8.0%). March and October between them have had the highest proportion of births over the past ten years.

#### Day of occurrence

Of the births occurring in 1996 that were registered in the same year more occurred on Thursdays (16%) than other days of the week, and less births occurred during the weekend (10.6% on Sundays and 11.7% on Saturdays). This pattern of daily births occurs consistently from one year to the next, as shown in the following graph.

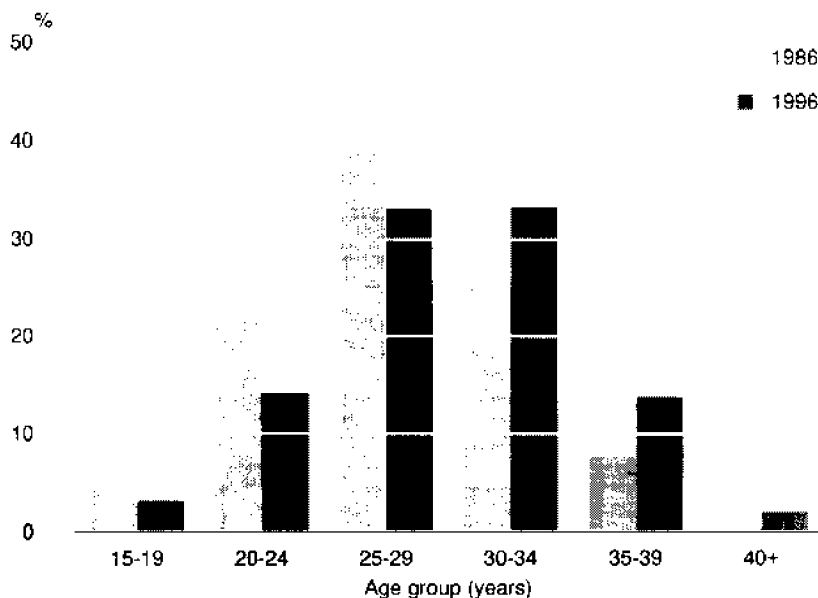
BIRTHS BY DAY OF WEEK—1995 AND 1996



Age group of mother

Women aged 25-29 years and 30-34 years both made the highest contribution (33% each) to Victorian births in 1996. The proportion of births to women aged 30 years and over has increased from 34% in 1986 to 49% in 1996. In contrast, the proportion of births to women aged less than 25 years has decreased from 26% in 1986 to 17% in 1996.

CONTRIBUTION OF AGE GROUP TO BIRTHS



## 4.1 BIRTHS, Month of Occurrence

Month of occurrence	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
NUMBER							
January	4 801	5 505	5 466	5 334	5 456	5 327	5 132
February	4 698	4 978	5 281	5 059	5 027	4 951	4 864
March	5 113	5 688	5 627	5 541	5 691	5 523	5 291
April	5 095	5 379	5 447	5 263	5 254	5 077	4 921
May	4 932	5 509	5 422	5 404	5 390	5 385	5 094
June	4 905	5 300	5 269	5 313	5 160	5 215	4 888
July	5 214	5 456	5 657	5 378	5 230	5 253	5 173
August	5 224	5 433	5 456	5 357	5 496	5 338	5 103
September	5 356	5 381	5 659	5 517	5 431	5 185	5 078
October	5 390	5 672	5 743	5 494	5 617	5 423	5 449
November	4 771	5 029	5 176	5 091	5 204	4 935	4 904
December	5 111	5 339	5 358	5 383	5 159	4 968	4 830
<b>Total</b>	<b>60 610</b>	<b>64 669</b>	<b>65 559</b>	<b>64 134</b>	<b>64 115</b>	<b>62 580</b>	<b>60 727</b>
RATE							
Crude birth rate	14.6	14.6	14.7	14.4	14.3	13.9	13.4
PROPORTION (%)							
January	7.9	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.5	8.5	8.5
February	7.8	7.7	8.1	7.9	7.8	7.9	8.0
March	8.4	8.8	8.6	8.6	8.9	8.8	8.7
April	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.1
May	8.1	8.5	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.4
June	8.1	8.2	8.0	8.3	8.0	8.3	8.0
July	8.6	8.4	8.6	8.4	8.2	8.4	8.5
August	8.6	8.4	8.3	8.4	8.6	8.5	8.4
September	8.8	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.3	8.4
October	8.9	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.8	8.7	9.0
November	7.9	7.8	7.9	7.9	8.1	7.9	8.1
December	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.4	8.0	7.9	8.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 4.2 BIRTHS, Age Group of Mother

Selected years	AGE GROUP OF MOTHER (YEARS).....							Total(a)
	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	
1986	2 582	13 006	24 518	15 285	4 644	545	21	60 610
1991	2 580	11 469	23 680	19 287	6 611	966	33	64 669
1992	2 392	11 374	23 288	20 286	7 063	1 048	54	65 559
1993	2 124	10 697	22 455	20 462	7 181	1 113	29	64 134
1994	2 201	10 376	21 644	20 719	7 843	1 187	42	64 115
1995	2 082	9 572	20 989	20 596	7 924	1 277	42	62 580
1996	1 929	8 597	20 179	20 248	8 418	1 237	53	60 727

(a) Includes not stated.

## 4.3 BIRTHS, Age-specific Birth Rates and Total Fertility Rate

Selected years	AGE GROUP OF MOTHER (YEARS).....							Total fertility rate
	15-19(a)	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49(b)	
1986	14.6	75.5	141.8	92.7	28.5	4.3	0.2	1.787
1991	15.1	62.4	130.4	105.4	38.9	5.9	0.3	1.792
1992	14.6	61.0	129.7	109.5	41.0	6.4	0.4	1.813
1993	13.4	57.7	126.8	110.5	41.3	6.8	0.2	1.784
1994	14.3	56.9	123.4	112.2	44.8	7.2	0.3	1.795
1995	13.7	53.5	118.9	112.5	44.6	7.7	0.3	1.756
1996	12.6	49.4	111.3	112.2	46.5	7.4	0.3	1.699

(a) Includes births to mothers aged less than 15.

(b) Includes births to mothers aged 50 and over.

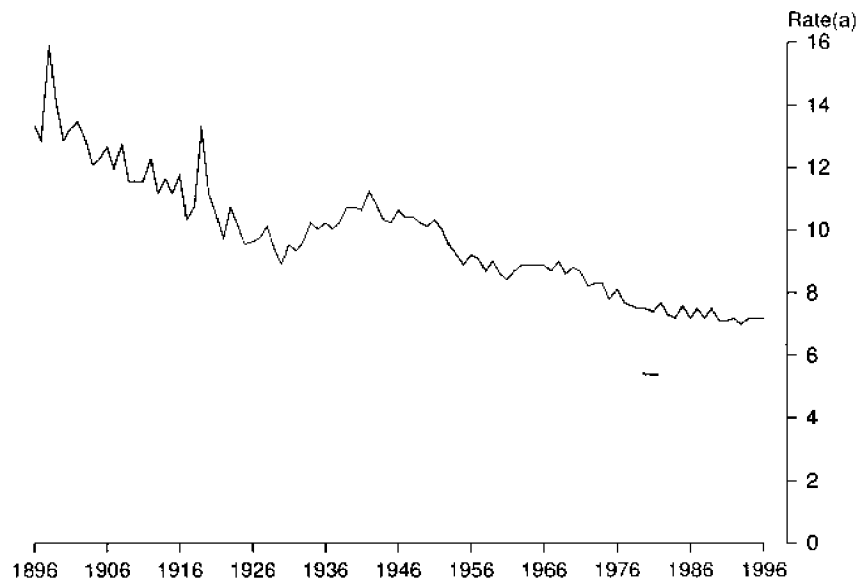


SECTION **5**

**DEATHS — YEAR OF REGISTRATION .....**

There were 32,665 deaths of Victorian residents registered (in Australia) in 1996 and 61 deaths registered in Victoria where the usual residence of the deceased was overseas. The crude death rate was 7.2 deaths per 1,000 of total population. The 1996 total comprised 17,009 males and 15,717 females, a sex ratio of 108 males per 100 females.

**CRUDE DEATH RATE**

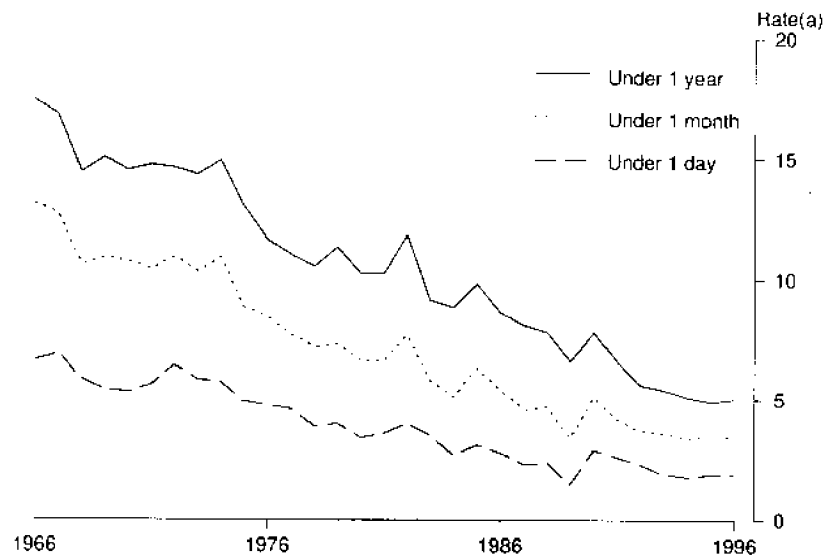


(a) Per 1,000 population.

**Infant Deaths**

There were 308 infant deaths registered in 1996, a rate of 5.0 deaths per 1,000 live births, a 42% decrease since 1986. The infant death rate first dropped below 100 (per 1,000 live births) in 1900, then below 50 in 1929, below 20 in 1954 and below 10 in 1981. Almost 40% of infant deaths occurred during the first day of life and two-thirds occurred within the first month. The sex ratio of infant deaths was 138.8 males for every 100 females compared with the sex ratio at birth of 106.9 males for every 100 females.

INFANT DEATH RATES



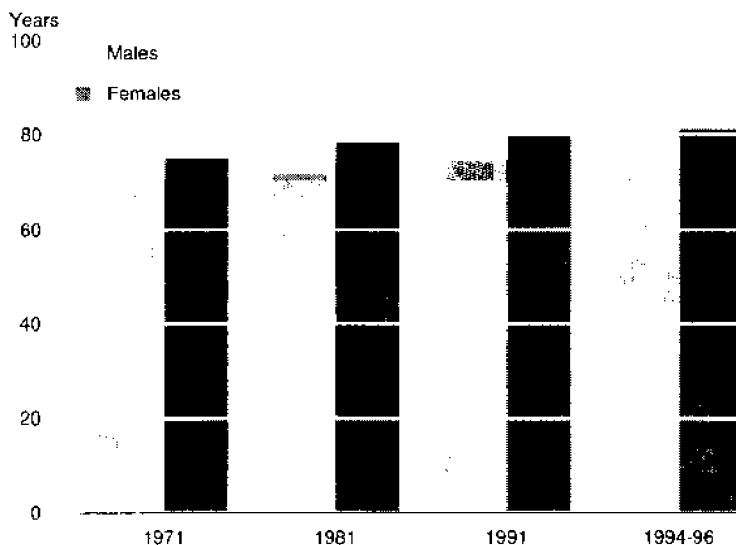
(a) Per 1,000 live births.

Age at death

Male deaths generally outnumbered female deaths until age 80. The highest ratio at death in 1996 was 345 males per 100 females in the 20-24 year age group. The age group 80 years and over accounted for 55% of all female deaths, but only 33% of all male deaths. There were 141 females and 25 males who died at age 100 years or older.

Life expectancy

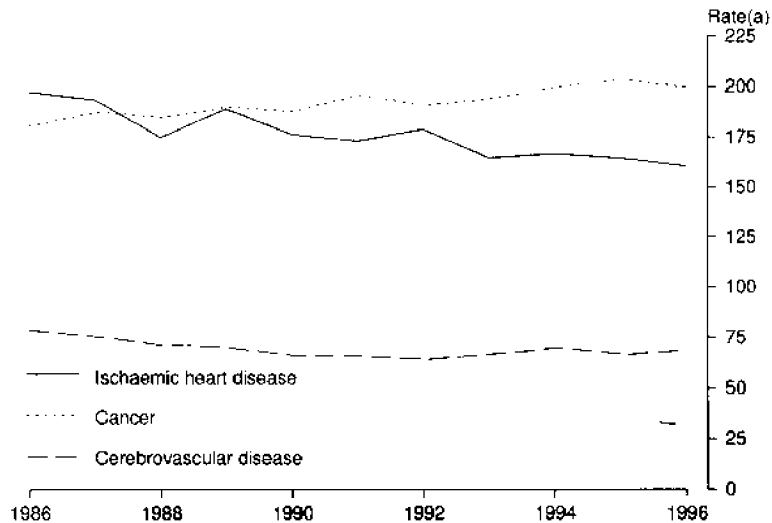
The life expectancy at birth in Victoria in 1994-6 is 81.2 years for females and 75.6 years for males. The corresponding figures in 1971 were 75.2 years and 68.6 years respectively. The increase in life expectancy since 1971 is mainly due to decreasing mortality rates from degenerative diseases (other than cancer) and the dramatic decline in the infant death rate, particularly during the perinatal period.



## Major causes of death

The leading cause of death in Victoria in 1996 was cancer (*Malignant neoplasms*) which accounted for 27.7% of all deaths. This represents 29.6% of male deaths and 25.6% of female deaths. Heart attack (*Ischaemic heart disease*) accounted for 22.3% of all deaths, representing 22.9% of male deaths and 21.5% of female deaths. Deaths due to *Cerebrovascular disease* (including stroke) resulted in 7.5% of male deaths and 11.9% of female deaths.

## LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH

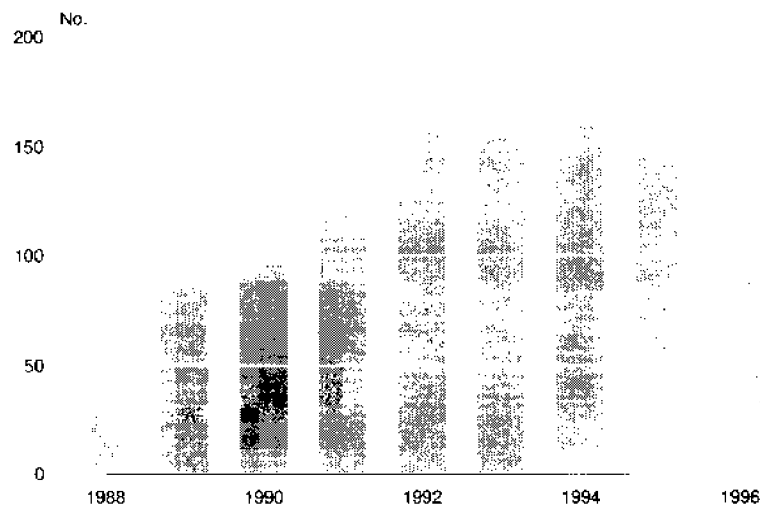


(a) Per 100,000 population.

## Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)

AIDS-related deaths refer to those cases where AIDS was mentioned on the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death. There were 134 AIDS-related deaths (128 males and 6 females) of Victorian residents registered in 1996. This represents a decrease of 13% from the 1995 total of 154 deaths (139 males and 15 females). Of the 134 AIDS-related deaths in 1996, 57% (76) were in the age group 30-44 years.

## AIDS-RELATED DEATHS



## Suicide

There were 500 suicide deaths of Victorian residents registered in 1996, including 388 male deaths and 112 female deaths. This compares with 566 suicide deaths (439 males and 127 females) in 1995 and 519 suicide deaths (378 males and 141 females) in 1986.

The most frequent method of suicide for males was *Hanging, strangulation and suffocation* (144 deaths) followed by *Poisoning by other gases and vapours* (including motor vehicle exhaust gas) (134 deaths). Deaths from Firearms and explosives accounted for 77 deaths, a slight increase from the 1995 figure of 72 deaths. The most frequent method of suicide for females was *Poisoning by liquid or solid substances* (38 deaths), followed by *Hanging, strangulation and suffocation* and *Poisoning by other gases and vapours* each with 28 deaths.

In 1996, males aged 25-44 years had the highest rate of suicide with 26.0 deaths per 100,000 population, which was very similar to the rate for males in 1986 of 26.1 suicide deaths per 100,000 population. The highest rate of suicide for females, in 1996, was in the same age group with 6.7 deaths per 100,000 population, compared with 5.2 suicide deaths per 100,000 population in 1986. The number of suicides by females increased significantly from 1985 (83) to 1986 (141) with the highest rate of suicide for females, in 1986, occurring in the 45-64 year age group (12.5 deaths per 100,000 population).

## Motor vehicle traffic accidents

Motor vehicle traffic accidents accounted for 410 deaths (296 males and 114 females) of Victorian residents in 1996, compared with 436 deaths (302 males and 134 females) in 1995 and 744 deaths (547 males and 197 females) in 1986. The most common motor vehicle traffic accident deaths involved a *Collision with another vehicle* (173 deaths). There were also 63 deaths involving a *Collision with a pedestrian* and 103 deaths involving *Other collisions on the highway*. The age group 15-29 years accounted for 42% of male deaths (123) and 34% of female deaths (39) from motor vehicle traffic accidents.

## 5.1 DEATHS, Summary(a)

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994(b)	1995(b)	1996(b)
<b>DEATHS</b>							
<b>Total deaths</b>	<b>30 175</b>	<b>31 216</b>	<b>31 951</b>	<b>31 197</b>	<b>32 353</b>	<b>32 425</b>	<b>32 726</b>
Males	16 021	16 508	16 816	16 389	16 765	16 960	17 009
Females	14 154	14 708	15 135	14 808	15 588	15 465	15 717
Sex ratio	113.2	112.2	111.1	110.7	107.6	109.7	108.2
Standardised death rate	7.5	6.9	6.8	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.3
Males	9.7	8.9	8.8	8.4	8.5	8.3	8.1
Females	5.8	5.4	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.0
Crude death rate	7.3	7.1	7.2	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.2
Males	7.8	7.5	7.6	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.6
Females	6.8	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.9	6.8	6.9
Median age at death							
Males	71.5	72.6	73.2	73.5	74.0	73.9	74.7
Females	78.4	79.1	80.1	80.1	80.6	80.9	81.3
Age-specific death rate							
Age group (years)							
Males							
0	9.6	7.4	6.5	6.1	5.7	5.0	5.7
1-4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
5-14	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
15-24	1.2	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.9
25-34	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1
35-44	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6
45-54	4.4	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.0
55-64	13.8	12.5	11.5	10.9	10.2	10.4	9.7
65-74	36.1	30.8	30.7	29.2	30.4	29.5	28.2
75-84	84.5	80.9	80.1	76.3	77.2	76.5	74.9
85 and over	183.6	170.5	187.6	184.2	190.7	177.7	185.8
Females							
0	7.5	5.6	4.6	4.7	4.4	4.8	4.4
1-4	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
5-14	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
15-24	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3
25-34	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
35-44	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8
45-54	2.7	2.5	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.0
55-64	6.8	6.3	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.5	5.5
65-74	19.5	17.2	16.4	16.1	16.2	15.6	15.0
75-84	52.4	49.3	51.2	47.8	50.1	47.4	47.0
85 and over	151.2	143.1	151.9	144.8	153.4	150.8	150.2
Expectation of life (years)							
Males							
Age 0	73.2	74.5	74.8	75.4	75.4	75.6	75.6
Age 1	72.9	74.1	74.3	74.9	74.8	75.0	75.0
Age 25	49.9	51.9	51.0	51.6	51.5	51.7	51.7
Age 45	31.1	32.0	32.2	32.7	32.6	32.8	32.8
Age 65	14.7	15.3	15.4	15.8	15.7	15.9	15.8
Females							
Age 0	79.5	80.3	80.7	81.1	81.0	81.2	81.2
Age 1	79.1	80.7	80.1	80.5	80.4	80.6	80.6
Age 25	55.6	56.1	56.5	56.9	56.8	57.0	57.0
Age 45	36.2	36.8	37.1	37.5	37.4	37.5	37.5
Age 65	18.5	19.1	19.2	19.5	19.4	19.6	19.6

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) From 1994 onwards life expectation data will be calculated over three years surrounding the year in the table heading.

5.1 DEATHS, Summary(a) *continued*

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
DEATHS							
Principal causes of death (SDR per 100,000 population)							
Males							
Neoplasms	244	249	243	240	242	247	237
Diseases of the circulatory system	447	374	365	341	342	325	315
Diseases of the respiratory system	94	78	84	76	80	70	71
Diseases of the digestive system	31	28	29	23	25	24	23
All other diseases	91	96	105	107	110	108	111
External causes	66	64	58	54	49	53	53
Females							
Neoplasms	145	156	146	149	153	148	144
Diseases of the circulatory system	290	233	239	217	218	203	201
Diseases of the respiratory system	33	34	36	34	36	35	36
Diseases of the digestive system	20	19	17	16	16	16	15
All other diseases	66	71	72	74	81	79	77
External causes	27	25	22	18	18	20	18
INFANT DEATHS							
<b>Total infant deaths</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>308</b>
Males	297	249	220	200	189	161	179
Females	220	179	146	147	138	147	129
Infant mortality rate	8.6	6.5	5.6	5.4	5.1	4.9	5.0
Males	9.8	7.4	6.5	6.1	5.7	5.0	5.7
Females	7.5	5.6	4.6	4.7	4.4	4.8	4.4
Age at death							
Males							
Under 1 day	102	98	93	89	66	68	64
1 day to under 1 week	53	44	30	41	31	19	32
1 week to under 4 weeks	41	20	20	24	29	27	24
4 weeks to under 1 year	101	87	77	66	63	47	59
Females							
Under 1 day	67	72	56	55	46	53	55
1 day to under 1 week	37	27	25	31	27	23	23
1 week to under 4 weeks	32	17	21	12	20	27	10
4 weeks to under 1 year	84	63	44	49	45	44	41

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

## 5.2 DEATHS, Age at Death—Sex

Age at death (years)	Males	Females	Persons	Age at death (years)	Males	Females	Persons
Under 1	179	129	308	50	76	51	127
1	18	11	29	51	77	80	157
2	14	5	19	52	101	80	181
3	5	5	10	53	116	69	185
4	2	7	9	54	115	71	186
0-4	218	157	375	50-54	485	351	836
5	6	4	10	55	114	68	182
6	5	3	8	56	141	86	227
7	8	2	10	57	157	84	241
8	7	3	10	58	168	98	266
9	9	4	13	59	145	101	246
5-9	35	16	51	55-59	725	437	1 162
10	2	2	4	60	195	106	301
11	10	2	12	61	217	111	328
12	4	6	10	62	234	121	355
13	3	4	7	63	265	135	400
14	6	5	11	64	263	148	411
10-14	25	19	44	60-64	1 174	621	1 795
15	4	5	9	65	290	158	448
16	18	9	27	66	318	166	484
17	25	9	34	67	397	203	600
18	28	12	40	68	402	223	625
19	44	13	57	69	435	235	670
15-19	119	48	167	65-69	1 842	985	2 827
20	43	11	54	70	470	279	749
21	28	8	36	71	497	318	815
22	35	10	45	72	526	333	859
23	45	14	59	73	498	364	862
24	39	12	51	74	552	347	899
20-24	190	55	245	70-74	2 543	1 641	4 184
25	41	16	57	75	569	452	1 021
26	37	13	50	76	566	389	955
27	42	7	49	77	510	396	906
28	35	15	50	78	500	444	944
29	35	19	54	79	514	462	976
25-29	190	70	260	75-79	2 659	2 143	4 802
30	37	16	53	80	536	541	1 077
31	42	18	60	81	583	605	1 188
32	46	14	60	82	562	586	1 148
33	42	16	58	83	512	619	1 131
34	45	25	70	84	524	599	1 123
30-34	212	89	301	80-84	2 717	2 950	5 667
35	47	16	63	85	452	617	1 069
36	52	19	71	86	455	614	1 069
37	59	33	92	87	336	549	885
38	39	34	73	88	343	549	892
39	51	23	74	89	325	521	846
35-39	248	125	373	85-89	1 911	2 850	4 761
40	52	24	76	90	247	486	733
41	53	33	86	91	213	454	667
42	53	30	83	92	152	366	518
43	63	41	104	93	130	341	471
44	71	42	113	94	95	254	349
40-44	292	170	462	90-94	837	1 901	2 738
45	54	33	87	95-99	188	727	915
46	73	49	122	100 and over	25	141	166
47	67	37	104	Not stated	3	..	3
48	92	61	153				
49	85	41	126				
45-49	371	221	592	<b>Total</b>	<b>17 009</b>	<b>15 717</b>	<b>32 726</b>

## 5.3 DEATHS, Age at Death—Marital Status

Age at death (years)	MALES.....						FEMALES.....					
	Never married	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total	Never married	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total
Under 1	179	—	—	—	—	179	129	—	—	—	—	129
1-4	39	—	—	—	—	39	28	—	—	—	—	28
5-9	35	—	—	—	—	35	16	—	—	—	—	16
10-14	25	—	—	—	—	25	19	—	—	—	—	19
15-19	119	—	—	—	—	119	47	1	—	—	—	48
20-24	180	7	—	—	3	190	48	7	—	—	—	55
25-29	158	26	—	4	2	190	43	24	—	3	—	70
30-34	118	79	—	15	—	212	37	45	—	6	1	89
35-39	110	101	2	32	3	248	33	74	2	14	2	125
40-44	90	153	1	46	2	292	24	109	4	31	2	170
45-49	77	216	5	69	4	371	23	141	11	44	2	221
50-54	79	323	6	74	3	485	24	253	19	54	1	351
55-59	115	478	19	100	13	725	19	321	47	48	2	437
60-64	133	846	60	125	10	1 174	41	418	106	56	—	621
65-69	235	1 270	158	156	23	1 842	60	522	306	94	3	985
70-74	242	1 769	354	153	25	2 543	92	714	724	105	6	1 641
75-79	215	1 821	515	90	18	2 659	120	630	1 289	99	5	2 143
80-84	184	1 630	806	77	20	2 717	195	586	2 087	78	4	2 950
85-89	113	987	776	29	6	1 911	248	303	2 245	46	8	2 850
90-94	59	303	457	17	1	837	189	73	1 615	18	6	1 901
95-99	13	34	140	—	1	188	76	15	631	2	3	727
100 and over	4	3	18	—	—	25	12	3	125	1	—	141
Not stated	2	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 524</b>	<b>10 046</b>	<b>3 317</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>17 009</b>	<b>1 523</b>	<b>4 239</b>	<b>9 211</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>15 717</b>



## 5.4 DEATHS, Expectation of Life(a)

Age (years)	VICTORIA.....				AUSTRALIA.....					
	1971.....		1981.....		1991.....		1994 TO 1996.....		1994 TO 1996.....	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
0	68.59	75.21	71.90	78.41	74.50	80.27	75.63	81.22	75.22	81.05
5	64.85	71.44	67.83	74.20	70.14	75.80	71.12	76.67	70.81	76.55
10	60.01	66.55	62.91	69.26	65.20	70.86	66.18	71.72	65.86	71.60
15	55.12	61.63	58.00	64.31	60.29	65.91	61.24	66.76	60.93	66.66
20	50.47	56.80	53.26	59.43	55.53	61.01	56.43	61.85	56.15	61.76
25	45.91	51.98	48.59	54.57	50.86	56.14	51.72	56.95	51.48	56.87
30	41.20	47.12	43.85	49.70	46.15	51.27	46.98	52.06	46.79	51.98
35	36.48	42.29	39.08	44.84	41.41	46.41	42.24	47.18	42.10	47.11
40	31.80	37.52	34.34	40.01	36.67	41.58	37.51	42.33	37.41	42.28
45	27.28	32.88	29.72	35.29	32.00	36.81	32.81	37.54	32.75	37.49
50	23.04	28.43	25.29	30.71	27.46	32.14	28.21	32.83	28.28	32.80
55	19.11	24.10	21.18	26.25	23.07	27.62	23.98	28.24	23.78	28.24
60	15.51	19.91	17.35	21.98	19.01	23.22	19.60	23.80	19.62	23.83
65	12.31	16.04	13.88	17.97	15.34	19.05	15.78	19.56	15.82	19.61
70	9.59	12.49	10.83	14.26	12.04	15.18	12.40	15.58	12.45	15.67
75	7.33	9.44	8.30	10.93	9.14	11.68	9.45	11.97	9.51	12.07
80	5.53	6.98	6.27	8.07	6.76	8.64	6.98	8.82	7.04	8.92
85	4.23	5.23	4.66	5.72	4.96	6.08	5.10	6.29	5.15	6.38
90	3.47	4.03	3.47	4.03	3.49	4.12	3.83	4.43	3.87	4.50
95	2.97	3.14	2.97	3.14	2.68	3.00	3.15	3.19	3.18	3.24

(a) Based on Annual Life Tables calculated by the Australian Statistician until 1994. In 1995 the life tables were produced as a joint venture between the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Government Actuary. See paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes.

## 5.5 DEATHS, Expectation of Life(a)—1994 to 1996

Age (years)	VICTORIA.....		AUSTRALIA.....		Age (years)	VICTORIA.....		AUSTRALIA.....	
	Males	Females	Males	Females		Males	Females	Males	Females
0	75.63	81.22	75.22	81.05	50	28.21	32.83	28.18	32.80
1	75.04	80.59	74.70	80.46	51	27.31	31.90	27.29	31.88
2	74.07	79.63	73.74	79.50	52	26.41	30.98	26.40	30.96
3	73.09	78.65	72.77	78.52	53	25.53	30.06	25.52	30.05
4	72.11	77.66	71.79	77.54	54	24.65	29.15	24.64	29.14
5	71.12	76.67	70.81	76.55	55	23.78	28.24	23.78	28.24
6	70.14	75.68	69.82	75.57	56	22.92	27.34	22.92	27.34
7	69.15	74.69	68.83	74.58	57	22.07	26.45	22.08	26.45
8	68.16	73.70	67.84	73.58	58	21.23	25.56	21.24	25.57
9	67.17	72.71	66.85	72.59	59	20.41	24.68	20.42	24.70
10	66.18	71.72	65.86	71.60	60	19.60	23.80	19.62	23.83
11	65.19	70.73	64.88	70.61	61	18.80	22.94	18.83	22.97
12	64.20	69.73	63.89	69.62	62	18.02	22.08	18.05	22.12
13	63.21	68.74	62.90	68.63	63	17.26	21.23	17.29	21.27
14	62.22	67.75	61.91	67.64	64	16.51	20.39	16.55	20.44
15	61.24	66.76	60.93	66.66	65	15.78	19.56	15.82	19.61
16	60.26	65.78	59.95	65.67	66	15.07	18.74	15.11	18.80
17	59.29	64.79	58.98	64.69	67	14.37	17.93	14.42	18.00
18	58.33	63.81	58.03	63.71	68	13.70	17.13	13.75	17.21
19	57.38	62.83	57.08	62.73	69	13.04	16.35	13.09	16.43
20	56.43	61.85	56.15	61.76	70	12.40	15.58	12.45	15.67
21	55.49	60.88	55.21	60.78	71	11.78	14.83	11.83	14.92
22	54.55	59.90	54.28	59.80	72	11.17	14.09	11.23	14.19
23	53.61	58.92	53.35	58.83	73	10.58	13.37	10.64	13.47
24	52.67	57.94	52.41	57.85	74	10.01	12.66	10.07	12.76
25	51.72	56.95	51.48	56.87	75	9.45	11.97	9.51	12.07
26	50.77	55.97	50.54	55.89	76	8.92	11.30	8.98	11.40
27	49.83	54.99	49.60	54.91	77	8.40	10.65	8.46	10.75
28	48.88	54.01	48.66	53.94	78	7.90	10.02	7.96	10.12
29	47.93	53.03	47.73	52.96	79	7.40	9.41	7.49	9.51
30	46.98	52.06	46.79	51.98	80	6.98	8.82	7.04	8.92
31	46.03	51.08	45.85	51.01	81	6.55	8.26	6.61	8.36
32	45.09	50.10	44.91	50.03	82	6.15	7.73	6.21	7.83
33	44.14	49.12	43.98	49.06	83	5.78	7.22	5.83	7.32
34	43.19	48.15	43.04	48.09	84	5.43	6.74	5.48	6.84
35	42.24	47.18	42.10	47.11	85	5.10	6.29	5.15	6.38
36	41.29	46.20	41.16	46.14	86	4.80	5.87	4.85	5.95
37	40.35	45.23	40.22	45.17	87	4.52	5.47	4.57	5.55
38	39.40	44.26	39.29	44.21	88	4.26	5.10	4.31	5.18
39	38.45	43.30	38.35	43.24	89	4.03	4.75	4.08	4.83
40	37.51	42.33	37.41	42.28	90	3.83	4.43	3.87	4.50
41	36.56	41.37	36.48	41.32	91	3.65	4.14	3.69	4.20
42	35.62	40.41	35.54	40.36	92	3.50	3.86	3.54	3.92
43	34.68	39.45	34.61	39.40	93	3.37	3.62	3.40	3.67
44	33.74	38.49	33.68	38.45	94	3.25	3.39	3.29	3.44
45	32.81	37.54	32.75	37.49	95	3.15	3.19	3.18	3.24
46	31.88	36.59	31.83	36.55	96	3.04	3.02	3.07	3.06
47	30.96	35.64	30.91	35.60	97	2.94	2.87	2.97	2.90
48	30.03	34.70	30.00	34.67	98	2.85	2.74	2.87	2.76
49	29.12	33.76	29.10	33.73	99	2.77	2.61	2.80	2.63

(a) Based on Annual Life Tables calculated by the Australian Statistician until 1994. In 1995 the life tables were produced as a joint venture between the ABS and the Australian Government Actuary. See paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes.

## 5.6 DEATHS, Birthplace and Duration of Residence

## DURATION OF RESIDENCE (YEARS).....

	4 and under	5-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40 and over	Not stated	Not applicable	Males	Females	Persons
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA											
Australia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22 818	11 354	11 464	22 818
Fiji	4	4	9	—	1	3	8	—	13	16	29
New Zealand	14	18	26	23	14	103	21	—	106	113	219
Other	7	6	6	1	2	3	9	—	24	10	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>22 818</b>	<b>11 497</b>	<b>11 603</b>	<b>23 100</b>
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR											
Austria	—	—	—	4	14	58	5	—	42	39	81
Former USSR & Baltic States	13	20	22	15	25	308	12	—	228	187	415
Former Yugoslav Republics	10	12	20	169	131	126	9	—	312	165	477
Germany	4	2	10	13	58	242	16	—	186	159	345
Greece	4	10	13	73	197	154	7	—	277	181	458
Hungary	—	3	2	2	65	70	9	—	92	59	151
Ireland	1	1	5	24	25	104	12	—	118	54	172
Italy	2	5	20	94	345	765	30	—	785	476	1 261
Malta	2	1	2	13	79	139	2	—	140	98	238
Netherlands	—	—	8	14	87	253	15	—	232	145	377
Poland	2	9	21	19	63	395	14	—	323	200	523
United Kingdom	24	42	183	422	703	1 845	106	—	1 712	1 613	3 325
Other	1	7	22	48	45	210	16	—	237	112	349
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>1 837</b>	<b>4 669</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4 684</b>	<b>3 488</b>	<b>8 172</b>
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA											
Egypt	5	5	11	24	44	47	3	—	77	62	139
Lebanon	2	3	15	11	5	9	2	—	28	19	47
Turkey	1	5	12	29	11	8	2	—	46	22	68
Other	2	7	8	18	5	26	3	—	39	30	69
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>323</b>
SOUTHEAST ASIA											
Indonesia	4	8	9	3	6	5	4	—	25	14	39
Malaysia	3	8	16	5	3	—	4	—	23	16	39
Philippines	2	12	19	1	—	1	2	—	16	21	37
Singapore	1	—	2	2	1	1	1	—	5	3	8
Thailand	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	2
Viet Nam	4	29	48	—	—	—	2	—	50	33	83
Other	3	6	9	4	4	2	1	—	17	12	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>237</b>

5.6 DEATHS, Birthplace and Duration of Residence *continued*

## DURATION OF RESIDENCE (YEARS).....

	4 and under	5-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40 and over	Not stated	Not applicable	Males	Females	Persons
NORTHEAST ASIA											
China	9	35	45	13	11	28	5	—	76	70	146
Hong Kong	2	3	2		2	3	1	—	9	4	13
Other	2	2	4	3	--	3	3	—	6	11	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>176</b>
SOUTHERN ASIA											
India	4	6	31	48	12	34	7	—	77	65	142
Sri Lanka	5	13	30	33	14	9	3	—	59	48	107
Other	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	—	6	4	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>259</b>
THE AMERICAS											
Canada	—	1	2	6	2	15	1	—	15	12	27
Chile	—	1	4	4	—	—	1	—	5	5	10
United States of America	4	1	1	7	7	17	2	—	24	15	39
Other	2	9	7	5	4	2	—	—	13	16	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>105</b>
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)											
South Africa	1	4	14	4	5	18	2	—	22	26	48
Other	4	7	8	41	9	4	—	—	36	37	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>121</b>
Other and not stated	—	—	—	—	—	1	232	—	154	79	233
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>1 197</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>5 012</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>22 818</b>	<b>17 009</b>	<b>15 717</b>	<b>32 726</b>

## 5.7 DEATHS, State or Territory of Usual Residence and Registration

State or Territory of registration.....

State or Territory of usual residence	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
NSW	44 318	203	336	50	14	11	7	202	45 141
Vic.	162	32 379	78	40	26	24	11	6	32 726
Qld	223	43	21 975	10	13	5	6	6	22 281
SA	26	46	12	11 501	8	3	10	—	11 606
WA	17	16	20	11	10 946	4	13	—	11 027
Tas.	5	22	12	1	1	3 831	—	—	3 872
NT	5	1	6	20	3	—	723	—	758
ACT	53	4	3	2	1	—	1	1 236	1 300
Other Territories	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	1	8
Aust.	44 809	32 714	22 442	11 635	11 019	3 878	771	1 451	128 719

## 5.8 DEATHS, Selected Causes of Death and Sex

Cause of death(a)	NUMBER.....			Percentage of all deaths	Rate(b)
	Males	Females	Persons		
Infectious and parasitic diseases (001-139)	249	146	395	1.2	8.7
Neoplasms (140-239)	5 115	4 085	9 200	28.1	201.7
Malignant neoplasms (140-208)	5 034	4 026	9 060	27.7	198.6
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders (240-279)	653	608	1 261	3.9	27.6
Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs (280-289)	64	57	121	0.4	2.7
Mental disorders (290-319)	352	602	954	2.9	20.9
Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs (320-389)	402	394	796	2.4	17.5
Diseases of the circulatory system (390-459)	6 503	6 989	13 492	41.2	295.8
Ischaemic heart disease (410-414)	3 900	3 384	7 284	22.3	159.7
Cerebrovascular disease (430-438)	1 273	1 863	3 136	9.6	68.8
Diseases of the respiratory system (460-519)	1 443	1 188	2 631	8.0	57.7
Diseases of the digestive system (520-579)	480	477	957	2.9	21.0
Diseases of the genito-urinary system (580-629)	276	315	591	1.8	13.0
Complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium (630-676)	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue (680-709)	14	24	38	0.1	0.8
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue (710-739)	64	163	227	0.7	5.0
Congenital anomalies (740-759)	93	73	166	0.5	3.6
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (760-779)	77	62	139	0.4	3.0
Symptoms, signs and ill-defined conditions (780-799)	55	47	102	0.3	2.2
Accidents, poisonings and violence (E800-E999)	1 169	487	1 656	5.1	36.3
Motor vehicle traffic accidents (E810-E819)	296	114	410	1.3	9.0
Suicide (E950-E959)	388	112	500	1.5	11.0
<b>All causes of death</b>	<b>17 009</b>	<b>15 717</b>	<b>32 726</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>717.5</b>

(a) Classified according to the ninth revision of the World Health Organisation's International Classification of Diseases (ICD).

(b) Rates are calculated on the number of deaths per 100,000 population.

## 5.9 DEATHS, Selected Causes of Death(a)—Summary

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Heart disease</i>	<i>Malignant neoplasms (cancer)</i>	<i>Cerebro-vascular disease (incl. stroke)</i>	<i>Respiratory system diseases</i>	<i>Motor vehicle traffic accidents</i>	<i>Suicide</i>	<i>All causes</i>
<b>Numbers</b>							
Males	4 774	5 034	1 273	1 443	296	388	17 009
Females	4 642	4 026	1 863	1 188	114	112	15 717
Persons	9 416	9 060	3 136	2 631	410	500	32 726
<b>Proportions by sex (%)</b>							
Males	50.7	55.6	40.6	54.8	72.2	77.6	52.0
Females	49.3	44.4	59.4	45.2	27.8	22.4	48.0
Persons	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Proportions by cause of death (%)</b>							
Males	28.1	29.6	7.5	8.5	1.7	2.3	100.0
Females	29.5	25.6	11.9	7.6	0.7	0.7	100.0
Persons	28.8	27.7	9.6	8.0	1.3	1.5	100.0
<b>Crude death rate(b)</b>							
Males	211.9	223.4	56.5	64.1	13.1	17.2	755.0
Females	201.1	174.4	80.7	51.5	4.9	4.9	681.0
Persons	206.5	198.6	68.8	57.7	9.0	11.0	717.5
<b>Standardised death rate(c)</b>							
Victoria	177.7	181.4	58.2	49.9	9.0	10.8	633.7
Australia	183.0	176.9	61.4	50.7	10.7	13.0	641.0

(a) Comprising the following: heart disease (ICD codes 393–398, 402, 404, 410–416, 420–429); malignant neoplasms (cancer) (ICD codes 140–208); cerebrovascular diseases (ICD codes 430–438); respiratory system diseases (ICD codes 460–519); motor vehicle traffic accidents (ICD codes E810–E819); and suicide (ICD codes E950–E959).

(b) Number of deaths per 100,000 population.

(c) Deaths per 100,000 population, standardised for age and sex using the 1991 Australian population as the standard population.

## 5.10 PERINATAL DEATHS

Year	FETAL DEATHS.....			NEONATAL DEATHS.....			PERINATAL DEATHS.....		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
NUMBER									
1986	216	182	398	186	123	309	402	305	707
1991	186	154	340	139	99	238	325	253	578
1992	172	173	345	120	76	196	292	249	541
1993	159	129	288	114	80	194	273	209	482
1994	210	119	329	107	77	184	317	196	513
1995	183	126	309	92	84	176	275	210	485
1996	163	128	291	97	62	159	260	190	450
RATE									
1986	7.0	6.2	6.6	6.0	4.2	5.1	12.9	10.3	11.7
1991	5.5	4.8	5.2	4.1	3.1	3.6	9.6	7.9	8.8
1992	5.1	5.4	5.2	3.6	2.4	3.0	8.6	7.7	8.2
1993	4.8	4.1	4.5	3.5	2.6	3.0	8.3	6.7	7.5
1994	6.4	3.8	5.1	3.3	2.5	2.9	9.6	6.3	8.0
1995	5.7	4.1	4.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	8.6	6.9	7.7
1996	5.2	4.3	4.8	3.1	2.1	2.6	8.2	6.4	7.4



## 5.11 PERINATAL DEATHS, Selected Details

Particulars	1996 PERINATAL DEATHS.....					1986..
	Fetal deaths	Neonatal deaths	Males	Females	Persons	Perinatal deaths
AGE AT DEATH						
Less than 1 hour	—	32	17	15	32	49
1 hour to under 1 day	—	43	27	16	43	100
1 day to under 1 week	—	50	29	21	50	88
1 week to under 4 weeks	—	34	24	10	34	72
<b>Total</b>		159	97	62	159	309
WEIGHT AT DELIVERY (grams)						
500-999	78	66	86	58	144	224
1 000-1 999	50	31	49	32	81	162
2 000-2 999	67	29	55	41	96	144
3 000 or more	61	30	56	35	91	123
Not stated	35	3	14	24	38	54
<b>Total</b>	291	159	260	190	450	707
PERIOD OF GESTATION (weeks)						
Less than 28	88	64	86	66	152	210
28-36	90	54	90	54	144	255
37-41	107	39	79	67	146	198
42 or more	2	—	1	1	2	18
Not stated	4	2	4	2	6	26
<b>Total</b>	291	159	260	190	450	707
AGE GROUP OF MOTHER (years)						
Less than 20	10	4	9	5	14	20
20-24	44	17	36	25	61	162
25-29	85	44	77	52	129	257
30-34	89	55	82	62	144	168
35-39	44	19	35	28	63	58
40 or more	15	6	13	8	21	12
Not stated	4	14	8	10	18	30
<b>Total</b>	291	159	260	190	450	707

SECTION **6**

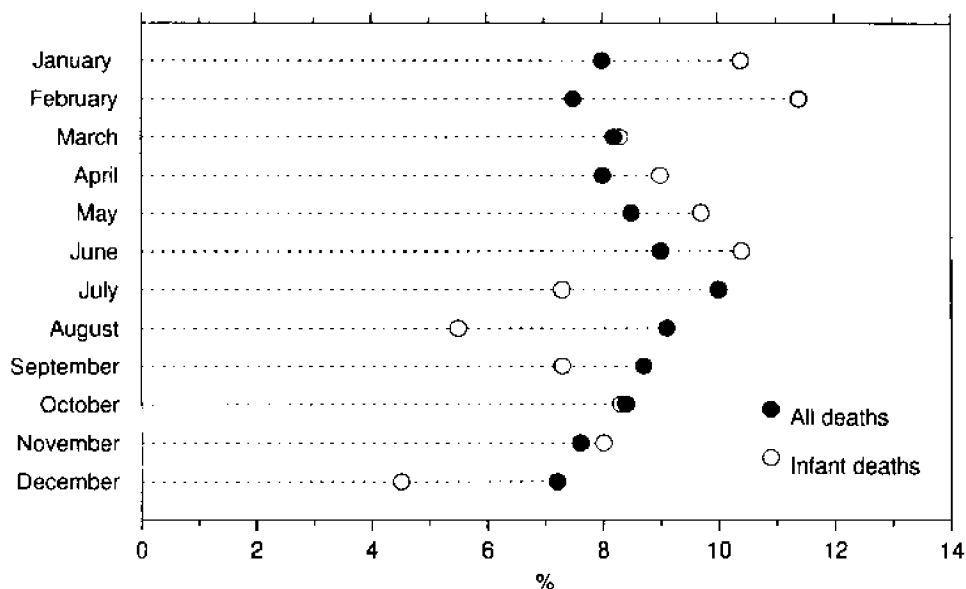
**DEATHS—YEAR OF OCCURRENCE  
(PRELIMINARY)** .....

In Victoria, there were 32,231 registered deaths that occurred in 1996. This was a marginal decrease on the number of deaths occurring in 1995 (32,407).

Death trends are more meaningful when based on year of occurrence rather than year of registration data because a proportion of deaths that occur in each calendar year, particularly those occurring towards the end of the year, are not registered until the following year or even later. They could also be affected by any abnormal delays or fluctuations in the registration processes. Based on data for previous years, it is estimated that about 5% of deaths that occurred in 1996 would not have been registered in 1996. However, only a small percentage would not have registered by the time the tables in this section were produced.

Month of occurrence

The 32,231 deaths which occurred in 1996 average out over the whole year at 88 deaths per day. The highest monthly total of 3,222 deaths occurred in July which averaged 104 deaths per day, while August was the second highest with 2,927 deaths or 94 deaths per day. The summer months of December and February had the lowest totals of 2,313 and 2,410 with daily averages of 75 and 83 respectively.



## 6.1 DEATHS, Month of Occurrence

Month of occurrence	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
NUMBER							
January	2 410	2 501	2 503	2 462	2 563	2 502	2 572
February	2 120	2 149	2 244	2 160	2 188	2 336	2 410
March	2 392	2 572	2 455	2 487	2 587	2 449	2 642
April	2 423	2 531	2 475	2 478	2 587	2 600	2 573
May	2 557	2 725	2 781	2 628	2 840	2 724	2 738
June	2 687	2 594	2 962	2 745	2 701	2 795	2 900
July	2 913	2 781	2 905	2 819	3 111	2 957	3 222
August	2 727	2 861	2 941	2 929	3 269	2 955	2 927
September	2 573	2 696	2 700	2 772	2 823	2 997	2 788
October	2 614	2 571	2 646	2 575	2 658	2 858	2 702
November	2 414	2 424	2 561	2 494	2 459	2 605	2 444
December	2 519	2 552	2 571	2 574	2 552	2 629	2 313

<b>Total</b>	<b>30 349</b>	<b>30 957</b>	<b>31 744</b>	<b>31 123</b>	<b>32 338</b>	<b>32 407</b>	<b>32 231</b>
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## RATE

Crude death rate	7.3	7.0	7.1	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.1
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## DEATHS PER DAY

January	77.7	80.7	80.7	79.4	82.7	80.7	83.0
February	75.7	76.8	77.4	77.1	78.1	83.4	83.1
March	77.2	83.0	79.2	80.2	83.5	79.0	85.2
April	80.8	84.4	82.5	82.6	86.2	86.7	85.8
May	82.5	87.9	89.7	84.8	91.6	87.9	88.3
June	89.6	86.5	98.7	91.5	90.0	93.2	96.7
July	94.0	89.7	93.7	90.9	100.4	95.4	103.9
August	88.0	92.3	94.9	94.5	105.5	95.3	94.4
September	85.8	89.9	90.0	92.4	94.1	99.9	92.9
October	84.3	82.9	85.4	83.1	85.7	92.2	87.2
November	80.5	80.8	85.4	83.1	82.0	86.8	81.5
December	81.3	82.3	82.9	83.0	82.3	84.8	74.6

## 6.2 DEATHS, Age at Death

Age group (years)	MALES.....			FEMALES.....		
	1986	1991	1996	1986	1991	1996
Under 1	303	236	168	198	154	121
1-4	51	47	33	38	32	26
5-9	36	36	32	26	24	17
10-14	65	43	20	25	26	19
15-19	184	139	103	68	49	45
20-24	253	219	172	94	82	47
25-29	228	195	166	78	82	60
30-34	200	204	192	77	93	86
35-39	210	229	222	133	132	115
40-44	275	309	278	146	185	166
45-49	381	420	349	222	230	213
50-54	570	503	463	317	353	341
55-59	1 049	877	726	507	442	428
60-64	1 680	1 489	1 156	807	727	615
65-69	1 956	1 981	1 816	1 179	1 204	987
70-74	2 469	2 269	2 511	1 713	1 601	1 606
75-79	2 514	2 681	2 630	2 182	2 247	2 133
80-84	2 042	2 444	2 725	2 326	2 570	2 926
85 and over	1 723	2 044	2 949	4 022	4 359	5 569
Not stated	2	—	..	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 191</b>	<b>16 365</b>	<b>16 711</b>	<b>14 158</b>	<b>14 592</b>	<b>15 520</b>

## 6.3 DEATHS, Age-specific Death Rates

Age group (years)	MALES.....			FEMALES.....		
	1986	1991	1996	1986	1991	1996
Under 1	9.7	7.1	5.3	6.7	4.9	4.1
1-4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
5-9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
10-14	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
15-19	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3
20-24	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.3
25-29	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.3
30-34	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.5
35-39	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.6
40-44	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.1	1.1	1.0
45-49	3.4	3.2	2.2	2.1	1.8	1.3
50-54	5.7	4.5	3.6	3.3	3.3	2.7
55-59	10.3	9.2	6.9	5.1	4.7	4.1
60-64	18.3	15.6	12.8	8.3	7.5	6.6
65-69	28.8	24.1	21.0	15.0	13.1	10.7
70-74	45.5	39.4	35.8	24.5	22.1	18.8
75-79	71.1	65.3	58.2	42.0	38.0	34.0
80-84	114.0	108.7	99.3	70.2	66.1	63.2
85 and over	184.0	170.5	184.0	151.9	143.3	146.6

## 6.4 INFANT DEATHS, Month of Occurrence

Month of occurrence	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
NUMBER							
January	34	43	30	30	29	19	30
February	42	30	28	28	20	33	33
March	33	43	25	21	43	39	24
April	39	23	27	38	25	19	26
May	42	30	32	24	21	20	28
June	49	30	28	30	32	31	30
July	46	37	29	24	27	24	21
August	52	33	27	19	31	25	16
September	43	29	36	35	27	30	21
October	44	32	37	22	31	25	24
November	37	32	38	16	18	23	23
December	40	28	29	26	20	28	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>289</b>

RATE							
Infant mortality rate	8.3	6.0	5.6	4.9	5.1	5.1	4.8

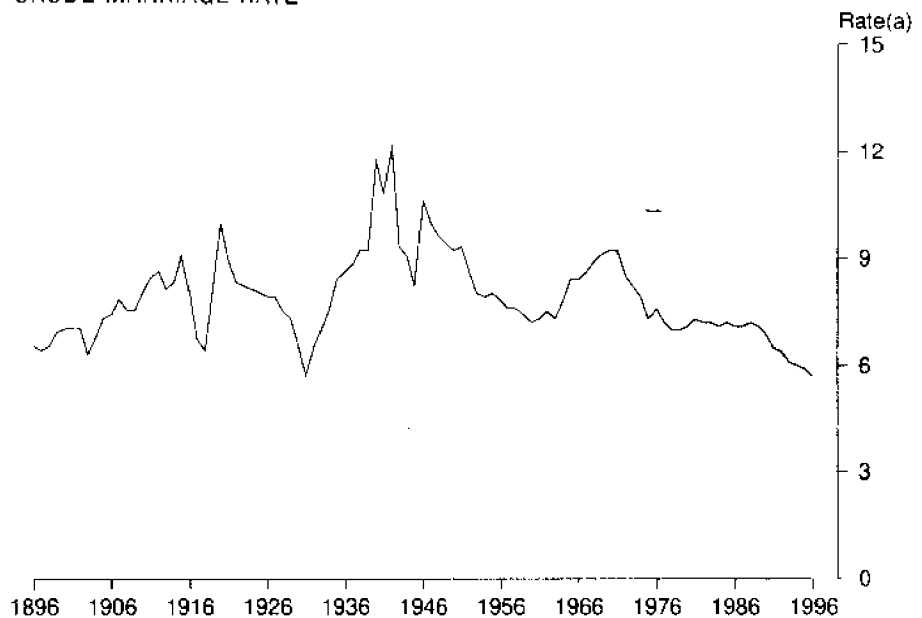
INFANT DEATHS PER DAY							
January	1.1	1.4	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.6	1.0
February	1.5	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.2	1.1
March	1.1	1.4	0.8	0.7	1.4	1.3	0.8
April	1.3	0.8	0.9	1.3	0.8	0.6	0.9
May	1.4	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.9
June	1.6	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0
July	1.5	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7
August	1.7	1.1	0.9	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.5
September	1.4	1.0	1.2	1.2	0.9	1.0	0.7
October	1.4	1.0	1.2	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.8
November	1.2	1.1	1.3	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8
December	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.4

SECTION **7**

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED** .....

In 1996 there were 26,074 marriages registered in Victoria, compared with 26,607 in 1995 and 29,390 in 1986. The number of marriages registered has declined each year since 1988, the 1996 figure being the lowest since 1964. The long-term downward trend in the crude marriage rate (the number of marriages per 1,000 population) has continued. In 1996 this rate was 5.7 per 1,000 population, the lowest rate since 1931 during the Great Depression. The highest rate recorded this century was 12.1 per 1,000 population in 1942 during World War II. In 1996 the national rate was 5.8 per 1,000 population.

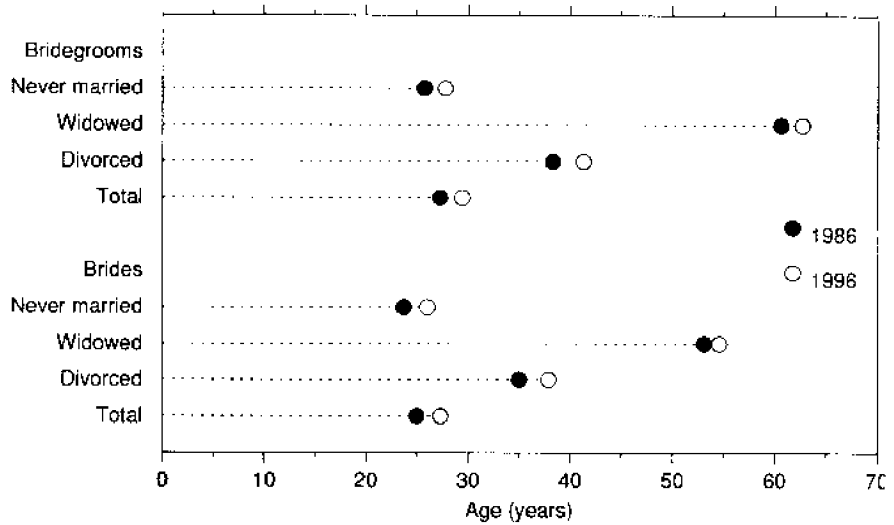
CRUDE MARRIAGE RATE



AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE

The age at first marriage in Victoria continues to increase steadily. The median ages for men and women marrying for the first time in 1996 was 27.8 years for men and 26.0 years for women. The median age is the age at which there are as many marrying above the age as there are marrying below it. The lowest median ages at first marriage this century, 23.4 years for men and 21.2 years for women, were recorded in the early seventies. In first marriages in 1996, 33% of bridegrooms and 23% of brides were aged 30 years or more compared with 19% and 10% respectively in 1986.

MEDIAN AGE AT MARRIAGE, Selected Marital Status



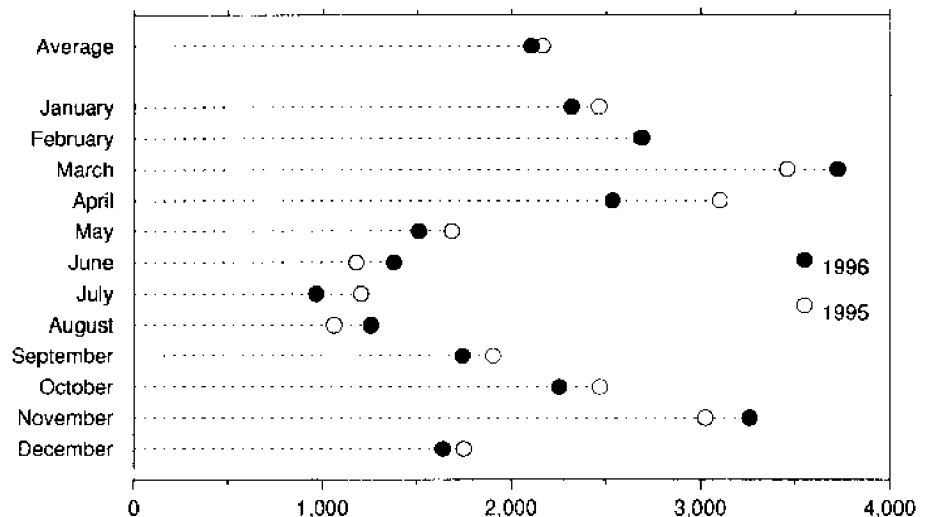
AGE SPECIFIC MARRIAGE RATES

Between 1986 and 1996 age-specific marriage rates (per 1,000 population) decreased for men and women in most age groups. While the peak age group for men remained 25–29 years, the rate declined slightly over this period. The 20–24 year age group for men experienced the largest decline in the marriage rate, decreasing by 52% from 1986 to 1996. Over the same period, the peak age group for women increased from 20–24 years to 25–29 years. The largest decline in age-specific marriage rates since 1986, occurred in the 20–24 year age group which decreased by 42%.

DAY AND MONTH OF MARRIAGE

Saturday is traditionally the most popular day of the week for marriage, and 66% of marriages registered in 1996 were celebrated on a Saturday, 20% were celebrated on a Sunday and 7% on a Friday. The most popular month for marriage in 1996 was March with 3,723 marriages celebrated followed by November with 3,262. The least popular month in 1996 was July with 965 marriages celebrated.

MONTH OF MARRIAGE—1995 AND 1996





## PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS

Of all marriages registered in Victoria in 1996, 69% were the first marriage for both partners. In 11% of all marriages, both partners were previously divorced.

## CATEGORY OF CELEBRANT

Between 1976 and 1996 the percentage of marriages performed in Victoria by ministers of religion declined from 73% to 55%. More than half of this decline occurred between 1976 and 1986 when the corresponding figure was 62%. Of these marriages in 1996, 86% of men and 88% of women had never been in a registered marriage. By comparison, of those people married by civil celebrants (45% of all marriages) 65% of men and 67% of women had never been in a registered marriage.

In 1996, 22% of all marriages performed in Victoria were by Catholic priests while 11% were by Anglican ministers.

## BIRTHPLACE OF PARTIES

Of the marriages registered in Victoria in 1996, the birthplaces of the parties to these marriages were as follows: 65% were between Australian-born couples; 14% were between couples born overseas; 9% were between Australian men and non-Australian women; 12% were between Australian women and non-Australian men. Of those marriages between overseas-born couples, two-thirds were between couples born in the same country.

## 7.1 MARRIAGES, Summary(a)

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
ALL MARRIAGES							
<b>Marriages registered</b>	<b>29,390</b>	<b>28 535</b>	<b>28 429</b>	<b>27 418</b>	<b>26 974</b>	<b>26 607</b>	<b>26 074</b>
Crude marriage rate	7.1	6.5	6.4	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.7
Previous marital status							
First marriage both partners	20 287	19 867	19 882	19 195	19 078	18 752	18 026
First marriage one partner	5 040	4 953	4 926	4 737	4 443	4 458	4 546
Remarriage both partners	4 063	3 715	3 621	3 486	3 453	3 397	3 502
Marriages performed by							
Ministers of religion							
Number	18 096	17 429	17 361	16 613	16 153	n.a.	14 415
Proportion (%)	61.6	61.1	61.1	60.6	59.9	n.a.	55.3
Civil celebrants							
Number	11 294	11 106	11 068	10 805	10 821	n.a.	11 659
Proportion (%)	38.4	38.9	38.9	39.4	40.1	n.a.	44.7
BRIDEGROOM							
Age-specific marriage rate							
Age group (years)							
19 and under	1.8	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9
20-24	53.1	37.4	35.1	32.7	30.2	28.6	25.4
25-29	54.1	54.6	55.0	54.6	54.9	54.5	51.3
30-34	25.9	27.6	29.0	27.9	28.9	28.2	29.8
35-39	13.8	14.2	14.6	13.8	13.7	14.4	14.7
40-44	9.2	9.2	8.9	8.7	8.5	8.8	9.2
45-49	7.4	6.9	6.5	6.8	6.4	6.5	6.4
50 and over	3.6	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.9	3.1
Marital status of bridegroom							
Never married	22 648	22 167	22 140	21 435	21 062	20 790	20 089
Widowed	732	644	598	621	616	552	550
Divorced	6 010	5 724	5 691	5 362	5 296	5 265	5 435
Total	29 390	28 535	28 429	27 418	26 974	26 607	26 074
Median age of bridegroom (years)							
Never married	25.7	26.8	27.0	27.0	27.3	27.4	27.8
Widowed	60.6	61.0	62.0	61.4	62.3	61.9	62.7
Divorced	38.3	39.6	39.5	40.4	40.5	40.9	41.3
Total	27.2	28.3	28.6	28.6	28.8	29.0	29.4
BRIDE							
Age-specific marriage rate							
Age group (years)							
19 and under	12.2	6.8	6.0	5.4	5.1	5.0	4.5
20-24	73.2	58.4	55.7	53.0	49.9	46.8	42.5
25-29	41.9	46.2	47.8	47.3	48.9	49.9	49.1
30-34	18.7	20.2	21.0	20.4	20.8	21.5	22.5
35-39	10.4	10.8	10.9	10.4	10.3	10.5	10.9
40-44	6.9	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.8
45-49	6.0	5.2	5.2	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.2
50 and over	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.7
Marital status of bride							
Never married	22 966	22 520	22 550	21 692	21 537	21 172	20 509
Widowed	891	751	653	684	675	617	637
Divorced	5 533	5 264	5 226	5 042	4 762	4 818	4 928
Total	29 390	28 535	28 429	27 418	26 974	26 607	26 074
Median age of bride (years)							
Never married	23.7	24.8	25.0	25.2	25.4	25.7	26.0
Widowed	53.1	53.5	53.7	54.2	54.5	54.3	54.6
Divorced	35.0	36.1	36.5	36.8	37.5	37.6	37.9
Total	25.0	26.1	26.3	26.4	26.6	26.9	27.3

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

## 7.2 MARRIAGES, Age-specific First Marriage and Remarriage Rates(a)—Census Years

Age at marriage (years)	1971	1976	1981	1986	1991	1996
FIRST MARRIAGES						
Age of bridegroom						
15-19	13.6	8.4	4.5	1.9	1.4	0.9
20-24	185.5	130.0	92.2	65.6	44.5	29.4
25-29	209.6	152.7	128.8	119.1	105.9	84.3
30-34	110.0	92.1	86.3	86.6	81.5	75.8
35-39	56.9	51.8	45.9	46.2	48.0	44.6
40-44	28.2	28.8	24.3	23.5	24.6	23.9
45 and over	7.9	9.1	7.4	7.2	5.8	5.8
Age of bride						
15-19	65.0	44.6	25.9	12.7	7.2	4.7
20-24	300.2	194.8	143.0	112.1	79.0	52.8
25-29	194.5	142.9	125.3	130.2	121.2	101.6
30-34	93.4	93.7	70.3	79.4	75.6	72.7
35-39	51.9	52.3	41.0	43.0	40.5	39.5
40-44	27.6	30.1	20.5	23.9	15.9	18.0
45 and over	3.8	5.2	3.3	3.3	3.7	4.2
REARRIAGES						
Age of bridegroom						
15-19	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24	131.7	255.8	197.8	102.8	35.7	27.5
25-29	351.0	401.7	247.6	195.1	143.6	57.1
30-34	289.1	346.4	210.3	179.0	150.2	71.1
35-39	206.4	298.6	171.9	144.0	114.0	57.5
40-44	145.3	223.2	129.5	112.5	91.2	46.7
45-49	96.8	167.7	95.3	97.1	71.6	38.4
50-54	68.0	118.2	71.6	80.5	58.5	34.3
55-59	56.2	84.9	53.2	57.5	45.2	28.0
60 and over	17.4	22.9	16.8	14.0	13.8	10.6
Age of bride						
15-19	43.5	111.1	98.4	30.5	9.8	4.6
20-24	322.0	338.1	225.8	164.6	92.4	35.4
25-29	300.7	312.9	194.8	169.1	140.4	58.5
30-34	162.4	219.0	136.3	130.5	109.9	54.6
35-39	98.9	138.5	92.3	85.6	75.6	37.7
40-44	68.4	104.6	68.2	58.2	48.3	28.8
45-49	43.0	67.4	46.2	49.7	38.3	23.6
50-54	25.3	34.9	24.8	27.9	25.2	16.8
55-59	11.6	18.3	13.5	15.0	12.0	11.1
60 and over	2.8	3.3	2.6	2.5	2.3	1.7

(a) Per 1,000 of the appropriate population. See Glossary.

## 7.3 MARRIAGES, Previous Marital Status of Parties

*Previous marital status of bride.....*

<i>Previous marital status of bridegroom</i>	<i>Never married</i>	<i>Widowed</i>	<i>Divorced</i>	<i>Total</i>
*****				
NUMBER				
Never married	18 026	120	1 943	20 089
Widowed	86	231	233	550
Divorced	2 397	286	2 752	5 435
Total	20 509	637	4 928	26 074
*****				
PROPORTION (%)				
Never married	69.1	0.5	7.5	77.0
Widowed	0.3	0.9	0.9	2.1
Divorced	9.2	1.1	10.6	20.8
Total	78.7	2.4	18.9	100.0
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## 7.4 MARRIAGES, Previous Marital Status of Parties and Age

Age at marriage (years)	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM.....				PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE.....			
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
17 and under	6	—	—	6	32	—	—	32
18	49	—	—	49	287	—	1	288
19	90	—	—	90	372	—	1	373
20	247	—	—	247	608	—	3	611
21	444	—	—	444	1 042	—	6	1 048
22	801	1	3	805	1 516	—	17	1 533
23	1 294	—	4	1 298	1 926	2	24	1 952
24	1 726	—	23	1 749	2 203	1	48	2 252
25	1 984	1	22	2 007	2 177	3	66	2 246
26	1 899	2	31	1 932	2 065	2	97	2 164
27	1 967	1	71	2 039	1 625	3	137	1 765
28	1 629	1	97	1 727	1 322	4	170	1 496
29	1 366	1	132	1 499	1 038	6	197	1 241
30-34	4 291	11	967	5 269	2 920	33	1 106	4 059
35-39	1 524	17	1 082	2 623	951	42	979	1 972
40-44	492	34	986	1 512	262	64	815	1 141
45-49	150	40	833	1 023	93	82	659	834
50-54	57	59	557	673	32	82	336	450
55-59	26	76	310	412	19	84	160	263
60 and over	47	306	317	670	19	229	106	354
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 089</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>5 435</b>	<b>26 074</b>	<b>20 509</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>4 928</b>	<b>26 074</b>

## 7.5 MARRIAGES, Age of Parties

Age group of bride (years).....

Age group of bridegroom (years)	Age group of bride (years)											Total	
	17 and under	18	19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59		60 and over
17 and under	—	1	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
18	2	14	11	18	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	49
19	1	30	20	31	5	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	90
20-24	16	146	216	3 142	882	103	27	6	1	2	1	1	4 543
25-29	12	75	97	3 214	4 805	810	150	31	8	1	1	—	9 204
30-34	—	15	19	743	2 315	1 640	403	105	22	6	1	—	5 269
35-39	—	3	6	165	633	936	626	186	56	9	3	—	2 623
40-44	—	2	3	44	177	359	442	312	133	32	7	1	1 512
45-49	—	1	—	24	49	129	202	281	248	69	12	8	1 023
50-54	1	1	—	10	18	47	79	138	199	115	54	11	673
55-59	—	—	1	1	15	21	25	52	100	114	57	26	412
60 and over	—	—	—	2	8	11	16	30	67	102	127	307	670
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>7 396</b>	<b>8 912</b>	<b>4 059</b>	<b>1 972</b>	<b>1 141</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>26 074</b>

## 7.6 MARRIAGES, Birthplace of Parties

	BRIDEGROOM BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND BRIDE BORN IN.....				BRIDE BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND BRIDEGROOM BORN IN.....			
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA								
Australia	16 948	—	2 442	19 390	16 948	—	3 003	19 951
Fiji	10	32	8	50	12	32	15	59
New Zealand	254	39	53	346	223	39	52	314
Other	49	24	15	88	41	24	15	80
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 261</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2 518</b>	<b>19 874</b>	<b>17 224</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>3 085</b>	<b>20 404</b>
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Austria	17	3	5	25	12	3	5	20
Former USSR & Baltic States	7	60	6	73	26	60	29	115
Former Yugoslav Republics	175	164	52	391	92	164	48	304
Germany	94	26	38	158	67	26	33	126
Greece	124	41	26	191	60	41	16	117
Hungary	9	15	7	31	9	15	10	34
Ireland	36	—	10	46	20	—	15	35
Italy	139	34	61	234	75	34	28	137
Malta	49	9	19	77	34	9	10	53
Netherlands	72	10	22	104	51	10	13	74
Poland	18	61	17	96	22	61	17	100
United Kingdom	1 057	187	219	1 463	782	187	133	1 102
Other	122	74	59	255	115	74	58	247
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 919</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>3 144</b>	<b>1 365</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>2 464</b>
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
Egypt	24	15	20	59	16	15	11	42
Lebanon	90	71	18	179	23	71	26	120
Turkey	58	73	15	146	25	73	13	111
Other	39	97	42	178	25	97	31	153
<b>Total</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>426</b>
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Indonesia	17	56	19	92	18	56	20	94
Malaysia	31	40	57	128	45	40	47	132
Philippines	16	75	9	100	124	75	87	286
Singapore	16	4	11	31	31	4	22	57
Thailand	6	5	9	20	33	5	20	58
Viet Nam	5	468	47	520	16	468	77	561
Other	4	83	32	119	8	83	21	112
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>1 010</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>1 300</b>

7.6 MARRIAGES, Birthplace of Parties *continued*

	BRIDEGROOM BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND BRIDE BORN IN.....				BRIDE BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND BRIDEGROOM BORN IN.....			
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total
NORTHEAST ASIA								
China	7	246	62	315	41	246	81	368
Hong Kong	12	55	46	113	22	55	37	114
Other	10	17	12	39	33	17	32	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>564</b>
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	54	45	33	132	42	45	34	121
Sri Lanka	45	90	27	162	27	90	16	133
Other	11	23	16	50	3	23	10	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>290</b>
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	50	7	8	65	33	7	11	51
Chile	17	23	17	57	22	23	11	56
United States of America	89	10	24	123	68	10	18	96
Other	52	30	23	105	52	30	45	127
<b>Total</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>330</b>
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	59	9	12	80	50	9	15	74
Other	58	133	51	242	43	133	45	221
<b>Total</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>295</b>
Other and not stated	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>19 951</b>	<b>2 454</b>	<b>3 669</b>	<b>26 074</b>	<b>19 390</b>	<b>2 454</b>	<b>4 230</b>	<b>26 074</b>



## 7.7 MARRIAGES, Previous Marital Status of Parties and Category of Rite

Category of rite	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM.			PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE.....			All marriages	Proportion of all marriages
	<i>Never married</i>	<i>Widowed</i>	<i>Divorced</i>	<i>Never married</i>	<i>Widowed</i>	<i>Divorced</i>		
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%
RELIGIOUS (a)								
Anglican	2 272	52	443	2 372	47	348	2 767	10.6
Baptist	280	11	64	282	17	56	355	1.4
Catholic	5 341	70	209	5 395	75	150	5 620	21.6
Churches of Christ	214	13	57	213	10	61	284	1.1
Lutheran	111	2	23	105	4	27	136	0.5
Orthodox	1 095	3	139	1 142	6	89	1 237	4.7
Presbyterian	222	6	33	224	4	33	261	1.0
Uniting Church	1 602	49	393	1 676	48	320	2 044	7.8
Other denominations	1 319	49	343	1 345	55	311	1 711	6.6
<i>All religious rites</i>	12 456	255	1 704	12 754	266	1 395	14 415	55.3
CIVIL								
Official registrars	1 410	53	656	1 437	74	608	2 119	8.1
Other civil celebrants	6 223	242	3 075	6 318	297	2 925	9 540	36.6
<i>All civil rites</i>	7 633	295	3 731	7 755	371	3 533	11 659	44.7
TOTAL								
<b>Number</b>	<b>20 089</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>5 435</b>	<b>20 509</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>4 928</b>	<b>26 074</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Proportion</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>

(a) Recognised denominations under the authority of the *Australian Marriage Act 1961*.

## 7.8 REMARRIAGES, Number of Previous Marriages and Number of Children Under 16

## NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 16.....

<i>Number of previous marriages</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>One</i>	<i>Two</i>	<i>Three</i>	<i>Four or more</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
BRIDEGROOM							
One	3 290	939	729	193	39	11	5 201
Two	421	142	98	27	15	1	704
Three or more	41	14	9	—	2	1	67
Not stated	9	—	—	—	—	4	13
Total	3 761	1 095	836	220	56	17	5 985
BRIDE							
One	3 046	941	659	190	44	7	4 887
Two	387	107	78	25	9	1	607
Three or more	39	9	7	4	2	1	62
Not stated	8	—	—	—	—	1	9
Total	3 480	1 057	744	219	55	10	5 565

## 7.9 REMARRIAGES, Interval to Remarriage and Reason for Termination of Last Marriage

<i>Interval between termination of last marriage and remarriage (years)</i>	BRIDEGROOM'S LAST MARRIAGE TERMINATED BY			BRIDE'S LAST MARRIAGE TERMINATED BY.....		
	<i>Death of spouse</i>	<i>Divorce</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Death of spouse</i>	<i>Divorce</i>	<i>Total</i>
Under 1	10	813	823	7	577	584
1	59	1 136	1 195	46	928	974
2	92	760	852	64	635	699
3	79	541	620	64	482	546
4	67	394	461	57	394	451
0-4	307	3 644	3 951	238	3 016	3 254
5	44	319	363	43	321	364
6	49	264	313	50	249	299
7	34	191	225	57	199	256
8	19	149	168	39	185	224
9	18	137	155	19	142	161
5-9	164	1 060	1 224	208	1 096	1 304
10-14	41	438	479	101	491	592
15-19	17	159	176	48	200	248
20 and over	19	76	95	35	90	125
Not stated	2	58	60	7	35	42
<b>All remarriages</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>5 435</b>	<b>5 985</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>4 928</b>	<b>5 565</b>

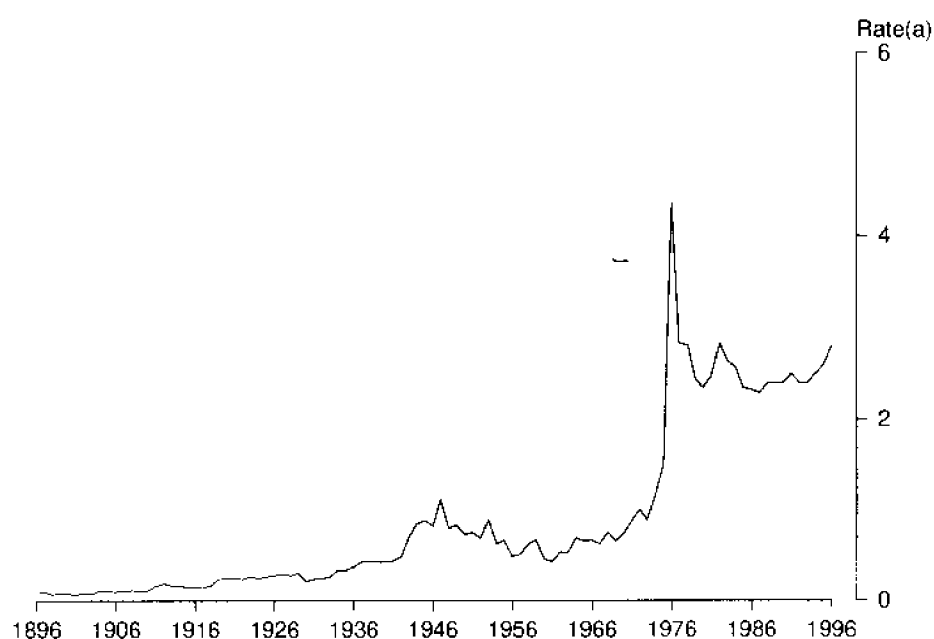
## SECTION 8

## DIVORCES GRANTED .....

There were 12,491 divorces granted in 1996, compared with 11,838 in 1995 and 9,670 in 1986. The figure for 1996 is the highest since 1976, when 16,633 divorces were granted, which was immediately after the introduction of the *Commonwealth Family Law Act* (1975) in January 1976.

The crude divorce rate in 1996 was 2.8 per 1,000 population, continuing the slight upward trend established since 1987 when the crude divorce rate was 2.3 per 1,000 population.

### CRUDE DIVORCE RATE



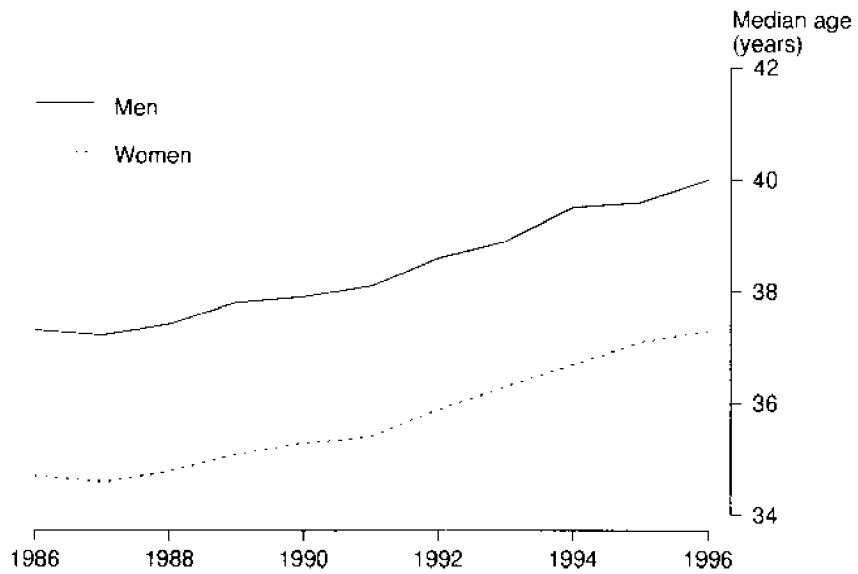
### DURATION OF MARRIAGE

Of couples who divorced in 1996, 47% had separated within seven years of marriage, and 24% separated within three years. The most common interval was between one and two years. The median interval between marriage and separation was 7.6 years and the median interval between marriage and divorce was 10.8 years. The same median intervals for Australia were 7.6 years and 11.0 years respectively.

### AGE AT DIVORCE AND FINAL SEPARATION

The median age at divorce (the age at which there are as many divorcing above it as there are divorcing below it) for both men and women continued to rise in 1996. The median age at divorce for men was 40.0 years in 1996 compared with 37.3 years in 1986. For women, the median age at divorce was 37.3 years in 1996 compared with 34.7 years in 1986. The median age at final separation for men divorcing in 1996 was 36.7 years compared with 34.6 years in 1986. For women, the median age at final separation was 34.0 years in 1996 compared with 31.9 years in 1986.

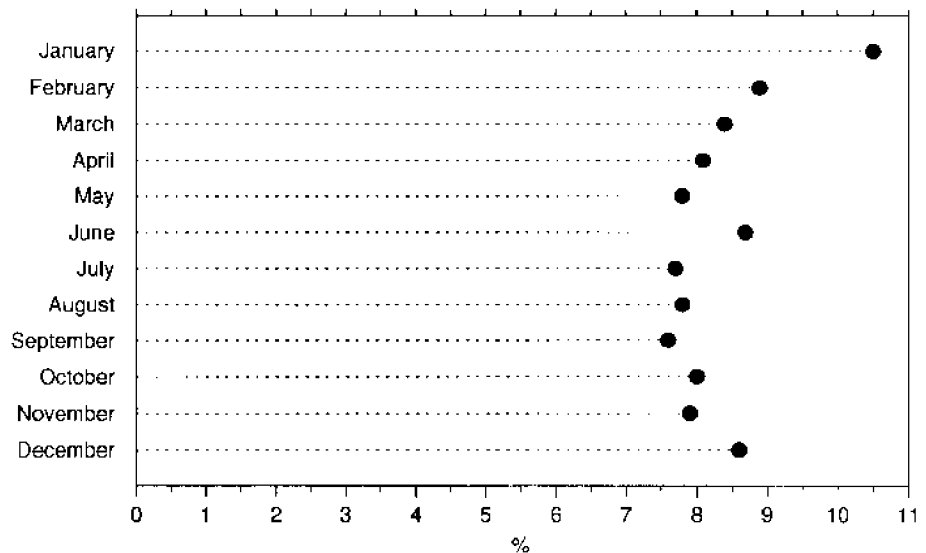
MEDIAN AGE AT DIVORCE



MONTH OF SEPARATION

For divorces granted in 1996 the month during which most couples separated was January (10.5%). January has consistently been the most common month of separation for people who became divorced. The corresponding percentages for the three previous years were 10.3% (1993), 10.1% (1994) and 10.2% (1995).

MONTH OF SEPARATION



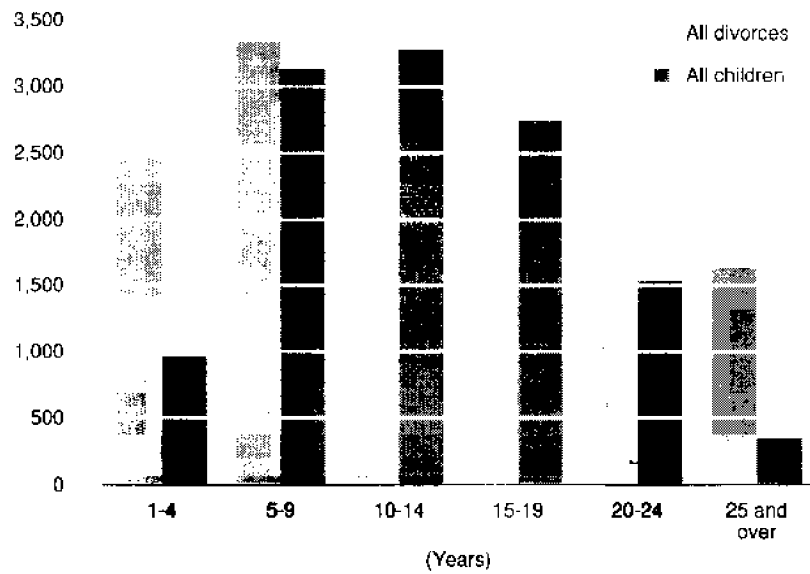
SEX OF APPLICANT

In 1996, 21% of divorces were the result of joint applications by both husband and wife compared with 6% in 1986. Husbands lodged 34% and wives lodged 46% of all divorces granted in 1996. Comparative percentages for 1986 were 40% and 53% respectively.

DIVORCES INVOLVING CHILDREN UNDER 18

At the time of application for divorce 52% of divorces granted in Victoria in 1996 involved at least one child under the age of 18 years (59% in 1986). The 12,491 divorces granted in 1996 involved 12,019 children compared to 11,159 children involved in 9,670 divorces in 1986.

DURATION OF MARRIAGE (YEARS) BY TOTAL DIVORCES & TOTAL CHILDREN



## 8.1 DIVORCES, Summary(a)

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
ALL DIVORCES							
<b>Divorces granted</b>	<b>9 670</b>	<b>11 134</b>	<b>10 533</b>	<b>11 050</b>	<b>11 320</b>	<b>11 838</b>	<b>12 491</b>
Crude divorce rate	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.8
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.7	10.0	10.4	10.6	10.9	10.9	10.8
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	7.8	7.3	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.6
Divorces involving children							
Number	5 705	5 894	5 616	5 905	6 075	n.a.	6 482
Percentage of total divorces	59.0	52.9	53.3	53.4	53.7	n.a.	51.9
Average number of children	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	n.a.	1.9
Applicant							
Husband	3 911	4 078	3 927	4 090	4 121	4 148	4 216
Wife	5 150	5 250	4 946	5 246	5 548	5 629	5 708
Joint	609	1 806	1 660	1 714	1 651	2 061	2 567

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

8.1 DIVORCES, Summary(a) *continued*

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
HUSBAND							
Age-specific divorce rate							
Age group (years)							
24 and under	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8
25-29	9.4	9.3	7.9	7.9	7.7	7.7	7.7
30-34	11.9	12.7	11.7	12.5	12.0	13.0	13.3
35-39	11.8	11.9	11.6	12.1	12.5	12.6	13.1
40-44	10.3	11.0	10.5	11.7	12.0	12.2	12.6
45-49	8.7	9.8	9.0	9.5	10.3	11.1	11.2
50-54	6.4	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.7	7.9	8.8
55 and over	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.9
Marital status at marriage (number)							
Never married	8 276	9 380	8 899	9 249	9 366	n.a.	n.a.
Widowed	132	108	98	115	107	n.a.	n.a.
Divorced	1 262	1 646	1 536	1 686	1 847	n.a.	n.a.
Total	9 670	11 134	10 533	11 050	11 320	n.a.	n.a.
Median age (years)							
At marriage	24.1	24.8	25.1	25.1	25.3	25.5	25.7
At final separation	34.6	35.3	35.8	35.9	36.5	36.4	36.7
At decree made absolute	37.3	38.1	38.6	38.9	39.5	39.6	40.0
WIFE							
Age-specific divorce rate							
Age group (years)							
24 and under	2.8	2.6	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.8
25-29	11.9	12.3	11.5	11.5	11.4	11.4	11.5
30-34	12.2	12.6	11.7	12.3	12.6	13.2	14.0
35-39	10.8	11.5	11.3	12.0	11.9	12.1	12.6
40-44	9.2	10.6	9.5	10.6	11.3	11.6	11.8
45-49	7.4	8.3	8.2	8.3	8.5	9.0	9.6
50-54	4.6	5.0	4.9	5.1	5.5	5.9	6.7
55 and over	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.4
Marital status at marriage (number)							
Never married	8 288	9 450	8 923	9 423	9 520	n.a.	n.a.
Widowed	169	148	135	124	166	n.a.	n.a.
Divorced	1 213	1 536	1 475	1 503	1 634	n.a.	n.a.
Total	9 670	11 134	10 533	11 050	11 320	n.a.	n.a.
Median age (years)							
At marriage	21.6	22.4	22.5	22.6	22.8	23.0	23.3
At final separation	31.9	32.6	33.1	33.3	33.7	33.9	34.0
At decree made absolute	34.7	35.4	35.9	36.3	36.7	37.1	37.3



## 8.2 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Marriage—Duration of Marriage

AGE GROUP (YEARS).....										
Duration of marriage (years)	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over	Not stated	Total
HUSBAND										
1	3	45	50	36	18	8	8	16	5	189
2	7	186	205	101	57	33	20	54	12	675
3	16	240	269	138	60	35	25	37	10	830
4	19	222	248	118	56	47	16	43	3	772
5	11	215	239	129	59	34	21	34	7	749
6	28	222	242	122	66	32	21	24	8	765
7	14	226	194	95	53	29	19	23	5	658
8	13	182	200	85	40	24	15	17	4	580
9	10	210	183	79	41	22	21	12	5	583
10-14	61	815	668	311	162	64	49	55	16	2 201
15-19	80	688	448	166	75	30	19	19	8	1 533
20-24	92	736	327	77	25	15	5	1	3	1 281
25-29	90	581	207	50	21	6	3	—	3	961
30 and over	60	397	201	41	10	1	1	1	2	714
<b>Total</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>4 965</b>	<b>3 681</b>	<b>1 548</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>12 491</b>
WIFE										
1	15	69	45	24	10	7	7	11	1	189
2	39	274	153	84	46	31	17	28	3	675
3	66	352	199	90	42	42	20	14	5	830
4	59	354	172	74	43	36	14	11	9	772
5	51	307	210	78	48	26	15	13	1	749
6	83	330	177	75	45	19	22	10	4	765
7	63	283	143	78	42	18	11	10	10	658
8	55	265	143	57	23	17	6	10	4	580
9	75	244	137	67	27	14	6	11	2	583
10-14	292	998	480	226	91	51	32	13	18	2 201
15-19	336	735	264	105	51	16	8	13	5	1 533
20-24	408	650	163	31	8	7	3	—	11	1 281
25-29	300	540	88	19	5	3	1	1	4	961
30 and over	256	366	66	18	4	1	—	—	3	714
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 098</b>	<b>5 767</b>	<b>2 440</b>	<b>1 026</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>12 491</b>

## 8.3 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Final Separation—Duration of Marriage to Separation

## AGE GROUP (YEARS).....

Duration of marriage (years)	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55 and over	Not stated	Total
<b>HUSBAND</b>											
Under 1	15	217	266	167	84	52	31	31	58	24	945
1	2	203	378	198	101	56	40	24	29	11	1 042
2	1	142	384	215	122	58	32	28	33	9	1 024
3	—	58	304	244	115	52	34	24	23	6	860
4	—	33	263	222	118	47	31	17	18	2	751
5	—	12	188	232	104	53	33	21	21	4	668
6	—	4	131	244	113	55	23	23	20	2	615
7	—	—	76	217	98	56	26	17	11	3	504
8	—	—	46	242	118	60	24	14	19	4	527
9	—	—	23	186	109	65	32	21	17	1	454
10-14	—	—	12	453	713	323	131	65	83	7	1 787
15-19	—	—	—	10	438	568	204	69	41	7	1 327
20-24	—	—	—	—	18	400	484	114	52	1	1 069
25-29	—	—	—	—	—	14	228	220	81	1	544
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	94	245	—	344
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>2 071</b>	<b>2 630</b>	<b>2 251</b>	<b>1 849</b>	<b>1 358</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>12 491</b>

## WIFE

Under 1	63	329	227	130	57	57	34	16	24	8	945
1	27	351	329	151	71	52	22	18	12	9	1 042
2	8	284	386	158	74	40	37	14	15	8	1 024
3	1	172	372	148	88	34	20	12	7	6	860
4	—	106	306	178	69	45	16	16	9	6	751
5	—	43	287	184	72	27	25	12	11	7	668
6	—	20	235	186	89	46	20	10	9	—	615
7	—	13	170	176	81	29	15	8	10	2	504
8	—	2	140	233	91	24	17	6	8	6	527
9	—	—	81	202	84	53	18	9	7	—	454
10-14	—	—	89	759	554	210	91	43	32	9	1 787
15-19	—	—	—	83	685	406	105	23	19	6	1 327
20-24	—	—	—	1	105	598	297	47	18	3	1 069
25-29	—	—	—	—	—	65	327	125	26	1	544
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	132	176	1	344
Total stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1 320</b>	<b>2 622</b>	<b>2 589</b>	<b>2 120</b>	<b>1 686</b>	<b>1 079</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>12 491</b>

## 8.4 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Divorce

Age group of wife (years).....

Age group of husband (years)	24 and under	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated	Total
24 and under	121	61	11	1	--	1	—	—	—	—	195
25-29	270	866	171	40	11	3	1	—	—	7	1 369
30-34	94	816	1 116	218	49	17	6	—	1	11	2 328
35-39	33	228	865	922	199	48	9	1	1	12	2 318
40-44	8	56	225	755	807	149	23	10	2	9	2 044
45-49	—	19	62	207	643	693	114	13	5	7	1 763
50-54	1	10	18	70	171	423	363	43	11	4	1 114
55-59	1	5	14	26	39	125	210	154	27	3	604
60 and over	1	3	9	18	24	57	104	152	295	2	665
Not stated	11	12	19	7	7	3	1	2	4	25	91
<b>Total</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>2 076</b>	<b>2 510</b>	<b>2 264</b>	<b>1 950</b>	<b>1 519</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>12 491</b>

## 8.5 DIVORCES, Children of the Marriage(a)

NUMBER OF CHILDREN.....

Duration of marriage (years)	0	1	2	3	4 or more	All divorces	All children	Average number of children(b)
1	154	21	8	3	3	189	58	1.7
2	546	88	32	6	3	675	183	1.4
3	612	137	66	11	4	830	319	1.5
4	502	161	85	18	6	772	409	1.5
5	428	175	114	26	6	749	507	1.6
6	370	181	161	44	9	765	671	1.7
7	302	173	142	34	7	658	588	1.7
8	214	146	163	44	13	580	660	1.8
9	206	135	179	47	16	583	705	1.9
10-14	568	468	808	259	98	2 201	3 280	2.0
15-19	299	243	605	283	103	1 539	2 751	2.2
20-24	406	400	335	103	37	1 281	1 538	1.8
25-29	712	187	54	4	4	961	324	1.3
30 and over	690	23	—	1	—	714	26	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 009</b>	<b>2 538</b>	<b>2 752</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>12 491</b>	<b>12 019</b>	<b>1.9</b>

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) Included in divorces where there were one or more children under the age of 18.

## 8.6 DIVORCES, Birthplace of Parties

	HUSBAND BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND WIFE BORN IN.....				WIFE BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND HUSBAND BORN IN.....			
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA								
Australia	6 839	—	1 204	8 043	6 839	—	1 673	8 512
Fiji	17	28	2	47	13	28	17	58
New Zealand	96	70	24	190	83	70	54	207
Other	15	10	10	35	16	10	10	36
<i>Total</i>	6 967	108	1 240	8 315	6 951	108	1 754	8 813
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Austria	13	6	11	30	10	6	4	20
Former USSR & Baltic States	7	51	2	60	7	51	13	71
Former Yugoslav Republics	71	131	37	239	18	131	23	172
Germany	79	31	32	142	65	31	37	133
Greece	70	83	20	173	27	83	15	125
Hungary	9	16	16	41	3	16	9	28
Ireland	31	20	18	69	22	20	11	53
Italy	108	71	36	215	50	71	25	146
Malta	36	21	21	78	16	21	13	50
Netherlands	65	17	24	106	55	17	22	94
Poland	12	63	19	94	7	63	10	80
United Kingdom	632	274	122	1 028	462	274	113	849
Other	58	62	34	154	30	62	40	132
<i>Total</i>	1 191	846	392	2 429	772	846	335	1 953
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
Egypt	23	21	17	61	5	21	14	40
Lebanon	19	48	17	84	5	48	9	62
Turkey	23	47	9	79	8	47	7	62
Other	28	21	24	73	14	21	15	50
<i>Total</i>	93	137	67	297	32	137	45	214
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Indonesia	12	3	13	28	5	3	5	13
Malaysia	12	20	12	44	21	20	16	57
Philippines	5	37	11	53	55	37	40	132
Singapore	4	1	4	9	9	1	9	19
Thailand	1	2	—	3	19	2	12	33
Viet Nam	3	319	40	362	2	319	32	353
Other	4	54	9	67	5	54	12	71
<i>Total</i>	41	436	89	566	116	436	126	678

8.6 DIVORCES, Birthplace of Parties *continued*

	HUSBAND BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND WIFE BORN IN.....				WIFE BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND HUSBAND BORN IN.....			
	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Same overseas country</i>	<i>Different overseas country</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Same overseas country</i>	<i>Different overseas country</i>	<i>Total</i>
NORTHEAST ASIA								
China	10	179	40	229	22	179	63	264
Hong Kong	4	19	19	42	3	19	12	34
Other	5	—	1	6	8	—	13	21
<i>Total</i>	19	198	60	277	33	198	88	319
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	35	44	25	104	13	44	14	71
Sri Lanka	20	36	14	70	5	36	5	46
Other	16	4	9	29	1	4	5	10
<i>Total</i>	71	84	48	203	19	84	24	127
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	10	—	3	13	14	—	4	18
Chile	2	16	2	20	2	16	5	23
United States of America	31	5	13	49	34	5	11	50
Other	14	25	16	55	13	25	14	52
<i>Total</i>	57	46	34	137	63	46	34	143
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	22	11	14	47	20	11	10	41
Other	33	101	36	170	10	101	31	142
<i>Total</i>	55	112	50	217	30	112	41	183
Other and not stated	18	21	11	50	27	21	13	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 512</b>	<b>1 988</b>	<b>1 991</b>	<b>12 491</b>	<b>8 043</b>	<b>1 988</b>	<b>2 460</b>	<b>12 491</b>

## EXPLANATORY NOTES .....

### INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication brings together a number of closely related series of statistics on demography including births, deaths, marriages and divorces. It also includes information on the estimated resident population and migration. For details of publication of other data related to demography, see Related Publications, at the end of these notes.

**2** As a result of an amendment, made in 1992 to the Acts Interpretation Act, the Indian Ocean Territories of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands have been included as part of geographic Australia, hence another category of the State and Territory classification has been created. This category, known as Other Territories, includes Christmas Island, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Jervis Bay Territory. Australia details for population, births and deaths include Other Territories.

**3** Details of persons who were usually resident, or were born or died while being usually resident in Jervis Bay Territory have been, where possible, excluded from this publication from 1990 onwards. These numbers are statistically insignificant. Marriages registered and divorces granted in the Australian Capital Territory do not necessarily exclude persons resident in Jervis Bay Territory.

### POPULATION

#### Population estimates

**4** This section consists of estimates of the resident population (ERP), with information on overseas arrivals and departures and net interstate migration.

**5** Estimates of the population of Victoria are made to varying degrees of accuracy throughout the year, and this publication has used the latest 1991 based estimates for each particular table.

### MIGRATION

#### Overseas migration

**6** Data on overseas arrivals and departures relate to the number of movements of travellers rather than to the number of travellers. However, the statistics exclude the movements of operational air crew and ships' crew, transit passengers who pass through Australia but are not cleared for entry, and passengers on pleasure cruises commencing and finishing in Australia.

#### Interstate migration

**7** Data on interstate migration has been derived from aggregated statistical information on interstate changes of address advised to the Health Insurance Commission in the process of administering Medicare. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) adjusts the Health Insurance Commission data to make allowance for the number of persons who do not inform the Commission of their change of residence. Further details are available in *Information Paper: Demographic Estimates — Concepts, Sources and Methods (3228.0)*.

## BIRTHS

**8** Birth statistics are presented on the basis of the State or Territory of usual residence of the mother, regardless of where in Australia the birth occurred or was registered.

**9** Births to mothers usually resident in Australia which took place overseas are excluded. Births to mothers usually resident overseas which occurred in Australia are included in the State or Territory where the birth occurred.

**10** Data presented in section 3 of this publication refer to births registered during the calendar year shown. There is usually an interval between the occurrence and registration of a birth, and, as a result of delay in registration, some births occurring in one year are not registered until the following year, or even later. However, most births are registered soon after they occur. More than 99% of births occurring in one year are registered by 30 June of the following year. Data presented in section 4 show the number of births occurring in a particular year.

**11** Data on stillbirths (fetal deaths) may be found in summary form in section 5 of the publication.

**12** The live birth statistics used to calculate the fetal and neonatal death rates have been adjusted (in accordance with the World Health Organisation definition of perinatal death) to exclude cases where the birthweight was known to be less than 500 grams. However, infant death rates are calculated using all live births registered because figures are not available for infants who weighed less than 500 grams at birth and who lived for 28 days, but died before they were one year old.

## DEATHS

**13** Death statistics are presented on the basis of the State or Territory of usual residence of the deceased, regardless of where in Australia the death occurred or was registered.

**14** Data presented in section 5 of this publication refer to deaths registered during the year shown. There is usually an interval between the occurrence and registration of a death, and as a result some deaths are not registered in the year in which they occur. However, most deaths are registered within six months of occurrence. More than 99% of deaths occurring in one year have been registered by 30 June of the following year. Data presented in section 6 show the number of deaths occurring in a particular year.

**15** Life tables are shown in tables 5.4 and 5.5 and summarise expectation of life. From 1995 onward these life tables are based on deaths occurring in the reference and previous two years. They are produced at the Australian and State and Territory level as a joint venture between the ABS and the Australian Government Actuary. These life tables are known as the Australian Actuary/Australian Bureau of Statistics Life Tables. Before 1995 life tables shown in this publication were prepared by the ABS. The Australian Government Actuary also constructed life tables based on deaths occurring during the three years around and including the census year. The latest life tables prepared by the Australian Government Actuary were based on deaths during 1990 and 1992. These were released in 1995 and copies are available from the Commonwealth government Bookshops or the Mail Order Sales Service.

## MARRIAGES

**16** Marriage statistics refer to marriages registered by the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages of Victoria during the years shown. There is usually an interval between the celebration and the registration of a marriage. As a result of the delay in registration, some marriages celebrated in one year are not registered until the following year. Under the *Australian Marriage Act 1961*, marriages may be celebrated by a minister of religion registered as an authorised celebrant, by a district registrar or by other persons authorised by the Attorney-General. Notice of the intended marriage must be given to the celebrant at least one calendar month, and within six calendar months, before the marriage. A celebrant must transmit an official certificate of the marriage for registration to a District Registrar in the State in which the marriage took place.

**17** In 1973, the minimum age at which a person may marry without parental consent was reduced from 21 to 18 years, although women were legally free to marry from 16 years with parental consent. Further amendment to the Marriage Act in 1991 designated the minimum age at which both sexes are legally free to marry to be 18 years. Persons between the ages of 16 and 18 years may marry with parental or guardian consent and an order from a judge or magistrate. Any two persons under the age of 18 years may not marry each other.

## DIVORCES

**18** All divorce data in this publication, with the exception of data in Appendix D, are for State or Territory of registration, based on the location of the Family Court where the divorce was granted and registered.

**19** Divorce statistics shown in Appendix D are based on the State or Territory of usual residence at the time of separation. This takes account of some Family Courts having responsibility for hearing divorce cases relating to other States or Territories. The ACT Family Court hears cases from most of south-eastern New South Wales and part of Victoria. State or Territory of usual residence data are only available for 1993 and 1994 due to a decision taken by the Family Court in 1995. See paragraph 24 for more information.

**20** Under the *Family Law Act 1975*, the only ground on which a divorce may be granted is that of irretrievable breakdown of the marriage. This ground is established by the husband and wife having lived apart for 12 months or more, and there being no reasonable likelihood of reconciliation. Application for nullity of marriage under Family Law legislation must be on the ground that there was a failure to meet a legal requirement, such as that neither party be already lawfully married to another person. There is no provision for judicial separation under Family Law legislation.

**21** Successful applicants for a divorce are initially granted a decree *nisi*. This becomes absolute after one month, unless it is rescinded or appealed against, or the Court is not satisfied that proper arrangements have been made for the welfare of any children involved.

**22** The statistics shown in this publication are compiled by the ABS from information supplied by the Family Court in respect of each application which resulted in the granting of a decree absolute.

**23** In the interpretation of data, it is important to bear in mind that the availability of judges and the complexity of the cases brought before them can affect the number of decrees granted or made absolute in any one year. A rise in numbers may reflect only the clearing of a backlog of cases from an earlier period.



## DIVORCES (continued)

**24** The Family Court of Australia introduced new divorce application forms in February 1995. With the introduction of these forms some data items that had been collected ceased to be available. The data items that are no longer available are:

- Characteristics of the divorce:
  - postcode and State or Territory of separation;
  - rite of marriage; and
  - number of children aged over 18 years.
- Characteristics of the husband and wife:
  - previous marital status at marriage;
  - number of previous marriages;
  - occupation at separation;
  - date of first arrival in Australia; and
  - duration of residence.

**25** In light of the Family Court decision and ABS budgetary considerations, only limited data on divorces registered in 1995 were processed. The data items were State or Territory of registration; date of birth of parties; age of parties at marriage, separation and divorce; duration of marriage until separation and divorce; and sex of applicant. With the exception of those data items which the Family Court no longer collects, ABS resumed full processing for 1996 divorce data. To assist in analysis of 1995 data, additional tables of divorce characteristics available from complete 1994 data have been included in Appendix D.

**26** In 1994, it was found that the number of children involved in divorce was understated for Victoria. This necessitated the suppression of this data for that State and Australia. The Victorian Registry and ABS investigated the shortage and finalised children data for 1994 are shown in this issue. Children data for 1995, for all States and Territories, were not processed due to budgetary considerations.

## GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

**27** The geographic boundaries for small area data are defined in the *Statistical Geography: Volume 1 Australian Standard Geographical Classification, (ASGC), Edition 5* (1216.0).

**28** The boundaries used for birth and death statistics are the Statistical Local Area boundaries at 1 July 1996.

## COUNTRY OF BIRTH

**29** The classification of countries in this publication is 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* (ASCCSS) (1269.0).

**30** Political developments in Europe, the Former USSR and Africa 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 Revisions 1.01, 1.02 and 1.03 of the ASCSS.

## GENERAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**31** ABS publications draw extensively on information provided freely by individuals, businesses, governments and other organisations. Their continued cooperation is very much appreciated: without it, the wide range of statistics published by the ABS would not be available. Information received by the ABS is treated in strict confidence as required by the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*.

## RELATED PUBLICATIONS

**32** Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

*Australian Demographic Statistics* (3101.0) (quarterly)  
*Australian Demographic Trends* (3102.0)  
*Births, Australia* (3301.0)  
*Causes of Death, Australia* (3303.0)  
*Deaths, Australia* (3302.0)  
*Demography* (3311.1-8) (State and Territory specific publications)  
*Estimated Resident Population by Age and Sex in Statistical Local Areas, Victoria* (3207.2)  
*Estimated Resident Population by Sex and Age, States and Territories of Australia* (3201.0)  
*Estimated Resident Population in Statistical Local Areas, Victoria, Preliminary* (3203.2)  
*Marriages and Divorces, Australia* (3310.0)  
*Migration, Australia* (3412.0)  
*Population Projections, 1997-2051* (3222.0) (biennial)  
*Regional Population Growth, Australia* (3218.0)  
*Victoria at a Glance* (1305.2)

## ADDITIONAL STATISTICS AVAILABLE

**33** Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (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. These publications are available from any ABS office.

**34** In most cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published. Appendix A lists characteristics processed by the ABS for marriages registered, divorces granted, births and deaths. This information may be made available in one or more of the following forms: microfiche, photocopy, data tape, floppy disk, computer printout, or clerically-extracted tabulation.

APPENDIX **A**

**CHARACTERISTICS AVAILABLE** .....

Data items relating to vital statistics which are collected in Victoria, but not published in this publication.

**BIRTHS**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin of mother, father (if paternity acknowledged)  
 Date of birth  
 Month/year of registration  
 State of Registration

**DEATHS**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Origin  
 Age at marriage  
 Date of death  
 Month/year of registration  
 Number of issue  
 Occupation at time of death (or previous occupation, if retired)

**MARRIAGES**

Birthplace of parents of bridegroom (n.a. 1995)  
 Birthplace of parents of bride (n.a. 1995)  
 Date of marriage  
 Duration of residence in Australia, if born overseas (n.a. 1995)  
 Month/year of registration  
 Number of children of previous marriages (n.a. 1995)  
 Year of birth of youngest child (n.a. 1995)  
 Year of celebration of last marriage (n.a. 1995)  
 Year of first previous marriage (n.a. 1995)  
 Year of termination of last marriage (n.a. 1995)

**DIVORCES**

Age of youngest child of marriage (n.a. 1995)  
 Month of divorce  
 Occupation of husband (n.a. after 1994)  
 Occupation of wife (n.a. after 1994)

# APPENDIX B HISTORICAL SUMMARY .....

## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Year	Population	Births	Deaths	Infant deaths	Marriages	Divorces	Crude birth rate(a)	Crude death rate(a)	Infant mortality rate(b)	Crude marriage rate(a)	Crude divorce rate(a)
1911	1 339 893	33 026	15 216	2 269	11 088	214	25.0	11.5	68.7	8.4	0.2
1916	1 424 445	34 235	16 489	2 555	11 342	207	24.2	11.7	74.6	8.0	0.2
1921	1 550 727	35 591	16 165	2 582	13 676	389	23.1	10.5	72.6	8.9	0.3
1926	1 684 051	35 362	16 335	1 989	13 405	470	20.8	9.6	55.7	7.9	0.3
1931	1 803 570	30 332	17 033	1 349	10 182	425	16.9	9.5	44.5	5.7	0.2
1936	1 849 607	28 883	18 778	1 222	15 915	690	15.7	10.2	42.3	8.6	0.4
1941	1 946 425	34 406	20 522	1 246	20 898	842	17.8	10.6	36.2	10.8	0.4
1946	2 015 107	46 693	21 534	1 268	21 405	1 651	23.1	10.6	27.2	10.6	0.8
1951	2 299 538	50 553	23 446	1 143	21 117	1 730	22.2	10.3	22.6	9.3	0.8
1956	2 618 112	58 393	23 886	1 128	20 137	1 270	22.5	9.2	19.3	7.8	0.5
1961	2 955 299	65 886	24 500	1 173	21 264	1 257	22.5	8.4	17.8	7.3	0.4
1966(c)	3 249 843	64 008	28 673	1 116	27 089	2 144	19.9	8.9	17.4	8.4	0.7
1971(d)	3 633 843	75 498	30 598	1 107	32 386	3 079	21.5	8.7	14.7	9.2	0.9
1976	3 823 941	60 531	30 884	702	28 760	(e) 16 663	15.9	8.1	11.6	7.6	4.4
1981	3 968 398	59 284	29 088	562	28 648	9 769	15.0	7.4	9.4	7.3	2.5
1986	4 182 200	60 162	30 175	517	29 390	9 670	14.5	7.2	8.6	7.1	2.3
1991	4 435 700	65 438	31 216	428	28 535	11 134	14.8	7.1	6.5	6.5	2.5
1992	4 459 400	65 766	31 951	366	28 429	10 533	14.8	7.2	5.6	6.4	2.4
1993	4 468 800	64 049	31 197	347	27 418	(f) 10 935	14.3	7.0	5.4	6.1	2.5
1994	4 485 900	63 974	32 353	327	26 974	(f) 11 228	14.3	7.2	5.1	6.0	2.5
1995	4 520 800	62 591	32 425	308	26 607	11 838	13.9	7.2	4.9	5.9	2.6
1996	4 581 600	61 143	32 726	308	26 074	12 491	13.5	7.2	5.0	5.7	2.8

(a) Crude rate per 1 000 population.

(b) Infant mortality rate per 1 000 live births.

(c) Vital events of 'full-blood Aborigines', where identified in registrations, were excluded before 1966.

(d) From 1971 births, deaths and infant deaths are on a State of usual residence basis, while data for earlier years are on a State of registration basis.

(e) The *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwth), repealing State legislation, came into operation throughout Australia in 1976.

(f) State of usual residence basis. Data prior to 1993 and from 1995 are on a State of registration basis.

## SUMMARY, Census of Population and Housing—1996

Characteristics of persons counted	Males	Females	Persons	Proportion of total persons
	no.	no.	no.	%
<b>Total persons counted(a)</b>	<b>2 150 301</b>	<b>2 223 219</b>	<b>4 373 520</b>	<b>..</b>
Persons counted in private dwellings	2 091 169	2 163 397	4 254 566	97.3
Persons counted in non-private dwellings	58 443	59 704	118 147	2.7
Usual residence				
Persons counted at home	2 064 198	2 144 512	4 208 710	96.2
Visitors counted from				
Elsewhere in same statistical local area	12 532	12 467	24 999	0.6
Elsewhere within Victoria	49 782	44 536	94 318	2.2
Interstate	14 683	11 417	26 100	0.6
Overseas	9 106	10 288	19 394	0.4
Total visitors	86 103	78 708	164 811	3.8
Usual residence 5 years ago(b)				
Same address	1 118 063	1 168 024	2 286 087	58.5
Different address				
Same statistical local area	214 297	223 168	437 465	11.2
Different statistical local area:				
Victoria	390 911	411 069	801 980	20.5
Interstate	49 866	51 034	100 900	2.6
Not stated(c)	4 979	4 701	9 680	0.2
Overseas	65 576	70 742	136 318	3.5
Not stated(d)	67 074	70 202	137 276	3.5
Age of persons counted (years)				
0-14	473 894	451 457	925 351	21.2
15-54	1 262 348	1 278 199	2 540 547	58.1
55-64	181 655	181 160	362 815	8.3
65 or more	223 298	302 115	525 413	12.0
Marital status of persons counted(e)				
Never married	578 538	488 855	1 067 393	24.4
Married	920 500	923 341	1 843 841	42.2
Separated but not divorced	49 211	59 731	108 942	2.5
Divorced	85 475	114 864	200 339	4.6
Widowed	41 676	183 900	225 576	5.2

(a) Place of enumeration.

(b) Persons aged five years or more counted at home on census night.

(c) Comprises persons who stated they lived at a different address five years ago but did not state the actual address.

(d) Comprises persons who did not state whether they lived at a different address five years ago.

(e) Persons aged 15 years or more.

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Characteristics of persons counted	Males	Females	Persons	Proportion of total persons
	no.	no.	no.	%
<b>Birthplace of persons counted</b>				
Australia	1 553 575	1 615 273	3 168 848	72.5
Other Oceania and Antarctica	26 931	27 962	54 893	1.3
Europe and the former USSR	315 993	310 306	626 299	14.3
Middle East and North Africa	28 808	26 653	55 461	1.3
Southeast Asia	62 116	71 099	133 215	3.0
Northeast Asia	25 886	28 364	54 250	1.2
Southern Asia	26 650	25 857	52 507	1.2
Northern America	7 449	7 637	15 086	0.3
Southern and Central America	8 991	9 476	18 467	0.4
Africa (excl. North Africa)	14 169	14 327	28 496	0.7
Other(a)	710	701	1 411	—
Not stated	69 917	75 275	145 192	3.3
Overseas visitor	9 106	10 288	19 394	0.4
Australian citizens	1 913 089	1 978 861	3 891 950	89.0
Aged 18 years or more	1 386 164	1 476 817	2 862 981	65.5
Persons identifying themselves as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin	10 636	10 838	21 474	0.5
<b>Labour force status(b)</b>				
Employed persons	1 051 675	833 205	1 884 880	43.1
Full-time(c)	847 677	437 376	1 285 053	29.4
Part-time	180 260	376 162	556 422	12.7
Hours worked not stated	23 738	19 667	43 405	1.0
Unemployed persons	115 682	80 507	196 189	4.5
Looking for full-time work	101 600	53 421	155 021	3.5
Looking for part-time work	14 082	27 086	41 168	0.9
Total in the labour force	1 167 357	913 712	2 081 069	47.6
Total not in the labour force(d)	458 927	810 421	1 269 348	29.0

(a) Comprises inadequately described, at sea and not elsewhere classified.

(b) Persons aged 15 years or more.

(c) Defined as having worked 35 hours or more in the main job held in the week before the census.

(d) Includes persons who did not state their labour force status.

APPENDIX **D** DIVORCE TABLES .....

DIVORCES, Summary(a)—State or Territory of Usual Residence—1994r

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other(b)	Aust.
ALL DIVORCES										
<b>Divorces granted</b>	15 663	11 229	8 359	4 081	4 963	1 519	413	931	1 154	48 312
Crude divorce rate	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.2	2.4	3.1	—	2.7
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.4	11.0	11.1	11.3	11.3	12.0	10.9	10.0	9.1	10.9
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	7.2	7.8	8.1	8.3	8.0	8.8	7.3	7.2	4.5	7.6
Divorces involving children										
Number	7 871	6 086	4 758	1 950	2 506	936	232	527	450	25 316
Percentage of total divorces	50.3	54.2	56.9	47.8	50.5	61.6	56.2	56.6	39.0	52.4
Average issue	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.9
Applicant										
Husband	5 745	4 135	3 155	1 387	1 443	482	143	341	519	17 350
Wife	7 945	5 493	4 315	2 061	1 950	878	171	407	519	23 739
Joint	1 973	1 601	889	633	1 570	159	99	183	116	7 223

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) Includes divorces where usual residence was Christmas Island or Cocos (Keeling) Islands (3), Overseas (1,059) or not stated (91).

**D1 DIVORCES, Summary(a)—State or Territory of Usual Residence** *continued*

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other(b)	Aust.
<b>HUSBAND</b>										
Age-specific divorce rate										
Age group (years)										
24 and under	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.6	..	0.8
25-29	7.8	7.7	7.8	8.2	7.8	10.1	6.0	9.0	..	8.0
30-34	12.1	12.0	11.6	13.3	14.0	16.5	8.2	13.9	..	12.7
35-39	12.7	12.2	12.8	13.7	13.1	16.8	12.2	14.2	..	13.2
40-44	11.8	12.0	12.1	14.4	13.1	14.8	10.2	13.3	..	12.6
45-49	10.4	10.1	11.1	10.9	11.9	12.9	7.7	12.3	..	10.9
50-54	8.4	7.7	8.1	7.9	9.8	11.1	9.2	9.0	..	8.5
55 and over	2.5	2.5	2.9	2.3	3.2	2.7	4.1	4.2	..	2.7
Marital status at marriage (number)										
Never married	12 781	12 782	12 783	12 784	12 785	12 786	12 787	12 788	922	39 255
Widowed	175	105	102	42	53	12	2	8	11	510
Divorced	2 707	1 793	1 665	759	892	250	86	174	221	8 547
Total	15 663	11 229	8 359	4 081	4 963	1 519	413	931	1 154	48 312
Median age (years)										
At marriage	25.7	25.2	25.3	25.0	25.4	24.7	25.8	26.0	27.0	25.4
At final separation	36.5	36.5	36.9	36.6	36.8	36.7	36.5	36.7	34.3	36.6
At decree made absolute	39.6	39.5	40.1	39.6	40.1	39.4	39.5	39.6	38.6	39.7
<b>WIFE</b>										
Age-specific divorce rate										
Age group (years)										
24 and under	2.1	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.6	1.8	..	2.0
25-29	11.5	11.4	11.4	12.8	12.4	15.2	7.0	13.2	..	12.0
30-34	13.2	12.6	13.2	14.1	14.5	16.4	11.4	14.9	..	13.8
35-39	12.5	11.8	12.4	14.1	13.8	17.2	11.5	13.7	..	13.0
40-44	11.2	11.1	11.5	12.8	12.5	14.4	10.6	12.0	..	11.8
45-49	9.1	8.5	9.4	8.8	10.1	11.0	10.1	9.7	..	9.3
50-54	6.1	5.5	6.5	6.0	7.4	7.7	5.6	8.1	..	6.3
55 and over	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.6	1.2	1.8	2.1	..	1.3
Marital status at marriage (number)										
Never married	12 816	9 431	6 649	3 311	4 010	1 259	332	756	975	39 539
Widowed	191	158	122	45	68	21	2	4	14	625
Divorced	2 656	1 640	1 588	725	885	239	79	171	165	8 148
Total	15 663	11 229	8 359	4 081	4 963	1 519	413	931	1 154	48 312
Median age (years)										
At marriage	23.0	22.8	22.5	22.4	22.7	22.2	23.6	23.3	24.1	22.8
At final separation	33.7	33.7	34.1	33.9	33.9	34.1	33.5	33.7	31.1	33.8
At decree made absolute	36.8	36.7	37.0	36.9	37.2	36.7	37.0	36.9	35.3	36.8

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) Includes divorces where usual residence was Christmas Island or Cocos (Keeling) Islands (3), Overseas (1,059) or not stated (91).



## GLOSSARY .....

- Age-specific birth rates** Age-specific birth rates are the number of live births registered during the calendar year, according to age of mother, per 1,000 of the female estimated resident population of the same age as estimated for at 30 June. For calculating these rates, births to mothers under 15 are included in the 15–19 age group, and births to mothers aged 50 and over are included in the 45–49 age group. Pro rata adjustment is made in respect of births for which age of mother is not given.
- Age-specific death rates** Age-specific death rates are the number of deaths at a specified age per 1,000 of the estimated resident population of that age at 30 June. The infant mortality rate is used for the age-specific rate for children under one year of age. Pro rata adjustment is made in respect of deaths for which the age of deceased is not given.
- Age-specific divorce rates** Two different populations are used in the calculation of age-specific divorce rates:
- Per 1,000 population at 30 June — this relates the number of divorces, by age at decree made absolute, to the estimated resident population in specific age groups. Males under 18 and females under 16 are excluded from the population.
  - Per 1,000 married population at 30 June — this relates the number of divorces by age at decree made absolute, to the married population in specific age groups. Those classified as permanently separated are included in the married population. Males and females under 15 are excluded from the population.
- Age-specific marriage rates** Two different populations are used in the calculation of age-specific marriage rates:
- Per 1,000 population at 30 June — this relates the number of marriages, by age at marriage, to the estimated resident population in specific age groups. Males and females aged under 15 are excluded from the population.
  - Per 1,000 not currently married population at 30 June — this relates the number of marriages, by age at marriage, to the not currently married population in specific age groups. Males and females aged under 15 are excluded from the population.
- Birth** The delivery of a child, irrespective of the duration of the pregnancy, who after being born, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as a heartbeat.
- Category of movement** Overseas arrivals and departures are classified according to length of stay (in Australia or overseas), recorded in months and days by travellers on passenger cards.
- There are three main categories of movement:
- permanent movements
  - long-term movements (one year or more)
  - short-term movements (less than one year).
- A significant number of travellers (i.e. overseas visitors to Australia on arrival and Australian residents going abroad) state exactly 12 months or one year as their intended period of stay. Many of them stay for less than that period and on their

- Category of movement *continued* departure from, or return to, Australia are therefore classified as short-term.
- Accordingly in an attempt to maintain consistency between arrivals and departures, movements of travellers who report their actual or intended period of stay as being one year exactly are randomly allocated to long-term or short-term in proportion to the number of movements of travellers who report their actual length of stay as up to one month more, or one month less, than one year.
- Children (divorce collection)** Children in the divorce collection are unmarried children of the marriage who were aged under 18 years at the time of application for divorce. Under the *Family Law Act 1975*, these may include (in certain cases) adopted and ex-nuptial children and children from a former marriage. Children who are married or aged 18 years or more are not subject to custody and guardianship orders and are excluded.
- Children (marriage collection)** Children in the marriage collection refer to persons under 16 years of age born from previous marriages. The term children should not be confused with the term previous births used in births data (see Previous births).
- Confinement** A pregnancy which results in at least one live birth.
- Crude birth rate** The crude birth rate is the number of live births registered during the calendar year, per 1,000 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.
- Crude death rate** The crude death rate is the number of deaths registered during the calendar year, per 1,000 estimated resident population at 30 June of that year. For years prior to 1994, the crude death rate is based on the mean estimated resident population for the calendar year.
- Crude divorce rate** The crude divorce rate is the number of decrees absolute granted during the calendar year, per 1,000 estimated resident population at 30 June of that year. For years prior to 1994, the crude divorce rate is based on the mean estimated resident population for the calendar year. In the interpretation of this rate, it must be kept in mind that a large and varying proportion of the population used in the denominator is unmarried or below the minimum age of marriage.
- Crude marriage rate** The crude marriage rate is the number of marriages registered during the calendar year, per 1,000 estimated resident population at 30 June of that year. For years prior to 1994, the crude marriage rate is based on the mean estimated resident population for the calendar year. In the interpretation of this rate, it must be kept in mind that a large and varying proportion of the population used in the denominator is below the minimum age of marriage or is already married.
- Date of final separation** The date of final separation is that date, given on the application for divorce, from which the period of living apart is calculated for the purpose of establishing grounds for divorce. In determining the date of final separation, a single period of resumed cohabitation of less than three months may be ignored, provided the periods of living apart before and after resumed cohabitation amount to a total of 12 months or more.
- Divorce** Decree absolute of dissolution of marriage.

<b>Duration of marriage</b>	Duration of marriage is the interval measured in completed years between the date of marriage and the date of divorce.
<b>Duration of marriage until separation</b>	Duration of marriage until separation is the interval measured in completed years between the date of marriage and the date of separation.
<b>Estimated resident population</b>	<p>Estimated resident population data are quarterly estimates of the Australian population obtained by adding to the estimated population at the beginning of each period the components of natural increase (on a usual residence basis) and net overseas migration. For the States and Territories, account is also taken of estimated interstate movements involving a change of usual residence. After each census, estimates for the preceding intercensal period are revised by incorporating an additional quarterly adjustment (intercensal discrepancy) to ensure that the total intercensal increase agrees with the difference between the estimated resident populations at the two respective census dates.</p> <p>Estimates of the resident population are based on adjusted (for underenumeration) census counts by place of usual residence, to which are added the number of Australian residents estimated to have been temporarily overseas at the time of the Census.</p> <p>The concept of estimated resident population links people to a place of usual residence within Australia. Usual residence is that place where each person has lived or intends to live for six months or more in a reference year.</p> <p>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 <i>Information Paper: Demographic Estimates — Concepts, Sources and Methods</i> (Cat. no. 3228.0). Revised population estimates are published in <i>Australian Demographic Statistics</i> (Cat. no. 3101.0) (issued quarterly).</p>
<b>Female Reproduction rate</b>	The Female net reproduction rate makes allowance for all women not surviving until the end of the reproductive period. It represents the average number of daughters born to a group of women who are subject to the fertility rates of that year and to the mortality rates of the life table. It indicates the extent to which the population would reproduce itself. The net reproduction rate is obtained by multiplying the female age-specific birth rates by the proportion of survivors at corresponding ages in a life table and adding the products.
<b>Fetal death</b>	The delivery of a child weighing at least 500 grams at delivery (or of at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight is unavailable) which did not, at any time after delivery, breathe or show any other evidence of life such as heartbeat.
<b>Fetal death rate</b>	The fetal death rate is the number of fetal deaths per 1,000 live births who weighed at least 500 grams at birth (or of at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight was unavailable), plus fetal deaths combined.
<b>First marriage rates</b>	First marriage rates are the number of men and women, in an age group, marrying for the first time per 1,000 (mid-year) population of never married men and women in the same age group.
<b>Indigenous origin</b>	Persons who identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.

- Indigenous origin *continued*** An Indigenous birth refers to the birth of a live-born child where either the mother or the father has identified as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.
- An Indigenous death refers to a death where the deceased was identified as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.
- Infant death** An infant death is the death of a live-born child who died when less than one year old.
- Infant mortality rate** The number of deaths of children under one year of age in a calendar year per 1,000 live births in the same calendar year.
- Life expectancy** Life expectancy refers to the average number of additional years a person of a given age and sex might expect to live if the age-specific death rates of the given period continued throughout his or her lifetime.
- Long-term arrivals** Long-term arrivals comprise overseas visitors who intend to stay in Australia for 12 months or more (but not permanently) and Australian residents returning after an absence of 12 months or more overseas.
- Long-term departures** Long-term departures comprise Australian residents who intend to stay abroad for 12 months or more (but not permanently) and overseas visitors departing who stayed 12 months or more in Australia.
- Marital status** Two separate concepts are measured by the ABS. These are registered marital status and social marital status. They are different personal characteristics and are independent variables with separate classifications. Marital status in this publication relates to registered marital status which refers to formally registered marriages or divorces for which the partners hold a certificate.
- Marriage** Under the *Australian Marriage Act 1961* (Cwlth), a marriage may be celebrated by a minister of religion registered as an authorised celebrant, by a district registrar or by other persons authorised by the Attorney-General. Notice of the intended marriage must be given to the celebrant at least one calendar month but within six calendar months before the marriage. A celebrant must transmit an official certificate of the marriage for registration to a district registrar in the State or Territory in which the marriage took place.
- Median value** The median value (age, duration, interval) is that value which divides the relevant population into two equal parts, half falling below this value, and half exceeding it. Where the value for a particular record has not been stated, that record is excluded from the calculation.
- Multiple birth** A multiple birth is a confinement which results in two or more issue, at least one of which is live-born.
- Neonatal death** A neonatal death is the death within 28 days of birth of any child weighing at least 500 grams at delivery (or of at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight was unavailable) who after delivery, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as a heartbeat.
- Neonatal death rate** The neonatal death rate is the number of neonatal deaths per 1,000 live births who weighed at least 500 grams at birth (or at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight was unavailable).

<b>Nuptial first confinement</b>	A nuptial first confinement is the first confinement in the current marriage and therefore does not necessarily represent the woman's first ever confinement resulting in a live birth.
<b>Nuptiality</b>	Nuptiality relates to the relative marital status of parents. Confinements and births are identified as being nuptial where the father registered was married to the mother at the time of birth, or where the husband died during the pregnancy.
<b>Paternity-acknowledged birth</b>	A paternity-acknowledged birth refers to an ex-nuptial birth where paternity was acknowledged by the child's father.
<b>Perinatal death</b>	A perinatal death is either a fetal or a neonatal death, as elsewhere defined.
<b>Perinatal death rate</b>	The perinatal death rate is the number of perinatal deaths per 1,000 live births who weighed at least 500 grams at birth (or at least 22 weeks gestation, if birthweight was unavailable) plus fetal deaths combined.
<b>Permanent arrivals (settlers)</b>	Permanent arrivals (settlers) comprise travellers who hold migrant visas (regardless of stated intended period of stay), New Zealand citizens who indicate an intention to settle and those who are otherwise eligible to settle (e.g. overseas-born children of Australian citizens).
<b>Permanent departures</b>	Permanent departures are Australian residents (including former settlers) who on departure state that they do not intend to return to Australia.
<b>Previous births</b>	<p>Previous births refer to children born alive (who may be still living or now dead) to a mother prior to the registration of the current birth. In some States and both Territories, legitimated and legally adopted children are included.</p> <p>Previous births of the current marriage relates to nuptial births to the same parents prior to the current nuptial confinement.</p> <p>All previous births of the mother includes all births prior to the current confinement, regardless of nuptiality and paternity.</p>
<b>Previous issue</b>	See Previous births.
<b>Remarriage rates</b>	Remarriage rates are the number of remarrying men and women, of a certain age, per 1,000 (mid-year) population of widowed or divorced men and women of the same age.
<b>Sex ratio</b>	The sex ratio relates to the number of male events (births and deaths) per 100 female events.
<b>SDR</b>	See Standardised death rates.
<b>Short-term arrivals</b>	Short-term arrivals comprise overseas visitors whose intended stay in Australia is less than 12 months and Australian residents returning after an absence of less than 12 months overseas.
<b>Short-term departures</b>	Short-term departures comprise Australian residents whose intended period of stay abroad is less than 12 months and overseas visitors departing who stayed less than 12 months in Australia.

<b>Standardised death rates</b>	<p>Standardised death rates enable the comparison of death rates between populations with different age structures by relating them to a standard population, in this case all persons in the 1991 Australian population. They are expressed per 1,000 persons. There are two methods of calculating standardised death rates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The <i>direct method</i> — this is used when the populations under study are large and the age-specific death rates are reliable. It is the overall death rate that would have prevailed in the standard population if it had experienced at each age the death rates of the population under study. The direct method is used for comparing State and Territory and Australia rates.</li> <li>▪ The <i>indirect method</i> — this is used when the populations under study are small and the age-specific death rates are unreliable or not known. It is an adjustment to the crude death rate of the standard population to account for the variation between the actual number of deaths in the population under study and the number of deaths which would have occurred if the population under study had experienced the age-specific death rates of the standard population. The indirect method is used for comparison of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rates and Statistical Local Area rates.</li> </ul>
<b>State or Territory of registration</b>	<p>State or Territory of registration refers to the State or Territory in which the birth, death, or marriage was registered or the State or Territory in which the divorce was granted. For further information about how this affects divorce see paragraphs 18 to 19 of the Explanatory Notes.</p>
<b>State or Territory of usual residence</b>	<p>State or Territory of usual residence refers to the State or Territory of usual residence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ the population (estimated resident population);</li> <li>▪ the mother (birth collection);</li> <li>▪ the deceased (death collection); and</li> <li>▪ the parties at separation (divorce collection). For further information about how this affects divorce see paragraphs 18 to 19 of the Explanatory Notes.</li> </ul> <p>In the case of overseas movements State or Territory of usual residence refers to the State or Territory regarded by the traveller as the one in which he/she lives or has lived. State or Territory of intended residence is derived from the intended address given by settlers, and by Australian residents returning after a journey abroad. Particularly in the case of the former, this information does not necessarily relate to the State or Territory in which the person will eventually establish a permanent residence.</p>
<b>Total fertility rate</b>	<p>The total fertility rate represents the number of children one woman would bear if the age-specific birth rates of the year shown continued during her child-bearing lifetime. It is obtained by summing the five-year age-specific birth rates and multiplying by five.</p>



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