

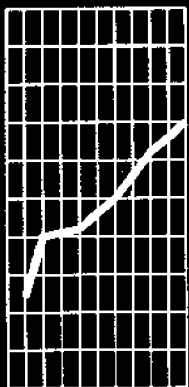


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NOTES

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

This issue contains rates calculated using preliminary estimates of Australia, States and Territories as at 30 June 1996, based on the 1991 Census of Population and Housing. These rates will be revised in the next issue of this publication using final estimates of the resident population based on the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

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SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
ASGC	Australian Standard Geographical Classification
ERP	Estimated Resident Population
n.a.	not available
n.p.	not available for publication but included in totals where applicable
n.y.a.	not yet available
SD	Statistical division
SSD	Statistical subdivision
..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero

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SECTION 1

DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY

KEY FIGURES

	ACT.....			AUST.....		
	1986	1996	Change	1986	1996	Change
	'000	'000	%	'000	'000	%
Estimated resident population	262.2	308.5	17.7	16 138.8	18 426.9	14.2
Net overseas migration	1.5	0.5	-70.0	110.7	111.2	0.4
Net interstate migration	1.1	-0.5	-139.5
Births						
Registration basis	4.1	4.4	7.2	243.4	253.8	4.3
Occurrence basis	4.1	4.3	4.6	242.9	249.1	2.6
Deaths						
Registration basis	1.0	1.3	26.5	115.0	128.7	11.9
Occurrence basis	1.0	1.3	27.0	114.3	127.3	11.3
Marriages	1.9	1.7	-10.9	114.9	106.1	-7.7
Divorces	1.6	1.6	-1.9	39.4	52.5	33.1

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

The estimated resident population of the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) at 31 December 1996 was 308,500. This was an increase of 17.7% over the last 10 years.

OVERSEAS MIGRATION

In 1996 more people settled in the ACT from an overseas country than chose to leave the ACT for overseas, either permanently or long term. The net overseas migration figure for the ACT was 460 persons. In the ACT, 15% of growth was due to overseas migration.

INTERSTATE MIGRATION

More people chose to leave for other parts of Australia than chose to settle in the ACT in 1996. The net interstate migration figure for the ACT was -450 persons.

BIRTHS**Registration basis**

In 1996 there were 4,400 births registered in the ACT. This was an increase of 7.2% on the number registered in 1986 (4,100). The number of births registered also increased for Australia but by only 4.3%.

The total fertility rate has, over the last 10 years, fluctuated between 1.7 and 1.9 children per woman. In 1996, the total fertility rate in the ACT was 1.7 children per woman compared with 1.8 children for Australia.

The peak age group for mothers giving birth in the ACT was the same as that for Australian mothers, 25–29 years. However, the birth rate for this group was lower than the Australian rate. The birth rate in the ACT was 113 per 1,000 mothers in the age group compared with 117 for Australia.

Ex-nuptial births represented 25% of all births registered in the ACT in 1996 (1,110) compared with 13% in 1986 (530). This was an increase of 109%. By comparison, ex-nuptial births for Australia increased by 70% in the same period.

Occurrence basis

In 1996, 4,300 births occurred in the ACT. This was a 5% increase on the number occurring in 1986.

The highest number of births occurred in the month of July (388).

DEATHS**Registration basis**

The number of deaths registered in the ACT in 1996 was 1,300. This was an increase of 26.5% on the number registered in 1986 (1,030).

The standardised death rate in the ACT in 1996 was 6.1 per 1,000 standard population. This compares with 7.7 in 1986 and the 1996 Australian rate of 6.4.

The median age at death was 71.4 years for men usually resident in the ACT and 77.5 years for women. By comparison the 1986 medians were 66.5 years and 73.5 years, respectively. In 1996 the national median age at death for men was 74.0 years and for women 80.7 years.

In 1996 the number of infant deaths registered in the ACT was 25. This was a decrease of 29% on 1986 (35).

The infant mortality rate was 5.7 per 1,000 live births compared with 8.5 in 1986. The infant mortality rate for Australia was 5.8 in 1996.

Occurrence basis

In 1996, 1,290 deaths occurred in the ACT. This was a 27% increase on the number occurring in 1986.

The highest number of deaths occurred in the month of May (10.2%).

The number of infant deaths registered in 1996 on an occurrence basis was 25. This was 26% lower than in 1986.

MARRIAGES

There were 1,650 marriages registered in the ACT in 1996. This was about 11% less than the number registered in 1986.

In 1996 the crude marriage rate of 5.4 per 1,000 population continued the downward trend which commenced in 1971. The trend in the ACT reflects the national trend.

The median marriage age for men and women marrying was 30.0 years for men and 27.6 years for women. This was 2.4 and 2.3 years, respectively, higher than in 1986. When compared with Australia, the ACT median was 0.4 years for both men and women higher than Australian median.

DIVORCES

In the ACT in 1996 there were 1,610 divorces granted compared with 1,640 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 40.6 years for men and 37.9 years for women. The comparative medians in 1986 were 37.4 years and 34.6 years respectively. The Australian median ages at divorce in 1996 were 40.2 years for men and 37.4 years for women.

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

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.(b)
POPULATION									
Estimated resident population ('000)	6 240.9	4 581.6	3 374.3	1 476.8	1 782.7	474.2	184.9	308.5	18 426.9
Components of population change(c)									
Natural increase(d)	41 820	28 035	25 200	7 489	13 783	2 542	2 776	3 126	124 826
Net overseas migration(e)	49 957	26 714	14 701	4 112	13 963	589	662	459	111 157
Net interstate migration	-16 646	-13 822	33 817	-5 585	5 593	-3 268	362	-451	..
Total	75 131	40 927	73 718	6 016	33 339	-137	3 800	3 134	235 983
Growth rate (%)	1.3	0.9	2.2	0.4	1.9	—	2.2	1.0	1.3
BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS									
Live births									
Number	86 595	61 143	47 769	19 056	24 793	6 457	3 562	4 396	253 834
Total fertility rate	1.825	1.712	1.840	1.746	1.812	1.916	2.286	1.677	1.796
Crude birth rate	14.0	13.5	14.2	12.9	14.1	13.6	20.0	14.3	13.9
Female net reproduction rate	0.877	0.817	0.881	0.845	0.866	0.915	1.065	0.813	0.860
All confinements									
Number	85 496	60 294	47 118	18 753	24 434	6 356	3 522	4 327	250 363
Median age of mother (years)	29.3	29.9	28.5	29.4	28.9	28.3	27.1	29.6	29.2
Nuptial confinements									
Median age (years)									
Mother	30.2	30.5	29.9	30.5	30.1	29.6	30.0	30.4	30.2
Father	32.8	32.8	32.2	32.8	32.6	32.1	32.7	32.5	32.7
First nuptial confinements									
Number	26 125	19 561	12 572	5 332	6 605	1 795	614	1 257	73 873
Median age of mother	28.6	29.1	28.4	29.1	28.7	28.0	28.6	28.6	28.7
DEATHS									
Number	45 141	32 726	22 281	11 606	11 027	3 872	758	1 300	128 719
Standardised death rate	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.3	7.2	8.8	6.1	6.4
Crude death rate	7.3	7.2	6.6	7.8	6.3	8.2	4.3	4.2	7.0
Median age at death (years)									
Males									
	74.1	74.7	73.2	74.5	73.7	74.2	54.1	71.4	74.0
Females									
	80.6	81.3	80.1	81.1	80.8	79.8	60.8	77.5	80.7
Infant deaths									
Number	499	308	304	94	160	29	41	25	1 460
Rate	5.8	5.0	6.4	4.9	6.5	4.5	11.5	5.7	5.8
Perinatal deaths									
Number	832	450	406	143	210	56	38	35	2 170
Rate	9.6	7.3	8.5	7.5	8.4	8.6	10.6	7.9	8.5

(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, and usual residence overseas and not stated.

(c) Components of population change from previous year.

(d) 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 when finalising population estimates.

(e) Net overseas migration includes an estimate of those persons who changed category from short-term visitor to long-term visitor or resident of Australia.

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	26 074	20 913	8 011	10 294	2 654	787	1 654	106 103
Crude marriage rate	5.8	5.7	6.2	5.4	5.8	5.6	4.4	5.4	5.8
Median age at marriage (years)									
Bridegroom	29.5	29.4	29.4	29.6	30.2	29.6	30.9	30.0	29.6
Bride	27.1	27.3	27.1	27.3	27.6	27.2	28.2	27.6	27.2
DIVORCES									
Number granted	15 984	12 491	10 996	4 358	4 959	1 582	486	1 610	52 466
Crude divorce rate	2.6	2.8	3.3	2.9	2.8	3.3	2.7	(c)	2.9
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.1	10.8	11.7	11.7	12.0	12.1	10.8	11.3	11.0
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	6.8	7.6	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, and usual residence overseas and not stated.

(c) See paragraph 18 in Explanatory Notes.

1.2 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY, Statistical Areas(a)

<i>Statistical division</i> <i>Statistical subdivision</i> <i>Statistical local area</i>	<i>Estimated</i> <i>mid-year resident</i> <i>population(b)</i>	<i>Births(c)</i>	<i>Total fertility</i> <i>rate(d)</i>	<i>Deaths(c)</i>	<i>Indirect</i> <i>standardised</i> <i>death rate(e)</i>
CANBERRA SD					
North Canberra SSD					
Acton	1 467	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
Ainslie	4 692	57	1.270	46	6.5
Braddon	2 510	28	1.271	10	6.4
Campbell	3 277	27	1.235	16	4.1
City	152	1	n.p.	1	n.p.
Dickson	1 968	21	1.207	15	7.9
Downer	3 397	50	1.446	17	3.9
Duntroon	1 954	23	1.949	1	n.p.
Hackett	3 098	33	1.265	20	5.1
Kowen	16	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
Lyneham	4 155	43	1.059	62	11.8
Majura	357	3	n.p.	—	n.p.
O'Connor	4 837	49	1.302	32	5.8
Reid	1 636	9	n.p.	5	4.5
Turner	1 977	15	1.054	10	6.2
Watson	3 338	44	1.638	18	5.5
<i>Total</i>	38 831	403	1.232	253	6.2
Belconnen SSD					
Aranda	2 664	27	1.451	54	13.1
Belconnen Town Centre	2 740	24	0.809	3	n.p.
Bruce	2 368	23	1.167	12	7.1
Chamwood	3 432	69	1.967	7	6.4
Cook	3 021	31	1.267	10	4.5
Dunlop	726	14	1.365	—	n.p.
Evatt	6 254	84	1.831	15	4.2
Florey	5 709	108	1.652	11	4.3
Flynn	3 905	51	1.690	10	5.0
Fraser	2 386	26	1.900	6	7.8
Giralang	3 863	45	1.580	7	n.p.
Hawker	3 074	21	1.420	11	5.3
Higgins	3 410	51	1.803	11	5.7
Holt	4 586	69	1.739	29	6.0
Kaleen	8 577	89	1.516	19	5.7
Latham	4 075	59	1.811	8	3.7
McKellar	3 086	43	1.610	10	3.5
Macgregor	3 965	35	1.834	11	4.8
Macquarie	2 530	24	1.470	9	5.0
Melba	3 565	47	1.608	13	5.7
Page	2 691	38	1.816	26	5.3
Scullin	3 078	66	2.046	12	5.0
Spence	3 022	42	1.791	6	4.4
Weetangera	2 800	14	1.216	6	4.1
Belconnen—SSD Balance	53	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	85 580	1 100	1.583	306	5.6

(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.

1.2 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY, Statistical Areas(a) *continued*

Statistical division Statistical subdivision Statistical local area	Estimated mid-year resident population(b)	Births(c)	Total fertility rate(d)	Deaths(c)	Indirect standardised death rate(e)
<i>CANBERRA SD continued</i>					
Woden Valley SSD					
Chifley	2 363	22	1.258	10	4.9
Curtin	5 334	62	1.489	41	6.6
Farrer	3 586	39	1.588	17	3.9
Garran	2 891	57	2.468	11	3.9
Hughes	3 093	35	1.575	28	6.1
Issacs	2 720	35	1.643	15	5.1
Lyons	2 795	25	1.518	10	4.4
Mawson	2 826	43	1.645	16	5.0
O'Malley	772	4	1.761	—	n.p.
Pearce	2 609	23	1.440	14	4.3
Phillip	1 728	21	0.851	6	5.4
Torrens	2 311	28	1.804	6	3.4
<i>Total</i>	33 028	394	1.543	174	4.9
Weston Creek - Stromlo SSD					
Chapman	3 049	21	1.901	6	4.2
Duffy	3 499	51	1.691	11	3.9
Fisher	3 197	21	1.416	18	5.0
Holder	2 920	30	1.551	18	6.3
Rivett	3 486	53	1.631	12	5.6
Stirling	2 276	22	1.436	7	n.p.
Stromlo	90	1	n.p.	—	n.p.
Waramanga	2 778	35	1.520	12	5.3
Weston	3 543	30	1.358	34	8.0
Weston Creek - Stromlo—SSD Balance	26	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	24 864	264	1.539	115	5.6
Tuggeranong SSD					
Banks	3 433	124	3.193	4	7.1
Bonython	3 522	78	2.305	4	2.6
Calwell	6 244	161	2.529	10	3.7
Chisholm	6 009	115	1.995	12	5.5
Conder	3 432	107	3.030	6	5.0
Fadden	3 589	33	1.483	8	4.9
Gilmore	3 223	60	2.078	3	3.5
Gordon	6 711	198	2.394	9	4.3
Gowrie	3 632	37	1.835	7	3.1
Greenway	986	16	1.629	3	4.2
Isabella Plains	4 514	100	2.007	7	6.1
Kambah	17 812	235	1.778	45	4.8
Macarthur	1 784	24	1.796	4	3.7
Monash	5 978	71	1.915	13	4.7
Oxley	1 959	28	1.731	2	3.8
Richardson	3 713	85	2.305	6	5.3
Theodore	4 232	101	2.597	6	4.6
Wanniassa	9 117	107	1.673	20	5.4
Tuggeranong—SSD Balance	64	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	89 954	1 680	2.163	169	4.7

(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.

1.2 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY, Statistical Areas(a) *continued*

Statistical division Statistical subdivision Statistical local area	Estimated mid-year resident population(b)	Births(c)	Total fertility rate(d)	Deaths(c)	Indirect standardised death rate(e)
<i>CANBERRA SD continued</i>					
South Canberra SSD					
Barton	617	9	0.888	6	6.4
Deakin	2 641	20	1.302	27	5.1
Forrest	1 219	8	1.031	11	4.8
Fyshwick	83	4	n.p.	1	n.p.
Griffith	3 684	38	1.243	24	5.3
Harman	189	3	n.p.	—	n.p.
Hume	10	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
Jerrabomberra	25	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
Kingston	1 614	25	1.877	10	7.2
Narrabundah	5 419	59	1.471	77	9.3
Oaks Estate	330	1	2.128	2	5.4
Parkes	13	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
Pialligo	112	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
Red Hill	3 290	35	1.550	84	12.5
Symonston	456	2	n.p.	1	n.p.
Yarralumia	3 024	28	1.538	18	5.5
<i>Total</i>	22 726	232	1.422	261	7.7
Gungahlin-Hall SSD					
Amaroo	610	14	1.495	1	1.9
Hall	385	6	3.170	3	5.6
Mitchell	8	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
Ngunnawal	4 528	124	2.420	4	2.5
Nicholls	1 832	35	1.805	1	n.p.
Palmerston	5 299	130	2.061	6	4.9
Gungahlin Balance	47	1	n.p.	1	n.p.
<i>Total</i>	12 709	310	1.435	16	3.5
<i>Total Canberra SD</i>	307 692	4 383	1.678	1 294	5.8
Remainder of ACT	333	5	1.815	1	n.p.
ACT(f)	308 025	4 396	1.690	1 300	5.8

(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 ACT undefined.

SECTION 2

POPULATION

POPULATION

The estimated resident population of the ACT at 31 December 1996 was 308,500 persons (153,200 males and 155,400 females). Over the last 10 years the population has increased by 18% from 262,200 persons in 1986. The annual population growth rate in the ACT in 1996 was 1.0%, down from 2.2% in 1986. However, the ACT growth rate was similar to that recorded nationally (1.3%) and well below the Northern Territory's rate of 2.2%, the highest increase of all States and Territories.

Natural increase

Natural increase (the excess of births over deaths registered during the year) contributed the most of any component to population growth in the ACT in 1996. Births exceeded deaths by around 3,100 persons.

Interstate movement

During 1996 more people left the ACT for other States and Territories than made their homes in the ACT, the net loss being about 450 persons. In contrast, the ACT recorded a net migration gain of about 1,140 or 20% of total population growth in 1986.

Overseas migration

In 1996, overseas migration contributed 15% of total population growth in the ACT with a net overseas migration gain of about 460 persons. In contrast, the ACT recorded a net migration gain of about 1,530 or 27% of total population growth in 1986.

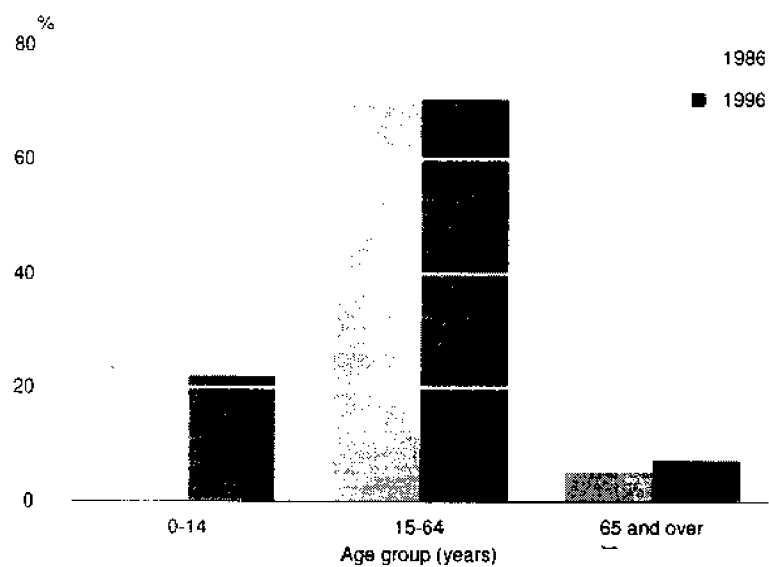
Age structure

In June 1996, the median age (where half the population is older and half is younger) of the ACT population was 31.3 years. As with the national trend the median age of residents of the ACT is increasing quite rapidly. In 1986 the median age of the ACT population was 28.1 years.

Age structure continued

Over the 10 year period from 1986 to 1996, the proportion of the population aged 0-14 years declined from 26% to 22%. In contrast the proportion of the population aged 65 years and over increased from 5% in 1986 to 8% in 1996.

POPULATION, Selected Age Groups



2.1 POPULATION, Summary(a)

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Estimated resident population at 31 December ('000)							
Males	131.2	145.5	147.7	149.2	150.2	151.6	153.2
Females	131.0	145.8	148.4	150.5	152.0	153.8	155.4
Persons	262.2	291.4	296.1	299.7	302.2	305.4	308.5
Components of population change(b)							
Net natural increase(c)							
Number	3 074	3 682	3 381	3 291	3 257	3 320	3 126
% of total annual growth	53.5	60.7	73.8	77.1	140.1	104.5	99.7
Net overseas migration(d)							
Number	1 526	337	-237	-592	-472	808	459
% of total annual growth	26.6	5.6	-5.2	-13.9	-20.3	25.4	14.6
Net interstate migration							
Number	1 142	2 047	1 440	1 570	-460	-951	-451
% of total annual growth	19.9	33.7	31.4	36.8	-19.8	-29.9	-14.4
Total population growth(e)							
Number	5 742	6 066	4 584	4 269	2 325	3 177	3 134
Annual growth rate (%)	2.2	2.1	1.5	1.4	0.8	1.0	1.0
Overseas arrivals and departures(f)							
Permanent movement							
Arrivals	1 430	1 360	1 090	790	830	1 110	910
Departures	330	550	490	510	370	420	480
Former settlers	110	200	160	210	140	150	200
Other Australian residents	220	350	320	300	240	270	280
Long-term movement							
Arrivals	4 690	4 470	4 500	4 480	4 700	5 370	5 170
Australian residents returning	2 460	2 110	2 140	2 080	2 160	2 220	2 160
Overseas visitors arriving	2 240	2 370	2 360	2 400	2 550	3 150	3 010
Departures	4 450	4 730	4 750	4 840	5 030	5 280	5 310
Australian residents departing	2 710	2 970	2 990	3 000	2 940	3 070	3 020
Overseas visitors departing	1 750	1 760	1 760	1 840	2 090	2 210	2 290
Short-term movement							
Arrivals	50 000	67 700	68 100	66 400	68 100	78 100	82 100
Australian residents returning	32 000	41 800	47 900	42 800	43 100	49 600	52 000
Overseas visitors arriving	18 000	25 900	20 100	23 600	25 000	28 500	30 100
Departures	50 900	68 100	68 700	70 200	69 600	79 000	88 200
Australian residents departing	33 900	44 400	48 800	47 200	44 900	49 000	54 900
Overseas visitors departing	17 100	23 600	19 900	23 000	24 700	29 900	33 300

(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	2 206	2 164	4 370	50	2 078	1 905	3 983
1	2 278	2 191	4 469	51	1 870	1 871	3 741
2	2 206	2 173	4 379	52	1 757	1 714	3 471
3	2 283	2 149	4 432	53	1 574	1 537	3 111
4	2 305	2 221	4 526	54	1 533	1 422	2 955
0-4	11 278	10 898	22 176	50-54	8 812	8 449	17 261
5	2 381	2 261	4 642	55	1 367	1 348	2 715
6	2 338	2 258	4 596	56	1 323	1 234	2 557
7	2 336	2 233	4 569	57	1 250	1 167	2 417
8	2 300	2 176	4 476	58	1 162	1 127	2 289
9	2 240	2 210	4 450	59	1 012	1 066	2 078
5-9	11 595	11 138	22 733	55-59	6 114	5 942	12 056
10	2 287	2 201	4 488	60	984	935	1 919
11	2 248	2 275	4 523	61	1 024	899	1 923
12	2 359	2 229	4 588	62	876	911	1 787
13	2 444	2 205	4 649	63	832	836	1 668
14	2 345	2 283	4 628	64	804	832	1 636
10-14	11 683	11 193	22 876	60-64	4 520	4 413	8 933
15	2 329	2 234	4 563	65	856	794	1 650
16	2 449	2 337	4 786	66	714	763	1 477
17	2 436	2 360	4 796	67	738	798	1 536
18	2 690	2 552	5 242	68	713	796	1 509
19	2 865	2 823	5 688	69	652	744	1 396
15-19	12 769	12 306	25 075	65-69	3 673	3 895	7 568
20	2 843	2 739	5 582	70	653	752	1 405
21	2 967	2 876	5 843	71	615	713	1 328
22	2 821	2 784	5 605	72	568	737	1 305
23	2 847	2 897	5 744	73	574	714	1 288
24	2 873	2 895	5 768	74	518	640	1 158
20-24	14 351	14 191	28 542	70-74	2 928	3 556	6 484
25	2 927	2 850	5 777	75	485	641	1 126
26	2 702	2 670	5 372	76	410	544	954
27	2 511	2 617	5 128	77	298	425	723
28	2 414	2 511	4 925	78	283	412	695
29	2 454	2 449	4 903	79	238	406	644
25-29	13 008	13 097	26 105	75-79	1 714	2 428	4 142
30	2 442	2 551	4 993	80	256	396	652
31	2 502	2 549	5 051	81	197	347	544
32	2 490	2 638	5 128	82	179	331	510
33	2 508	2 575	5 083	83	150	292	442
34	2 624	2 643	5 267	84	125	252	377
30-34	12 566	12 956	25 522	80-84	907	1 618	2 525
35	2 589	2 643	5 232	85	109	216	325
36	2 585	2 682	5 267	86	101	180	281
37	2 419	2 597	5 016	87	61	142	203
38	2 440	2 582	5 022	88	45	138	183
39	2 432	2 518	4 950	89	37	103	140
35-39	12 465	13 022	25 487	85-89	353	779	1 132
40	2 383	2 508	4 891	90	34	70	104
41	2 282	2 500	4 782	91	19	82	101
42	2 415	2 527	4 942	92	25	60	85
43	2 436	2 550	4 986	93	8	42	50
44	2 333	2 556	4 889	94	11	35	46
40-44	11 849	12 641	24 490	90-94	97	289	386
45	2 397	2 519	4 916	95 and over	22	76	98
46	2 463	2 456	4 919				
47	2 350	2 430	4 780	Total	152 804	155 221	308 025
48	2 358	2 456	4 814				
49	2 532	2 473	5 005				
45-49	12 100	12 334	24 434				

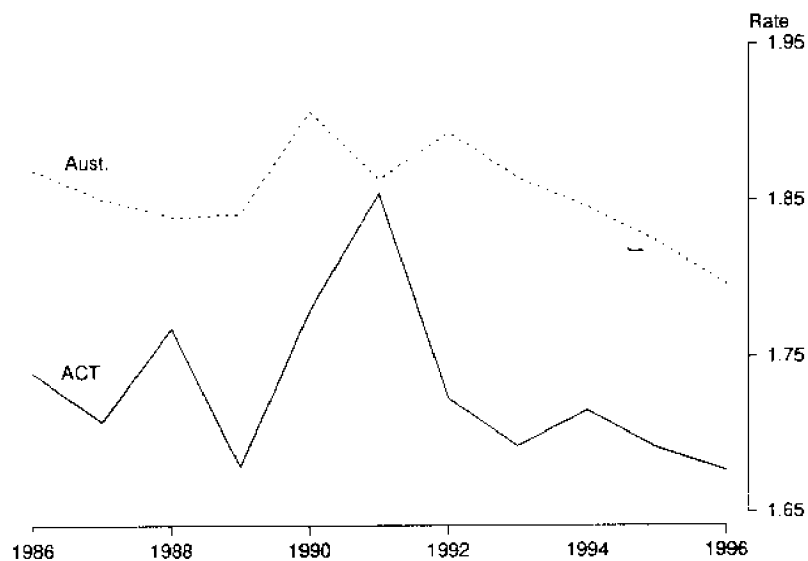
SECTION 3

BIRTHS — YEAR OF REGISTRATION

BIRTHS —YEAR OF RIGISTRATION

In 1996 there were 4,400 births registered to mothers usually resident in the ACT. This was an increase of 7% compared to 1986. The sex ratio was 104 males born to every 100 females. The total fertility rate, expressed as the number of children one woman would expect to bear during her child-bearing lifetime, remained stable at 1.7 in 1996. This was lower than the Australian total fertility rate of 1.8 children per woman and was the lowest in the country.

TOTAL FERTILITY RATE



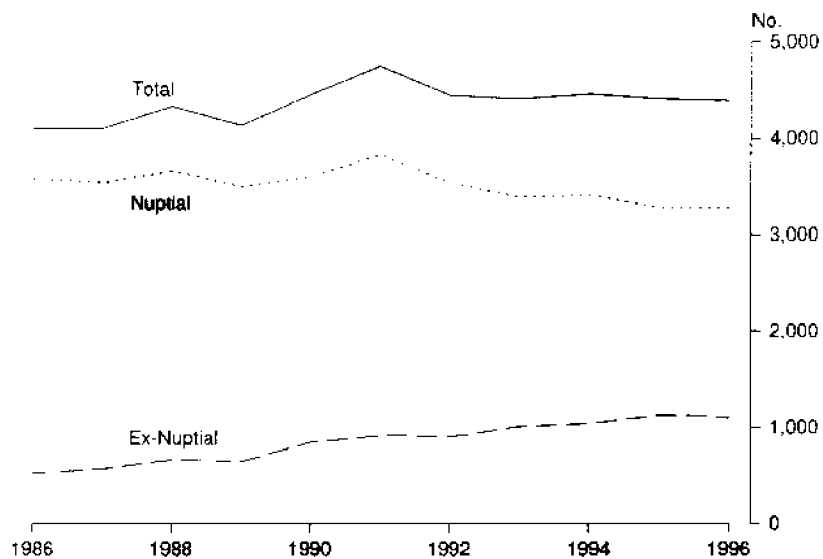
Net reproduction rate

The net reproduction rate, which measures the average number of daughters a woman would bear during her reproductive lifetime if she was subject to current female age-specific fertility rates and to predetermined mortality rates, was 0.8 in the ACT in 1996. This was lower than the national net reproduction rate of 0.9 and below the replacement level of one.

Ex-nuptial births

The proportion of births outside marriage fell from 26% in 1995 to 25% in 1996. However, the proportion has almost doubled since 1986 (13%). While the proportion of ex-nuptial births has increased over the past 10 years, the percentage of births where paternity was acknowledged also increased from 69% in 1986 to 84% in 1996. The proportion of ACT births that were ex-nuptial was the second lowest in the nation. Victoria recorded the lowest proportion at 22%.

BIRTHS BY NUPTIALITY



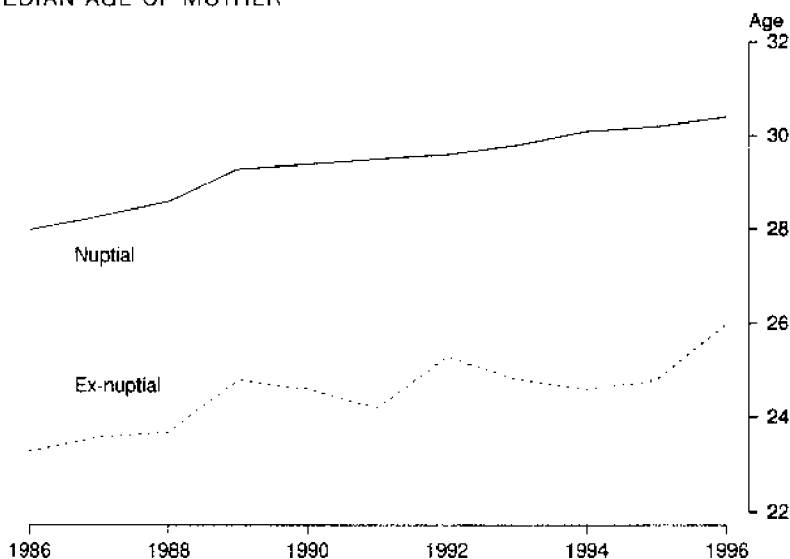
Teenage mothers

The ACT has one of the lowest instances of teenage mothers. There were 168 births to teenage mothers in 1996, a rate of 14.4 births per 1,000 population (females aged 15–19 years). This rate is well below the national rate of 20.1 per 1,000 and is the second lowest in the country with Victoria having the lowest at a rate of 12.8 per 1,000 population.

Median age of parents

The median age of parents has been on a slow but steady increase. In 1986 the median age of mothers was 28.5, and fathers was 31.0. In 1996 the median ages had increased to 29.6 for mothers and 31.8 for fathers. These medians are consistent with the national median ages, being 29.2 for mothers and 31.9 for fathers.

MEDIAN AGE OF MOTHER



Country of birth of parents

Of all nuptial confinements registered in the ACT in 1996, 63% were to parents who were both born in Australia, while 10% of nuptial confinements were to parents of the same overseas country. The major contributing countries were the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Former Yugoslav Republics and Viet Nam.

Median duration of marriage

In 1996 the median duration of marriage in the ACT for all nuptial confinements remained steady at 4.6 years. The median for nuptial first confinements also remained steady at 2.5 years. The median duration of marriage prior to birth is the point where there were as many births to couples who had a duration of marriage above the midpoint as there were to those who had a duration of marriage below the midpoint.

3.1 BIRTHS, Summary(a)

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
BIRTHS							
Total births	4 102	4 756	4 447	4 414	4 461	4 415	4 396
Males	2 115	2 436	2 256	2 234	2 232	2 291	2 241
Females	1 987	2 320	2 191	2 180	2 229	2 124	2 155
Sex ratio	106.4	105.0	103.0	102.5	100.1	107.9	104.0
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander births	n.a.	n.a.	14	n.p.	59	52	66
Males	n.a.	n.a.	4	n.p.	31	33	33
Females	n.a.	n.a.	10	n.p.	28	19	33
Sex ratio	n.a.	n.a.	40.0	n.p.	110.7	173.7	100.0
Nuptial births	3 572	3 834	3 538	3 404	3 419	3 280	3 288
Ex-nuptial births							
Number	530	922	909	1 010	1 042	1 135	1 108
Percentage of total live births	12.9	19.4	20.4	22.9	23.4	25.7	25.2
Paternity acknowledged births							
Number	366	684	777	886	855	925	934
Percentage of total ex-nuptial births	69.1	74.2	85.5	87.7	82.1	81.5	84.3
Crude birth rate	15.8	16.5	15.1	14.8	14.8	14.5	14.3
Age-specific birth rate							
Age group (years)							
15-19	13.0	14.2	14.0	14.5	14.0	14.6	14.4
20-24	68.7	66.8	54.4	52.5	51.5	50.1	44.9
25-29	134.1	132.7	127.1	121.4	117.4	115.0	112.5
30-34	96.6	111.4	106.9	104.7	111.1	106.8	105.8
35-39	30.3	41.9	36.2	39.0	43.0	44.9	48.7
40-44	5.1	5.8	5.8	6.1	6.2	6.8	8.9
45-49	0.1	—	0.3	0.4	—	0.2	0.3
Total fertility rate	1.740	1.864	1.724	1.693	1.716	1.692	1.677
Female net reproduction rate	0.831	0.896	0.839	0.829	0.848	0.804	0.813

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

3.1 BIRTHS, Summary(a) *continued*

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
CONFINEMENTS							
Total confinements	4 044	4 691	4 385	4 349	4 416	4 359	4 327
First nuptial	1 394	1 508	1 387	1 357	1 348	1 321	1 257
All nuptial	3 518	3 778	3 491	3 353	3 383	3 237	3 229
Paternity acknowledged	362	676	764	874	848	918	925
All ex-nuptial	526	913	894	996	1 033	1 122	1 098
 Median age of mother (years)							
First nuptial	27.3	28.1	28.2	28.3	28.7	28.6	28.6
All nuptial	28.9	29.5	29.6	29.8	30.1	30.2	30.4
Paternity acknowledged	24.4	24.6	25.6	25.0	24.7	25.0	26.3
All ex-nuptial	24.0	24.2	25.3	24.8	24.6	24.8	26.0
Total	28.5	28.9	28.9	29.1	29.4	29.4	29.6
 Median age of father (years)							
Nuptial	31.4	31.7	31.9	32.1	32.3	32.5	32.5
Paternity acknowledged	26.9	27.5	28.0	27.4	27.7	27.7	28.7
All fathers where age is known	31.0	31.2	31.5	31.4	31.7	31.8	31.8
 Median duration of marriage (years)							
First nuptial	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.5
Nuptial	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.6
 Nuptial confinements							
Previous births							
0	1 394	1 508	1 387	1 357	1 348	1 321	1 257
1	1 273	1 378	1 288	1 259	1 269	1 200	1 252
2	622	649	568	514	534	503	522
3	155	181	183	161	167	146	141
4	49	43	41	39	44	46	34
5 and over	25	19	24	23	21	21	23
Average number of births	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.9	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	11	362	1 128	1 108	485	79	—	3 173
Twins	1	4	20	20	6	2	—	53
Triplets or higher order	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	3
Total	12	367	1 149	1 128	491	82	—	3 229
Ex-nuptial								
Single	156	306	285	175	105	19	41	1 087
Twins	—	1	3	2	2	1	1	10
Triplets or higher order	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Total	156	307	288	178	107	20	42	1 098
Total confinements	168	674	1 437	1 306	598	102	42	4 327
PROPORTION (%)								
Nuptial	7.1	54.5	80.0	86.4	82.1	80.4	—	74.6
Ex-nuptial	92.9	45.5	20.0	13.6	17.9	19.6	100.0	25.4

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	9	10	9	9	1	2	1	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	
20	2	2	5	9	8	4	2	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	
21	1	6	5	11	12	10	6	1	3	3	2	—	—	—	
22	—	4	2	5	7	14	8	8	2	1	4	—	—	1	
23	1	2	2	8	11	9	19	18	7	7	4	5	2	—	
24	—	1	—	5	10	13	17	22	28	19	9	8	4	—	
25	—	—	1	2	5	9	8	22	28	24	19	12	7	3	
26	—	2	1	2	11	5	15	20	27	24	34	16	12	12	
27	—	—	—	2	2	4	11	10	22	37	28	44	20	8	
28	—	2	3	3	2	5	10	4	22	21	38	53	37	26	
29	—	—	—	2	1	3	2	10	11	24	21	40	41	32	
30	1	—	—	3	—	1	4	11	18	17	21	33	32	51	
31	—	—	—	1	1	3	1	4	7	24	19	24	43	51	
32	—	—	—	2	2	3	4	5	5	11	11	16	24	31	
33	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	2	6	8	10	12	23	21	
34	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	4	5	13	9	13	12	
35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	3	5	12	8	11	
36	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	3	4	5	2	7	
37	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	1	2	7	1	9	2	6	
38	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	2	2	1	2	5	10	
39	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	1	2	3	5	4	
40-44	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	1	5	6	3	12	11	
45-49	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	2	3	3	
50 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	
Not stated	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	
Not applicable(a)	6	5	7	9	10	10	4	9	10	7	5	7	5	6	
Nuptial	—	—	1	11	14	42	64	98	149	192	204	246	247	260	
Ex-nuptial	20	34	35	67	69	59	56	58	65	63	56	69	53	47	
Total	20	34	36	78	83	101	120	156	214	255	260	315	300	307	

(a) Confinements where paternity was not acknowledged.

3.3 CONFINEMENTS, Age of Parents *continued*

Age of father (years)	Age of mother (years)								Total		
	30	31	32	33	34	35-39	40 and over	Not stated	Nuptial	Ex-nuptial	Total
19 and under	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	39	44
20	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	33	36
21	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	12	49	61
22	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	25	33	58
23	1	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	41	59	100
24	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	77	63	140
25	4	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	103	45	148
26	4	2	3	2	1	3	1	—	137	60	197
27	3	1	4	2	2	5	—	—	163	42	205
28	14	11	14	2	2	—	—	—	209	60	269
29	18	20	5	5	4	7	—	—	208	38	246
30	32	31	11	8	10	8	3	—	236	59	295
31	48	40	26	12	13	8	3	—	277	51	328
32	31	35	26	24	7	17	1	—	219	36	255
33	28	28	44	29	16	32	1	—	235	29	264
34	26	30	44	34	26	47	3	—	234	36	270
35	15	14	27	27	24	45	5	—	178	23	201
36	20	17	14	26	24	59	1	—	163	21	184
37	12	16	11	13	17	55	4	—	137	23	160
38	5	12	8	18	18	54	5	—	120	25	145
39	1	4	6	9	17	46	7	—	93	15	108
40-44	15	16	15	22	23	138	41	—	253	58	311
45-49	5	3	4	3	4	46	20	—	78	19	97
50 and over	1	2	3	1	1	12	4	—	20	7	27
Not stated	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	2	5
Not applicable(a)	3	5	3	—	3	14	3	42	—	173	173
Nuptial	238	257	244	208	181	491	82	—	3 229	..	3 229
Ex-nuptial	51	34	27	31	35	107	20	42	..	1 098	1 098
Total	289	291	271	239	216	598	102	42	3 229	1 098	4 327

(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.....			
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA								
Australia	2 034	..	340	2 374	2 034	..	384	2 418
Fiji	3	2	—	5	2	2	2	6
New Zealand	39	13	11	63	32	13	8	53
Other	12	16	4	32	15	16	2	33
<i>Total</i>	<i>2 088</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>355</i>	<i>2 474</i>	<i>2 083</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>396</i>	<i>2 510</i>
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Austria	1	—	—	1	2	—	—	2
Former USSR & Baltic States	—	1	1	2	—	1	—	1
Former Yugoslav Republics	23	30	6	59	10	30	2	42
Germany	5	—	6	11	6	—	3	9
Greece	10	—	1	11	3	—	1	4
Hungary	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	1
Ireland	7	6	1	14	7	6	1	14
Italy	18	3	2	23	4	3	1	8
Malta	1	—	2	3	—	—	—	—
Netherlands	8	—	—	8	2	—	2	4
Poland	1	7	1	9	—	7	3	10
United Kingdom	148	36	33	217	109	36	20	165
Other	24	15	8	47	18	15	7	40
<i>Total</i>	<i>247</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>406</i>	<i>161</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>300</i>
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
Egypt	2	4	2	8	—	4	1	5
Lebanon	4	8	1	13	1	8	1	10
Turkey	1	5	—	6	—	5	—	5
Other	5	4	6	15	4	4	5	13
<i>Total</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>33</i>
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Indonesia	1	7	3	11	3	7	2	12
Malaysia	14	11	4	29	9	11	11	31
Philippines	—	9	1	10	11	9	9	29
Singapore	2	2	3	7	6	2	4	12
Thailand	—	3	—	3	4	3	1	8
Viet Nam	1	35	3	39	2	35	4	41
Other	1	16	2	19	9	16	2	27
<i>Total</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>160</i>

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	1	20	3	24	7	20	8	35
Hong Kong	4	5	5	14	4	5	3	12
Other	2	6	—	8	4	6	3	13
<i>Total</i>	7	31	8	46	15	31	14	60
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	3	18	3	24	7	18	6	31
Sri Lanka	1	14	—	15	5	14	—	19
Other	—	13	2	15	—	13	2	15
<i>Total</i>	4	45	5	54	12	45	8	65
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	6	2	3	11	7	2	6	15
Chile	2	6	—	8	—	6	4	10
United States of America	9	6	8	23	23	6	6	35
Other	5	3	5	13	6	3	2	11
<i>Total</i>	22	17	16	55	36	17	18	71
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	4	2	2	8	7	2	1	10
Other	15	6	5	26	11	6	3	20
<i>Total</i>	19	8	7	34	18	8	4	30
Other and not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2 418	334	477	3 229	2 374	334	521	3 229

3.5 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Previous and Average Issue

PREVIOUS ISSUE OF THE CURRENT RELATIONSHIP.....

Age of mother (years)	0	1	2	3	4	5 and over	Not stated	All mothers	Total issue	Average issue
16 and under	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1.0
19	9	2	—	—	—	—	—	11	14	1.3
20	7	6	1	—	—	—	—	14	22	1.6
21	29	11	2	—	—	—	—	42	57	1.4
22	35	25	3	1	—	—	—	64	98	1.5
23	51	40	6	1	—	—	—	98	156	1.6
24	90	47	10	1	1	—	—	149	226	1.5
25	108	65	13	6	—	—	—	192	305	1.6
26	98	77	20	8	—	1	—	204	353	1.7
27	125	79	33	9	—	—	—	246	422	1.7
28	119	87	32	8	1	—	—	247	434	1.8
29	101	109	43	7	—	—	—	260	479	1.8
30	85	95	47	7	3	1	—	238	471	2.0
31	91	109	43	13	—	1	—	257	498	1.9
32	67	112	47	12	4	2	—	244	519	2.1
33	46	95	49	13	3	2	—	208	468	2.3
34	59	72	41	8	1	—	—	181	364	2.0
35-39	119	194	118	37	14	9	—	491	1 148	2.3
40 and over	17	27	14	10	7	7	—	82	248	3.0
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1 257	1 252	522	141	34	23	—	3 229	6 283	1.9

3.6 FIRST NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS

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

Duration of marriage (years)	19 and under	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over	Not stated	Total
Under 1	7	69	85	48	21	6	—	236
1	3	75	126	64	26	1	—	295
2	—	42	112	36	15	2	—	207
3	—	18	89	39	8	2	—	156
4	—	4	60	37	7	—	—	108
5	—	3	38	29	4	2	—	76
6	—	1	19	21	10	—	—	51
7	—	—	16	20	2	1	—	39
8 and over	—	—	6	54	26	3	—	89
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	10	212	551	348	119	17	—	1 257

SECTION 4

BIRTHS — YEAR OF OCCURRENCE (PRELIMINARY)

In 1996, 4,300 births occurred in the ACT. A certain proportion of births that occur in each calendar year, particularly those occurring towards the end of the year, are not registered till the following year. Small numbers of births occurring in each calendar year are also not registered for several years. About 90% of births that were registered in 1996 also occurred in 1996. Caution should therefore be exercised in interpreting birth rates based on occurrence data.

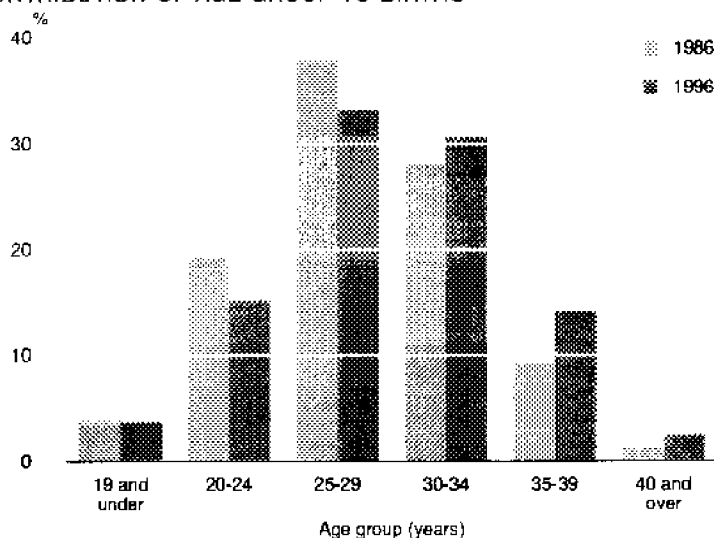
MONTH OF OCCURRENCE

On average, there were 12 births each day to ACT mothers in 1996. July had the highest rate with 12.5, while March and June had the lowest with 11.2.

AGE GROUP OF MOTHER

In 1996, 79% of all births in the ACT occurred to women in the age band from 20 years to 34 years. Reflecting the national trend was the increase in the proportion of births occurring to women aged 35 years and over, from 10% of all births in 1986 to 17% of total births in 1996.

CONTRIBUTION OF AGE GROUP TO BIRTHS



FERTILITY

The total fertility rate based on births that occurred in 1996 was 1.6, a decline from the total fertility rate of 1.7 in 1986. The largest contribution to the total fertility rate in 1996 was made by women aged 25–29 years (33%), followed closely by women aged 30–34 years (31%). In 1986 these two age groups were also the largest contributors.

The distribution of age-specific fertility rates in 1996 shows a continuation of the shift in fertility from younger to older women. The contribution to the total fertility rate of women aged less than 25 years declined from 23% in 1986 to 19% in 1996, while that of women aged 30 years and over increased from 39% in 1986 to 47% in 1996.

4.1 BIRTHS, Month of Occurrence

Month of occurrence	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
NUMBER							
January	319	403	396	381	379	378	358
February	342	341	345	328	356	333	335
March	374	385	351	392	402	390	346
April	365	390	345	370	371	364	348
May	300	389	355	400	386	379	362
June	296	347	362	345	349	389	337
July	319	356	383	361	351	364	388
August	358	356	394	325	387	362	368
September	347	396	388	388	413	353	369
October	387	480	368	367	375	382	367
November	332	389	378	342	365	365	364
December	373	381	365	413	347	362	361
Total	4 112	4 613	4 430	4 412	4 481	4 421	4 303
RATE							
Crude birth rate	15.9	16.0	15.1	14.8	14.9	14.5	14.0
PROPORTION (%)							
January	7.8	8.7	8.9	8.6	8.5	8.6	8.3
February	8.3	7.4	7.8	7.4	7.9	7.5	7.8
March	9.1	8.3	7.9	8.9	9.0	8.8	8.0
April	8.9	8.5	7.8	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.1
May	7.3	8.4	8.0	9.1	8.6	8.6	8.4
June	7.2	7.5	8.2	7.8	7.8	8.8	7.8
July	7.8	7.7	8.6	8.2	7.8	8.2	9.0
August	8.7	7.7	8.9	7.4	8.6	8.2	8.6
September	8.4	8.6	8.8	8.8	9.2	8.0	8.6
October	9.4	10.4	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.6	8.5
November	8.1	8.4	8.5	7.8	8.1	8.3	8.5
December	9.1	8.3	8.2	9.4	7.7	8.2	8.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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	156	791	1 557	1 156	380	49	1	4 112
1991	189	858	1 626	1 338	505	68	—	4 613
1992	179	773	1 591	1 351	447	73	4	4 430
1993	182	785	1 520	1 340	481	74	3	4 412
1994	163	799	1 457	1 423	528	77	1	4 481
1995	172	750	1 417	1 354	561	82	1	4 421
1996	159	653	1 430	1 315	605	103	3	4 303

(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	13.3	67.0	133.1	97.7	30.4	5.4	0.1	1.735
1991	14.1	63.8	129.2	106.0	40.9	5.4	—	1.797
1992	13.7	53.9	126.4	106.2	36.1	5.9	0.4	1.713
1993	14.4	51.7	120.5	104.5	39.0	6.0	0.3	1.682
1994	13.4	51.7	116.7	111.2	42.9	6.3	0.1	1.711
1995	14.4	48.1	112.6	105.9	45.2	6.8	0.1	1.665
1996	13.4	42.7	109.0	103.6	48.2	8.7	0.3	1.629

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

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

In 1996 there were 1,300 registered deaths of persons usually resident in the ACT compared with 1,030 in 1986. The 1996 total comprised of 700 male deaths and 600 female deaths, a sex ratio of 116 males per 100 females. The ACT recorded a standardised death rate of 6.1 per 1,000 population, the lowest rate for any State or Territory in Australia. The standardised death rate is the overall death rate that would have prevailed in a standard population (in this case the 1991 Australian population) if it had experienced at each age the death rates of the population studied.

LIFE EXPECTANCY

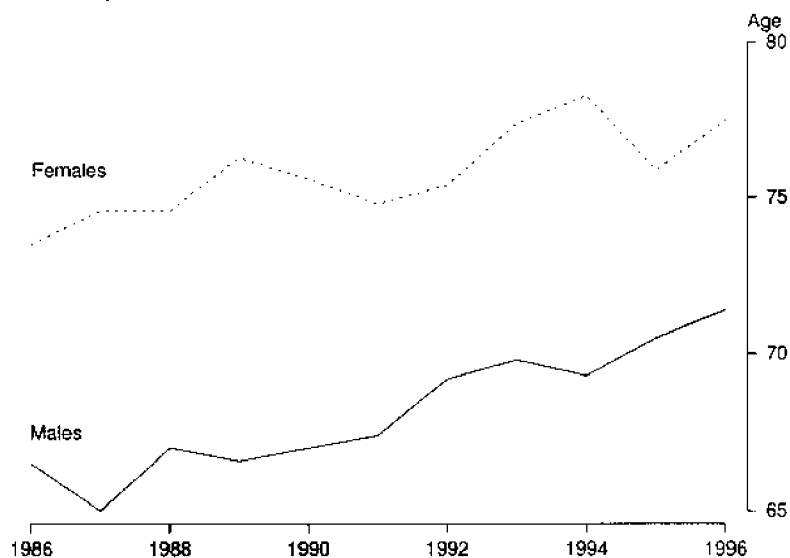
As a result of the decline in the standardised death rates (from 7.7 in 1986 to 6.1 in 1996), the life expectancy for all ages has improved. Life expectancy refers to the expected number of years remaining to a person of a given age if the prevailing pattern of mortality does not change during that person's lifetime. For 1994-96 persons whose usual place of residence was in the ACT recorded the highest expectation of life at birth of all States and Territories, 76.6 years for males and 81.6 for females. For Australia, life expectancy was 75.2 years for men and 81.1 years for females.

AGE AT DEATH

In 1996 the median age at death (the age at which half of the deaths are below and half are above) for males in the ACT was 71.4 years compared with the 1986 median age of 66.5. This 1996 median was well below the national median age of 74.0 and was the second lowest median age of all States and Territories, with only the Northern Territory having a lower median age (54.1).

The median age of death for females was 77.5 years in 1996 compared with the 1986 median of 73.5. As with males, the female median age was below the national median age of 80.7 and only the Northern Territory had a lower median age (60.8).

MEDIAN AGE AT DEATH



AGE AT DEATH *CONTINUED*

In the ACT for both men and women age-specific death rates have in the main declined or remained constant between 1996 and 1986. Age-specific death rates are the number of deaths to a specific age group per 1,000 population in those ages. Male death rates exceed female death rates in most age groups. The exceptions are at age zero where the female rate was higher and the age group five to fourteen years where the rates are the same. The decline in mortality rates over the 10 year period occurred for both sexes and most age groups.

INFANT DEATHS

In 1996 there were 25 infant deaths in the ACT compared to 35 in 1986. The infant mortality rate, which is expressed as the number of deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births in a given year, decreased from 8.5 per 1,000 in 1986 to 5.7 per 1,000 in 1996. These rates, however, are based on small numbers and therefore caution should be used when interpreting these rates.

CAUSE OF DEATH

The two major causes of death for men and women in the ACT in 1996 were cancer and diseases of the circulatory system. About 30% of male and 27% of female deaths were due to cancer, while 38% of male and 43% of female deaths were due to diseases of the circulatory system.

5.1 DEATHS, Summary(a)

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994(b)	1995(b)	1996(b)
DEATHS							
Total deaths	1 028	1 096	1 074	1 110	1 222	1 114	1 300
Males	556	605	578	632	644	593	698
Females	472	491	496	478	578	521	602
Sex ratio	117.8	123.2	116.5	132.2	111.4	113.8	115.9
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	9	10	9	5
Males	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3	6	6	2
Females	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6	4	3	3
Standardised death rate	7.7	6.4	6.0	5.9	6.3	5.4	6.1
Males	9.7	8.4	7.6	7.8	7.8	7.0	7.8
Females	6.2	5.0	4.9	4.4	5.2	4.4	4.9
Crude death rate	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.7	4.1	3.7	4.2
Males	4.3	4.2	3.9	4.2	4.3	3.9	4.5
Females	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.9	3.5	4.0
Median age at death							
Males	66.5	67.4	69.2	69.8	69.3	70.5	71.4
Females	73.5	74.8	75.4	77.4	78.3	75.9	77.5
Age-specific death rate							
Age group (years)							
Males							
0	10.4	9.9	7.1	6.7	6.3	2.6	5.4
1-4	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3
5-14	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
15-24	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.0
25-34	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.0
35-44	1.4	1.7	1.3	0.9	1.7	1.5	1.4
45-54	3.3	2.5	3.5	3.0	3.3	2.3	2.6
45-64	12.9	11.5	6.4	9.7	8.9	8.6	8.4
65-74	36.5	27.2	25.2	25.0	26.4	22.9	25.7
75-84	91.2	69.9	79.0	84.3	69.6	58.5	67.5
85 and over	170.7	184.6	151.1	151.4	160.6	180.8	207.7
Females							
0	6.5	5.2	5.5	1.8	3.1	7.1	6.0
1-4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	—	0.6	0.2
5-14	—	0.2	0.2	—	—	—	0.2
15-24	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1
25-34	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
35-44	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.9
45-54	2.7	2.1	1.3	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.6
45-64	6.7	6.6	6.7	5.0	5.3	5.8	4.7
65-74	23.0	15.1	17.4	14.0	15.1	13.5	16.8
75-84	52.0	43.6	41.0	43.3	48.6	40.3	45.8
85 and over	175.6	141.9	139.5	122.1	165.8	118.7	137.1
Expectation of life							
Males							
Age 0	73.6	75.5	76.6	76.1	76.2	76.6	n.y.a.
Age 1	73.4	75.3	76.1	75.6	75.6	75.9	n.y.a.
Age 25	50.3	52.0	52.7	52.2	52.4	52.7	n.y.a.
Age 45	31.1	33.0	33.8	33.2	33.5	33.8	n.y.a.
Age 65	14.4	16.0	16.2	15.9	16.3	16.6	n.y.a.
Females							
Age 0	79.1	81.0	81.3	82.3	81.6	81.6	n.y.a.
Age 1	78.6	80.4	80.8	81.5	81.0	81.1	n.y.a.
Age 25	55.0	56.9	57.2	57.8	57.3	57.4	n.y.a.
Age 45	35.5	37.4	37.5	38.3	37.7	37.9	n.y.a.
Age 65	17.9	19.7	19.5	20.1	19.7	19.8	n.y.a.

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) From 1994 onwards life expectation data are 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	229	237	210	260	250	209	232
Diseases of the circulatory system	447	341	325	326	312	280	332
Diseases of the respiratory system	111	87	80	80	58	41	52
Diseases of the digestive system	36	22	21	14	20	26	19
All other diseases	84	94	77	84	85	82	95
External causes	65	58	53	32	50	53	47
Females							
Neoplasms	176	159	125	129	130	149	135
Diseases of the circulatory system	275	218	234	206	239	174	210
Diseases of the respiratory system	46	37	40	34	38	27	34
Diseases of the digestive system	12	16	13	6	20	15	17
All other diseases	75	50	63	55	75	58	71
External causes	39	22	16	12	17	14	18
INFANT DEATHS							
Total infant deaths	35	36	28	19	21	21	25
Males	22	24	16	15	14	6	12
Females	13	12	12	4	7	15	13
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander infants	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	—	1	—	—
Males	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	—	1	—	—
Females	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	—	—	—	—
Infant mortality rate	8.5	7.6	6.3	4.3	4.7	4.8	5.7
Males	10.4	9.9	7.1	6.7	6.3	2.6	5.4
Females	6.5	5.2	5.5	1.8	3.1	7.1	6.0
Age at death							
Males							
Under 1 day	9	12	8	5	6	2	6
1 day to under 1 week	1	4	3	1	1	1	—
1 week to under 4 weeks	4	2	1	3	2	2	1
4 weeks to under 1 year	8	6	4	6	5	1	5
Females							
Under 1 day	5	3	8	—	5	5	4
1 day to under 1 week	3	2	1	1	1	1	2
1 week to under 4 weeks	2	—	1	1	—	4	2
4 weeks to under 1 year	3	7	2	2	1	5	5

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

5.2 DEATHS, Age at Death and Sex

Age at death (years)	Males	Females	Persons	Age at death (years)	Males	Females	Persons
Under 1	12	13	25	50	8	2	10
1	1	—	1	51	4	1	5
2	—	1	1	52	5	2	7
3	1	1	2	53	5	6	11
4	1	—	1	54	6	4	10
0-4	15	15	30	50-54	28	15	43
5	—	—	—	55	8	2	10
6	1	—	1	56	13	1	14
7	1	—	1	57	8	2	10
8	—	1	1	58	5	4	9
9	—	1	1	59	7	6	13
5-9	2	2	4	55-59	41	15	56
10	—	—	—	60	9	6	15
11	—	2	2	61	12	5	17
12	1	—	1	62	9	9	18
13	—	—	—	63	5	8	13
14	2	—	2	64	13	4	17
10-14	3	2	5	60-64	48	32	80
15	1	—	1	65	12	8	20
16	1	—	1	66	12	11	23
17	3	—	3	67	14	11	25
18	3	1	4	68	14	7	21
19	3	—	3	69	12	12	24
15-19	11	1	12	65-69	64	49	113
20	3	—	3	70	24	11	35
21	6	1	7	71	26	16	42
22	1	1	2	72	15	16	31
23	3	1	4	73	17	10	27
24	4	—	4	74	24	21	45
20-24	17	3	20	70-74	106	74	180
25	2	3	5	75	24	22	46
26	2	—	2	76	19	14	33
27	1	1	2	77	16	12	28
28	4	4	8	78	13	8	21
29	4	1	5	79	19	14	33
25-29	13	9	22	75-79	91	70	161
30	5	2	7	80	19	18	37
31	1	—	1	81	20	18	38
32	1	1	2	82	14	27	41
33	3	—	3	83	17	25	42
34	3	—	3	84	14	28	42
30-34	13	3	16	80-84	84	116	200
35	5	2	7	85	20	19	39
36	3	—	3	86	17	23	40
37	5	4	9	87	15	18	33
38	4	4	8	88	12	7	19
39	3	1	4	89	10	20	30
35-39	20	11	31	85-89	74	87	161
40	4	2	6	90	9	16	25
41	2	2	4	91	5	12	17
42	1	1	2	92	5	10	15
43	5	3	8	93	2	12	14
44	2	3	5	94	3	1	4
40-44	14	11	25	90-94	24	51	75
45	4	5	9	95-99	4	16	20
46	3	2	5	100 and over	—	3	3
47	2	6	8	Not stated	—	—	—
48	12	2	14				
49	5	2	7				
45-49	26	17	43	Total	698	802	1 300

5.3 DEATHS, Age at Death and 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	12	—	—	—	—	12	13	—	—	—	—	13
1-4	3	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	2
5-9	2	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	2
10-14	3	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	2
15-19	9	—	—	—	2	11	1	—	—	—	—	1
20-24	17	—	—	—	—	17	2	—	—	—	1	3
25-29	9	3	—	1	—	13	2	3	—	—	4	9
30-34	4	7	—	—	2	13	1	1	—	—	1	3
35-39	7	8	—	3	2	20	1	5	—	2	3	11
40-44	1	8	—	4	1	14	2	5	—	4	—	11
45-49	4	17	1	2	2	26	—	13	—	3	1	17
50-54	3	18	1	5	1	28	4	8	1	2	—	15
55-59	5	33	—	2	1	41	—	9	4	2	—	15
60-64	1	35	1	8	3	48	—	20	7	5	—	32
65-69	3	45	6	9	1	64	3	18	17	9	2	49
70-74	5	73	16	8	4	106	1	34	35	4	—	74
75-79	6	64	15	6	—	91	1	19	44	6	—	70
80-84	1	54	28	1	—	84	6	22	82	5	1	116
85-89	2	39	27	2	4	74	1	9	74	1	2	87
90-94	—	10	14	—	—	24	—	5	45	1	—	51
95-99	—	—	3	—	1	4	—	—	16	—	—	16
100 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	3
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	97	414	112	51	24	698	45	171	327	44	18	602

5.4 Expectation of Life(a)

Age (years)	ACT.....						AUST.....			
	1971.....		1981.....		1991.....		1994-96.....		1994-96.....	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
0	68.94	76.01	71.44	79.43	75.60	81.18	76.58	81.60	75.22	81.05
5	66.21	72.12	67.30	75.08	71.43	76.58	72.08	77.13	70.81	76.55
10	61.29	67.17	62.36	70.17	66.49	71.68	67.15	72.15	65.86	71.60
15	56.45	62.22	57.40	65.24	61.57	66.73	62.20	67.18	60.93	66.66
20	51.88	57.37	52.62	60.35	56.84	61.87	57.39	62.26	56.15	61.76
25	47.31	52.44	47.88	55.45	52.11	57.01	52.68	57.35	51.48	56.87
30	42.54	47.53	43.11	50.57	47.32	52.11	47.94	52.44	46.79	51.98
35	37.74	42.76	38.22	45.70	42.49	47.20	43.20	47.54	42.10	47.11
40	33.05	38.16	33.42	40.82	37.73	42.32	38.47	42.67	37.41	42.28
45	28.37	33.60	28.72	36.03	33.12	37.51	33.76	37.85	32.75	37.49
50	23.97	29.08	24.25	31.31	28.47	32.80	29.15	33.12	28.18	32.80
55	19.80	24.47	19.97	26.70	23.89	28.23	24.68	28.51	23.78	28.24
60	16.11	20.11	15.98	22.19	19.71	23.87	20.44	24.06	19.62	23.83
65	12.24	16.05	12.59	17.97	16.13	19.81	16.55	19.79	15.82	19.61
70	9.04	12.07	9.34	14.14	12.63	15.88	13.07	15.81	12.45	15.67
75	7.76	9.40	6.94	10.70	9.66	12.23	10.01	12.17	9.51	12.07
80	6.69	6.83	5.34	7.94	7.31	9.05	7.42	8.99	7.04	8.92
85	4.82	4.50	4.07	5.71	5.25	6.40	5.44	6.42	5.15	6.38
90	3.47	4.03	3.47	4.03	3.81	4.38	4.10	4.53	3.87	4.50
95	2.97	3.14	2.97	3.14	3.14	3.29	3.36	3.26	3.18	3.24

(a) Based on Annual Life Tables calculated by the Australian Statistician until 1994. From 1995 the life tables are 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 Expectation of Life(a)—1994–96

Age (years)	ACT.....		AUST.....		Age (years)	ACT.....		AUST.....	
	Males	Females	Males	Females		Males	Females	Males	Females
0	76.58	81.60	75.22	81.05	50	29.15	33.12	28.18	32.80
1	75.94	81.05	74.70	80.46	51	28.24	32.18	27.29	31.88
2	74.99	80.09	73.74	79.50	52	27.34	31.26	26.40	30.96
3	74.03	79.11	72.77	78.52	53	26.44	30.34	25.52	30.05
4	73.05	78.12	71.79	77.54	54	25.56	29.42	24.64	29.14
5	72.08	77.13	70.81	76.55	55	24.68	28.51	23.78	28.24
6	71.10	76.13	69.82	75.57	56	23.81	27.61	22.92	27.34
7	70.11	75.14	68.83	74.58	57	22.95	26.71	22.08	26.45
8	69.13	74.14	67.84	73.58	58	22.10	25.82	21.24	25.57
9	68.14	73.15	66.85	72.59	59	21.26	24.93	20.42	24.70
10	67.15	72.15	65.86	71.60	60	20.44	24.06	19.62	23.83
11	66.16	71.16	64.88	70.61	61	19.63	23.19	18.83	22.97
12	65.17	70.16	63.89	69.62	62	18.84	22.32	18.05	22.12
13	64.18	69.17	62.90	68.63	63	18.06	21.47	17.29	21.27
14	63.19	68.17	61.91	67.64	64	17.29	20.63	16.55	20.44
15	62.20	67.18	60.93	66.66	65	16.55	19.79	15.82	19.61
16	61.22	66.19	59.95	65.67	66	15.82	18.97	15.11	18.80
17	60.25	65.20	58.98	64.69	67	15.10	18.16	14.42	18.00
18	59.29	64.22	58.03	63.71	68	14.41	17.36	13.75	17.21
19	58.33	63.24	57.08	62.73	69	13.73	16.58	13.09	16.43
20	57.39	62.26	56.15	61.76	70	13.07	15.81	12.45	15.67
21	56.45	61.28	55.21	60.78	71	12.43	15.05	11.83	14.92
22	55.51	60.30	54.28	59.80	72	11.80	14.31	11.23	14.19
23	54.56	59.32	53.35	58.83	73	11.19	13.58	10.64	13.47
24	53.62	58.33	52.41	57.85	74	10.59	12.87	10.07	12.76
25	52.68	57.35	51.48	56.87	75	10.01	12.17	9.51	12.07
26	51.73	56.37	50.54	55.89	76	9.45	11.49	8.98	11.40
27	50.78	55.39	49.60	54.91	77	8.91	10.83	8.46	10.75
28	49.83	54.40	48.66	53.94	78	8.39	10.20	7.96	10.12
29	48.89	53.42	47.73	52.96	79	7.89	9.58	7.49	9.51
30	47.94	52.44	46.79	51.98	80	7.42	8.99	7.04	8.92
31	46.99	51.46	45.85	51.01	81	6.97	8.42	6.61	8.36
32	46.04	50.48	44.91	50.03	82	6.55	7.88	6.21	7.83
33	45.10	49.50	43.98	49.06	83	6.16	7.37	5.83	7.32
34	44.15	48.52	43.04	48.09	84	5.79	6.88	5.48	6.84
35	43.20	47.54	42.10	47.11	85	5.44	6.42	5.15	6.38
36	42.25	46.56	41.16	46.14	86	5.12	5.99	4.85	5.95
37	41.31	45.59	40.22	45.17	87	4.83	5.59	4.57	5.55
38	40.36	44.61	39.29	44.21	88	4.56	5.21	4.31	5.18
39	39.41	43.64	38.35	43.24	89	4.32	4.86	4.08	4.83
40	38.47	42.67	37.41	42.28	90	4.10	4.53	3.87	4.50
41	37.52	41.70	36.48	41.32	91	3.91	4.23	3.69	4.20
42	36.58	40.73	35.54	40.36	92	3.75	3.95	3.54	3.92
43	35.64	39.77	34.61	39.40	93	3.61	3.70	3.40	3.67
44	34.70	38.81	33.68	38.45	94	3.48	3.47	3.29	3.44
45	33.76	37.85	32.75	37.49	95	3.36	3.26	3.18	3.24
46	32.83	36.90	31.83	36.55	96	3.23	3.08	3.07	3.06
47	31.90	35.94	30.91	35.60	97	3.11	2.93	2.97	2.90
48	30.98	35.00	30.00	34.67	98	2.98	2.78	2.87	2.76
49	30.06	34.06	29.09	33.73	99	2.84	2.64	2.78	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	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	816	430	386	816
New Zealand	2	—	1	2	—	6	—	—	7	4	11
Other	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	2
Total	2	—	1	2	—	7	1	816	439	390	829
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR											
Austria	1	2	—	—	3	4	—	—	5	5	10
Former USSR & Baltic States	1	—	—	—	1	17	2	—	8	13	21
Former Yugoslav Republics	2	—	2	13	21	5	—	—	29	14	43
Germany	3	—	1	1	6	21	—	—	19	13	32
Greece	1	1	—	—	3	3	—	—	6	2	8
Hungary	—	—	—	—	2	7	—	—	8	1	9
Ireland	5	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	6	4	10
Italy	3	—	1	1	6	16	1	—	15	13	28
Malta	1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	3	4
Netherlands	—	—	—	—	3	9	1	—	5	8	13
Poland	2	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	5	6	11
United Kingdom	20	5	21	25	33	65	7	—	94	82	176
Other	1	—	1	5	8	11	1	—	17	10	27
Total	40	8	26	45	90	170	13	—	218	174	392
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA											
Total	3	1	1	2	1	3	—	—	5	6	11
SOUTHEAST ASIA											
Total	3	5	3	2	1	—	1	—	11	4	15
NORTHEAST ASIA											
Total	7	4	3	2	2	1	1	—	9	11	20
SOUTHERN ASIA											
Total	3	1	—	1	2	2	—	—	5	4	9
THE AMERICAS											
Chile	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	3	—	3
United States of America	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	2	2	4
Other	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—
Total	1	—	2	2	1	3	2	—	6	5	11
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)											
Total	3	—	1	1	1	1	1	—	3	5	8
Other and not stated	2	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	2	3	5
Total	64	19	37	57	98	188	21	816	698	602	1 300

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

NUMBER.....

Cause of death(a)	NUMBER.....			Percentage of all deaths	Rate(b)
	Males	Females	Persons		
Infectious and parasitic diseases (001-139)	9	9	18	1.4	5.9
Neoplasms (140-239)	214	168	382	29.4	124.2
Malignant neoplasms (140-208)	212	164	376	28.9	122.3
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders (240-279)	20	15	35	2.7	11.4
Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs (280-289)	4	2	6	0.5	2.0
Mental disorders (290-319)	17	15	32	2.5	10.4
Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs (320-389)	17	16	33	2.5	10.7
Diseases of the circulatory system (390-459)	266	256	522	40.2	169.8
Ischaemic heart disease (410-414)	160	113	273	21.0	88.8
Cerebrovascular disease (430-438)	53	81	134	10.3	43.6
Diseases of the respiratory system (460-519)	41	40	81	6.2	26.3
Diseases of the digestive system (520-579)	18	21	39	3.0	12.7
Diseases of the genito-urinary system (580-629)	11	14	25	1.9	8.1
Complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium (630-676)	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue (680-709)	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue (710-739)	1	5	6	0.5	2.0
Congenital anomalies (740-759)	6	2	8	0.6	2.6
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (760-779)	6	9	15	1.2	4.9
Symptoms, signs and ill-defined conditions (780-799)	4	2	6	0.5	2.0
Accidents, poisonings and violence (E800-E999)	64	28	92	7.1	29.9
Motor vehicle traffic accidents (E810-E819)	17	8	25	1.9	8.1
All causes of death	698	602	1 300	100.0	422.7

(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

Particulars	Heart disease	Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	Cerebro-vascular disease (incl. stroke)	Respiratory system diseases	Motor vehicle traffic accidents	Suicide	All causes
Numbers							
Males	200	212	53	41	17	26	698
Females	156	164	81	40	8	11	602
Persons	356	376	134	81	25	37	1 300
Proportions by sex (%)							
Males	56.2	56.4	39.6	50.6	68.0	70.3	53.7
Females	43.8	43.6	60.4	49.4	32.0	29.7	46.3
Persons	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Proportions by cause of death (%)							
Males	28.7	30.4	7.6	5.9	2.4	3.7	100.0
Females	25.9	27.2	13.5	6.6	1.3	1.8	100.0
Persons	27.4	28.9	10.3	6.2	1.9	2.8	100.0
Crude death rate(b)							
Males	128.9	136.6	34.1	26.4	11.0	16.8	449.7
Females	102.4	107.7	53.2	26.3	5.3	7.2	395.2
Persons	115.8	122.3	43.6	26.3	8.1	12.0	422.7
Standardised death rate(c)							
ACT	175.3	172.6	68.9	40.2	8.7	11.7	608.4
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	12	9	21	14	9	23	26	18	44
1991	16	13	29	16	5	21	32	18	50
1992	12	7	19	11	10	21	23	17	40
1993	9	12	21	9	2	11	18	14	32
1994	6	9	15	7	5	12	13	14	27
1995	13	9	22	5	9	14	18	18	36
1996	14	9	23	6	6	12	20	15	35
RATE									
1986	5.7	4.5	5.1	6.6	4.5	5.6	12.3	9.1	10.7
1991	6.5	5.6	6.1	6.6	2.2	4.4	13.1	7.7	10.5
1992	5.3	3.2	4.3	4.9	4.6	4.7	10.1	7.7	9.0
1993	4.0	5.6	4.7	4.0	0.9	2.5	8.0	6.4	7.2
1994	2.6	4.0	3.4	3.1	2.2	2.7	5.8	6.3	6.0
1995	5.6	4.2	5.0	2.2	4.2	3.2	7.8	8.4	8.1
1996	6.2	4.2	5.2	2.7	2.8	2.7	8.9	6.9	7.9

5.11 PERINATAL DEATHS, Selected Details

Particulars	1996.....					1986..
	Fetal deaths	Neonatal deaths	Males	Females	Persons	Perinatal deaths
AGE AT DEATH						
Less than 1 hour	—	3	3	—	3	7
1 hour to under 1 day	—	4	2	2	4	6
1 day to under 1 week	—	2	—	2	2	4
1 week to under 4 weeks	—	3	1	2	3	6
Total	—	12	6	6	12	23
WEIGHT AT DELIVERY (grams)						
500-999	5	6	5	6	11	17
1 000-1 999	6	2	7	1	8	6
2 000-2 999	8	3	5	6	11	8
3 000 or more	3	1	2	2	4	7
Not stated	1	—	1	—	1	6
Total	23	12	20	15	35	44
PERIOD OF GESTATION (weeks)						
Less than 28	7	6	7	6	13	17
28-36	8	2	8	2	10	11
37-41	7	4	4	7	11	10
42 or more	—	—	—	—	—	2
Not stated	1	—	1	—	1	4
Total	23	12	20	15	35	44
AGE GROUP OF MOTHER (years)						
Less than 20	2	—	2	—	2	—
20-24	3	3	4	2	6	8
25-29	9	4	8	5	13	10
30-34	3	2	1	4	5	10
35-39	1	—	—	1	1	5
40 or more	2	1	1	2	3	3
Not stated	3	2	4	1	5	8
Total	23	12	20	15	35	44

SECTION 6

DEATHS — YEAR OF OCCURRENCE (PRELIMINARY)

In 1996, 1,290 deaths occurred in the ACT. This is the highest number of deaths recorded over the past decade. The lowest number (1,000) occurred in 1987. There is usually an interval between the occurrence and registration of a death and, as a result of delays in registration, some deaths occurring in one year are not registered until the following year or even later. For the ACT it is estimated that about 94% of deaths that were registered in 1996 would have occurred in 1996.

MONTH OF OCCURRENCE

In the ACT, fewer deaths occurred in January and October than in any other month in 1996. The highest number of deaths occurred in May and August.

AGE AT DEATH

As with year of registration data, the ageing of the ACT's population is evident in year of occurrence data. In 1996, 44% of female deaths occurred at age 80 years or more compared to 31% in 1986. For males, 27% of deaths occurred at age 80 years or more in 1996 compared to 14% in 1986.

In 1996 male age-specific death rates exceeded or equalled female age-specific death rates in all but one instance. For the under one age group the female death rate was 7.6 per 1,000 live births while the corresponding male rate was 4.5. Caution should be used interpreting these rates as they are based on very small numbers of deaths.

6.1 DEATHS, Month of Occurrence

Month of occurrence	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
NUMBER							
January	89	97	88	83	105	96	87
February	87	77	74	71	84	65	95
March	71	109	79	100	96	93	98
April	69	84	88	78	81	97	119
May	82	105	74	94	113	116	131
June	88	104	120	111	95	108	112
July	104	108	97	95	117	82	116
August	100	91	82	91	114	101	123
September	83	91	100	99	96	92	111
October	82	71	78	86	132	96	92
November	71	82	81	113	98	101	106
December	86	103	85	92	91	99	95
Total	1 012	1 122	1 046	1 113	1 222	1 146	1 285

RATE

Crude death rate	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.7	4.1	3.8	4.2
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DEATHS PER DAY

January	2.9	3.1	2.8	2.7	3.4	3.1	2.8
February	3.1	2.8	2.6	2.5	3.0	2.3	3.3
March	2.3	3.5	2.5	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.2
April	2.3	2.8	2.9	2.6	2.7	3.2	4.0
May	2.6	3.4	2.4	3.0	3.6	3.7	4.2
June	2.9	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.2	3.6	3.7
July	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.1	3.8	2.6	3.7
August	3.2	2.9	2.6	2.9	3.7	3.3	4.0
September	2.8	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.7
October	2.6	2.3	2.5	2.8	4.3	3.1	3.0
November	2.4	2.7	2.7	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.5
December	2.8	3.3	2.7	3.0	2.9	3.2	3.1

6.2 DEATHS, Age at Death

Age group (years)	MALES.....			FEMALES.....		
	1986	1991	1996	1986	1991	1996
Under 1	21	25	10	13	12	16
1-4	6	2	3	1	2	2
5-9	1	2	2	1	3	2
10-14	6	3	2	—	2	2
15-19	11	14	14	6	6	1
20-24	18	15	15	6	4	3
25-29	5	13	13	2	6	9
30-34	11	12	13	3	5	3
35-39	13	14	19	14	7	10
40-44	15	29	12	10	12	11
45-49	16	21	27	16	16	17
50-54	24	21	28	16	21	15
55-59	48	33	38	22	24	13
60-64	59	69	49	34	32	30
65-69	66	79	60	52	44	48
70-74	80	73	110	59	50	75
75-79	70	76	95	65	73	71
80-84	48	64	82	43	70	105
85 and over	30	54	104	101	114	156
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	548	619	696	464	503	589

6.3 DEATHS, Age-specific Death Rates

Age group (years)	MALES.....			FEMALES.....		
	1986	1991	1996	1986	1991	1996
Under 1	9.9	10.5	4.5	6.5	5.4	7.6
1-4	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2
5-9	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2
10-14	0.5	0.3	0.2	—	0.2	0.2
15-19	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.1
20-24	1.5	1.1	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.2
25-29	0.4	1.0	1.0	0.2	0.5	0.7
30-34	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.3	0.4	0.2
35-39	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.1	0.6	0.8
40-44	1.6	2.3	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.9
45-49	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.4	1.8	1.4
50-54	4.4	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.3	1.8
55-59	10.3	6.6	6.2	5.1	5.1	2.2
60-64	15.5	16.6	10.8	8.6	7.9	6.8
65-69	27.7	23.3	16.3	18.9	11.6	12.3
70-74	50.5	34.9	37.6	27.5	18.5	21.1
75-79	78.6	59.2	55.4	47.1	38.0	29.2
80-84	112.9	101.1	90.4	55.4	62.0	64.9
85 and over	146.3	181.2	220.3	168.9	147.1	136.4

6.4 INFANT DEATHS, Month of Occurrence

Month of occurrence	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
NUMBER							
January	2	5	3	—	3	1	3
February	1	—	1	5	1	1	1
March	2	3	4	3	1	3	1
April	—	6	—	3	1	1	2
May	4	3	4	—	2	1	5
June	8	5	2	1	—	4	2
July	4	2	2	1	3	1	3
August	3	2	3	1	1	2	1
September	4	3	4	1	3	—	3
October	2	2	2	—	1	3	—
November	2	4	2	1	—	4	1
December	2	2	2	4	1	3	4
Total	34	37	29	20	17	24	26
RATE							
Infant mortality rate	8.3	8.0	8.5	4.5	3.7	5.4	6.0

SECTION 7

MARRIAGES REGISTERED

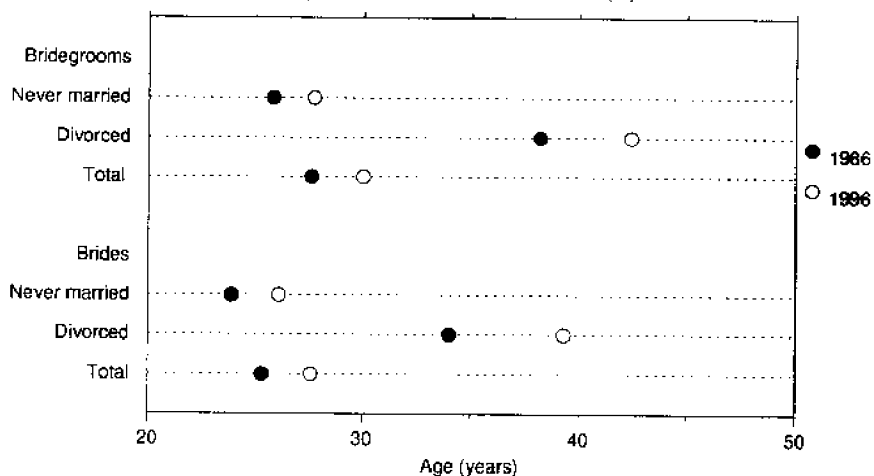
There were 1,650 marriages registered in the ACT in 1996. This was a decrease of 11% on the number registered in 1986 (1,860). The crude marriage rate, the number of marriages per 1,000 population, continued the downward trend, from 5.8 per 1,000 population in 1995 to 5.4 per 1,000 population in 1996. This rate has fallen from 7.2 in 1986 (25%). The national rate in 1996 was 5.8 per 1,000 population.

MARRIAGE AGE

The median age at marriage (the age at which there are as many marrying above the age as there are marrying below it) for both men and women marrying in the ACT continued to increase in 1996. The median age at marriage for bridegrooms increased from 27.6 years in 1986 to 30.0 years in 1996 and for brides from 25.3 years in 1986 to 27.6 years in 1996. The median age of all bridegrooms was 2.4 years higher than that of all brides marrying in 1996.

The median age for men and women marrying for the first time in 1996 was 27.7 years for men and 26.1 years for women.

MEDIAN AGE AT MARRIAGE, Selected Marital Status(a)

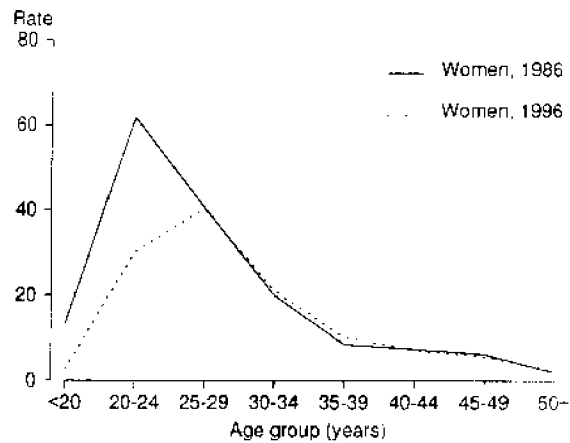
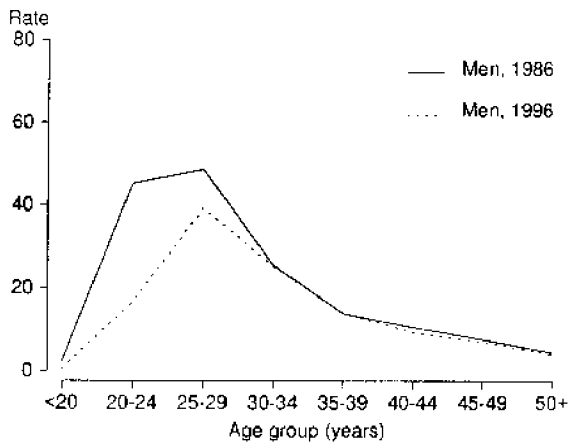


(a) Details for widowed males and females are not provided as, due to the small numbers involved, they are not statistically reliable.

Age of parties at marriage

In 1996 the proportion of men who married aged 30 years or more was 50% compared to 38% in 1986. For women the comparative percentages were 38% and 27% respectively.

MARRIAGE RATES(a)



(a) Per 1,000 men or women in each age group. Males and females aged under 15 are excluded from the population.

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 by 20%. For women the peak age group moved from 20-24 years to 25-29 years. However, the marriage rate for this group was the same as the 1986 rate.

Age-specific marriage rates, below age 50 for both men and women, were all lower than those recorded nationally. The ACT recorded marginally higher rates than the national rate for the 50 and over group for both men and women.

MARRIAGE RATES(a)

Age groups (years)	ACT.....		AUST.....	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
19 and under	0.7	2.7	1.0	5.5
20-24	16.6	30.3	27.5	45.9
25-29	39.2	40.6	48.8	46.5
30-34	25.3	21.2	28.7	22.2
35-39	14.1	10.3	15.4	11.4
40-44	9.3	7.3	9.5	7.5
45-49	7.1	5.7	7.3	5.8
50 and over	4.1	2.4	3.5	1.9

(a) Per 1,000 men or women in each age group. Males and females aged under 15 are excluded from the population.

Category of celebrant

The percentage of marriages performed in the ACT by ministers of religion fell from 57% in 1986 to 53% in 1996. 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 (47% of all marriages) 64% of men and 63% of women had never been in a registered marriage.

In 1996, 22% of all marriages performed in the ACT were by Catholic priests while 14% were by Anglican ministers.

Birthplace of parties

Men and women married in the ACT in 1996 were most likely to have been born in Australia, the United Kingdom, Former Yugoslav Republic, New Zealand, Viet Nam, Germany, China or the United States of America. Australian-born men and women were involved in 75% of all marriages registered. Men and women born in the other seven countries accounted for 14% and 13% of marriages respectively. Of the marriages registered in the ACT in 1996, 61% were marriages between couples both born in Australia.

7.1 MARRIAGES, Summary(a)

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
ALL MARRIAGES							
Marriages registered	1 856	1 886	1 791	1 783	1 661	1 753	1 654
Crude marriage rate	7.2	6.5	6.1	6.0	5.5	5.8	5.4
Previous marital status							
First marriage both partners	1 207	1 251	1 199	1 200	1 139	1 164	1 114
First marriage one partner	380	365	319	322	302	330	285
Remarriage both partners	269	270	273	261	220	259	255
Marriages performed by							
Ministers of religion							
Number	1 058	1 049	978	998	927	n.a.	869
Proportion (%)	57.0	55.6	54.6	56.0	55.8	n.a.	52.5
Civil celebrants							
Number	798	837	813	785	734	n.a.	785
Proportion (%)	43.0	44.4	45.4	44.0	44.2	n.a.	47.5
BRIDEGROOM							
Age-specific marriage rate							
Age group (years)							
19 and under	2.4	1.6	1.0	0.7	0.9	1.1	0.7
20-24	45.3	31.3	28.4	26.2	22.7	22.5	16.6
25-29	48.7	49.8	48.6	44.3	41.1	42.6	39.2
30-34	25.6	29.8	23.0	27.8	27.5	23.2	25.3
35-39	14.0	13.1	13.7	12.7	12.0	15.4	14.1
40-44	10.6	10.1	9.4	10.0	8.2	8.3	9.3
45-49	7.8	7.2	8.7	6.0	5.2	7.6	7.1
50 and over	4.6	4.2	3.6	3.7	3.3	4.1	4.1
Marital status of bridegroom							
Never married	1 380	1 428	1 341	1 347	1 269	1 322	1 251
Widowed	39	38	34	31	29	30	38
Divorced	437	420	416	405	363	401	365
Total	1 856	1 886	1 791	1 783	1 661	1 753	1 654
Median age of bridegroom (years)							
Never married	25.8	27.0	26.7	27.1	27.2	27.2	27.7
Widowed	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Divorced	38.2	40.2	41.1	40.7	40.2	42.2	42.4
Total	27.6	28.8	28.6	29.0	28.9	29.2	30.0
BRIDE							
Age-specific marriage rate							
Age group (years)							
19 and under	13.3	6.1	4.5	4.4	3.4	2.8	2.7
20-24	61.7	50.7	46.0	41.6	38.4	39.1	30.3
25-29	40.6	43.2	43.2	40.4	39.0	41.1	40.6
30-34	20.0	19.2	15.4	20.4	20.3	18.0	21.2
35-39	8.6	11.9	10.6	11.3	9.5	10.4	10.3
40-44	7.5	7.0	7.5	6.2	5.4	7.2	7.3
45-49	6.4	5.8	5.8	4.4	3.5	6.3	5.7
50 and over	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.3	2.0	2.4	2.4
Marital status of bride							
Never married	1 414	1 439	1 376	1 375	1 311	1 336	1 262
Widowed	41	29	30	34	24	39	27
Divorced	401	418	385	374	326	378	365
Total	1 856	1 886	1 791	1 783	1 661	1 753	1 654
Median age of bride (years)							
Never married	23.9	24.8	24.9	25.1	25.2	25.3	26.1
Widowed	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Divorced	34.0	36.2	37.2	36.7	37.6	38.9	39.3
Total	25.3	26.2	26.3	26.6	26.6	26.7	27.6

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) Not statistically reliable due to small numbers involved.

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	15.8	7.9	5.1	2.5	1.7	0.6
20-24	133.7	103.1	81.1	56.7	36.6	21.6
25-29	173.9	138.8	117.1	95.7	89.7	67.4
30-34	137.5	107.0	85.6	85.7	82.5	66.9
35-39	76.7	72.2	44.7	46.1	44.2	43.2
40-44	40.5	43.6	34.3	31.3	33.9	32.4
45 and over	18.4	12.8	11.0	13.1	9.2	9.0
Age of bride						
15-19	64.8	38.7	21.8	14.2	6.3	2.7
20-24	219.0	150.2	128.6	92.4	65.5	39.6
25-29	156.5	149.6	115.1	112.9	102.8	81.8
30-34	137.6	83.3	85.0	79.0	67.8	63.1
35-39	67.3	41.6	28.6	46.6	41.6	27.0
40-44	56.2	30.2	21.9	22.6	21.4	20.9
45 and over	15.8	5.8	9.4	7.7	5.3	6.1
REMARRIAGES						
Age of bridegroom						
15-19	—	—	—	—	—	—
20-24	263.2	230.8	155.6	151.5	14.9	37.0
25-29	434.0	287.4	262.1	192.6	163.4	81.3
30-34	379.7	353.7	238.1	151.4	153.7	101.3
35-39	284.1	261.1	171.9	143.4	102.5	87.0
40-44	226.2	196.4	132.1	120.5	89.9	57.2
45-49	116.8	181.8	121.6	89.4	76.0	61.0
50-54	105.7	131.2	61.1	74.6	59.7	50.4
55-59	156.0	129.3	97.5	58.5	56.9	41.3
60-64	39.2	33.7	24.4	21.2	19.3	19.3
Age of bride						
15-19	n.p.	n.p.	—	—	—	—
20-24	348.8	309.1	241.6	196.7	87.7	44.8
25-29	284.2	327.6	169.3	191.0	162.1	100.2
30-34	216.7	201.7	136.7	127.7	98.7	74.7
35-39	153.8	157.9	76.4	58.6	80.6	57.1
40-44	44.8	107.1	59.4	55.2	44.4	35.9
45-49	54.5	49.2	45.5	45.6	35.9	30.4
50-54	41.1	36.5	30.8	19.7	25.0	23.7
55-59	15.3	18.6	16.6	14.1	7.9	16.5
60 and over	4.2	5.3	1.7	2.6	2.1	1.6

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

7.3 MARRIAGES, Previous Marital Status of Parties

Previous marital status of bride.....

Previous marital status of bridegroom	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
NUMBER				
Never married	1 114	8	129	1 251
Widowed	8	10	20	38
Divorced	140	9	216	365
Total	1 262	27	365	1 654
PROPORTION (%)				
Never married	67.4	0.5	7.8	75.6
Widowed	0.5	0.6	1.2	2.3
Divorced	8.5	0.5	13.1	22.1
Total	76.3	1.6	22.1	100.0

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	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	2	—	—	2	12	—	—	12
19	6	—	—	6	20	—	—	20
20	14	—	—	14	43	—	—	43
21	32	—	—	32	60	—	—	60
22	64	—	—	64	87	—	—	87
23	62	—	—	62	127	—	—	127
24	101	—	1	102	144	—	3	147
25	128	—	—	128	129	1	6	136
26	136	—	1	137	127	—	7	134
27	112	—	2	114	97	—	5	102
28	83	—	5	88	79	—	12	91
29	69	—	9	78	56	1	13	70
30-34	274	—	61	335	197	—	72	269
35-39	103	4	71	178	51	4	74	129
40-44	46	2	60	108	22	3	61	86
45-49	12	5	69	86	6	2	60	68
50-54	3	7	39	49	3	6	30	39
55-59	1	5	22	28	2	1	19	22
60 and over	3	15	25	43	—	9	3	12
Total	1 251	38	365	1 654	1 262	27	365	1 654

7.5 MARRIAGES, Age of Parties

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

Age group of bridegroom (years)	17 and under	18	19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Total
17 and under	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
19	—	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
20-24	—	5	15	189	50	11	4	—	—	—	—	—	274
25-29	—	3	2	211	272	46	9	1	1	—	—	—	545
30-34	—	—	—	48	150	96	32	8	1	—	—	—	335
35-39	—	1	—	8	37	78	39	9	6	—	—	—	178
40-44	—	—	—	3	12	27	20	34	11	—	1	—	108
45-49	—	—	—	2	6	9	19	17	22	8	3	—	86
50-54	—	—	—	1	3	2	5	9	19	10	—	—	49
55-59	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	4	6	11	4	1	28
60 and over	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	4	2	10	14	11	43
Total	—	12	20	464	533	269	129	86	68	39	22	12	1 654

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	1 008	—	231	1 239	1 008	—	239	1 247
Fiji	—	2	3	5	1	2	1	4
New Zealand	16	3	4	23	23	3	6	32
Other	8	1	3	12	15	1	7	23
<i>Total</i>	1 032	6	241	1 279	1 047	6	253	1 306
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Austria	1	—	2	3	—	—	1	1
Former USSR & Baltic States	2	2	1	5	3	2	1	6
Former Yugoslav Republics	18	16	6	40	5	16	3	24
Germany	13	3	5	21	7	3	3	13
Greece	6	—	1	7	2	—	1	3
Hungary	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	1
Ireland	2	—	—	2	3	—	—	3
Italy	9	—	5	14	2	—	3	5
Malta	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Netherlands	6	—	4	10	5	—	3	8
Poland	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	4
United Kingdom	82	10	19	111	63	10	14	87
Other	11	1	5	17	8	1	6	15
<i>Total</i>	153	33	49	235	101	33	36	170
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
Egypt	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Lebanon	5	1	—	6	1	1	—	2
Turkey	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other	2	—	—	2	2	—	—	2
<i>Total</i>	7	1	1	9	3	1	1	5
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Indonesia	1	1	1	3	2	1	—	3
Malaysia	5	3	2	10	8	3	2	13
Philippines	2	2	—	4	8	2	7	17
Singapore	2	1	—	3	2	1	1	4
Thailand	2	1	1	4	7	1	2	10
Viet Nam	1	13	2	16	3	13	3	19
Other	1	6	1	8	3	6	3	12
<i>Total</i>	14	27	7	48	33	27	18	78

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	2	9	1	12	6	9	4	19
Hong Kong	4	3	3	10	3	3	2	8
Other	2	1	—	3	6	1	1	8
<i>Total</i>	8	13	4	25	15	13	7	35
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	3	1	—	4	2	1	2	5
Sri Lanka	—	2	—	2	1	2	—	3
Other	—	2	—	2	1	2	—	3
<i>Total</i>	3	5	—	8	4	5	2	11
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	9	—	—	9	6	—	3	9
Chile	2	2	2	6	2	2	—	4
United States of America	7	—	8	15	13	—	3	16
Other	3	—	4	7	6	—	2	8
<i>Total</i>	21	2	14	37	27	2	8	37
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	4	—	—	4	3	—	—	3
Other	5	1	3	9	6	1	2	9
<i>Total</i>	9	1	3	13	9	1	2	12
Other and not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1 247	88	319	1 654	1 239	88	327	1 654

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
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Never married	Widowed	Divorced		
RELIGIOUS(a)								
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%
Anglican	196	7	35	199	7	32	238	14.4
Baptist	15	—	4	16	1	2	19	1.1
Catholic	344	3	12	346	3	10	359	21.7
Churches of Chnst	6	—	2	8	—	—	8	0.5
Lutheran	6	1	4	7	1	3	11	0.7
Orthodox	40	1	3	41	—	3	44	2.7
Presbyterian	32	—	6	35	—	3	38	2.3
Uniting Church	50	2	13	48	2	15	65	3.9
Other denominations	61	2	24	65	—	22	87	5.3
<i>All religious rites</i>	750	16	103	765	14	90	869	52.5
CIVIL								
Official registrars	124	8	68	129	5	66	290	12.1
Other civil celebrants	377	14	194	368	8	209	585	35.4
<i>All civil rites</i>	501	22	262	497	13	275	785	47.5
TOTAL								
Number	1 251	38	385	1 262	27	365	1 654	100.0
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Proportion	75.6	2.3	22.1	76.3	1.6	22.1	100.0	

(a) Under 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	218	68	40	15	3	—	344
Two	31	6	12	2	3	—	54
Three or more	2	—	2	—	1	—	5
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	251	74	54	17	7	—	403
BRIDE							
One	186	71	51	16	4	3	331
Two	39	6	10	—	—	—	55
Three or more	4	1	1	—	—	—	6
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	229	78	62	16	4	3	392

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	—	38	38	—	37	37
1	11	73	84	3	63	66
2	7	50	57	6	50	56
3	5	33	38	4	40	44
4	5	39	44	3	31	34
0-4	28	233	261	16	221	237
5	3	26	29	1	25	26
6	1	18	19	2	17	19
7	2	13	15	—	16	16
8	—	9	9	1	12	13
9	1	12	13	4	8	12
5-9	7	78	85	8	78	86
10-14	2	31	33	1	38	39
15-19	1	10	11	1	18	19
20 and over	—	7	7	1	5	6
Not stated	—	6	6	—	5	5
All remarriages	38	365	403	27	365	392

SECTION 8

DIVORCES GRANTED

In 1996 there were 1,610 divorces granted in the ACT. Many people involved in these divorces actually lived outside the ACT, the the surrounding region (see paragraph 18 of Explanatory Notes). This was 2% below the number granted in 1986 (1,640). It was the second lowest number of divorces recorded during the last decade (1,600 in 1987). During this period divorces peaked at 2,070 in 1994.

AGE AT DIVORCE

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. Between 1986 and 1996 the median rose by 3.2 years for men and 3.3 years for women. The median age at divorce in 1996 was 40.6 years for husbands and 37.9 years for wives. The increase is, in part, a result of people waiting longer to marry.

Similarly, the median age at separation also continued to rise. Over the 10 year period 1986 to 1996 the median age at separation increased by 2.7 years for husbands and 2.8 years for wives.

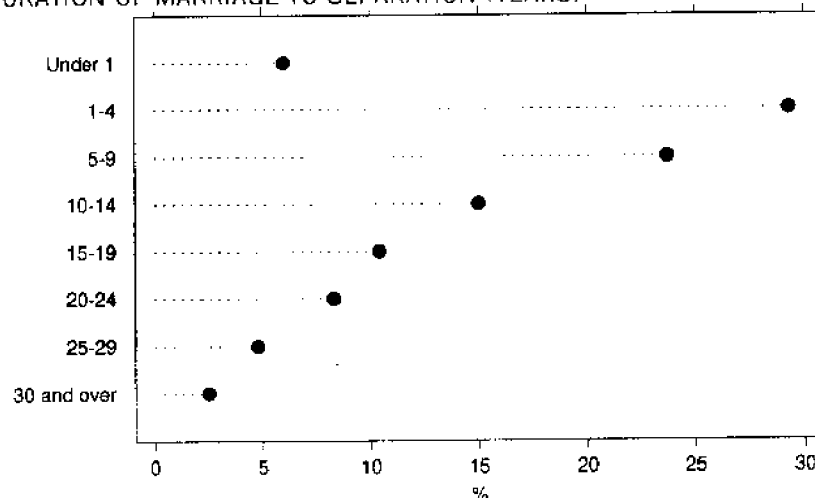
DURATION OF MARRIAGE

Duration of marriage is the interval between the date of marriage and the date the divorce was made absolute. In 1996 the median duration of marriage in the ACT was 11.3 years. Over the last 10 years this figure, although fluctuating, has not fallen below 10.6 years (1988) or risen above 11.7 years (1991).

The median duration of marriage to the time parties separate also fluctuated between 1986 and 1996. The median has consistently been above 7 years and below 10 years, with a low of 7.8 years (1994) and a high of 9.2 years (1991). In 1996 the median duration of marriage to separation was 7.9 years.

Around 35% of couples who obtained a divorce in the ACT in 1996 had separated within the first five years of marriage, 6% of these separated in the first year.

DURATION OF MARRIAGE TO SEPARATION (YEARS)



APPLICANT FOR DIVORCE

In 1996, 26% of divorces were the result of joint applications by both husband and wife compared with 6% in 1986. Husbands lodged 32% and wives lodged 43% of all divorces granted in 1996. Comparative percentages for 1986 were 38% and 56% respectively.

Divorces involving children under 18

In 1996 there were less children involved in divorce than there were in 1986. At the time of application for divorce nearly 56% of divorces granted in the ACT in 1996 involved at least one child under the age of 18 years (64% in 1986). Around 1,720 children were involved in 908 divorces where there were children compared with 2,103 children involved in 1,056 divorces in 1986.

Of the divorces granted in 1996 where children were involved, 37% involved one child while an additional 43% involved two children, compared with 32% and 44% respectively.

Birthplace of parties

In 1996, 64% of all divorces granted in the ACT were to parties who were both born in Australia. Divorces where both parties were born in the same overseas country represented 7% of all divorces granted.

8.1 DIVORCES, Summary(a)

	1986	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
ALL DIVORCES							
Divorces granted	1 641	1 970	1 875	2 061	2 071	1 787	1 610
Crude divorce rate	6.3	6.8	6.4	6.9	6.9	5.9	5.2
Median duration of marriage (years)	11.0	11.7	11.5	11.4	11.1	11.5	11.3
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	8.1	9.2	8.4	8.3	7.8	8.1	7.9
Divorces involving children							
Number	1 056	1 246	1 115	1 244	1 238	n.a.	908
Percentage of total divorces	64.4	63.2	59.5	60.4	59.8	n.a.	56.4
Average number of children	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0	n.a.	1.9
Applicant							
Husband	625	672	630	691	752	612	511
Wife	925	952	917	1 024	1 023	842	687
Joint	91	346	328	346	296	333	412
HUSBAND							
Marital status at marriage (number)							
Never married	1 409	1 655	1 595	1 716	1 722	n.a.	n.a.
Widowed	19	20	15	17	14	n.a.	n.a.
Divorced	213	295	265	328	335	n.a.	n.a.
Total	1 641	1 970	1 875	2 061	2 071	n.a.	n.a.
Median age (years)							
At marriage	23.9	24.5	24.5	25.1	25.3	25.3	25.9
At final separation	34.6	36.4	35.9	36.3	36.0	36.6	37.3
At decree made absolute	37.4	39.1	38.8	39.4	39.3	39.9	40.6
WIFE							
Marital status at marriage (number)							
Never married	1 396	1 683	1 609	1 752	1 732	n.a.	n.a.
Widowed	22	23	21	29	15	n.a.	n.a.
Divorced	223	264	245	280	324	n.a.	n.a.
Total	1 641	1 970	1 875	2 061	2 071	n.a.	n.a.
Median age (years)							
At marriage	21.5	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.6	22.8	23.4
At final separation	31.8	33.4	33.3	33.3	33.3	34.0	34.6
At decree made absolute	34.6	36.0	36.1	36.5	36.5	37.3	37.9

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

8.2 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Marriage and 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	2	1	1	2	1	2	—	12
2	2	13	24	11	5	5	6	3	—	69
3	1	32	17	17	9	3	3	8	—	90
4	3	21	22	30	7	7	3	4	—	97
5	3	32	33	9	12	6	4	3	—	102
6	—	21	40	16	9	6	2	2	2	98
7	4	28	25	10	10	6	2	3	1	89
8	3	21	18	14	11	3	3	2	—	75
9	—	21	31	11	6	5	1	1	—	76
10-14	10	125	102	50	22	12	2	5	—	328
15-19	8	89	59	24	7	6	4	2	—	199
20-24	18	90	29	16	2	1	2	—	1	159
25-29	6	84	32	6	1	—	—	—	1	130
30 and over	6	54	22	3	—	1	—	—	—	86
Total	64	634	458	218	102	63	33	35	5	1 610
WIFE										
1	—	4	2	1	3	—	1	1	—	12
2	1	27	15	10	7	4	2	1	2	69
3	5	37	18	11	8	4	1	6	—	90
4	9	36	25	11	8	4	3	1	—	97
5	11	41	25	11	8	2	2	1	1	102
6	3	42	23	15	7	3	2	2	1	98
7	12	41	15	9	4	2	4	1	1	89
8	6	33	17	9	6	1	—	2	1	75
9	3	36	22	9	1	3	1	1	—	76
10-14	59	138	71	37	15	5	—	2	1	328
15-19	39	94	35	13	7	4	5	1	1	199
20-24	56	70	26	2	2	—	1	1	1	159
25-29	42	68	14	2	1	1	—	—	2	130
30 and over	27	49	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	86
Total	273	716	315	143	77	33	22	20	11	1 610

8.3 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Final Separation and 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
HUSBAND											
Under 1	—	20	27	20	8	7	6	4	3	1	96
1	—	24	41	21	21	5	8	2	7	—	129
2	—	13	34	22	28	8	3	3	—	1	112
3	—	9	34	27	17	12	7	1	4	1	112
4	—	6	38	39	13	9	7	6	—	—	118
5	—	1	29	37	21	13	6	1	6	—	114
6	—	—	15	18	14	8	7	1	—	—	63
7	—	—	7	32	16	7	4	2	2	—	70
8	—	—	3	35	13	7	2	1	2	—	63
9	—	—	2	27	27	4	7	3	2	—	72
10-14	—	—	—	50	111	55	14	3	9	—	242
15-19	—	—	—	3	59	68	23	8	6	—	167
20-24	—	—	—	—	—	47	61	21	4	—	133
25-29	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	36	9	1	78
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	11	28	—	40
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	—	73	230	331	348	250	188	103	82	5	1 610

WIFE

Under 1	3	31	23	11	14	3	4	2	2	3	96
1	3	45	30	23	10	7	4	3	4	—	129
2	1	24	40	23	11	5	6	1	—	1	112
3	—	27	39	18	15	6	4	—	1	2	112
4	—	21	45	27	10	8	5	1	1	—	118
5	—	8	54	28	9	8	1	4	2	—	114
6	—	—	25	21	8	7	1	—	1	—	63
7	—	—	22	29	10	4	1	2	2	—	70
8	—	—	17	29	12	3	1	—	1	—	63
9	—	—	10	33	15	10	2	2	—	—	72
10-14	—	—	11	97	89	25	13	5	1	1	242
15-19	—	—	—	11	83	48	13	3	8	1	167
20-24	—	—	—	—	7	76	40	7	3	—	133
25-29	—	—	—	—	—	7	46	17	6	2	78
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	13	24	—	40
Total stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	7	158	316	350	293	217	144	60	56	11	1 610

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	15	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19
25-29	28	96	14	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	144
30-34	8	99	151	15	9	—	—	—	—	—	282
35-39	1	24	116	141	30	6	—	—	—	2	320
40-44	1	8	30	96	117	27	5	1	—	2	287
45-49	—	—	17	39	82	88	15	3	2	—	246
50-54	—	—	3	6	23	66	51	13	4	1	167
55-59	1	—	—	3	6	13	25	15	5	—	68
60 and over	—	—	—	—	3	6	9	16	37	1	72
Not stated	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	3	5
Total	54	230	332	305	270	206	106	48	48	11	1 610

8.5 DIVORCES, Children of the Marriage(a) and Duration of Marriage

NUMBER OF CHILDREN.....

Duration of marriage (years)	0	1	2	3	4 or more	All divorces	All children	Average number of children(b)
1	8	4	—	—	—	12	4	1.0
2	49	8	10	1	1	69	35	1.8
3	61	18	10	1	—	90	41	1.4
4	59	27	9	2	—	97	51	1.3
5	56	19	22	4	1	102	79	1.7
6	41	24	25	6	2	98	100	1.8
7	38	18	21	11	1	89	97	1.9
8	27	17	21	7	3	75	92	1.9
9	28	18	24	4	2	76	87	1.8
10-14	68	73	118	53	16	328	533	2.0
15-19	29	42	78	34	16	199	367	2.2
20-24	60	38	44	14	3	159	183	1.8
25-29	98	24	6	2	—	130	42	1.3
30 and over	80	4	1	1	—	86	9	1.5
Total	702	334	389	140	45	1 610	1 720	1.9

(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	1 023	..	168	1 191	1 023	..	212	1 235
Fiji	2	1	—	3	2	1	1	4
New Zealand	12	5	7	24	9	5	5	19
Other	4	1	—	5	4	1	2	7
<i>Total</i>	<i>1 041</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>175</i>	<i>1 223</i>	<i>1 038</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>220</i>	<i>1 265</i>
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Austria	2	1	2	5	2	1	—	3
Former USSR & Baltic States	3	2	—	5	1	2	—	3
Former Yugoslav Republics	6	9	4	19	3	9	1	13
Germany	7	5	13	25	14	5	4	23
Greece	1	5	3	9	2	5	1	8
Hungary	1	2	—	3	—	2	—	2
Ireland	4	1	2	7	2	1	1	4
Italy	5	4	2	11	1	4	3	8
Malta	4	—	1	5	1	—	2	3
Netherlands	11	2	4	17	4	2	3	9
Poland	2	3	1	6	1	3	1	5
United Kingdom	91	28	22	141	60	28	22	110
Other	17	3	9	29	13	3	9	25
<i>Total</i>	<i>154</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>282</i>	<i>104</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>216</i>
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
Egypt	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
Lebanon	1	2	1	4	—	2	—	2
Turkey	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	2	—	2	4	1	—	1	2
<i>Total</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Indonesia	1	—	—	1	2	—	3	5
Malaysia	4	2	1	7	3	2	3	8
Philippines	—	—	1	1	6	—	4	10
Singapore	—	—	1	1	1	—	2	3
Thailand	—	1	1	2	1	1	1	3
Viet Nam	—	10	—	10	1	10	—	11
Other	—	3	—	3	—	3	2	5
<i>Total</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>45</i>

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.....			
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total
NORTHEAST ASIA								
China	—	11	—	11	4	11	4	19
Hong Kong	3	—	2	5	—	—	1	1
Other	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	1
<i>Total</i>	4	11	2	17	5	11	5	21
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	3	2	1	6	1	2	1	4
Sri Lanka	1	1	1	3	—	1	—	1
Other	4	1	—	5	—	1	—	1
<i>Total</i>	8	4	2	14	1	4	1	6
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	2	1	3	6	5	1	1	7
Chile	—	3	—	3	—	3	2	5
United States of America	5	1	3	9	9	1	4	14
Other	1	—	—	1	4	—	3	7
<i>Total</i>	8	5	6	19	18	5	10	33
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	3	1	3	7	2	1	1	4
Other	6	—	3	9	4	—	5	9
<i>Total</i>	9	1	6	16	6	1	6	13
Other and not stated	—	3	—	3	4	3	—	7
Total	1 235	114	261	1 610	1 191	114	305	1 610

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 (ERP) 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. For example the number of births that occurred to mothers usually resident in Jervis Bay Territory was 18 in 1996 and the number of deaths of persons usually resident in Jervis Bay Territory was one. Marriages registered and divorces granted in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) may include some persons resident in Jervis Bay Territory.

POPULATION

Population estimates

4 This section consists of ERP, with information on overseas arrivals and departures and net interstate migration.

5 Estimates of the population of ACT 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* (Cat. no. 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 which had been registered by 30 June 1997.

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 which had been registered by 30 June 1997.

15 Life tables are shown in tables 5.4 and 5.5 and summarise expectation of life. From 1995 these life tables are based on deaths occurring in the reference and previous two years. They are produced at the Australian, 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 ACT 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. Due to the large number of divorces granted in the ACT where usual residence was in another State, the rates for the ACT are not representative of the ACT population. The number of divorces shown for the ACT is dependent on the number of cases heard by the Family Court in the ACT. As there is no residential requirement under Family Law, applicants may be resident anywhere in Australia.

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.

DIVORCES *continued*

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.

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.

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

25 The geographic boundaries for small area data are defined in the *Statistical Geography: Volume 1 Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC), Edition 5* (Cat. no. 1216.0).

26 The boundaries used for births and deaths statistics are the Statistical Local Area boundaries at 1 July 1996.

27 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) (Cat. no. 1269.0).

28 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

29 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

30 Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

- Australian Capital Territory at a Glance* (Cat. no. 1314.8)
- Australian Capital Territory Business Indicators* (Cat. no. 1303.8) (monthly)
- Australian Capital Territory in Focus* (Cat. no. 1307.8)
- Australian Demographic Statistics* (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly)
- Australian Demographic Trends* (Cat. no. 3102.0)
- Births, Australia* (Cat. no. 3301.0)
- Causes of Death, Australia* (Cat. no. 3303.0)
- Deaths, Australia* (Cat. no. 3302.0)
- Demography* (Cat. no. 3311.1-8) (State and Territory specific publications)
- Population by Age and Sex, Australian Capital Territory* (Cat. no. 3235.8)
- Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories* (Cat. no. 3201.0)
- Population, Australian Capital Territory, 30 June, Preliminary* (Cat. no. 3234.8)
- Marriages and Divorces, Australia* (Cat. no. 3310.0)
- Migration, Australia* (Cat. no. 3412.0)
- Projections of the Population of Australia, States and Territories, 1995 to 2051* (Cat. no. 3222.0)
- Regional Population Growth, Australia, 1994-95* (Cat. no. 3218.0)
- Regional Statistics, Australian Capital Territory* (Cat. no. 1313.8)

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS AVAILABLE

31 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (Cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. These publications are available from any ABS office.

32 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 the ACT, but not published in this publication.

BIRTHS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin of mother, father (if paternity acknowledged)
Date of birth
Hospital/non-hospital birth
State of registration
Month/year of registration
Birth weight
Place of marriage

DEATHS

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)

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)
1911	1 781	30	10	1	5	—	16.8	5.6	33.3	2.8
1916	2 613	63	8	1	4	—	24.1	3.1	15.9	1.5
1921	2 487	27	4	2	2	—	10.9	1.6	74.1	0.8
1926	6 215	75	41	4	17	—	12.1	6.6	53.3	2.7
1931	8 801	161	35	6	36	—	18.3	4.1	37.3	4.1
1936	10 294	158	44	4	77	2	15.3	4.3	25.3	7.5
1941	14 629	366	70	6	121	2	25.0	4.8	16.4	8.3
1946	15 883	518	82	10	157	13	32.6	5.2	19.3	9.9
1951	24 658	1 003	149	12	240	25	40.7	6.0	12.0	9.7
1956	35 352	1 077	167	11	278	20	30.5	4.7	10.2	7.9
1961	58 852	1 734	196	27	419	36	29.5	3.3	15.6	7.1
1966(c)	96 488	2 318	441	46	747	101	24.0	4.6	19.8	7.7
1971(d)	144 132	3 953	580	77	1 397	192	27.4	4.0	19.5	9.7
1976	207 398	4 272	763	68	1 586	(e)1 706	20.6	3.7	15.9	7.6
1981	227 756	4 142	852	37	1 676	1 516	18.2	3.7	8.9	7.4
1986	258 937	4 102	1 028	35	1 856	1 641	15.8	4.0	8.5	7.2
1991	288 808	4 748	1 096	36	1 886	1 970	16.4	3.8	7.6	6.5
1992	294 241	4 438	1 073	28	1 791	1 875	15.1	3.6	6.3	6.1
1993	298 907	4 414	1 110	19	1 783	(f)887	14.8	3.7	4.3	6.0
1994	300 867	4 461	1 222	21	1 661	(f)931	14.8	4.1	4.7	5.5
1995	304 064	4 415	1 114	21	1 753	1 787	14.5	3.7	4.8	5.8
1996	307 511	4 396	1 300	25	1 654	1 610	14.3	4.2	5.7	5.4

(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.

APPENDIX **C** 1996 CENSUS

SUMMARY, Census of Population and Housing—1996

Characteristics of persons counted	Males	Females	Persons	Proportion of total persons
	no.	no.	no.	%
Total persons counted(a)	147 831	151 412	299 243	..
Persons counted in private dwellings	140 588	145 880	286 468	95.7
Persons counted in non-private dwellings	7 242	5 533	12 775	4.3
Usual residence				
Persons counted at home	139 789	144 230	284 019	94.9
Visitors counted from				
Elsewhere in same statistical local area	398	285	683	0.2
Elsewhere within ACT	2 303	2 286	4 589	1.5
Interstate	4 742	3 825	8 567	2.9
Overseas	996	1 072	2 068	0.7
Total visitors	8 439	7 468	15 907	5.3
Usual residence 5 years ago(b)				
Same address	63 848	66 452	130 300	43.5
Different address				
Same statistical local area	3 194	3 444	6 638	2.2
Elsewhere within ACT	31 230	32 083	63 313	21.2
Interstate	20 863	21 483	42 346	14.2
Overseas	7 195	6 222	13 417	4.5
Not stated(c)	4 431	4 262	8 693	2.9
Age of persons counted (years)				
0-14	34 507	32 952	67 459	22.5
15-54	93 093	95 678	188 771	63.1
55-64	9 870	9 682	19 552	6.5
65 or more	10 359	13 101	23 460	7.8
Marital status of persons counted(d)				
Never married	43 485	37 913	81 398	27.2
Married	58 619	59 076	117 695	39.3
Separated but not divorced	3 412	4 421	7 833	2.6
Divorced	6 008	9 368	15 376	5.1
Widowed	1 680	7 539	9 219	3.1
Birthplace of persons counted				
Australia	110 031	112 446	222 477	74.3
Other Oceania and Antarctica	2 595	2 694	5 289	1.8
Europe and the former USSR	19 217	18 957	38 174	12.8
Middle East and North Africa	782	680	1 462	0.5
Southeast Asia	3 685	4 451	8 136	2.7
Northeast Asia	1 923	2 183	4 106	1.4
Southern Asia	1 767	1 731	3 498	1.2
Northern America	1 236	1 300	2 536	0.8
Southern and Central America	784	969	1 753	0.6
Africa (excl. North Africa)	864	845	1 709	0.6
Other(e)	44	39	83	0.0

(a) Place of enumeration.

(d) Persons aged 15 years or more.

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

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

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

SUMMARY, Census of Population and Housing—1996 *continued*

<i>Characteristics of persons counted</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Proportion of total persons</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
Australian citizens	134 944	137 811	272 755	91.1
Aged 18 years or more	95 817	100 434	196 251	65.6
Persons identifying themselves as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin	1 452	1 447	2 899	1.0
Labour force status(a)				
Employed persons	78 816	70 599	149 415	49.9
Full-time(b)	61 925	39 185	101 110	33.8
Part-time	15 051	29 699	44 750	15.0
Hours worked not stated	1 840	1 715	3 555	1.2
Unemployed persons	6 913	4 886	11 799	3.9
Looking for full-time work	5 537	2 812	8 349	2.8
Looking for part-time work	1 376	2 074	3 450	1.2
<i>Total in the labour force</i>	<i>85 729</i>	<i>75 485</i>	<i>161 214</i>	<i>53.9</i>
<i>Total not in the labour force(c)</i>	<i>26 599</i>	<i>41 898</i>	<i>68 497</i>	<i>22.9</i>

(a) Persons aged 15 years or more.

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

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

APPENDIX **D** DIVORCE TABLE, 1994

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

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other(b)	Aust.
ALL DIVORCES										
Divorces granted	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	n.p.	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 (92).

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

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Other(b)	Aust.
HUSBAND										
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	n.p.	0.8
25–29	7.8	7.7	7.8	8.2	7.8	10.1	6.0	9.0	n.p.	8.0
30–34	12.1	12.0	11.6	13.3	14.0	16.5	8.2	13.9	n.p.	12.7
35–39	12.7	12.2	12.8	13.7	13.1	16.8	12.2	14.2	n.p.	13.2
40–44	11.8	12.0	12.1	14.4	13.1	14.8	10.2	13.3	n.p.	12.6
45–49	10.4	10.1	11.1	10.9	11.9	12.9	7.7	12.3	n.p.	10.9
50–54	8.4	7.7	8.1	7.9	9.8	11.1	9.2	9.0	n.p.	8.5
55 and over	2.5	2.5	2.9	2.3	3.2	2.7	4.1	4.2	n.p.	2.7
Marital status at marriage (number)										
Never married	12 781	9 331	6 592	3 280	4 018	1 257	325	749	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
WIFE										
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	n.p.	2.0
25–29	11.5	11.4	11.4	12.8	12.4	15.2	7.0	13.2	n.p.	12.0
30–34	13.2	12.6	13.2	14.1	14.5	16.4	11.4	14.9	n.p.	13.8
35–39	12.5	11.8	12.4	14.1	13.8	17.2	11.5	13.7	n.p.	13.0
40–44	11.2	11.1	11.5	12.8	12.5	14.4	10.6	12.0	n.p.	11.8
45–49	9.1	8.5	9.4	8.8	10.1	11.0	10.1	9.7	n.p.	9.3
50–54	6.1	5.5	6.5	6.0	7.4	7.7	5.6	8.1	n.p.	6.3
55 and over	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.6	1.2	1.8	2.1	n.p.	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 (92).

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 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 departure from, or return to, Australia are therefore classified as short-term.

Category of movement <i>continued</i>	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 <i>Family Law Act 1975</i> , 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.
Duration of marriage	Duration of marriage is the interval measured in completed years between the date of marriage and the date of divorce.

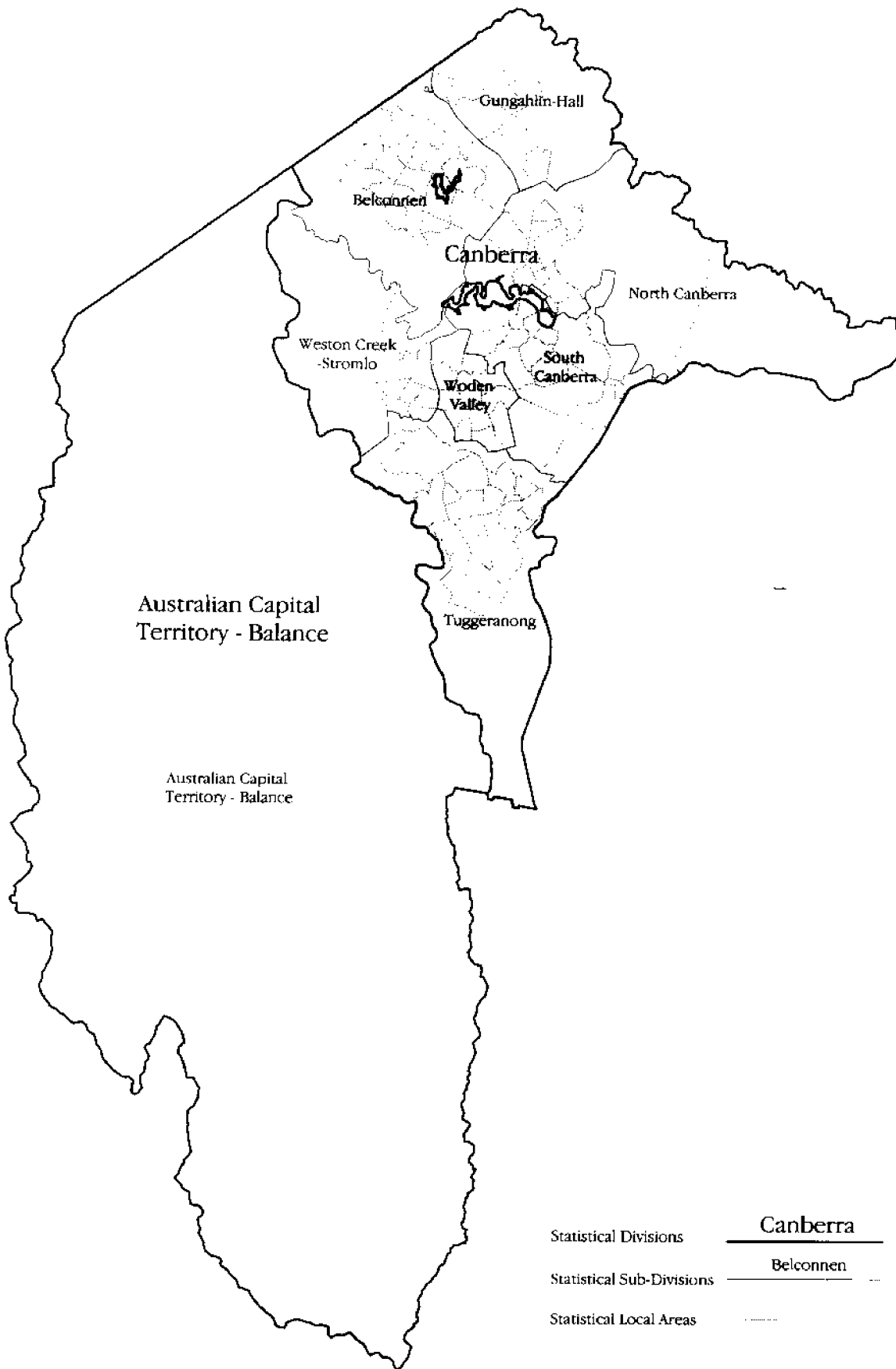
Duration of marriage until separation	Duration of marriage until separation is the interval measured in completed years between the date of marriage and the date of separation.
Estimated resident population	<p>Estimated resident population data are quarterly estimates of the Australian population obtained 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, added to this are 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>
Female reproduction rate	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.
Fetal death	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.
Fetal death rate	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.
First marriage rates	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.
Indigenous origin	<p>Persons who identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>An Indigenous death refers to a death where the deceased was identified as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.</p>

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 <i>Australian Marriage Act 1961</i> (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).
Nuptial first confinement	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.

Nuptiality	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.
Paternity-acknowledged birth	A paternity-acknowledged birth refers to an ex-nuptial birth where paternity was acknowledged by the child's father.
Perinatal death	A perinatal death is either a fetal or a neonatal death, as elsewhere defined.
Perinatal death rate	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.
Permanent arrivals (settlers)	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).
Permanent departures	Permanent departures are Australian residents (including former settlers) who on departure state that they intend to settle permanently in another country.
Previous births	<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 all 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>
Previous issue	See Previous births.
Remarriage rates	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.
Sex ratio	The sex ratio relates to the number of male events (births and deaths) per 100 female events.
Short-term arrivals	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.
Short-term departures	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.

- Standardised death rates** 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:
- The *direct method* — 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 States/Territory and Australia rates.
 - The *indirect method* — 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.
- State or Territory of registration** 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 and 19 of the Explanatory Notes.
- State or Territory of usual residence** State or Territory of usual residence refers to the State or Territory of usual residence of:
- the population (estimated resident population);
 - the mother (birth collection);
 - the deceased (death collection); and
 - the parties at separation (divorce collection). For further information about how this affects divorce see paragraphs 18 and 19 of the Explanatory Notes.
- 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.
- Total fertility rate** 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.

Statistical Areas

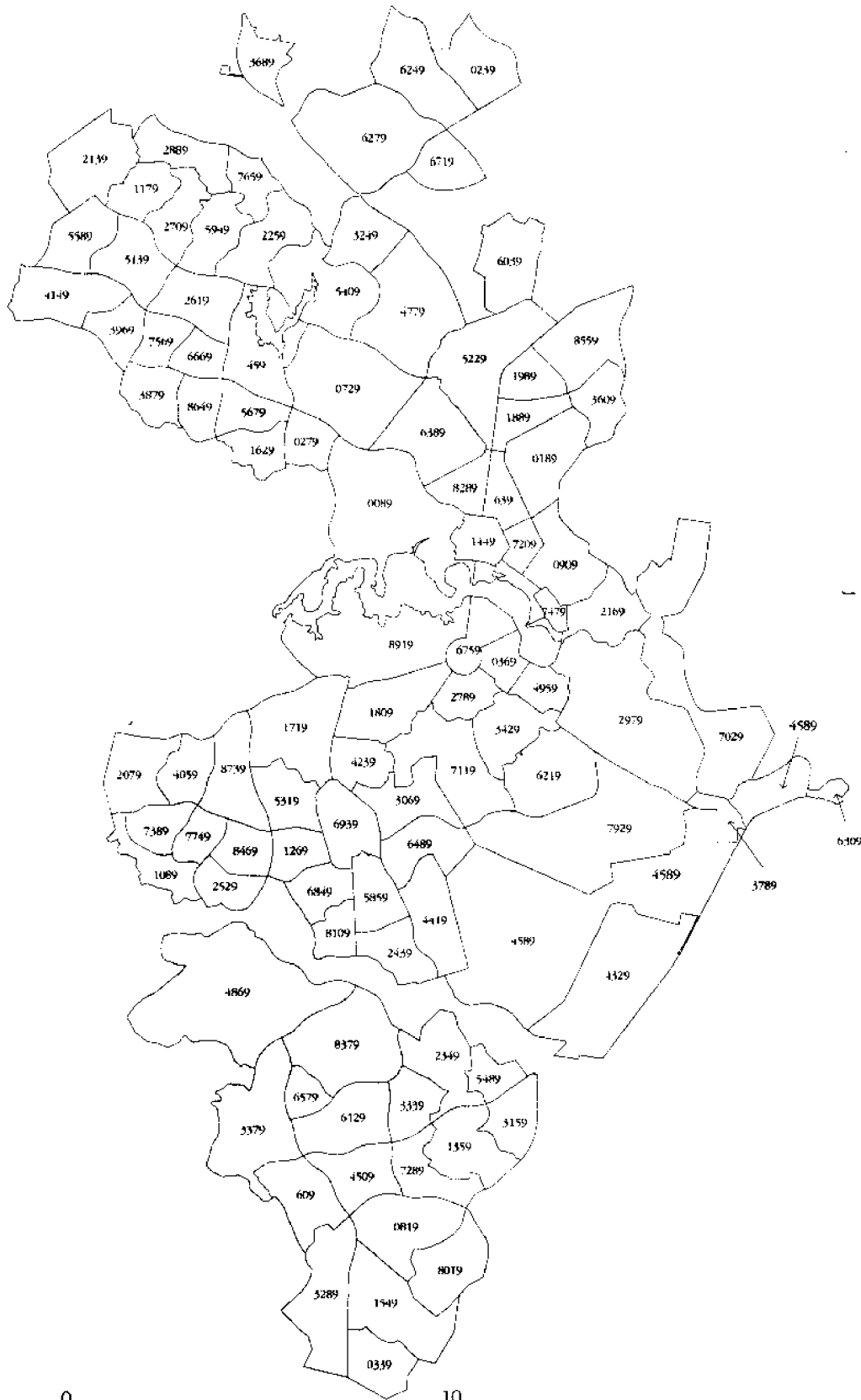


Statistical Divisions **Canberra**
Statistical Sub-Divisions **Belconnen**
Statistical Local Areas

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1996 Statistical Area Boundaries

Selected Statistical Local Areas



CODE	SLA
0089	Acron
0189	Ainslie
0239	Anaroo
0279	Aranda
0339	Banks
0369	Barson
0489	Belconnen Town Centre
0609	Bonnyton
0639	Braddon
0729	Bruce
0819	Calwell
0889	Campbell
1089	Chapman
1179	Charwood
1269	Chilley
1339	Chisholm
1449	City
1549	Condor
1629	Conk
1719	Curin
1809	Deakin
1889	Dickson
1989	Downer
2079	Duffy
2139	Dunlop
2169	Duntroon
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2349	Fairden
2439	Farrer
2529	Fisher
2619	Floray
2709	Flynn
2789	Forrest
2889	Fraser
2979	Fishwick
3069	Garron
3159	Gilmore
3249	Giralang
3289	Gordon
3339	Gowrie
3379	Greenway
3429	Griffith
3609	Hacker
3689	Hall
3789	Haman
3879	Hawker
3969	Higgins
4059	Hokier
4149	Holt
4239	Hughes
4329	Hume
4419	Isaacs
4509	Isabella Plains
4589	Jerrabomberra
4779	Kileen
4869	Kambah
4959	Kingston
5139	Larham
5229	Lymham
5319	Lyons
5409	McCellar
5489	Macarthur
5589	Macgregor
5679	Macquarie
5859	Mawson
5949	Melba
6039	Mitchell
6129	Monash
6219	Narrabondah
6249	Ngurnawal
6279	Nicholls
6309	Oaks Estate
6389	O'Connor
6489	O'Malley
6579	Osley
6669	Page
6719	Palmerston
6759	Parkes
6849	Pearce
6939	Phillip
7029	Philligo
7119	Red Hill
7209	Reid
7289	Richardson
7389	Rivett
7479	Russell
7569	Scullin
7659	Spence
7749	Stirling
7839	Sromlo
7929	Seymourston
8019	Theodore
8109	Torrans
8289	Turner
8379	Warrnassa
8469	Warrnanga
8559	Watson
8649	Weerangara
8739	Weston
8919	Yamulumfa

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