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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) undertook reduced processing of marriage data in 1995. The data items processed were State or Territory of registration, date of marriage, age of parties at marriage, and previous marital status of parties. Full processing was resumed for 1996 marriage data. (See paragraph 17 of the Explanatory Notes for further detail.)

In February 1995 the Family Court of Australia introduced new divorce application forms. With the introduction of these forms some data items that had previously been collected ceased to be available. In addition the ABS undertook reduced processing of divorces granted in 1995. The data items processed were State or Territory of registration; date of birth of parties; age of parties at marriage, separation and divorce; duration of marriage until separation and divorce; and sex of applicant. Full processing was resumed for available 1996 divorce data. (See paragraph 24 of the Explanatory Notes.)

PLEASE NOTE

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

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

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

SYMBOLS AND OTHER

ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics

WA Western Australia

USAGES

ASCCSS Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics

ICD International Classification of Diseases

n.a. not available

n.p. not available for publication but included in totals where applicable

n.y.a. not yet available

p preliminary

r figure or series revised since previous issue

SD Statistical Division

SSD Statistical Sub Division

.. not applicable

— nil or rounded to zero

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SECTION 1

DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY

| | WA..... | | | AUST..... | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|----------|--------|
| | 1986 | 1996 | Change | 1986 | 1996 | Change |
| | '000 | '000 | % | '000 | '000 | % |
| Estimated resident population | 1 477.4 | 1 782.7 | 20.7 | 16 138.8 | 18 426.9 | 14.2 |
| Net overseas migration | 15.5 | 14.0 | -10.0 | 110.7 | 111.2 | 0.4 |
| Net interstate migration | 8.6 | 5.6 | -35.3 | .. | .. | .. |
| Births | | | | | | |
| Registration basis | 24.2 | 24.8 | 2.4 | 243.4 | 253.8 | 4.3 |
| Occurrence basis | 23.7 | 24.5 | 3.3 | 242.9 | 249.1 | 2.6 |
| Deaths | | | | | | |
| Registration basis | 9.3 | 11.0 | 18.5 | 115.0 | 128.7 | 11.9 |
| Occurrence basis | 9.1 | 10.9 | 19.1 | 114.3 | 127.3 | 11.4 |
| Marriages | 10.4 | 10.3 | -0.8 | 114.9 | 106.1 | -7.7 |
| Divorces | 4.0 | 5.0 | 24.0 | 39.4 | 52.5 | 33.2 |

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

- The estimated resident population of Western Australia at 31 December 1996 was 1,782,700 persons, consisting of 896,300 males and 886,400 females. The population of Western Australia constituted 9.7% of Australia's population.
- The estimated resident population of Western Australia at 30 June 1996 was 1,765,738 persons with 887,876 males and 877,862 females.

BIRTHS

Registration basis

- In 1996, there were 24,793 births registered in Western Australia. This was an increase of 2.4% on the number registered in 1986 (24,236).
- In 1996, the total fertility rate in Western Australia was 1.812 children per woman compared with 1.796 children per woman in Australia.
- The peak age group for females giving birth in Western Australia was the same as that for Australia; 25-29 years. However, the birth rate for this group was higher than the Australian rate. The birth rate in Western Australia was 120.6 per 1,000 mothers in this age group compared with 116.7 for Australia.
- Ex-nuptial births represented 30.9% of all births registered in Western Australia in 1996 (7,665) compared with 18.5% in 1986 (4,481).

Occurrence basis

- In 1996, 24,508 births occurred in Western Australia, a 3.3% increase on the number occurring in 1986.
- The highest number of births occurred in the month of May (2,121 or 8.7%).
- The total fertility rate for females giving birth in 1996 was 1.791 per female for Western Australia, compared with 1.762 per female for Australia.

DEATHS

Registration basis

- The number of deaths registered in Western Australia in 1996 was 11,027. This was an increase of 18.5% on the number registered in 1986 (9,307).
- The standardised death rate in Western Australia in 1996 was 6.3 per 1,000 standard population, compared with the national rate of 6.4. This is a fall from 1986 when the rate was 7.5 in Western Australia.
- In 1996, the median age at death was 73.7 years for men in Western Australia and 80.8 years for women. By comparison the 1986 medians were 71.7 years and 77.3 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 Western Australia was 160. This was a decrease of 25.2% on 1986 (214).
- The infant mortality rate has decreased since 1986. In 1996, the infant mortality rate for Western Australia was 6.5 per 1,000 live births, compared with 8.8 in 1986. The infant mortality rate for Australia was 5.8 in 1996.

Occurrence basis

- In 1996, 10,899 deaths occurred in Western Australia. This was a 19.1% increase on the number occurring in 1986.
- The highest number of deaths occurred in the month of July (1,158 deaths or 10.6%).
- The number of infant deaths registered in 1996 on an occurrence basis was 135. This was 60.1% lower than in 1986.

MARRIAGES

- There were 10,294 marriages registered in Western Australia in 1996.
- In 1996 the crude marriage rate was 5.8 per 1,000 population. This figure has slowly declined over the last four years, and is well down from the 1986 figure of 7.1.
- The median marriage age in 1996 was 30.2 years for men and 27.6 years for women. This was 2.9 and 2.8 years higher for men and women, respectively than in 1986. When compared with Australia, the Western Australian median age for men was 0.6 of a year higher and the median age for women was 0.4 of a year higher.

DIVORCES

- In Western Australia in 1996 there were 4,959 divorces granted, compared with 4,001 in 1986.

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 increase | 77 129 | 43 079 | 72 516 | 5 674 | 33 580 | 24 | 4 015 | 3 158 | 239 229 |
| 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 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| 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 |

For footnotes see end of table

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 | 5.2 | 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) Components of population change from previous year. The difference between the total increase and the sum of the components is due to intercensal discrepancy.

(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.

1.2 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> |
|--|--|------------------|--|------------------|--|
| PERTH SD | | | | | |
| Central Metropolitan SSD | | | | | |
| Cambridge (T) | 23 867 | 258 | 1.506 | 214 | 5.6 |
| Claremont (T) | 9 242 | 65 | 1.142 | 93 | 5.0 |
| Cottesloe (T) | 7 514 | 68 | 1.073 | 62 | 5.0 |
| Mosman Park (T) | 7 852 | 61 | 1.234 | 93 | 7.7 |
| Nedlands (C) | 20 997 | 186 | 1.524 | 201 | 5.8 |
| Peppermint Grove (S) | 1 735 | 8 | 1.160 | 12 | 4.3 |
| Perth | | | | | |
| Perth (C) - Inner | 419 | 1 | 0.604 | 7 | 6.0 |
| Perth (C) - Remainder | 5 160 | 27 | 0.915 | 59 | 7.9 |
| <i>Total Perth (C)</i> | 5 579 | 28 | 0.888 | 66 | 7.7 |
| Subiaco (C) | 15 170 | 169 | 1.198 | 194 | 9.0 |
| Vincent (T) | 25 748 | 329 | 1.314 | 240 | 7.4 |
| <i>Total</i> | 117 704 | 1 172 | 1.292 | 1 175 | 6.5 |
| East Metropolitan SSD | | | | | |
| Bassendean (T) | 13 907 | 189 | 1.832 | 107 | 7.1 |
| Bayswater (C) | 45 864 | 594 | 1.718 | 270 | 5.5 |
| Kalamunda (S) | 48 529 | 559 | 1.799 | 260 | 5.5 |
| Mundaring (S) | 33 294 | 411 | 1.972 | 158 | 5.7 |
| Swan (S) | 71 503 | 1 270 | 2.160 | 335 | 6.8 |
| <i>Total</i> | 213 097 | 3 023 | 1.924 | 1 130 | 6.0 |
| North Metropolitan SSD | | | | | |
| Stirling (C) | | | | | |
| Stirling (C) - Central | 97 101 | 1 231 | 1.550 | 628 | 6.0 |
| Stirling (C) - Coastal | 59 498 | 650 | 1.423 | 357 | 4.7 |
| Stirling (C) - South-Eastern | 26 193 | 330 | 1.566 | 377 | 7.2 |
| <i>Total Stirling (C)</i> | 182 792 | 2 211 | 1.512 | 1 362 | 5.8 |
| Wanneroo (C) | | | | | |
| Wanneroo (C) - Central Coastal | 38 889 | 554 | 1.823 | 129 | 6.6 |
| Wanneroo (C) - North-East | 14 894 | 214 | 2.137 | 44 | 2.8 |
| Wanneroo (C) - North-West | 17 880 | 258 | 2.575 | 59 | 5.3 |
| Wanneroo (C) - South-East | 32 253 | 463 | 1.661 | 100 | 4.9 |
| Wanneroo (C) - South-West | 109 409 | 1 560 | 2.162 | 406 | 5.3 |
| <i>Total Wanneroo (C)</i> | 213 325 | 3 049 | 1.936 | 738 | 5.1 |
| <i>Total</i> | 396 117 | 5 260 | 1.703 | 2 100 | 5.6 |
| South West Metropolitan SSD | | | | | |
| Cockburn (C) | 60 055 | 951 | 1.935 | 265 | 7.1 |
| East Fremantle (T) | 6 393 | 82 | 1.582 | 63 | 7.4 |
| Fremantle (C) | | | | | |
| Fremantle (C) - Inner | 685 | 25 | 2.419 | 26 | 21.3 |
| Fremantle (C) - Remainder | 24 110 | 279 | 1.254 | 208 | 5.8 |
| <i>Total Fremantle (C)</i> | 24 795 | 304 | 1.287 | 234 | 6.3 |
| Kwinana (T) | 20 173 | 348 | 2.478 | 92 | 6.6 |
| Melville (C) | 94 003 | 861 | 1.476 | 551 | 5.2 |
| Rockingham (C) | 61 570 | 954 | 2.181 | 373 | 6.0 |
| <i>Total</i> | 266 989 | 3 500 | 1.781 | 1 578 | 5.9 |

(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.

(C) City (S) Shire (T) Town

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

(e) The average indirect standardised death rate over the 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) |
|---|---|---------------|----------------------------|--------------|---|
| PERTH SD continued | | | | | |
| South East Metropolitan SSD | | | | | |
| Armadale (C) | 52 026 | 804 | 2.166 | 253 | 6.5 |
| Belmont (C) | 27 262 | 396 | 1.776 | 239 | 7.3 |
| Canning (C) | 71 954 | 1 015 | 1.789 | 553 | 6.9 |
| Gosnells (C) | 76 579 | 1 221 | 2.001 | 290 | 5.5 |
| Serpentine-Jarrahdale (S) | 10 236 | 138 | 2.077 | 33 | 4.1 |
| South Perth (C) | 36 447 | 377 | 1.176 | 435 | 7.6 |
| Victoria Park (T) | 26 721 | 341 | 1.488 | 314 | 6.8 |
| Total | 301 225 | 4 292 | 1.767 | 2 117 | 6.7 |
| Total Perth SD | 1 295 132 | 17 247 | 1.723 | 8 100 | 6.1 |
| SOUTH WEST SD | | | | | |
| Dale SSD | | | | | |
| Boddington (S) | 1 540 | 42 | 2.526 | 9 | 7.4 |
| Mandurah (C) | 40 476 | 551 | 2.249 | 335 | 6.5 |
| Murray (S) | 9 528 | 106 | 2.116 | 63 | 5.8 |
| Waroona (S) | 3 200 | 42 | 2.334 | 17 | 4.9 |
| Total | 54 744 | 741 | 2.241 | 424 | 6.3 |
| Preston SSD | | | | | |
| Bunbury (C) | 27 680 | 348 | 1.787 | 225 | 6.9 |
| Capel (S) | 6 003 | 76 | 1.939 | 20 | 4.9 |
| Collie (S) | 9 026 | 141 | 2.216 | 66 | 7.6 |
| Dardanup (S) | 6 675 | 103 | 2.038 | 12 | 3.3 |
| Donnybrook-Balingup (S) | 4 251 | 49 | 2.043 | 21 | 6.5 |
| Harvey (S) | 15 578 | 214 | 2.145 | 69 | 5.3 |
| Total | 69 213 | 931 | 1.965 | 413 | 6.3 |
| Vasse SSD | | | | | |
| Augusta-Margaret River (S) | 8 122 | 131 | 2.239 | 38 | 5.7 |
| Busselton (S) | 18 175 | 261 | 2.138 | 153 | 5.8 |
| Total | 26 297 | 392 | 2.162 | 191 | 5.8 |
| Blackwood SSD | | | | | |
| Boyup Brook (S) | 1 746 | 24 | 2.758 | 19 | 6.7 |
| Bridgetown-Greenbushes (S) | 4 033 | 54 | 2.375 | 34 | 7.4 |
| Manjimup (S) | 10 258 | 169 | 2.348 | 64 | 6.3 |
| Nannup (S) | 1 161 | 17 | 2.496 | 6 | 7.9 |
| Total | 17 198 | 264 | 2.400 | 123 | 6.7 |
| Total South West SD | 167 452 | 2 328 | 2.121 | 1 151 | 6.3 |

(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.

(C) City (S) Shire (T) Town

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

(e) The average indirect standardised death rate over the 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) |
|---|---|------------|----------------------------|------------|---|
| LOWER GREAT SOUTH SD | | | | | |
| Pallinup SSD | | | | | |
| Broomehill (S) | 505 | 6 | 1.922 | 5 | 5.0 |
| Gnowangerup (S) | 1 805 | 33 | 2.823 | 13 | 5.4 |
| Jerramungup (S) | 1 335 | 30 | 2.325 | 3 | 3.4 |
| Katanning (S) | 4 685 | 97 | 2.704 | 44 | 8.6 |
| Kent (S) | 795 | 17 | 2.500 | 2 | 2.7 |
| Kojonup (S) | 2 403 | 47 | 2.833 | 15 | 6.1 |
| Tambellup (S) | 739 | 10 | 2.340 | 8 | 5.7 |
| Woodanilling (S) | 364 | 5 | 1.359 | 1 | 6.0 |
| Total | 12 631 | 245 | 2.624 | 91 | 6.6 |
| King SSD | | | | | |
| Albany (T) | 15 282 | 243 | 2.277 | 203 | 7.3 |
| Albany (S) | 12 899 | 114 | 1.909 | 28 | 3.7 |
| Cranbrook (S) | 1 160 | 22 | 2.946 | 7 | 4.1 |
| Denmark (S) | 3 899 | 48 | 2.029 | 25 | 6.7 |
| Plantagenet (S) | 4 297 | 68 | 2.606 | 21 | 5.8 |
| Total | 37 537 | 495 | 2.181 | 284 | 6.2 |
| Total Lower Great Southern SD | 50 168 | 740 | 2.304 | 375 | 6.3 |
| UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN SD | | | | | |
| Hotham SSD | | | | | |
| Brookton (S) | 972 | 16 | 2.182 | 14 | 7.5 |
| Cuballing (S) | 742 | 11 | 2.737 | 5 | 7.5 |
| Dumbleyung (S) | 895 | 11 | 2.477 | 4 | 6.0 |
| Narrogin (T) | 4 632 | 97 | 2.558 | 47 | 8.2 |
| Narrogin (S) | 862 | 2 | 0.431 | 0 | 1.2 |
| Pingelly (S) | 1 200 | 19 | 2.930 | 8 | 6.2 |
| Wagin (S) | 1 979 | 29 | 2.462 | 12 | 6.0 |
| Wandering (S) | 364 | 3 | 2.213 | 0 | 4.6 |
| West Arthur (S) | 1 003 | 21 | 2.332 | 4 | 4.3 |
| Wickepin (S) | 860 | 14 | 2.022 | 4 | 4.6 |
| Williams (S) | 1 040 | 12 | 2.327 | 3 | 5.3 |
| Total | 14 549 | 235 | 2.369 | 101 | 6.6 |
| Lakes SSD | | | | | |
| Corrigin (S) | 1 318 | 15 | 2.092 | 14 | 7.7 |
| Kondinin (S) | 1 188 | 13 | 1.958 | 3 | 2.2 |
| Kulin (S) | 966 | 10 | 2.354 | 6 | 6.0 |
| Lake Grace (S) | 1 819 | 33 | 2.348 | 5 | 6.0 |
| Total | 5 291 | 71 | 2.203 | 28 | 6.0 |
| Total Upper Great Southern SD | 19 840 | 306 | 2.331 | 129 | 6.5 |
| MIDLANDS SD | | | | | |
| Moore SSD | | | | | |
| Chittering (S) | 2 417 | 36 | 2.048 | 10 | 4.6 |
| Dandaragan (S) | 2 589 | 42 | 2.386 | 13 | 5.6 |
| Gingin (S) | 3 485 | 55 | 2.424 | 19 | 5.5 |
| Moora (S) | 2 609 | 41 | 2.327 | 27 | 7.7 |
| Victoria Plains (S) | 992 | 22 | 2.735 | 8 | 8.2 |
| Total | 12 092 | 196 | 2.346 | 77 | 6.1 |

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(b) As at 30 June 1996.

(c) Data is for calendar year 1996.

(S) Shire (T) Town

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

(e) The average indirect standardised death rate over the 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) |
|---|---|--------------|----------------------------|------------|---|
| MIDLANDS SD continued | | | | | |
| Avon SSD | | | | | |
| Beverley (S) | 1 454 | 21 | 2.441 | 12 | 5.7 |
| Cunderdin (S) | 1 471 | 25 | 2.938 | 5 | 4.9 |
| Dalwallinu (S) | 1 767 | 47 | 2.926 | 10 | 8.4 |
| Dowerin (S) | 862 | 6 | 1.288 | 2 | 5.2 |
| Goomalling (S) | 1 079 | 9 | 1.665 | 5 | 5.1 |
| Koorda (S) | 638 | 7 | 1.983 | 1 | 2.1 |
| Northam (T) | 6 478 | 96 | 2.342 | 65 | 7.5 |
| Northam (S) | 3 242 | 35 | 1.730 | 10 | 4.1 |
| Quairading (S) | 1 224 | 19 | 2.478 | 8 | 6.2 |
| Tammin (S) | 472 | 10 | 2.991 | 3 | 5.0 |
| Toodyay (S) | 3 371 | 49 | 2.178 | 12 | 4.6 |
| Wongan-Ballidu (S) | 1 632 | 30 | 2.666 | 9 | 5.2 |
| Wyalkatchem (S) | 653 | 7 | 2.501 | 3 | 5.4 |
| York (S) | 2 902 | 39 | 2.435 | 21 | 5.3 |
| Total | 27 245 | 400 | 2.305 | 166 | 5.9 |
| Campion SSD | | | | | |
| Bruce Rock (S) | 1 174 | 21 | 2.527 | 5 | 5.7 |
| Kellerberrin (S) | 1 270 | 20 | 2.381 | 11 | 5.9 |
| Merredin (S) | 3 738 | 55 | 2.054 | 28 | 7.1 |
| Mount Marshall (S) | 762 | 9 | 2.187 | 1 | 3.6 |
| Mukinbudin (S) | 741 | 14 | 2.357 | 6 | 4.2 |
| Narembeen (S) | 1 038 | 13 | 2.129 | 5 | 4.8 |
| Nungarin (S) | 287 | 4 | 2.732 | 1 | 4.3 |
| Trayning (S) | 511 | 4 | 1.820 | 5 | 4.7 |
| Westonia (S) | 308 | 1 | 1.840 | 4 | 5.8 |
| Yilgam (S) | 2 318 | 39 | 2.345 | 4 | 6.6 |
| Total | 12 147 | 180 | 2.193 | 70 | 5.9 |
| Total Midlands SD | 51 484 | 776 | 2.284 | 313 | 5.9 |
| SOUTH EASTERN SD | | | | | |
| Lefroy SSD | | | | | |
| Coolgardie (S) | 5 659 | 120 | 2.319 | 13 | 6.7 |
| Kalgoorlie/Boulder (C) | 29 588 | 619 | 2.292 | 132 | 8.7 |
| Laverton (S) | 1 220 | 9 | 1.510 | 4 | 10.3 |
| Leonora (S) | 2 778 | 55 | 2.269 | 10 | 5.4 |
| Menzies (S) | 354 | 3 | 1.785 | 1 | 5.3 |
| Ngaanyatjaraku (S) | 1 447 | 12 | 0.731 | 5 | 8.4 |
| Total | 41 046 | 818 | 2.199 | 165 | 8.3 |
| Johnston SSD | | | | | |
| Dundas (S) | 1 652 | 37 | 2.962 | 12 | 7.6 |
| Esperance (S) | 12 316 | 217 | 2.442 | 65 | 6.2 |
| Ravensthorpe (S) | 1 435 | 23 | 2.594 | 12 | 7.3 |
| Total | 15 403 | 277 | 2.499 | 89 | 6.5 |
| Total South Eastern SD | 58 449 | 1 095 | 2.255 | 254 | 7.8 |

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(C) City (S) Shire (T) Town

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

(e) The average indirect standardised death rate over the 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) |
|---|---|------------|----------------------------|------------|---|
| CENTRAL SD | | | | | |
| Gascoyne SSD | | | | | |
| Carnarvon (S) | 6 388 | 126 | 2.328 | 40 | 8.4 |
| Exmouth (S) | 2 058 | 35 | 1.800 | 7 | 4.9 |
| Shark Bay (S) | 853 | 10 | 1.427 | 5 | 3.7 |
| Upper Gascoyne (S) | 266 | — | — | 1 | 4.2 |
| Total | 9 565 | 171 | 2.099 | 53 | 7.0 |
| Carnegie SSD | | | | | |
| Cue (S) | 489 | 15 | 3.844 | 3 | 6.4 |
| Meekatharra (S) | 2 098 | 32 | 2.292 | 9 | 7.6 |
| Mount Magnet (S) | 864 | 22 | 2.912 | 2 | 7.0 |
| Murchison (S) | 158 | 1 | 2.341 | — | — |
| Sandstone (S) | 169 | — | — | — | — |
| Wiluna (S) | 1 167 | 9 | 2.097 | 12 | 15.9 |
| Yalgoo (S) | 389 | 5 | 1.932 | — | 2.2 |
| Total | 5 334 | 84 | 2.355 | 26 | 7.0 |
| Greenough River SSD | | | | | |
| Carnamah (S) | 999 | 19 | 2.058 | 5 | 3.4 |
| Chapman Valley (S) | 837 | 3 | 1.466 | 1 | 2.3 |
| Coorow (S) | 1 447 | 30 | 2.570 | — | 5.4 |
| Geraldton (C) | 20 221 | 416 | 2.433 | 171 | 7.9 |
| Greenough (S) | 10 726 | 81 | 1.708 | 16 | 4.7 |
| Irwin (S) | 2 527 | 34 | 2.090 | 9 | 3.9 |
| Mingenew (S) | 611 | 9 | 2.314 | 2 | 3.5 |
| Morawa (S) | 1 061 | 27 | 2.880 | 9 | 5.5 |
| Mullewa (S) | 1 148 | 18 | 2.971 | 8 | 8.8 |
| Northampton (S) | 3 021 | 34 | 2.244 | 29 | 6.6 |
| Perenjori (S) | 695 | 12 | 1.969 | 3 | 5.7 |
| Three Springs (S) | 838 | 10 | 2.583 | 10 | 6.5 |
| Total | 44 131 | 693 | 2.235 | 271 | 6.7 |
| Total Central SD | 59 030 | 948 | 2.207 | 350 | 6.7 |
| PILBARA SD | | | | | |
| De Grey SSD | | | | | |
| East Pilbara (S) | 6 948 | 118 | 2.048 | 17 | 9.5 |
| Port Hedland (T) | 12 304 | 236 | 2.342 | 53 | 10.1 |
| Total | 19 252 | 354 | 2.230 | 70 | 9.9 |
| Fortescue SSD | | | | | |
| Ashburton (S) | 7 395 | 161 | 2.319 | 16 | 5.0 |
| Roeboorne (S) | 13 862 | 258 | 2.150 | 29 | 6.2 |
| Total | 21 257 | 419 | 2.212 | 45 | 5.8 |
| Total Pilbara SD | 40 509 | 773 | 2.226 | 115 | 8.0 |

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(c) Data is for calendar year 1996.

(C) City (S) Shire (T) Town

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

(e) The average indirect standardised death rate over the 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) |
|---|---|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|---|
| KIMBERLEY SD | | | | | |
| Ord SSD | | | | | |
| Halls Creek (S) | 2 909 | 56 | 2.365 | 32 | 20.9 |
| Wyndham-East Kimberley (S) | 6 482 | 115 | 2.436 | 29 | 10.7 |
| Total | 9 391 | 171 | 2.448 | 61 | 14.2 |
| Fitzroy SSD | | | | | |
| Broome (S) | 9 768 | 227 | 2.475 | 35 | 9.3 |
| Derby-West Kimberley (S) | 6 515 | 166 | 2.786 | 56 | 15.9 |
| Total | 16 283 | 393 | 2.616 | 91 | 12.4 |
| Total Kimberley SD | 25 674 | 564 | 2.558 | 152 | 13.1 |
| Western Australia(f) | 1 739 804 | 24 777 | 1.839 | 10 939 | 6.2 |

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(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.

(S) Shire

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

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

SECTION 2

POPULATION

The estimated resident population of Western Australia at 31 December 1996 was 1,782,700 persons, consisting of 896,300 males and 886,400 females.

The estimated resident population at 30 June 1996 was 1,765,738 persons, with 887,876 males and 877,862 females. The mid year population figure were used to calculate rates for this publication.

The median age of people resident in Western Australia was 33.1 years, which was 0.9 years lower than the median age of 34.0 years for the resident Australian population.

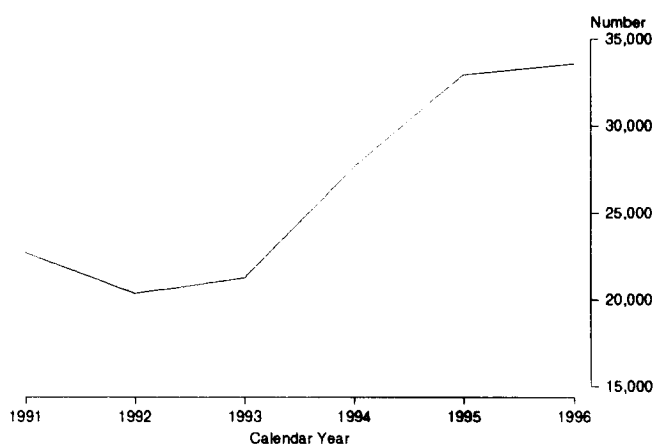
Population growth

Western Australia's population increased by 33,580 persons in 1996, a growth rate of 1.9%, the same growth rate as in 1995.

Over the last 10 years the population has increased by 20.7% from 1,477,398 persons in 1986. The annual population growth rate in Western Australia in 1996 and 1995 was 1.9%, higher than the national growth rate of 1.3%. Northern Territory and Queensland were higher than Western Australia, both having a growth rate of 2.2%.

The growth in population (during 1996) comprised a natural increase (excess of births over deaths) of 13,783 persons, (41.3% of the total increase), net overseas migration (excess of permanent arrivals over departures) of 13,963 persons (41.9%) and net interstate migration (excess of arrivals from other States over people leaving Western Australia) of 5,593 persons (16.8%).

POPULATION GROWTH



Overseas migration

In 1996, there were 30,470 permanent and long term arrivals (10,920 permanent settler arrivals) as against 17,430 permanent and long term departures (3,740 permanent departures) resulting in a net gain of 13,040 persons.

Interstate migration

Western Australia has recorded positive growth from interstate migration over the last four years. In 1992, Western Australia's net interstate migration was a negative 4.5% of the total annual growth, whereas in 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996 the percentage of total annual growth were 2.9%, 16.6%, 13.4% and 16.8%, respectively.

Age of population

The population of Western Australia has continued to age. In 1996, 10.4% of the estimated resident population were 65 years or older, compared with 9.2% in 1986.

The number of people under 25 years of age as a percentage of total population has continued to fall. In 1996, young people constituted 37.3% of the total population, falling from 41.1% in 1986.

The 35–39 year age group was the largest of all five year age groups in 1996, comprising 143,727 persons and representing 8.1% of the total population.

Females outnumbered males in all age groups over 64 years and made up 65.2% of the population aged 80 years and over, an increase of one half a percentage point over the previous year.

2.1 POPULATION, Summary(a)

| | 1986 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Estimated resident population at 31 December ('000) | | | | | | | |
| Males | 745.2 | 828.2 | 838.4 | 849.2 | 863.1 | 879.6 | 896.3 |
| Females | 732.2 | 818.9 | 829.0 | 839.4 | 853.1 | 869.5 | 886.4 |
| Persons | 1 477.4 | 1 647.0 | 1 667.4 | 1 688.6 | 1 716.2 | 1 749.2 | 1 782.7 |
| Components of population change(b) | | | | | | | |
| Net natural increase(c) | | | | | | | |
| Number | 14 929 | 15 832 | 14 846 | 14 502 | 14 499 | 14 569 | 13 783 |
| % of total annual growth | 38.2 | 66.7 | 74.7 | 70.2 | 53.8 | 45.5 | 41.3 |
| Net overseas migration(d) | | | | | | | |
| Number | 15 513 | 9 828 | 5 925 | 5 562 | 7 961 | 13 187 | 13 963 |
| % of total annual growth | 39.7 | 41.4 | 29.8 | 26.9 | 29.5 | 41.1 | 41.9 |
| Net interstate migration | | | | | | | |
| Number | 8 641 | -1 918 | -889 | 599 | 4 483 | 4 291 | 5 593 |
| % of total annual growth | 22.1 | -8.1 | -4.5 | 2.9 | 16.6 | 13.4 | 16.8 |
| Total population growth | | | | | | | |
| Number | 40 498 | 22 652 | 20 326 | 21 227 | 27 625 | 32 935 | 33 580 |
| Annual growth rate (%) (e) | 2.8 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| Overseas arrivals and departures(f) | | | | | | | |
| Permanent movement | | | | | | | |
| Arrivals | 14 080 | 13 930 | 9 820 | 7 030 | 9 130 | 11 300 | 10 920 |
| Departures | 2 100 | 4 300 | 3 650 | 3 500 | 3 450 | 3 730 | 3 740 |
| Former settlers | 1 260 | 2 660 | 2 060 | 1 900 | 1 820 | 1 900 | 1 940 |
| Other Australian residents | 840 | 1 630 | 1 590 | 1 600 | 1 630 | 1 830 | 1 810 |
| Long-term movement | | | | | | | |
| Arrivals | 9 960 | 13 100 | 13 670 | 15 320 | 17 050 | 18 060 | 19 550 |
| Australian residents returning | 6 050 | 7 150 | 7 810 | 8 750 | 9 100 | 8 760 | 8 800 |
| Overseas visitors arriving | 3 910 | 5 950 | 5 860 | 6 570 | 7 950 | 9 310 | 10 750 |
| Departures | 7 280 | 11 900 | 11 450 | 10 790 | 11 840 | 12 800 | 13 690 |
| Australian residents departing | 4 860 | 7 880 | 7 660 | 7 020 | 7 430 | 7 590 | 7 890 |
| Overseas visitors departing | 2 420 | 4 010 | 3 790 | 3 760 | 4 410 | 5 210 | 5 790 |
| Short-term movement | | | | | | | |
| Arrivals | 305 300 | 424 000 | 462 000 | 524 500 | 615 200 | 639 200 | 704 700 |
| Australian residents returning | 178 600 | 230 700 | 250 000 | 260 900 | 286 100 | 294 700 | 321 800 |
| Overseas visitors arriving | 126 700 | 193 300 | 212 000 | 263 600 | 329 200 | 344 500 | 382 900 |
| Departures | 302 400 | 441 100 | 479 900 | 520 700 | 616 000 | 642 600 | 705 900 |
| Australian residents departing | 183 300 | 242 300 | 268 200 | 267 100 | 287 300 | 295 200 | 323 500 |
| Overseas visitors departing | 119 000 | 198 800 | 211 800 | 253 500 | 328 700 | 347 400 | 382 400 |

(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, and vice versa.

(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

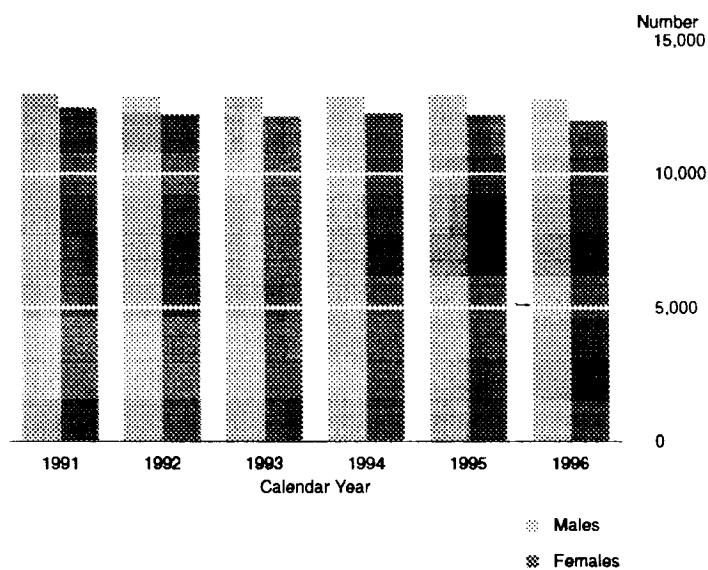
| Age (years) | Males | Females | Persons | Age (years) | Males | Females | Persons |
|-------------|--------|---------|---------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Under 1 | 12 936 | 12 142 | 25 078 | 50 | 10 714 | 9 769 | 20 483 |
| 1 | 13 007 | 12 302 | 25 309 | 51 | 10 440 | 9 713 | 20 153 |
| 2 | 13 035 | 12 301 | 25 336 | 52 | 10 214 | 9 475 | 19 689 |
| 3 | 13 075 | 12 406 | 25 481 | 53 | 9 258 | 8 452 | 17 710 |
| 4 | 13 069 | 12 448 | 25 517 | 54 | 9 021 | 8 490 | 17 511 |
| 0-4 | 65 122 | 61 599 | 126 721 | 50-54 | 49 647 | 45 899 | 95 546 |
| 5 | 13 481 | 12 883 | 26 364 | 55 | 8 496 | 8 061 | 16 557 |
| 6 | 13 724 | 13 105 | 26 829 | 56 | 8 212 | 7 703 | 15 915 |
| 7 | 13 585 | 12 953 | 26 538 | 57 | 7 880 | 7 509 | 15 389 |
| 8 | 13 565 | 12 861 | 26 426 | 58 | 7 693 | 7 358 | 15 051 |
| 9 | 13 739 | 12 879 | 26 618 | 59 | 7 150 | 6 881 | 14 031 |
| 5-9 | 68 094 | 64 681 | 132 775 | 55-59 | 39 431 | 37 512 | 76 943 |
| 10 | 13 824 | 13 280 | 27 104 | 60 | 6 788 | 6 664 | 13 452 |
| 11 | 13 576 | 13 041 | 26 617 | 61 | 6 563 | 6 548 | 13 111 |
| 12 | 13 813 | 13 007 | 26 820 | 62 | 6 198 | 6 227 | 12 425 |
| 13 | 13 810 | 12 873 | 26 683 | 63 | 6 180 | 6 240 | 12 420 |
| 14 | 13 608 | 12 651 | 26 259 | 64 | 6 166 | 6 014 | 12 180 |
| 10-14 | 68 631 | 64 852 | 133 483 | 60-64 | 31 895 | 31 693 | 63 588 |
| 15 | 13 225 | 12 603 | 25 828 | 65 | 6 494 | 6 383 | 12 877 |
| 16 | 13 075 | 12 385 | 25 460 | 66 | 5 986 | 6 138 | 12 124 |
| 17 | 13 029 | 12 464 | 25 493 | 67 | 5 763 | 5 883 | 11 646 |
| 18 | 13 333 | 12 369 | 25 702 | 68 | 5 619 | 5 867 | 11 486 |
| 19 | 13 309 | 12 581 | 25 890 | 69 | 5 429 | 5 785 | 11 214 |
| 15-19 | 65 971 | 62 402 | 128 373 | 65-69 | 29 291 | 30 056 | 59 347 |
| 20 | 13 640 | 12 876 | 26 516 | 70 | 5 252 | 5 608 | 10 860 |
| 21 | 13 653 | 13 049 | 26 702 | 71 | 4 779 | 5 203 | 9 982 |
| 22 | 13 736 | 12 912 | 26 648 | 72 | 4 615 | 5 241 | 9 856 |
| 23 | 14 360 | 13 429 | 27 789 | 73 | 4 370 | 5 077 | 9 447 |
| 24 | 14 935 | 14 184 | 29 119 | 74 | 4 019 | 5 026 | 9 045 |
| 20-24 | 70 324 | 66 450 | 136 774 | 70-74 | 23 035 | 26 155 | 49 190 |
| 25 | 15 189 | 14 471 | 29 660 | 75 | 3 778 | 4 721 | 8 499 |
| 26 | 14 113 | 13 565 | 27 678 | 76 | 3 454 | 4 595 | 8 049 |
| 27 | 14 084 | 13 567 | 27 651 | 77 | 2 519 | 3 350 | 5 869 |
| 28 | 13 586 | 13 177 | 26 763 | 78 | 2 356 | 3 298 | 5 654 |
| 29 | 13 430 | 13 284 | 26 714 | 79 | 2 283 | 3 260 | 5 543 |
| 25-29 | 70 402 | 68 064 | 138 466 | 75-79 | 14 390 | 19 224 | 33 614 |
| 30 | 13 409 | 13 427 | 26 836 | 80 | 2 129 | 3 416 | 5 545 |
| 31 | 13 712 | 13 538 | 27 250 | 81 | 2 018 | 3 202 | 5 220 |
| 32 | 14 398 | 14 269 | 28 667 | 82 | 1 812 | 3 057 | 4 869 |
| 33 | 14 889 | 14 516 | 29 405 | 83 | 1 586 | 2 678 | 4 264 |
| 34 | 14 509 | 14 579 | 29 088 | 84 | 1 336 | 2 458 | 3 794 |
| 30-34 | 70 917 | 70 329 | 141 246 | 80-84 | 8 881 | 14 811 | 23 692 |
| 35 | 14 883 | 14 742 | 29 625 | 85 | 1 177 | 2 155 | 3 332 |
| 36 | 14 652 | 14 559 | 29 211 | 86 | 898 | 1 922 | 2 820 |
| 37 | 14 262 | 14 272 | 28 534 | 87 | 773 | 1 635 | 2 408 |
| 38 | 14 195 | 14 160 | 28 355 | 88 | 635 | 1 341 | 1 976 |
| 39 | 14 175 | 13 827 | 28 002 | 89 | 495 | 1 065 | 1 560 |
| 35-39 | 72 167 | 71 560 | 143 727 | 85-89 | 3 978 | 8 118 | 12 096 |
| 40 | 14 150 | 14 173 | 28 323 | 90 | 394 | 905 | 1 299 |
| 41 | 13 657 | 13 938 | 27 595 | 91 | 286 | 764 | 1 050 |
| 42 | 13 813 | 13 772 | 27 585 | 92 | 238 | 588 | 826 |
| 43 | 13 631 | 13 596 | 27 227 | 93 | 169 | 468 | 637 |
| 44 | 13 253 | 12 841 | 26 094 | 94 | 100 | 360 | 460 |
| 40-44 | 68 504 | 68 320 | 136 824 | 90-94 | 1 187 | 3 085 | 4 272 |
| 45 | 13 416 | 12 910 | 26 326 | 95 and over | 309 | 855 | 1 164 |
| 46 | 12 998 | 12 536 | 25 534 | | | | |
| 47 | 12 780 | 12 183 | 24 963 | | | | |
| 48 | 13 170 | 12 105 | 25 275 | | | | |
| 49 | 13 336 | 12 463 | 25 799 | | | | |
| 45-49 | 65 700 | 62 197 | 127 897 | | | | |
| | | | | Total | 887 876 | 877 862 | 1 765 738 |

SECTION 3

BIRTHS — YEAR OF REGISTRATION

In 1996 there were 24,793 births registered to mothers usually resident in Western Australia. This was an increase of 2.3% compared with 1986. The sex ratio was 107 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 1.8 in 1996. This is the same as the Australian total fertility rate of 1.8 children per woman.

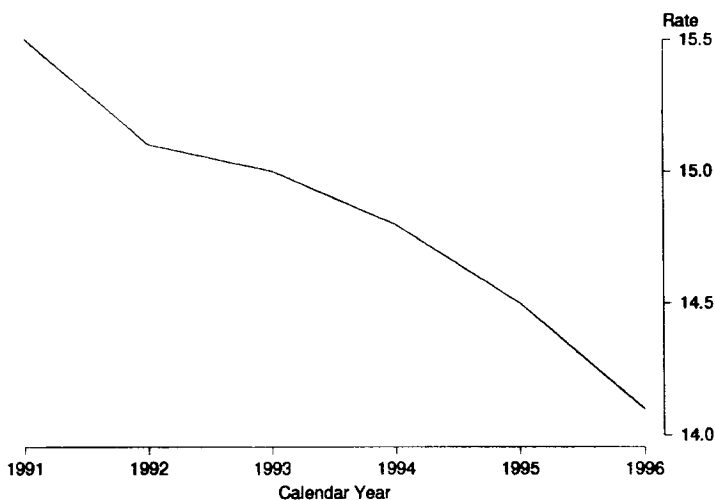
BIRTHS BY SEX



Crude birth rate

The crude birth rate continued to fall in 1996, falling from 16.6 in 1986, to 14.5 in 1995 and 14.1 in 1996. The crude birth rate of 14.1 for Western Australia in 1996 was 0.2 higher than the national rate.

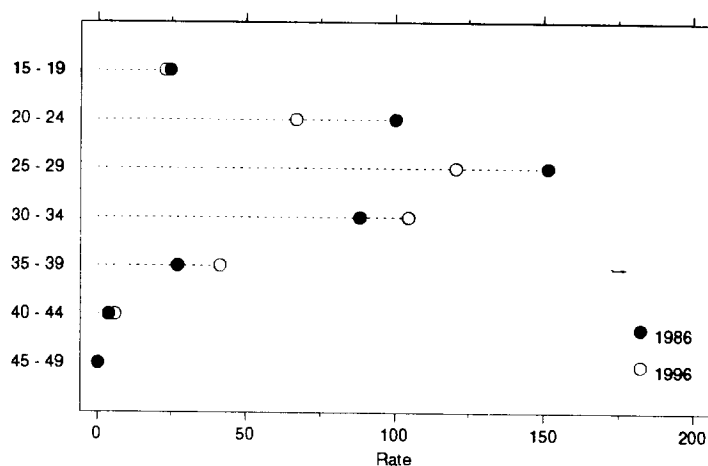
CRUDE BIRTH RATE



Age specific birth rates

There have been significant changes in the number of births per 1,000 estimated population for some age groups in 1996. The most noticeable changes have been the drop in the rates for 20–24 year and 25–29 year age groups and the increase in the rates for the 30–34 year and 35–39 year age groups. This confirms the pattern of women postponing childbirth until an older age.

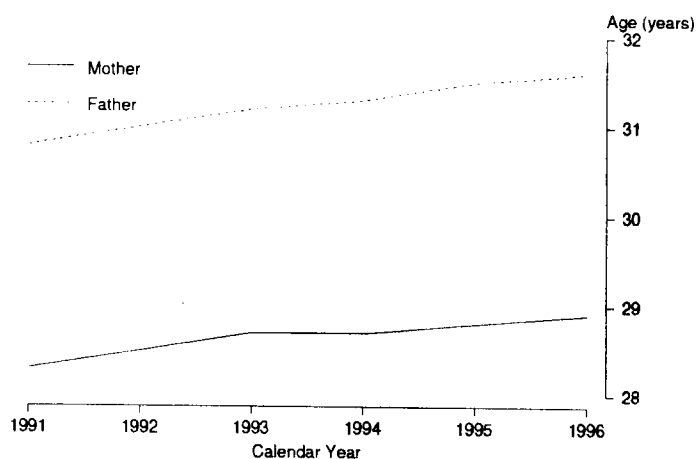
AGE SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES



Median ages of parents

The median ages of mother and father for confinements have continued to increase. For fathers, the median age has increased from 30.1 years in 1986, to 31.5 in 1995 and 31.6 in 1996. For mothers, the median age has gradually increased from 27.3 years in 1986 to 28.9 years in 1996.

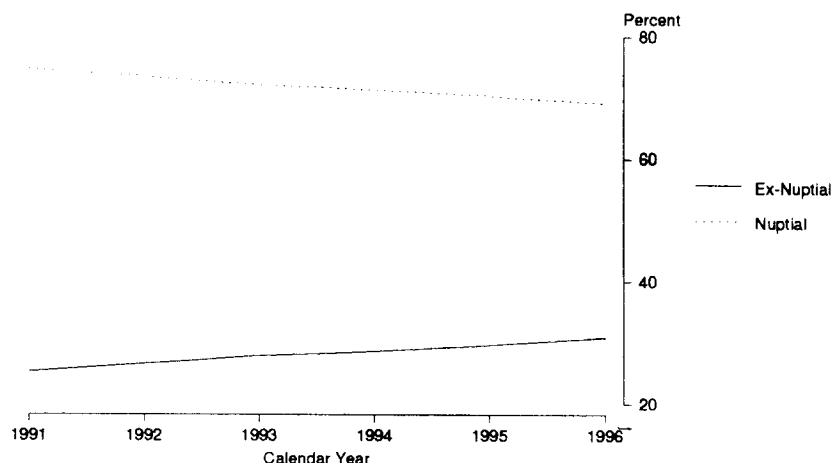
MEDIAN AGES OF PARENTS



Ex-nuptial births

The proportion of births outside marriage continued to increase, from 18.5% in 1986 to 30.9% in 1996. While the proportion of ex-nuptial births is increasing, the percentage of these births where paternity has been acknowledged has also increased from 68.0% in 1986 to 84.4% in 1996.

EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS



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 0.9 in Western Australia in 1996. This is the same as the national net reproduction rate of 0.9 which is below the replacement level of one.

Plural births

In Western Australia in 1996 there were 24,434 confinements, consisting of 24,083 single births and 338 cases of twins. During 1996, there were 13 registered cases of multiple births greater than two.

Birthplace of parents

Of all nuptial confinements registered in Western Australia in 1996, 53% were to parents who were both born in Australia, while 13.6% of confinements were to parents of the same overseas country. The major contributing countries where both parents were born in the same country were United Kingdom, Viet Nam, New Zealand and the former Yugoslav Republic.

3.1 BIRTHS, Summary(a)

| | 1986 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| BIRTHS | | | | | | | |
| Total births | 24 236 | 25 417 | 25 073 | 25 081 | 25 138 | 25 139 | 24 793 |
| Males | 12 448 | 12 959 | 12 879 | 12 925 | 12 867 | 12 942 | 12 813 |
| Females | 11 788 | 12 458 | 12 194 | 12 156 | 12 271 | 12 197 | 11 980 |
| Sex ratio | 105.6 | 104.0 | 105.6 | 106.3 | 104.9 | 106.1 | 107.0 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander births | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | 1 215 | 1 535 | 1 578 | 1 492 | 1 538 |
| Males | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | 633 | 764 | 858 | 744 | 815 |
| Females | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | 582 | 771 | 720 | 748 | 723 |
| Sex ratio | <i>n.a.</i> | <i>n.a.</i> | 108.8 | 99.1 | 119.2 | 99.5 | 112.7 |
| Nuptial births | 19 755 | 18 995 | 18 400 | 18 090 | 17 918 | 17 664 | 17 128 |
| Ex-nuptial births | | | | | | | |
| Number | 4 481 | 6 422 | 6 673 | 6 991 | 7 220 | 7 475 | 7 665 |
| Percentage of total live births | 18.5 | 25.3 | 26.6 | 27.9 | 28.7 | 29.7 | 30.9 |
| Paternity acknowledged births | | | | | | | |
| Number | 3 048 | 5 094 | 5 348 | 5 713 | 5 951 | 6 304 | 6 473 |
| Percentage of total ex-nuptial births | 68.0 | 79.3 | 80.1 | 81.7 | 82.4 | 84.3 | 84.4 |
| Crude birth rate | 16.6 | 15.5 | 15.1 | 15.0 | 14.8 | 14.5 | 14.1 |
| Age-specific birth rate | | | | | | | |
| Age group (years) | | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | 24.6 | 24.4 | 25.0 | 23.7 | 24.9 | 24.4 | 22.8 |
| 20-24 | 100.2 | 82.5 | 77.3 | 74.8 | 73.6 | 71.7 | 66.9 |
| 25-29 | 151.5 | 137.4 | 132.7 | 132.0 | 130.3 | 124.8 | 120.6 |
| 30-34 | 88.3 | 98.6 | 100.8 | 104.3 | 102.6 | 104.7 | 104.7 |
| 35-39 | 27.1 | 33.3 | 33.7 | 35.9 | 37.5 | 39.8 | 41.2 |
| 40-44 | 3.9 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.0 |
| 45-49 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Total fertility rate | 1.979 | 1.909 | 1.878 | 1.881 | 1.877 | 1.859 | 1.812 |
| Female net reproduction rate | 0.946 | 0.922 | 0.899 | 0.902 | 0.905 | 0.891 | 0.866 |

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

3.1 BIRTHS, Summary(a) *continued*

| | 1986 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| CONFINEMENTS | | | | | | | |
| Total confinements | 24 006 | 25 100 | 24 734 | 24 725 | 24 794 | 24 791 | 24 434 |
| First nuptial | 7 720 | 7 423 | 6 985 | 6 868 | 6 961 | 6 968 | 6 605 |
| All nuptial | 19 561 | 18 755 | 18 134 | 17 812 | 17 639 | 17 396 | 16 849 |
| Paternity acknowledged | 3 026 | 5 033 | 5 288 | 5 649 | 5 902 | 6 230 | 6 408 |
| All ex-nuptial | 4 445 | 6 345 | 6 600 | 6 913 | 7 155 | 7 395 | 7 585 |
| Median age of mother (years) | | | | | | | |
| First nuptial | 26.5 | 27.8 | 27.8 | 28.3 | 28.3 | 28.5 | 28.7 |
| All nuptial | 27.9 | 29.2 | 29.4 | 29.7 | 29.8 | 30.0 | 30.1 |
| Paternity acknowledged | 23.8 | 24.3 | 24.4 | 24.6 | 24.6 | 24.9 | 25.2 |
| All ex-nuptial | 23.3 | 23.9 | 24.1 | 24.3 | 24.3 | 24.5 | 24.9 |
| <i>Total</i> | 27.3 | 28.3 | 28.5 | 28.7 | 28.7 | 28.8 | 28.9 |
| Median age of father (years) | | | | | | | |
| Nuptial | 30.4 | 31.5 | 31.7 | 32.0 | 32.1 | 32.4 | 32.6 |
| Paternity acknowledged | 26.6 | 27.3 | 27.3 | 27.5 | 27.3 | 27.5 | 27.9 |
| All fathers where age is known | 30.1 | 30.8 | 31.0 | 31.2 | 31.3 | 31.5 | 31.6 |
| Median duration of marriage (years) | | | | | | | |
| First nuptial | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Nuptial | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| Nuptial confinements | | | | | | | |
| Previous births | | | | | | | |
| 0 | 7 720 | 7 423 | 6 985 | 6 868 | 6 961 | 6 968 | 6 605 |
| 1 | 7 078 | 6 595 | 6 601 | 6 464 | 6 401 | 6 335 | 6 304 |
| 2 | 3 401 | 3 302 | 3 141 | 3 072 | 2 928 | 2 878 | 2 768 |
| 3 | 999 | 1 039 | 1 013 | 1 026 | 935 | 841 | 823 |
| 4 | 243 | 279 | 236 | 242 | 268 | 229 | 215 |
| 5 and over | 118 | 116 | 156 | 140 | 146 | 145 | 134 |
| Average number of births | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |

(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 | 104 | 1 936 | 6 107 | 5 823 | 2 292 | 316 | — | 16 578 |
| Twins | 2 | 25 | 84 | 98 | 47 | 3 | — | 259 |
| Triplets or higher order | — | 1 | 4 | 6 | 1 | — | — | 12 |
| Total | 106 | 1 962 | 6 195 | 5 927 | 2 340 | 319 | — | 16 849 |
| Ex-nuptial | | | | | | | | |
| Single | 1 305 | 2 510 | 1 857 | 1 205 | 526 | 100 | 2 | 7 505 |
| Twins | 7 | 20 | 23 | 19 | 8 | 2 | — | 79 |
| Triplets or higher order | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | 1 |
| Total | 1 312 | 2 530 | 1 880 | 1 224 | 535 | 102 | 2 | 7 585 |
| Total confinements | 1 418 | 4 492 | 8 075 | 7 151 | 2 875 | 421 | 2 | 24 434 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | |
| Nuptial | 7.5 | 43.7 | 76.7 | 82.9 | 81.4 | 75.8 | 0.0 | 69.0 |
| Ex-nuptial | 92.5 | 56.3 | 23.3 | 17.1 | 18.6 | 24.2 | 100.0 | 31.0 |

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 | 92 | 83 | 77 | 63 | 37 | 23 | 11 | 6 | 3 | — | 2 | — | — | 1 |
| 20 | 5 | 28 | 44 | 64 | 55 | 22 | 21 | 11 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2 | — |
| 21 | 8 | 15 | 41 | 73 | 66 | 65 | 35 | 25 | 21 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| 22 | 1 | 23 | 36 | 60 | 87 | 81 | 69 | 38 | 25 | 17 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 5 |
| 23 | 3 | 12 | 30 | 47 | 90 | 94 | 106 | 80 | 52 | 43 | 19 | 20 | 9 | 6 |
| 24 | 5 | 5 | 23 | 44 | 47 | 75 | 96 | 112 | 121 | 77 | 33 | 30 | 30 | 16 |
| 25 | — | 10 | 14 | 25 | 54 | 68 | 91 | 119 | 146 | 150 | 98 | 55 | 39 | 25 |
| 26 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 29 | 25 | 56 | 66 | 108 | 153 | 207 | 161 | 104 | 59 | 41 |
| 27 | — | 2 | 5 | 15 | 21 | 40 | 65 | 104 | 118 | 161 | 186 | 183 | 119 | 65 |
| 28 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 24 | 27 | 50 | 79 | 110 | 143 | 183 | 253 | 174 | 112 |
| 29 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 22 | 25 | 35 | 50 | 83 | 120 | 153 | 207 | 225 | 177 |
| 30 | — | 5 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 14 | 35 | 43 | 83 | 98 | 129 | 165 | 232 | 220 |
| 31 | — | — | 3 | 9 | 11 | 12 | 23 | 30 | 52 | 73 | 110 | 144 | 204 | 176 |
| 32 | — | — | 1 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 21 | 23 | 52 | 58 | 90 | 125 | 157 | 206 |
| 33 | — | — | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 21 | 35 | 56 | 65 | 84 | 124 | 153 |
| 34 | — | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 10 | 15 | 27 | 40 | 50 | 63 | 96 | 120 |
| 35 | — | 1 | — | 1 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 9 | 25 | 30 | 28 | 56 | 84 | 95 |
| 36 | — | 1 | 1 | 4 | — | 3 | 4 | 8 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 33 | 51 | 48 |
| 37 | — | — | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 14 | 11 | 18 | 29 | 32 | 38 |
| 38 | — | — | — | — | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 12 | 17 | 24 | 21 | 28 |
| 39 | — | — | 1 | — | — | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 8 | 16 | 23 |
| 40–44 | 1 | — | — | — | 3 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 17 | 24 | 33 | 42 | 42 | 58 |
| 45–49 | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 11 | 8 | 18 | 11 |
| 50 and over | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | 2 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| Not stated | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — |
| Not applicable(a) | 71 | 57 | 83 | 102 | 105 | 96 | 76 | 57 | 70 | 54 | 54 | 39 | 48 | 34 |
| Nuptial | 1 | 8 | 24 | 73 | 141 | 217 | 352 | 490 | 762 | 956 | 1 104 | 1 317 | 1 441 | 1 377 |
| Ex-nuptial | 190 | 246 | 363 | 513 | 541 | 519 | 505 | 472 | 493 | 482 | 385 | 370 | 351 | 292 |
| Total | 191 | 254 | 387 | 586 | 682 | 736 | 857 | 962 | 1 255 | 1 438 | 1 489 | 1 687 | 1 792 | 1 669 |

(a) Confinements where paternity was not acknowledged.

3.3 CONFINEMENTS, Age of Parents *continued*

| Age of mother (years)..... | | | | | | | | | Total..... | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Age of father (years) | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35-39 | 40 and over | Not stated | Nuptial | Ex-nuptial | Total |
| 19 and under | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 17 | 382 | 399 |
| 20 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | 29 | 240 | 269 |
| 21 | 2 | — | — | 1 | — | 2 | — | — | 74 | 302 | 376 |
| 22 | 4 | 1 | 3 | — | — | 2 | 1 | — | 128 | 345 | 473 |
| 23 | 6 | 4 | 1 | — | 2 | 3 | 1 | — | 221 | 407 | 628 |
| 24 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 5 | — | — | 348 | 400 | 748 |
| 25 | 19 | 15 | 9 | 4 | 9 | 11 | 2 | — | 564 | 399 | 963 |
| 26 | 22 | 13 | 16 | 6 | 8 | 17 | 1 | — | 709 | 401 | 1 110 |
| 27 | 44 | 31 | 25 | 20 | 11 | 23 | — | — | 876 | 362 | 1 238 |
| 28 | 75 | 48 | 40 | 29 | 14 | 30 | 2 | — | 1 057 | 362 | 1 419 |
| 29 | 106 | 78 | 53 | 36 | 29 | 34 | 2 | — | 1 133 | 321 | 1 454 |
| 30 | 187 | 100 | 54 | 48 | 37 | 46 | 5 | — | 1 199 | 330 | 1 529 |
| 31 | 215 | 203 | 132 | 80 | 32 | 85 | 5 | — | 1 255 | 344 | 1 599 |
| 32 | 226 | 199 | 181 | 110 | 57 | 115 | 13 | — | 1 392 | 259 | 1 651 |
| 33 | 171 | 186 | 172 | 151 | 94 | 123 | 11 | — | 1 233 | 238 | 1 471 |
| 34 | 113 | 170 | 188 | 164 | 140 | 193 | 12 | — | 1 199 | 214 | 1 413 |
| 35 | 118 | 120 | 163 | 158 | 134 | 233 | 13 | — | 1 081 | 205 | 1 286 |
| 36 | 76 | 94 | 97 | 127 | 118 | 262 | 13 | — | 850 | 147 | 997 |
| 37 | 56 | 61 | 70 | 90 | 99 | 293 | 19 | — | 736 | 116 | 852 |
| 38 | 44 | 49 | 65 | 73 | 74 | 230 | 23 | — | 564 | 111 | 675 |
| 39 | 28 | 48 | 43 | 58 | 63 | 238 | 19 | — | 491 | 87 | 578 |
| 40-44 | 73 | 91 | 95 | 106 | 127 | 632 | 157 | — | 1 212 | 307 | 1 519 |
| 45-49 | 10 | 25 | 26 | 25 | 38 | 175 | 71 | — | 345 | 92 | 437 |
| 50 and over | 5 | 5 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 54 | 34 | — | 135 | 36 | 171 |
| Not stated | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Not applicable(a) | 31 | 34 | 32 | 24 | 23 | 68 | 17 | 2 | — | 1 177 | 1 177 |
| Nuptial | 1 340 | 1 330 | 1 233 | 1 085 | 939 | 2 340 | 319 | — | 16 849 | — | 16 849 |
| Ex-nuptial | 306 | 249 | 245 | 240 | 184 | 535 | 102 | 2 | — | — | — |
| Total | 1 646 | 1 579 | 1 478 | 1 325 | 1 123 | 2 875 | 421 | 2 | 16 849 | 7 585 | 24 434 |

(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 | 8 935 | — | 2 257 | 11 192 | 8 935 | — | 2 375 | 11 310 | |
| Fiji | 6 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 | |
| New Zealand | 302 | 188 | 120 | 610 | 246 | 188 | 97 | 531 | |
| Other | 32 | 3 | 3 | 38 | 23 | 3 | 12 | 38 | |
| Total | 9 275 | 193 | 2 381 | 11 849 | 9 206 | 193 | 2 487 | 11 886 | |
| EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR | | | | | | | | | |
| Austria | 5 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 7 | |
| Former USSR & Baltic States | 3 | 4 | — | 7 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 16 | |
| Former Yugoslav Republics | 52 | 100 | 15 | 167 | 27 | 100 | 10 | 137 | |
| Germany | 32 | 11 | 27 | 70 | 41 | 11 | 14 | 66 | |
| Greece | 21 | 2 | 3 | 26 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 7 | |
| Hungary | 4 | 5 | — | 9 | — | 5 | 2 | 7 | |
| Ireland | 32 | 56 | 27 | 115 | 38 | 56 | 29 | 123 | |
| Italy | 89 | 15 | 23 | 127 | 39 | 15 | 7 | 61 | |
| Malta | 3 | — | 1 | 4 | 7 | — | 2 | 9 | |
| Netherlands | 35 | 4 | 16 | 55 | 32 | 4 | 12 | 48 | |
| Poland | 5 | 24 | 6 | 35 | 7 | 24 | 9 | 40 | |
| United Kingdom | 1 218 | 789 | 288 | 2 295 | 1 096 | 789 | 264 | 2 149 | |
| Other | 67 | 61 | 53 | 181 | 84 | 61 | 45 | 190 | |
| Total | 1 566 | 1 073 | 468 | 3 107 | 1 385 | 1 073 | 402 | 2 860 | |
| MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA | | | | | | | | | |
| Egypt | 4 | 10 | 6 | 20 | — | 10 | 4 | 14 | |
| Lebanon | 5 | 22 | 2 | 29 | 7 | 22 | 5 | 34 | |
| Turkey | 3 | 11 | 6 | 20 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 15 | |
| Other | 24 | 53 | 25 | 102 | 13 | 53 | 19 | 85 | |
| Total | 36 | 96 | 39 | 171 | 23 | 96 | 29 | 148 | |
| SOUTHEAST ASIA | | | | | | | | | |
| Indonesia | 14 | 46 | 11 | 71 | 23 | 46 | 23 | 92 | |
| Malaysia | 33 | 94 | 37 | 164 | 61 | 94 | 59 | 214 | |
| Philippines | 7 | 29 | 1 | 37 | 66 | 29 | 39 | 134 | |
| Singapore | 18 | 52 | 29 | 99 | 47 | 52 | 42 | 141 | |
| Thailand | 2 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 28 | 6 | 21 | 55 | |
| Viet Nam | 4 | 228 | 13 | 245 | 5 | 228 | 18 | 251 | |
| Other | 30 | 52 | 21 | 103 | 20 | 52 | 15 | 87 | |
| Total | 108 | 507 | 113 | 728 | 250 | 507 | 217 | 974 | |

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 | 3 | 80 | 14 | 97 | 6 | 80 | 18 | 104 |
| Hong Kong | 7 | 27 | 21 | 55 | 10 | 27 | 10 | 47 |
| Other | 8 | 23 | 6 | 37 | 14 | 23 | 20 | 57 |
| Total | 18 | 130 | 41 | 189 | 30 | 130 | 48 | 208 |
| SOUTHERN ASIA | | | | | | | | |
| India | 38 | 90 | 34 | 162 | 41 | 90 | 33 | 164 |
| Sri Lanka | 5 | 23 | 3 | 31 | 10 | 23 | 4 | 37 |
| Other | 4 | 35 | 12 | 51 | 6 | 35 | 2 | 43 |
| Total | 47 | 148 | 49 | 244 | 57 | 148 | 39 | 244 |
| THE AMERICAS | | | | | | | | |
| Canada | 42 | 6 | 13 | 61 | 47 | 6 | 24 | 77 |
| Chile | 7 | 6 | 8 | 21 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 16 |
| United States of America | 70 | 12 | 38 | 120 | 51 | 12 | 16 | 79 |
| Other | 19 | 24 | 12 | 55 | 24 | 24 | 17 | 65 |
| Total | 138 | 48 | 71 | 257 | 128 | 48 | 61 | 237 |
| AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA) | | | | | | | | |
| South Africa | 46 | 47 | 26 | 119 | 47 | 47 | 21 | 115 |
| Other | 76 | 51 | 58 | 185 | 66 | 51 | 60 | 177 |
| Total | 122 | 98 | 84 | 304 | 113 | 98 | 81 | 292 |
| Other and not stated | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 11 310 | 2 293 | 3 246 | 16 849 | 11 192 | 2 293 | 3 364 | 16 849 |

3.5 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Previous and Average Issue

PREVIOUS ISSUE OF THE CURRENT MARRIAGE.....

| Age of mother (years) | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 and over | Not stated | All mothers | Total issue | Average issue |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 16 and under | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 1.0 |
| 17 | 7 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 8 | 9 | 1.1 |
| 18 | 20 | 3 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 24 | 30 | 1.3 |
| 19 | 51 | 21 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 73 | 96 | 1.3 |
| 20 | 96 | 39 | 6 | — | — | — | — | 141 | 194 | 1.4 |
| 21 | 134 | 73 | 10 | — | — | — | — | 217 | 312 | 1.4 |
| 22 | 210 | 118 | 23 | 1 | — | — | — | 352 | 524 | 1.5 |
| 23 | 272 | 149 | 65 | 4 | — | — | — | 490 | 787 | 1.6 |
| 24 | 399 | 285 | 63 | 9 | 5 | 1 | — | 762 | 1 237 | 1.6 |
| 25 | 493 | 326 | 105 | 28 | 3 | 1 | — | 956 | 1 609 | 1.7 |
| 26 | 553 | 377 | 132 | 33 | 7 | 2 | — | 1 104 | 1 898 | 1.7 |
| 27 | 644 | 449 | 166 | 44 | 13 | 1 | — | 1 317 | 2 305 | 1.8 |
| 28 | 612 | 574 | 192 | 49 | 12 | 2 | — | 1 441 | 2 623 | 1.8 |
| 29 | 553 | 559 | 204 | 50 | 6 | 5 | — | 1 377 | 2 567 | 1.9 |
| 30 | 465 | 565 | 235 | 54 | 17 | 4 | — | 1 340 | 2 651 | 2.0 |
| 31 | 458 | 517 | 249 | 81 | 19 | 6 | — | 1 330 | 2 724 | 2.0 |
| 32 | 392 | 466 | 268 | 84 | 15 | 8 | — | 1 233 | 2 608 | 2.1 |
| 33 | 327 | 406 | 241 | 80 | 18 | 13 | — | 1 085 | 2 381 | 2.2 |
| 34 | 232 | 398 | 209 | 65 | 24 | 11 | — | 939 | 2 125 | 2.3 |
| 35-39 | 601 | 888 | 528 | 205 | 62 | 56 | — | 2 340 | 5 521 | 2.4 |
| 40 and over | 85 | 90 | 70 | 36 | 14 | 24 | — | 319 | 865 | 2.7 |
| Not stated | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 6 605 | 6 304 | 2 768 | 823 | 215 | 134 | — | 16 849 | 33 067 | 2.0 |

3.6 FIRST NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS

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

| <i>Duration of marriage (years)</i> | <i>19 and under</i> | <i>20-24</i> | <i>25-29</i> | <i>30-34</i> | <i>35-39</i> | <i>40 and over</i> | <i>Not stated</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Under 1 | 63 | 361 | 413 | 270 | 108 | 16 | — | 1 231 |
| 1 | 14 | 359 | 656 | 368 | 131 | 15 | — | 1 543 |
| 2 | 1 | 214 | 559 | 268 | 79 | 14 | — | 1 135 |
| 3 | — | 124 | 442 | 202 | 50 | 6 | — | 824 |
| 4 | 1 | 41 | 315 | 171 | 44 | 5 | — | 577 |
| 5 | — | 10 | 223 | 134 | 29 | 3 | — | 399 |
| 6 | — | 2 | 124 | 108 | 26 | 4 | — | 264 |
| 7 | — | — | 68 | 97 | 24 | 4 | — | 193 |
| 8 and over | — | — | 55 | 256 | 110 | 18 | — | 439 |
| Not stated | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 79 | 1 111 | 2 855 | 1 874 | 601 | 85 | — | 6 805 |

3.7 NUPTIAL AND TOTAL CONFINEMENTS

ALL PREVIOUS ISSUE OF MOTHER.....

| Age of mother (years) | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 and over | Not stated | All mothers | Total issue | Average issue |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS(a) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 and under | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 1.0 |
| 17 | 7 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 8 | 9 | 1.1 |
| 18 | 19 | 4 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 24 | 31 | 1.3 |
| 19 | 49 | 22 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | 73 | 100 | 1.4 |
| 20 | 93 | 40 | 7 | — | 1 | — | — | 141 | 201 | 1.4 |
| 21 | 130 | 74 | 13 | — | — | — | — | 217 | 319 | 1.5 |
| 22 | 198 | 124 | 29 | 1 | — | — | — | 352 | 542 | 1.5 |
| 23 | 261 | 147 | 75 | 6 | — | 1 | — | 490 | 816 | 1.7 |
| 24 | 383 | 283 | 74 | 14 | 6 | 2 | — | 762 | 1 281 | 1.7 |
| 25 | 474 | 317 | 120 | 36 | 7 | 2 | — | 956 | 1 675 | 1.8 |
| 26 | 522 | 375 | 149 | 40 | 13 | 5 | — | 1 104 | 1 991 | 1.8 |
| 27 | 612 | 441 | 191 | 47 | 20 | 6 | — | 1 317 | 2 416 | 1.8 |
| 28 | 589 | 549 | 212 | 65 | 18 | 8 | — | 1 441 | 2 744 | 1.9 |
| 29 | 532 | 555 | 210 | 63 | 12 | 5 | — | 1 377 | 2 638 | 1.9 |
| 30 | 448 | 551 | 242 | 67 | 25 | 7 | — | 1 340 | 2 738 | 2.0 |
| 31 | 427 | 501 | 272 | 92 | 26 | 12 | — | 1 330 | 2 850 | 2.1 |
| 32 | 371 | 451 | 281 | 91 | 26 | 13 | — | 1 233 | 2 718 | 2.2 |
| 33 | 298 | 393 | 254 | 89 | 26 | 25 | — | 1 085 | 2 529 | 2.3 |
| 34 | 210 | 374 | 217 | 79 | 38 | 21 | — | 939 | 2 266 | 2.4 |
| 35-39 | 496 | 832 | 577 | 251 | 102 | 82 | — | 2 340 | 6 024 | 2.6 |
| 40 and over | 71 | 81 | 71 | 40 | 23 | 33 | — | 319 | 966 | 3.0 |
| Not stated | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 6 191 | 6 115 | 2 996 | 982 | 343 | 222 | — | 16 849 | 34 855 | 2.1 |

TOTAL CONFINEMENTS

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| 16 and under | 186 | 3 | 2 | — | — | — | — | 191 | 200 | 1.0 |
| 17 | 233 | 19 | 2 | — | — | — | — | 254 | 278 | 1.1 |
| 18 | 340 | 40 | 7 | — | — | — | — | 387 | 443 | 1.1 |
| 19 | 473 | 96 | 13 | 3 | — | 1 | — | 586 | 724 | 1.2 |
| 20 | 491 | 157 | 29 | 3 | 2 | — | — | 682 | 921 | 1.4 |
| 21 | 498 | 191 | 36 | 8 | 1 | 2 | — | 736 | 1 042 | 1.4 |
| 22 | 497 | 277 | 69 | 9 | 3 | 2 | — | 857 | 1 333 | 1.6 |
| 23 | 526 | 289 | 118 | 24 | 4 | 1 | — | 962 | 1 591 | 1.7 |
| 24 | 649 | 423 | 134 | 34 | 12 | 3 | — | 1 255 | 2 127 | 1.7 |
| 25 | 717 | 463 | 175 | 62 | 13 | 8 | — | 1 438 | 2 558 | 1.8 |
| 26 | 705 | 491 | 203 | 61 | 19 | 10 | — | 1 489 | 2 723 | 1.8 |
| 27 | 812 | 532 | 238 | 66 | 27 | 12 | — | 1 687 | 3 094 | 1.8 |
| 28 | 762 | 636 | 267 | 87 | 26 | 14 | — | 1 792 | 3 426 | 1.9 |
| 29 | 649 | 626 | 259 | 92 | 30 | 13 | — | 1 669 | 3 305 | 2.0 |
| 30 | 580 | 631 | 293 | 92 | 38 | 12 | — | 1 646 | 3 383 | 2.1 |
| 31 | 547 | 562 | 307 | 108 | 37 | 18 | — | 1 579 | 3 359 | 2.1 |
| 32 | 502 | 499 | 314 | 107 | 36 | 20 | — | 1 478 | 3 216 | 2.2 |
| 33 | 401 | 448 | 295 | 109 | 38 | 34 | — | 1 325 | 3 068 | 2.3 |
| 34 | 290 | 414 | 249 | 98 | 47 | 25 | — | 1 123 | 2 675 | 2.4 |
| 35-39 | 730 | 963 | 653 | 307 | 120 | 102 | — | 2 875 | 7 213 | 2.5 |
| 40 and over | 111 | 102 | 85 | 52 | 33 | 38 | — | 421 | 1 225 | 2.9 |
| Not stated | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 2 | 1.0 |
| Total | 10 701 | 7 862 | 3 748 | 1 322 | 486 | 315 | — | 24 434 | 47 906 | 2.0 |

(a) Women who had a nuptial confinement in reference year.

SECTION 4

BIRTHS — YEAR OF OCCURRENCE (PRELIMINARY)

In Western Australia 24,508 births occurred in 1996. This represents a slight decrease of 1.1% from 1995 but an increase of 3.3% over the number of births occurring in 1986. The number of births in Western Australia has slowly declined each year since 1992 and in 1996 dropped below the 1991 level of 24,715 births.

A proportion of births that occur in each calendar year, particularly those occurring towards the end of the year, are not registered until the following year. Small numbers of births occurring in each calendar year are also not registered for several years. About 91.5% of births that were registered in 1996 also occurred in 1996. Caution should therefore be exercised in interpreting birth rates based on registration data.

Month of occurrence

An average of 67 births occurred each day in Western Australia in 1996. Births by occurrence were spread fairly evenly throughout the year in 1996, May having the highest number of births with 2,121 and November the lowest with 1,832 births.

Age group of mother

In 1996, 33.5% of all births in Western Australia occurred to females aged from 25 years to 29 years. Females aged under 20 years contributed more to the total number of births in 1986 (6.2%) than in 1996 (5.6%). There was a large rise in the proportion of births occurring to females aged 35 years and over, up from 7.4% in 1986 to 13.7% in 1996. There was also a 4.5% increase from 1995 to 1996 in births for this age group.

Although the total number of births decreased between 1995 and 1996, there was an increase in the number of births to females in the 25–29 year age group and in the 35–39 and 40–44 year age groups.

Fertility

The total fertility rate based on births that occurred in 1996 was 1.791, a decline from the total fertility rate of 1.936 in 1986. The total fertility rate has been declining over the past four years from 1.874 in 1992 to 1.791 in 1996. The largest contribution to the total fertility rate was made by females aged 25–29 years (120.9), followed by women aged 30–34 years (103.8) and then by women aged 20–24 years (64.3).

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 31.3% in 1986 to 24.0% in 1996, while that of women aged 30 years and over increased from 30.2% in 1986 to 42.2% in 1996.

4.1 BIRTHS, Month of Occurrence

| Month of occurrence | 1986 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 990 | 2 150 | 2 007 | 2 073 | 2 089 | 2 067 | 1 992 |
| February | 1 909 | 1 994 | 2 061 | 1 909 | 1 908 | 2 011 | 2 079 |
| March | 2 128 | 2 112 | 2 220 | 2 137 | 2 239 | 2 284 | 2 090 |
| April | 1 944 | 2 176 | 2 107 | 2 122 | 2 039 | 2 050 | 2 088 |
| May | 2 021 | 2 162 | 2 213 | 2 051 | 2 188 | 2 167 | 2 121 |
| June | 1 834 | 1 979 | 2 124 | 2 148 | 2 027 | 2 084 | 2 064 |
| July | 2 023 | 2 067 | 2 100 | 2 123 | 2 124 | 2 108 | 2 095 |
| August | 1 984 | 2 100 | 2 085 | 1 998 | 2 099 | 2 102 | 2 111 |
| September | 2 087 | 2 060 | 2 213 | 2 280 | 2 229 | 2 157 | 2 093 |
| October | 2 058 | 2 053 | 2 147 | 2 115 | 2 005 | 2 050 | 2 083 |
| November | 1 815 | 1 909 | 1 843 | 1 948 | 1 909 | 1 913 | 1 832 |
| December | 1 924 | 1 953 | 1 907 | 2 017 | 2 051 | 1 793 | 1 860 |
| Total | 23 717 | 24 715 | 25 027 | 24 921 | 24 907 | 24 786 | 24 508 |

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| RATE | | | | | | | |
| Crude birth rate | 16.3 | 15.1 | 15.1 | 14.9 | 14.6 | 14.3 | 13.9 |

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | |
| January | 8.4 | 8.7 | 8.0 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 8.3 | 8.1 |
| February | 8.0 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 8.5 |
| March | 9.0 | 8.5 | 8.9 | 8.6 | 9.0 | 9.2 | 8.5 |
| April | 8.2 | 8.8 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.5 |
| May | 8.5 | 8.7 | 8.8 | 8.2 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 8.7 |
| June | 7.7 | 8.0 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 8.1 | 8.4 | 8.4 |
| July | 8.5 | 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.5 |
| August | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 8.0 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.6 |
| September | 8.8 | 8.3 | 8.8 | 9.1 | 8.9 | 8.7 | 8.5 |
| October | 8.7 | 8.3 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 8.0 | 8.3 | 8.5 |
| November | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.4 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.5 |
| December | 8.1 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 7.2 | 7.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

4.2 BIRTHS, Age Group of Mother

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

| <i>Selected years</i> | <i>19 and under</i> | <i>20-24</i> | <i>25-29</i> | <i>30-34</i> | <i>35-39</i> | <i>40-44</i> | <i>45 and over</i> | <i>Total(a)</i> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1986 | 1 470 | 5 917 | 9 330 | 5 240 | 1 577 | 170 | 7 | 23 717 |
| 1991 | 1 535 | 5 157 | 8 900 | 6 647 | 2 141 | 323 | 6 | 24 715 |
| 1992 | 1 524 | 5 159 | 8 658 | 7 031 | 2 282 | 358 | 12 | 25 027 |
| 1993 | 1 405 | 4 964 | 8 456 | 7 264 | 2 475 | 348 | 7 | 24 921 |
| 1994 | 1 506 | 4 873 | 8 317 | 7 223 | 2 569 | 401 | 17 | 24 907 |
| 1995 | 1 410 | 4 757 | 8 059 | 7 348 | 2 798 | 399 | 15 | 24 786 |
| 1996 | 1 364 | 4 360 | 8 209 | 7 218 | 2 907 | 432 | 16 | 24 508 |

(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 | 24.0 | 97.1 | 149.2 | 86.0 | 26.9 | 3.8 | 0.2 | 1.936 |
| 1991 | 24.3 | 79.2 | 133.8 | 96.4 | 32.1 | 5.2 | 0.1 | 1.855 |
| 1992 | 24.7 | 77.5 | 132.1 | 100.7 | 33.9 | 5.7 | 0.2 | 1.874 |
| 1993 | 22.9 | 74.1 | 131.3 | 103.6 | 36.3 | 5.4 | 0.1 | 1.869 |
| 1994 | 24.5 | 72.1 | 129.0 | 102.5 | 37.3 | 6.2 | 0.3 | 1.859 |
| 1995 | 22.9 | 69.9 | 123.2 | 104.5 | 40.0 | 6.0 | 0.3 | 1.833 |
| 1996 | 21.8 | 64.3 | 120.9 | 103.8 | 40.8 | 6.3 | 0.3 | 1.791 |

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

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

SECTION 5

DEATHS — YEAR OF REGISTRATION

There were 11,027 registered deaths of persons usually resident in Western Australia in 1996, with 5,978 male deaths and 5,049 female deaths. This total represented an increase of 663 persons or 6.4% on 1995. This is the largest increase in registered deaths in Western Australia for 5 years.

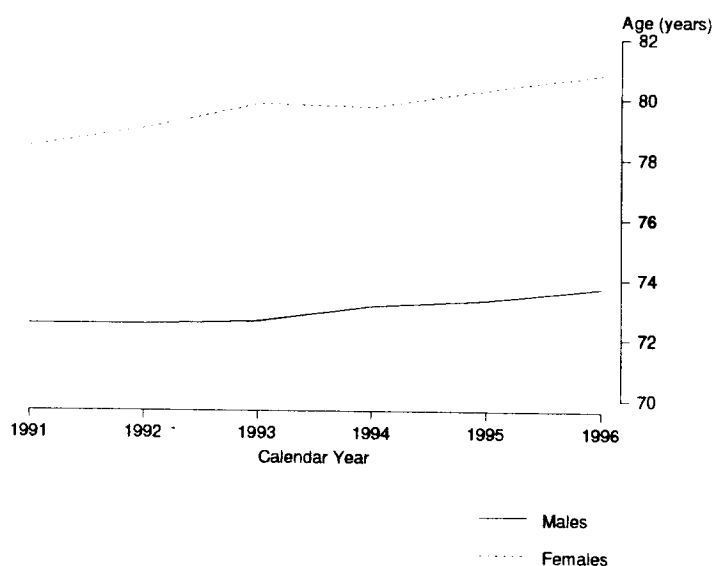
Standardised death rate

The standardised death rate in 1996 was 6.3 deaths per 1,000 population. The rate has fallen from 7.5 in 1986. For males, the rate has declined from 9.9 in 1986 to 8.1 in 1996 and for females the rate has fallen from 5.7 in 1986, to 4.9 in 1996.

Median age at death

The increase in median age at death reflects the fact that people are living longer. The median age at death for males in Western Australia has increased from 71.7 in 1986, to 73.7 years in 1996. For females it has increased from 77.3 years to 80.8 years.

MEDIAN AGE AT DEATH



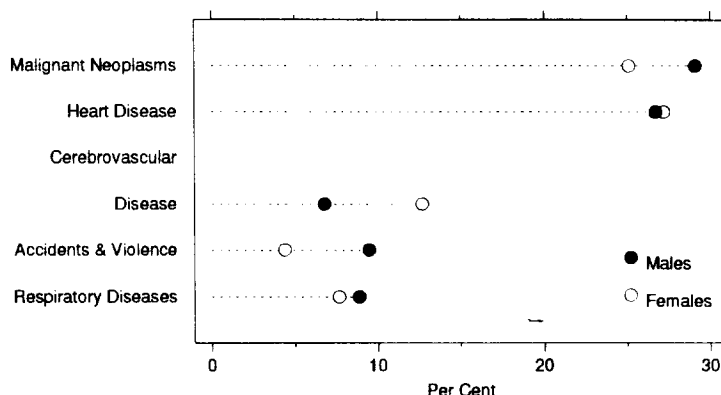
Age at death

There were more male deaths than female deaths in all age groups up to 80–84 years. Male deaths accounted for 74.1% of all deaths in the 20–29 year age groups. Deaths of persons aged 70 years and over represented 66.7% of all deaths. There were 35 persons aged 100 and over who died in Western Australia in 1996.

Causes of death

Four causes of death accounted for 72.0% of all deaths in Western Australia in 1996. Some 26.9% were due to heart disease and 27.3% from malignant neoplasms (cancer). A further 9.5% were due to cerebrovascular disease (including strokes) and 8.3% from respiratory diseases. External causes of death, consisting of deaths from accidents, poisoning and violence accounted for 7.1% of all deaths.

PRINCIPLE CAUSES OF DEATH



Heart disease

Heart disease of all types has dropped behind cancer as the leading cause of deaths in Western Australia in 1996. There were 2,967 deaths (1,594 males and 1,373 females) due to heart disease in 1996.

In 1996, the total of 2,426 deaths from ischaemic heart disease in Western Australia accounted for 56.5% of all deaths (4,297) ascribed to diseases of the circulatory system.

Malignant neoplasms

In 1996, 3,007 deaths were due to malignant neoplasms (cancer) in Western Australia, an increase of 136 deaths on 1995. Male deaths constituted 57.9% and female deaths 42.1%. Malignant neoplasms accounted for 27.3% of all deaths in 1996.

Motor vehicle accidents

There were 241 deaths from motor vehicle accidents in Western Australia in 1996, an increase of 32 deaths from 1995. Deaths from motor vehicle accidents were predominantly male, with 186 male deaths (77.2%) and 55 females deaths (22.8%).

Infant deaths

In Western Australia in 1996, 160 deaths of infants (excluding still births) under 1 year of age were registered, 103 males and 57 females.

The infant mortality rate was 6.5 deaths per 1,000 live births, with the rate for males being 8.0 and females 4.8. The age at death for 36.9% of infants was under 1 day, a

further 26.2% were 1 day old but less than four weeks old and 36.9% were between four weeks of age and under 12 months.

Suicides

The number of deaths due to suicide has increased from 164 in 1986 to 218 in 1996. In 1986, suicides accounted for 1.6% of deaths and in 1996 this had risen to 2.0% of all deaths. The rate of suicide was higher in 1996 than it was in 1986 (12.4 compared with 11.2) but the rate has been declining since 1990 (13.3). The number of suicides is higher amongst males with 78.4% of suicides attributed to males.

Expectation of life

In Western Australia in 1996, females at birth could expect to live 5.9 years longer than males. This compares with 5.8 years nationally. Expectation of life for males has increased from 73.1 years in 1986 to 75.4 years in 1996, and for females it has increased from 79.6 years to 81.3 years.

5.1 DEATHS, Summary(a)

| | 1986 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995(b) | 1996(b) |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| DEATHS | | | | | | | |
| Total deaths | 9 307 | 9 528 | 9 898 | 10 316 | 10 293 | 10 384 | 11 027 |
| Males | 5 250 | 5 226 | 5 352 | 5 632 | 5 598 | 5 617 | 5 978 |
| Females | 4 057 | 4 302 | 4 546 | 4 684 | 4 695 | 4 747 | 5 049 |
| Sex ratio | 129.4 | 121.5 | 117.7 | 120.2 | 119.2 | 118.3 | 118.4 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths | 370 | 401 | 346 | 386 | 377 | 384 | 370 |
| Males | 212 | 227 | 195 | 229 | 212 | 219 | 222 |
| Females | 158 | 174 | 151 | 157 | 165 | 165 | 148 |
| Standardised death rate | 7.5 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.3 |
| Males | 9.9 | 8.4 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 8.1 |
| Females | 5.7 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| Crude death rate | 6.4 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.3 |
| Males | 7.1 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.8 |
| Females | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.8 |
| Median age at death | | | | | | | |
| Males | 71.7 | 72.2 | 72.5 | 72.6 | 73.1 | 73.3 | 73.7 |
| Females | 77.3 | 78.4 | 79.0 | 79.8 | 79.7 | 80.3 | 80.8 |
| Age-specific death rate | | | | | | | |
| Age group (years) | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | |
| 0 | 9.8 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 8.0 |
| 1-4 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| 5-14 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 15-24 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| 25-34 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| 35-44 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.8 |
| 45-54 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.3 |
| 45-64 | 13.8 | 11.0 | 10.1 | 10.7 | 10.9 | 8.7 | 9.3 |
| 65-74 | 34.7 | 28.2 | 29.4 | 28.9 | 27.3 | 28.8 | 26.2 |
| 75-84 | 89.5 | 75.5 | 75.7 | 77.9 | 74.7 | 71.3 | 73.9 |
| 85 and over | 193.5 | 171.6 | 170.6 | 175.3 | 175.1 | 170.0 | 187.7 |
| Females | | | | | | | |
| 0 | 7.8 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 4.4 | 5.7 | 4.1 | 4.8 |
| 1-4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| 5-14 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 15-24 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| 25-34 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| 35-44 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| 45-54 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 1.9 |
| 45-64 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| 65-74 | 18.3 | 16.4 | 16.0 | 15.5 | 15.8 | 14.8 | 15.0 |
| 75-84 | 51.9 | 43.9 | 44.6 | 47.8 | 44.6 | 44.2 | 44.0 |
| 85 and over | 143.6 | 139.2 | 145.1 | 145.6 | 137.5 | 139.9 | 148.4 |
| Expectation of life | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | |
| Age 0 | 73.1 | 75.0 | 75.3 | 75.1 | 75.2 | 75.4 | 75.4 |
| Age 1 | 72.8 | 74.6 | 74.8 | 74.6 | 74.7 | 74.9 | 74.9 |
| Age 25 | 49.8 | 51.4 | 51.7 | 51.5 | 51.5 | 51.8 | 51.8 |
| Age 45 | 30.9 | 32.6 | 32.8 | 32.7 | 32.8 | 33.0 | 33.0 |
| Age 65 | 14.7 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| Females | | | | | | | |
| Age 0 | 79.6 | 80.9 | 80.9 | 81.1 | 81.2 | 81.3 | 81.3 |
| Age 1 | 79.2 | 80.4 | 80.4 | 80.5 | 80.6 | 80.7 | 80.7 |
| Age 25 | 55.7 | 56.8 | 56.9 | 56.9 | 57.0 | 57.2 | 57.2 |
| Age 45 | 36.5 | 37.4 | 37.7 | 37.5 | 37.6 | 37.8 | 37.8 |
| Age 65 | 18.8 | 19.6 | 19.8 | 19.6 | 19.7 | 19.9 | 19.9 |

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) From 1995 onwards life expectation data has been calculated over the year in the heading of the table and the two previous years.

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 | 249 | 223 | 228 | 234 | 237 | 230 | 238 |
| Diseases of the circulatory system | 455 | 357 | 344 | 354 | 326 | 321 | 306 |
| Diseases of the respiratory system | 92 | 79 | 77 | 80 | 72 | 66 | 77 |
| Diseases of the digestive system | 33 | 26 | 27 | 24 | 24 | 26 | 23 |
| All other diseases | 97 | 95 | 100 | 94 | 94 | 92 | 113 |
| External causes | 68 | 64 | 60 | 64 | 66 | 62 | 66 |
| Females | | | | | | | |
| Neoplasms | 148 | 140 | 142 | 148 | 141 | 141 | 139 |
| Diseases of the circulatory system | 276 | 228 | 220 | 218 | 209 | 196 | 195 |
| Diseases of the respiratory system | 31 | 29 | 33 | 33 | 32 | 34 | 37 |
| Diseases of the digestive system | 22 | 18 | 20 | 16 | 18 | 16 | 15 |
| All other diseases | 68 | 65 | 72 | 71 | 73 | 71 | 79 |
| External causes | 26 | 24 | 25 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 24 |
| INFANT DEATHS | | | | | | | |
| Total infant deaths | 214 | 183 | 175 | 147 | 140 | 129 | 160 |
| Males | 122 | 102 | 98 | 93 | 70 | 79 | 103 |
| Females | 92 | 81 | 77 | 54 | 70 | 50 | 57 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander infants | 27 | 40 | 37 | 25 | 31 | 27 | 37 |
| Males | 12 | 21 | 21 | 17 | 15 | 11 | 23 |
| Females | 15 | 19 | 16 | 8 | 16 | 16 | 14 |
| Infant mortality rate | 8.8 | 7.2 | 7.0 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 6.5 |
| Males | 9.8 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 8.0 |
| Females | 7.8 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 4.4 | 5.7 | 4.1 | 4.8 |
| Age at death | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | |
| Under 1 day | 39 | 27 | 33 | 29 | 28 | 27 | 40 |
| 1 day to under 1 week | 25 | 17 | 13 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 15 |
| 1 week to under 4 weeks | 14 | 9 | 16 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 10 |
| 4 weeks to under 1 year | 44 | 49 | 36 | 46 | 22 | 29 | 38 |
| Females | | | | | | | |
| Under 1 day | 30 | 23 | 26 | 21 | 19 | 23 | 19 |
| 1 day to under 1 week | 11 | 12 | 13 | 8 | 12 | — | 8 |
| 1 week to under 4 weeks | 13 | 12 | 12 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 9 |
| 4 weeks to under 1 year | 38 | 34 | 26 | 20 | 32 | 21 | 21 |

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

5.2 DEATHS, Age at Death - Sex

| Age at death (years) | Males | Females | Persons | Age at death (years) | Males | Females | Persons |
|----------------------|-------|---------|---------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Under 1 | 103 | 57 | 160 | 50 | 30 | 22 | 52 |
| 1 | 15 | 8 | 23 | 51 | 42 | 21 | 63 |
| 2 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 52 | 47 | 27 | 74 |
| 3 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 53 | 55 | 22 | 77 |
| 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 54 | 46 | 27 | 73 |
| 0-4 | 131 | 72 | 203 | 50-54 | 220 | 119 | 339 |
| 5 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 55 | 39 | 23 | 62 |
| 6 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 56 | 48 | 36 | 84 |
| 7 | 2 | — | 2 | 57 | 58 | 25 | 83 |
| 8 | — | 1 | 1 | 58 | 63 | 20 | 83 |
| 9 | — | 1 | 1 | 59 | 59 | 43 | 102 |
| 5-9 | 10 | 7 | 17 | 55-59 | 267 | 147 | 414 |
| 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 60 | 65 | 35 | 100 |
| 11 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 61 | 77 | 45 | 122 |
| 12 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 62 | 81 | 44 | 125 |
| 13 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 63 | 78 | 46 | 124 |
| 14 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 64 | 101 | 39 | 140 |
| 10-14 | 23 | 11 | 34 | 60-64 | 402 | 209 | 611 |
| 15 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 65 | 106 | 70 | 176 |
| 16 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 66 | 120 | 72 | 192 |
| 17 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 67 | 118 | 69 | 187 |
| 18 | 13 | 5 | 18 | 68 | 141 | 75 | 216 |
| 19 | 11 | 4 | 15 | 69 | 127 | 66 | 193 |
| 15-19 | 45 | 19 | 64 | 65-69 | 612 | 352 | 964 |
| 20 | 18 | 1 | 19 | 70 | 142 | 86 | 228 |
| 21 | 19 | 5 | 24 | 71 | 158 | 92 | 250 |
| 22 | 22 | 5 | 27 | 72 | 155 | 99 | 254 |
| 23 | 23 | 7 | 30 | 73 | 163 | 101 | 264 |
| 24 | 21 | 5 | 26 | 74 | 153 | 120 | 273 |
| 20-24 | 103 | 23 | 126 | 70-74 | 771 | 498 | 1 269 |
| 25 | 18 | 13 | 31 | 75 | 198 | 127 | 325 |
| 26 | 8 | 7 | 15 | 76 | 184 | 119 | 303 |
| 27 | 22 | 3 | 25 | 77 | 159 | 105 | 264 |
| 28 | 17 | 8 | 25 | 78 | 156 | 124 | 280 |
| 29 | 25 | 7 | 32 | 79 | 150 | 170 | 320 |
| 25-29 | 90 | 38 | 128 | 75-79 | 847 | 645 | 1 492 |
| 30 | 19 | 3 | 22 | 80 | 168 | 155 | 323 |
| 31 | 19 | 9 | 28 | 81 | 184 | 169 | 353 |
| 32 | 20 | 10 | 30 | 82 | 200 | 190 | 390 |
| 33 | 24 | 8 | 32 | 83 | 186 | 189 | 375 |
| 34 | 16 | 5 | 21 | 84 | 162 | 167 | 329 |
| 30-34 | 98 | 35 | 133 | 80-84 | 900 | 870 | 1 770 |
| 35 | 17 | 12 | 29 | 85 | 148 | 205 | 353 |
| 36 | 24 | 9 | 33 | 86 | 127 | 155 | 282 |
| 37 | 19 | 10 | 29 | 87 | 129 | 197 | 326 |
| 38 | 35 | 12 | 47 | 88 | 130 | 176 | 306 |
| 39 | 27 | 11 | 38 | 89 | 107 | 174 | 281 |
| 35-39 | 122 | 54 | 176 | 85-89 | 641 | 907 | 1 548 |
| 40 | 23 | 14 | 37 | 90 | 93 | 164 | 257 |
| 41 | 30 | 13 | 43 | 91 | 76 | 149 | 225 |
| 42 | 28 | 13 | 41 | 92 | 68 | 133 | 201 |
| 43 | 22 | 21 | 43 | 93 | 57 | 97 | 154 |
| 44 | 23 | 23 | 46 | 94 | 20 | 77 | 97 |
| 40-44 | 126 | 84 | 210 | 90-94 | 314 | 620 | 934 |
| 45 | 25 | 17 | 42 | 95-99 | 83 | 222 | 305 |
| 46 | 29 | 17 | 46 | 100 and over | 7 | 28 | 35 |
| 47 | 38 | 10 | 48 | Not stated | — | — | — |
| 48 | 31 | 25 | 56 | | | | |
| 49 | 43 | 20 | 63 | | | | |
| 45-49 | 166 | 89 | 255 | Total | 5 978 | 5 049 | 11 027 |

5.3 DEATHS, Age at Death - Marital Status

| MALES..... | | | | | | | FEMALES..... | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------------|-------|------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------------|-------|--|
| Age at death (years) | Never married | Married | Widowed | Divorced | Not stated | Total | Never married | Married | Widowed | Divorced | Not stated | Total | |
| Under 1 | 103 | — | — | — | — | 103 | 57 | — | — | — | — | 57 | |
| 1-4 | 28 | — | — | — | — | 28 | 15 | — | — | — | — | 15 | |
| 5-9 | 10 | — | — | — | — | 10 | 7 | — | — | — | — | 7 | |
| 10-14 | 23 | — | — | — | — | 23 | 11 | — | — | — | — | 11 | |
| 15-19 | 45 | — | — | — | — | 45 | 19 | — | — | — | — | 19 | |
| 20-24 | 96 | 5 | — | — | 2 | 103 | 21 | 1 | — | — | 1 | 23 | |
| 25-29 | 70 | 16 | — | 2 | 2 | 90 | 23 | 11 | — | 3 | 1 | 38 | |
| 30-34 | 58 | 34 | — | 6 | — | 98 | 16 | 13 | — | 2 | 4 | 35 | |
| 35-39 | 52 | 50 | 1 | 16 | 3 | 122 | 20 | 27 | — | 6 | 1 | 54 | |
| 40-44 | 38 | 62 | — | 22 | 4 | 126 | 12 | 52 | — | 19 | 1 | 84 | |
| 45-49 | 33 | 97 | 2 | 31 | 3 | 166 | 7 | 60 | 2 | 18 | 2 | 89 | |
| 50-54 | 38 | 130 | 5 | 41 | 6 | 220 | 12 | 78 | 8 | 17 | 4 | 119 | |
| 55-59 | 34 | 185 | 7 | 37 | 4 | 267 | 11 | 97 | 15 | 22 | 2 | 147 | |
| 60-64 | 46 | 276 | 17 | 51 | 12 | 402 | 16 | 118 | 47 | 25 | 3 | 209 | |
| 65-69 | 63 | 424 | 53 | 61 | 11 | 612 | 7 | 193 | 111 | 37 | 4 | 352 | |
| 70-74 | 69 | 518 | 101 | 69 | 14 | 771 | 19 | 199 | 232 | 41 | 7 | 498 | |
| 75-79 | 57 | 550 | 187 | 42 | 11 | 847 | 26 | 213 | 359 | 41 | 6 | 645 | |
| 80-84 | 58 | 543 | 245 | 42 | 12 | 900 | 40 | 174 | 614 | 36 | 6 | 870 | |
| 85-89 | 38 | 331 | 251 | 15 | 6 | 641 | 53 | 111 | 711 | 30 | 2 | 907 | |
| 90-94 | 31 | 108 | 164 | 8 | 3 | 314 | 49 | 23 | 530 | 14 | 4 | 620 | |
| 95-99 | 7 | 16 | 57 | 1 | 2 | 83 | 16 | 3 | 197 | 5 | 1 | 222 | |
| 100 and over | — | 1 | 6 | — | — | 7 | 6 | — | 22 | — | — | 28 | |
| Not stated | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | |
| Total | 997 | 3 346 | 1 096 | 444 | 95 | 5 978 | 463 | 1 373 | 2 848 | 316 | 49 | 5 049 | |

5.4 DEATHS, Expectation of Life(a)

| WESTERN AUSTRALIA..... | | | | | | | | | | AUSTRALIA..... | |
|------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|----------------|--|
| | 1971..... | | 1981..... | | 1991..... | | 1994 TO 96..... | | 1994 TO 96..... | | |
| Age (years) | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | 68.40 | 75.30 | 72.07 | 79.26 | 75.07 | 80.98 | 75.42 | 81.34 | 75.22 | 81.05 | |
| 5 | 65.25 | 71.97 | 67.95 | 74.99 | 70.77 | 76.63 | 71.03 | 76.84 | 70.81 | 76.55 | |
| 10 | 60.43 | 67.11 | 63.08 | 70.06 | 65.81 | 71.67 | 66.09 | 71.88 | 65.86 | 71.60 | |
| 15 | 55.56 | 62.19 | 58.18 | 65.15 | 60.85 | 66.72 | 61.17 | 66.93 | 60.93 | 66.66 | |
| 20 | 50.90 | 57.40 | 53.88 | 60.26 | 56.10 | 61.82 | 56.40 | 62.04 | 56.15 | 61.76 | |
| 25 | 46.34 | 52.58 | 48.84 | 55.37 | 51.51 | 56.94 | 51.75 | 57.17 | 51.48 | 56.87 | |
| 30 | 41.71 | 47.69 | 44.13 | 50.48 | 46.82 | 52.06 | 47.07 | 52.30 | 46.79 | 51.98 | |
| 35 | 37.07 | 42.87 | 39.35 | 45.61 | 42.07 | 47.17 | 42.39 | 47.44 | 42.10 | 47.11 | |
| 40 | 32.46 | 38.13 | 34.66 | 40.75 | 37.34 | 42.32 | 37.71 | 42.60 | 37.41 | 42.28 | |
| 45 | 27.93 | 33.45 | 30.12 | 35.97 | 32.64 | 37.51 | 33.04 | 37.81 | 32.75 | 37.49 | |
| 50 | 23.58 | 28.98 | 25.72 | 31.32 | 28.09 | 32.82 | 28.46 | 33.11 | 28.18 | 32.80 | |
| 55 | 19.45 | 24.65 | 21.59 | 26.80 | 23.75 | 28.21 | 24.03 | 28.54 | 23.78 | 28.24 | |
| 60 | 15.71 | 20.49 | 17.73 | 22.50 | 19.64 | 23.85 | 19.84 | 24.12 | 19.62 | 23.83 | |
| 65 | 12.47 | 16.52 | 14.18 | 18.51 | 15.87 | 19.68 | 16.00 | 19.90 | 15.82 | 19.61 | |
| 70 | 9.60 | 12.98 | 11.11 | 14.65 | 12.46 | 15.78 | 12.60 | 15.94 | 12.45 | 15.67 | |
| 75 | 7.25 | 9.94 | 8.49 | 11.19 | 9.48 | 12.27 | 9.62 | 12.32 | 9.51 | 12.07 | |
| 80 | 5.43 | 7.47 | 6.43 | 8.31 | 7.04 | 9.11 | 7.12 | 9.14 | 7.04 | 8.92 | |
| 85 | 4.27 | 5.52 | 4.85 | 5.87 | 5.15 | 6.38 | 5.21 | 6.56 | 5.15 | 6.38 | |
| 90 | 3.47 | 4.03 | 3.47 | 4.03 | 3.81 | 4.38 | 3.92 | 4.64 | 3.87 | 4.50 | |
| 95 | 2.97 | 3.14 | 2.97 | 3.14 | 3.14 | 32.90 | 3.22 | 3.34 | 3.18 | 3.24 | |

(a) Based on Annual Life Tables calculated by the Australian Statistician until 1994. In 1995 the life tables were produced as a joint venture between the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Government Actuary. See paragraph 18 of the Explanatory Notes.

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

| WA..... | | | | | AUST..... | | | | | WA..... | | | | | AUST..... | | | | |
|-------------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------------|-------|---------|-------|---------|
| Age (years) | Males | Females | Males | Females | Age (years) | Males | Females | Males | Females | Age (years) | Males | Females | Males | Females | Age (years) | Males | Females | Males | Females |
| 0 | 75.4 | 81.3 | 75.2 | 81.1 | 50 | 28.5 | 33.1 | 28.2 | 32.8 | 50 | 28.5 | 33.1 | 28.2 | 32.8 | 50 | 28.5 | 33.1 | 28.2 | 32.8 |
| 1 | 74.9 | 80.7 | 74.7 | 80.5 | 51 | 27.6 | 32.2 | 27.3 | 31.9 | 51 | 27.6 | 32.2 | 27.3 | 31.9 | 51 | 27.6 | 32.2 | 27.3 | 31.9 |
| 2 | 74.0 | 79.8 | 73.7 | 79.5 | 52 | 26.7 | 31.3 | 26.4 | 31.0 | 52 | 26.7 | 31.3 | 26.4 | 31.0 | 52 | 26.7 | 31.3 | 26.4 | 31.0 |
| 3 | 73.0 | 78.8 | 72.8 | 78.5 | 53 | 25.8 | 30.4 | 25.5 | 30.1 | 53 | 25.8 | 30.4 | 25.5 | 30.1 | 53 | 25.8 | 30.4 | 25.5 | 30.1 |
| 4 | 72.0 | 77.8 | 71.8 | 77.5 | 54 | 24.9 | 29.4 | 24.6 | 29.1 | 54 | 24.9 | 29.4 | 24.6 | 29.1 | 54 | 24.9 | 29.4 | 24.6 | 29.1 |
| 5 | 71.0 | 76.8 | 70.8 | 76.6 | 55 | 24.0 | 28.5 | 23.8 | 28.2 | 55 | 24.0 | 28.5 | 23.8 | 28.2 | 55 | 24.0 | 28.5 | 23.8 | 28.2 |
| 6 | 70.0 | 75.8 | 69.8 | 75.6 | 56 | 23.2 | 27.6 | 22.9 | 27.3 | 56 | 23.2 | 27.6 | 22.9 | 27.3 | 56 | 23.2 | 27.6 | 22.9 | 27.3 |
| 7 | 69.1 | 74.9 | 68.8 | 74.6 | 57 | 22.3 | 26.8 | 22.1 | 26.5 | 57 | 22.3 | 26.8 | 22.1 | 26.5 | 57 | 22.3 | 26.8 | 22.1 | 26.5 |
| 8 | 68.1 | 73.9 | 67.8 | 73.6 | 58 | 21.5 | 25.9 | 21.2 | 25.6 | 58 | 21.5 | 25.9 | 21.2 | 25.6 | 58 | 21.5 | 25.9 | 21.2 | 25.6 |
| 9 | 67.1 | 72.9 | 66.8 | 72.6 | 59 | 20.7 | 25.0 | 20.4 | 24.7 | 59 | 20.7 | 25.0 | 20.4 | 24.7 | 59 | 20.7 | 25.0 | 20.4 | 24.7 |
| 10 | 66.1 | 71.9 | 65.9 | 71.6 | 60 | 19.8 | 24.1 | 19.6 | 23.8 | 60 | 19.8 | 24.1 | 19.6 | 23.8 | 60 | 19.8 | 24.1 | 19.6 | 23.8 |
| 11 | 65.1 | 70.9 | 64.9 | 70.6 | 61 | 19.0 | 23.3 | 18.8 | 23.0 | 61 | 19.0 | 23.3 | 18.8 | 23.0 | 61 | 19.0 | 23.3 | 18.8 | 23.0 |
| 12 | 64.1 | 69.9 | 63.9 | 69.6 | 62 | 18.3 | 22.4 | 18.1 | 22.1 | 62 | 18.3 | 22.4 | 18.1 | 22.1 | 62 | 18.3 | 22.4 | 18.1 | 22.1 |
| 13 | 63.1 | 68.9 | 62.9 | 68.6 | 63 | 17.5 | 21.6 | 17.3 | 21.3 | 63 | 17.5 | 21.6 | 17.3 | 21.3 | 63 | 17.5 | 21.6 | 17.3 | 21.3 |
| 14 | 62.2 | 67.9 | 61.9 | 67.6 | 64 | 16.7 | 20.7 | 16.6 | 20.4 | 64 | 16.7 | 20.7 | 16.6 | 20.4 | 64 | 16.7 | 20.7 | 16.6 | 20.4 |
| 15 | 61.2 | 66.9 | 60.9 | 66.7 | 65 | 16.0 | 19.9 | 15.8 | 19.6 | 65 | 16.0 | 19.9 | 15.8 | 19.6 | 65 | 16.0 | 19.9 | 15.8 | 19.6 |
| 16 | 60.2 | 65.9 | 60.0 | 65.7 | 66 | 15.3 | 19.1 | 15.1 | 18.8 | 66 | 15.3 | 19.1 | 15.1 | 18.8 | 66 | 15.3 | 19.1 | 15.1 | 18.8 |
| 17 | 59.2 | 65.0 | 59.0 | 64.7 | 67 | 14.6 | 18.3 | 14.4 | 18.0 | 67 | 14.6 | 18.3 | 14.4 | 18.0 | 67 | 14.6 | 18.3 | 14.4 | 18.0 |
| 18 | 58.3 | 64.0 | 58.0 | 63.7 | 68 | 13.9 | 17.5 | 13.8 | 17.2 | 68 | 13.9 | 17.5 | 13.8 | 17.2 | 68 | 13.9 | 17.5 | 13.8 | 17.2 |
| 19 | 57.3 | 63.0 | 57.1 | 62.7 | 69 | 13.2 | 16.7 | 13.1 | 16.4 | 69 | 13.2 | 16.7 | 13.1 | 16.4 | 69 | 13.2 | 16.7 | 13.1 | 16.4 |
| 20 | 56.4 | 62.0 | 56.2 | 61.8 | 70 | 12.6 | 15.9 | 12.5 | 15.7 | 70 | 12.6 | 15.9 | 12.5 | 15.7 | 70 | 12.6 | 15.9 | 12.5 | 15.7 |
| 21 | 55.5 | 61.1 | 55.2 | 60.8 | 71 | 12.0 | 15.2 | 11.8 | 14.9 | 71 | 12.0 | 15.2 | 11.8 | 14.9 | 71 | 12.0 | 15.2 | 11.8 | 14.9 |
| 22 | 54.5 | 60.1 | 54.3 | 59.8 | 72 | 11.4 | 14.5 | 11.2 | 14.2 | 72 | 11.4 | 14.5 | 11.2 | 14.2 | 72 | 11.4 | 14.5 | 11.2 | 14.2 |
| 23 | 53.6 | 59.1 | 53.4 | 58.8 | 73 | 10.8 | 13.7 | 10.6 | 13.5 | 73 | 10.8 | 13.7 | 10.6 | 13.5 | 73 | 10.8 | 13.7 | 10.6 | 13.5 |
| 24 | 52.7 | 58.1 | 52.4 | 57.9 | 74 | 10.2 | 13.0 | 10.1 | 12.8 | 74 | 10.2 | 13.0 | 10.1 | 12.8 | 74 | 10.2 | 13.0 | 10.1 | 12.8 |
| 25 | 51.8 | 57.2 | 51.5 | 56.9 | 75 | 9.6 | 12.3 | 9.5 | 12.1 | 75 | 9.6 | 12.3 | 9.5 | 12.1 | 75 | 9.6 | 12.3 | 9.5 | 12.1 |
| 26 | 50.8 | 56.2 | 50.5 | 55.9 | 76 | 9.1 | 11.7 | 9.0 | 11.4 | 76 | 9.1 | 11.7 | 9.0 | 11.4 | 76 | 9.1 | 11.7 | 9.0 | 11.4 |
| 27 | 49.9 | 55.2 | 49.6 | 54.9 | 77 | 8.6 | 11.0 | 8.5 | 10.8 | 77 | 8.6 | 11.0 | 8.5 | 10.8 | 77 | 8.6 | 11.0 | 8.5 | 10.8 |
| 28 | 48.9 | 54.3 | 48.7 | 53.9 | 78 | 8.1 | 10.4 | 8.0 | 10.1 | 78 | 8.1 | 10.4 | 8.0 | 10.1 | 78 | 8.1 | 10.4 | 8.0 | 10.1 |
| 29 | 48.0 | 53.3 | 47.7 | 53.0 | 79 | 7.6 | 9.7 | 7.5 | 9.5 | 79 | 7.6 | 9.7 | 7.5 | 9.5 | 79 | 7.6 | 9.7 | 7.5 | 9.5 |
| 30 | 47.1 | 52.3 | 46.8 | 52.0 | 80 | 7.1 | 9.1 | 7.0 | 8.9 | 80 | 7.1 | 9.1 | 7.0 | 8.9 | 80 | 7.1 | 9.1 | 7.0 | 8.9 |
| 31 | 46.1 | 51.3 | 45.9 | 51.0 | 81 | 6.7 | 8.6 | 6.6 | 8.4 | 81 | 6.7 | 8.6 | 6.6 | 8.4 | 81 | 6.7 | 8.6 | 6.6 | 8.4 |
| 32 | 45.2 | 50.4 | 44.9 | 50.0 | 82 | 6.3 | 8.0 | 6.2 | 7.8 | 82 | 6.3 | 8.0 | 6.2 | 7.8 | 82 | 6.3 | 8.0 | 6.2 | 7.8 |
| 33 | 44.3 | 49.4 | 44.0 | 49.1 | 83 | 5.9 | 7.5 | 5.8 | 7.3 | 83 | 5.9 | 7.5 | 5.8 | 7.3 | 83 | 5.9 | 7.5 | 5.8 | 7.3 |
| 34 | 43.3 | 48.4 | 43.0 | 48.1 | 84 | 5.5 | 7.0 | 5.5 | 6.8 | 84 | 5.5 | 7.0 | 5.5 | 6.8 | 84 | 5.5 | 7.0 | 5.5 | 6.8 |
| 35 | 42.4 | 47.4 | 42.1 | 47.1 | 85 | 5.2 | 6.6 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 85 | 5.2 | 6.6 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 85 | 5.2 | 6.6 | 5.2 | 6.4 |
| 36 | 41.5 | 46.5 | 41.2 | 46.1 | 86 | 4.9 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 86 | 4.9 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 86 | 4.9 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 6.0 |
| 37 | 40.5 | 45.5 | 40.2 | 45.2 | 87 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 4.6 | 5.6 | 87 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 4.6 | 5.6 | 87 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 4.6 | 5.6 |
| 38 | 39.6 | 44.5 | 39.3 | 44.2 | 88 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 88 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 88 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 4.3 | 5.2 |
| 39 | 38.6 | 43.6 | 38.4 | 43.2 | 89 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 89 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 89 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 4.8 |
| 40 | 37.7 | 42.6 | 37.4 | 42.3 | 90 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 90 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 90 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 4.5 |
| 41 | 36.8 | 41.6 | 36.5 | 41.3 | 91 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 91 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 91 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.2 |
| 42 | 35.8 | 40.7 | 35.5 | 40.4 | 92 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 92 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 92 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.9 |
| 43 | 34.9 | 39.7 | 34.6 | 39.4 | 93 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 93 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 93 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.7 |
| 44 | 34.0 | 38.8 | 33.7 | 38.5 | 94 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 94 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 94 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.4 |
| 45 | 33.0 | 37.8 | 32.8 | 37.5 | 95 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 95 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 95 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| 46 | 32.1 | 36.9 | 31.8 | 36.6 | 96 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 96 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 96 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| 47 | 31.2 | 35.9 | 30.9 | 35.6 | 97 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 97 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 97 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 |
| 48 | 30.3 | 35.0 | 30.0 | 34.7 | 98 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 98 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 98 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.8 |
| 49 | 29.4 | 34.0 | 29.1 | 33.7 | 99 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 99 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 99 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.6 |

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5.6 DEATHS, Birthplace, 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 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 6 764 | 3 615 | 3 149 | 6 764 |
| Fiji | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| New Zealand | 20 | 24 | 24 | 26 | 12 | 18 | 4 | — | 80 | 48 | 128 |
| Other | — | — | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | — | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Total | 21 | 24 | 25 | 27 | 12 | 19 | 4 | 6 764 | 3 697 | 3 199 | 6 896 |
| EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Austria | — | — | — | 2 | 2 | 11 | 2 | — | 10 | 7 | 17 |
| Former USSR & Baltic States | 4 | — | 3 | 3 | 2 | 84 | 1 | — | 53 | 44 | 97 |
| Former Yugoslav Republics | 4 | 4 | 5 | 17 | 16 | 73 | 11 | — | 85 | 45 | 130 |
| Germany | 2 | 2 | 9 | 15 | 14 | 43 | 3 | — | 41 | 47 | 88 |
| Greece | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 24 | 2 | — | 21 | 27 | 48 |
| Hungary | — | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 5 | — | 22 | 10 | 32 |
| Ireland | 1 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 11 | 35 | 4 | — | 42 | 28 | 70 |
| Italy | 2 | — | 6 | 22 | 59 | 227 | 9 | — | 214 | 111 | 325 |
| Malta | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 7 | — | — | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| Netherlands | — | — | 4 | 4 | 11 | 121 | 3 | — | 81 | 62 | 143 |
| Poland | 2 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 84 | 3 | — | 69 | 42 | 111 |
| United Kingdom | 63 | 108 | 256 | 511 | 310 | 1 030 | 83 | — | 1 240 | 1 121 | 2 361 |
| Other | 2 | 4 | 6 | 16 | 19 | 41 | 10 | — | 74 | 24 | 98 |
| Total | 82 | 127 | 305 | 612 | 469 | 1 798 | 136 | — | 1 957 | 1 572 | 3 529 |
| MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Egypt | 1 | — | 2 | 2 | 7 | 9 | — | — | 11 | 10 | 21 |
| Lebanon | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | 2 | 2 |
| Turkey | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Other | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | — | — | 8 | 5 | 13 |
| Total | 2 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 14 | 1 | — | 20 | 18 | 38 |
| SOUTH EAST ASIA | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Indonesia | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | — | 9 | 2 | — | 15 | 10 | 25 |
| Malaysia | 3 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 1 | — | 23 | 20 | 43 |
| Philippines | — | 5 | 2 | 1 | — | — | 2 | — | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Singapore | 3 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 3 | — | 21 | 17 | 38 |
| Thailand | — | — | 1 | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | 3 | 3 |
| Viet Nam | 4 | 6 | 6 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 11 | 6 | 17 |
| Other | 3 | 6 | 3 | 22 | 8 | 9 | 1 | — | 27 | 25 | 52 |
| Total | 16 | 34 | 34 | 41 | 18 | 36 | 9 | — | 102 | 86 | 188 |

5.6 DEATHS, Birthplace and Duration of Residence *continued*

DURATION OF RESIDENCE (YEARS).....

| | 4 and under | 5-9 | 10-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40 and over | Not stated | Not applicable | Males | Females | Persons |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| NORTH EAST ASIA | | | | | | | | | | | |
| China | 6 | 6 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 1 | — | 20 | 14 | 34 |
| Hong Kong | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | — | 2 | — | — | 9 | 3 | 12 |
| Other | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | — | — | 6 | 7 | 13 |
| Total | 12 | 9 | 17 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 1 | — | 35 | 24 | 59 |
| SOUTHERN ASIA | | | | | | | | | | | |
| India | 5 | 6 | 14 | 49 | 14 | 40 | 5 | — | 67 | 66 | 133 |
| Sri Lanka | 2 | 2 | 1 | — | 4 | 7 | — | — | 9 | 7 | 16 |
| Other | 1 | 2 | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Total | 8 | 10 | 16 | 49 | 19 | 47 | 5 | — | 77 | 77 | 154 |
| THE AMERICAS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Canada | 2 | — | 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 2 | — | 8 | 10 | 18 |
| Chile | — | 1 | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| United States of America | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | — | 13 | 9 | 22 |
| Other | — | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | — | — | 4 | 9 | 13 |
| Total | 4 | 6 | 13 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 3 | — | 26 | 30 | 56 |
| AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| South Africa | 4 | 6 | 16 | 2 | 8 | 12 | — | — | 28 | 20 | 48 |
| Other | 2 | 3 | 6 | 15 | 7 | 1 | — | — | 17 | 17 | 34 |
| Total | 6 | 9 | 22 | 17 | 15 | 13 | — | — | 45 | 37 | 82 |
| Other and not stated | — | — | — | 1 | 2 | 2 | 20 | — | 19 | 6 | 25 |
| Total | 151 | 220 | 440 | 765 | 559 | 1 949 | 179 | 6 764 | 5 978 | 5 049 | 11 027 |

5.7 DEATHS, State or Territory of Usual Residence—State or Territory of Registration

| <i>State or Territory of usual residence</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|--|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| 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 |

5.9 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 | 1 594 | 1 740 | 409 | 530 | 186 | 171 | 5 978 |
| Females | 1 373 | 1 267 | 641 | 388 | 55 | 47 | 5 049 |
| Persons | 2 967 | 3 007 | 1 050 | 918 | 241 | 218 | 11 027 |
| Proportions by sex (%) | | | | | | | |
| Males | 53.7 | 57.9 | 39.0 | 57.7 | 77.2 | 78.4 | 54.2 |
| Females | 46.3 | 42.1 | 61.0 | 42.3 | 22.8 | 21.6 | 45.8 |
| Persons | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Proportions by cause of death (%) | | | | | | | |
| Males | 26.7 | 29.1 | 6.8 | 8.9 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 100.0 |
| Females | 27.2 | 25.1 | 12.7 | 7.7 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 100.0 |
| Persons | 26.9 | 27.3 | 9.5 | 8.3 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 100.0 |
| Crude death rate(b) | | | | | | | |
| Males | 180.1 | 196.6 | 46.2 | 59.9 | 21.0 | 19.3 | 675.6 |
| Females | 156.4 | 144.3 | 73.0 | 44.2 | 6.3 | 5.4 | 575.2 |
| Persons | 168.3 | 170.6 | 59.6 | 52.1 | 13.7 | 12.4 | 625.6 |
| Standardised death rate(c) | | | | | | | |
| WA | 168.8 | 176.9 | 58.4 | 52.7 | 14.0 | 12.3 | 632.2 |
| 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.

5.8 DEATHS, Selected Causes of Death

NUMBER.....

| Cause of death(a) | Males | Females | Persons | Percentage of all deaths | Rate(b) |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Infectious and parasitic diseases (001-139) | 70 | 44 | 114 | 1.0 | 6.5 |
| Neoplasms (140-239) | 1 760 | 1 294 | 3 054 | 27.7 | 173.3 |
| Malignant neoplasms (140-208) | 1 740 | 1 267 | 3 007 | 27.3 | 170.6 |
| Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders (240-279) | 180 | 175 | 355 | 3.2 | 20.1 |
| Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs (280-289) | 7 | 20 | 27 | 0.2 | 1.5 |
| Mental disorders (290-319) | 177 | 210 | 387 | 3.5 | 22.0 |
| Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs (320-389) | 154 | 159 | 313 | 2.8 | 17.8 |
| Diseases of the circulatory system (390-459) | 2 135 | 2 162 | 4 297 | 39.0 | 243.8 |
| Ischaemic heart disease (410-414) | 1 336 | 1 090 | 2 426 | 22.0 | 137.6 |
| Cerebrovascular disease (430-438) | 409 | 641 | 1 050 | 9.5 | 59.6 |
| Diseases of the respiratory system (460-519) | 530 | 388 | 918 | 8.3 | 52.1 |
| Diseases of the digestive system (520-579) | 166 | 158 | 324 | 2.9 | 18.4 |
| Diseases of the genito-urinary system (580-629) | 84 | 82 | 166 | 1.5 | 9.4 |
| Complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium (630-676) | — | — | — | — | — |
| Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue (680-709) | 7 | 8 | 15 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue (710-739) | 20 | 60 | 80 | 0.7 | 4.5 |
| Congenital anomalies (740-759) | 42 | 29 | 71 | 0.6 | 4.0 |
| Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (760-779) | 47 | 20 | 67 | 0.6 | 3.8 |
| Symptoms, signs and ill-defined conditions (780-799) | 33 | 20 | 53 | 0.5 | 3.0 |
| Accidents, poisonings and violence (E800-E999) | 566 | 220 | 786 | 7.1 | 44.6 |
| Motor vehicle traffic accidents (E810-E819) | 186 | 55 | 241 | 2.2 | 13.7 |
| All causes of death | 5 978 | 5 049 | 11 027 | 100.0 | 625.6 |

(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.

5.10 PERINATAL DEATHS

| Year | FETAL DEATHS..... | | | NEONATAL DEATHS..... | | | PERINATAL DEATHS..... | | |
|--------|-------------------|---------|---------|----------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| 1986 | 84 | 97 | 181 | 78 | 53 | 131 | 162 | 150 | 312 |
| 1991 | 101 | 106 | 207 | 52 | 46 | 98 | 153 | 152 | 305 |
| 1992 | 82 | 83 | 165 | 62 | 49 | 111 | 144 | 132 | 276 |
| 1993 | 96 | 66 | 162 | 47 | 33 | 80 | 143 | 99 | 242 |
| 1994 | 93 | 83 | 176 | 45 | 37 | 82 | 138 | 120 | 258 |
| 1995 | 102 | 103 | 205 | 50 | 29 | 79 | 152 | 132 | 284 |
| 1996 | 108 | 92 | 200 | 63 | 35 | 98 | 171 | 127 | 298 |
| RATE | | | | | | | | | |
| 1986 | 6.7 | 8.2 | 7.4 | 6.3 | 4.5 | 5.4 | 12.9 | 12.6 | 12.8 |
| 1991 | 7.7 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 11.7 | 12.1 | 11.9 |
| 1992 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 11.1 | 10.8 | 10.9 |
| 1993 | 7.4 | 5.4 | 6.4 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 10.9 | 8.1 | 9.6 |
| 1994 | 7.2 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 10.6 | 9.7 | 10.2 |
| 1995 | 7.8 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 3.9 | 2.4 | 3.1 | 11.6 | 10.7 | 11.2 |
| 1996 | 8.4 | 7.6 | 8.0 | 4.9 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 13.2 | 10.5 | 11.9 |

5.11 PERINATAL DEATHS, Selected Details

| 1996 PERINATAL DEATHS..... | | | | | | 1986.. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|-----------|------------|---------------------|
| Particulars | Fetal deaths | Neonatal deaths | Males | Females | Persons | Perinatal deaths |
| AGE AT DEATH | | | | | | |
| Less than 1 hour | — | 14 | 11 | 3 | 14 | 16 |
| 1 hour to under 1 day | — | 24 | 18 | 6 | 24 | 46 |
| 1 day to under 1 week | — | 21 | 14 | 7 | 21 | 36 |
| 1 week to under 4 weeks | — | 17 | 9 | 8 | 17 | 26 |
| Total | — | 76 | 52 | 24 | 76 | 124 |
| WEIGHT AT DELIVERY (grams) | | | | | | |
| 500-999 | 40 | 30 | 45 | 25 | 70 | 99 |
| 1 000-1 999 | 37 | 10 | 28 | 19 | 47 | 55 |
| 2 000-2 999 | 24 | 14 | 18 | 20 | 38 | 55 |
| 3 000 or more | 33 | 22 | 31 | 24 | 55 | 56 |
| Not stated | — | — | — | — | — | 4 |
| Total | 134 | 76 | 122 | 88 | 210 | 269 |
| PERIOD OF GESTATION (weeks) | | | | | | |
| Less than 28 | 33 | 30 | 40 | 23 | 63 | 88 |
| 28-36 | 60 | 13 | 42 | 31 | 73 | 80 |
| 37-41 | 40 | 26 | 36 | 30 | 66 | 84 |
| 42 or more | — | — | — | — | — | 5 |
| Not stated | 1 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 12 |
| Total | 134 | 76 | 122 | 88 | 210 | 269 |
| AGE GROUP OF MOTHER (years) | | | | | | |
| Less than 20 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 27 | 16 |
| 20-24 | 21 | 17 | 25 | 13 | 38 | 59 |
| 25-29 | 32 | 21 | 31 | 22 | 53 | 103 |
| 30-34 | 52 | 19 | 39 | 32 | 71 | 60 |
| 35-39 | 12 | 5 | 11 | 6 | 17 | 27 |
| 40 or more | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | — |
| Not stated | — | — | — | — | — | 4 |
| Total | 134 | 76 | 122 | 88 | 210 | 269 |

SECTION 6

DEATHS — YEAR OF OCCURRENCE (PRELIMINARY)

In 1996, 10,899 deaths occurred in Western Australia, an average of 30 deaths a day. The 1996 total represents an increase of 4.7% on deaths occurring in 1995 and an increase of 19.1% on deaths occurring in 1986. The 1996 number of deaths is the highest recorded in the last six years.

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 Western Australia it is estimated that about 96.2% of deaths that were registered in 1996 would have occurred in 1996.

Month of occurrence

In Western Australia for 1996, the month with the lowest number of deaths was December. The month with the highest number of deaths occurring was July followed by August. Generally, more deaths occur in winter months.

Age at death

The ageing of Western Australia's population is evident in the death data for 1996. In 1996, 52.5% of female deaths occurred at age 80 years or more compared with 42.0% in 1986. For males, 32.9% of deaths occurred at age 80 years or more in 1996, compared with 24.0% in 1986.

Age-specific death rates

In 1996, male age-specific death rates exceeded female age-specific death rates in all age groups except the 5–9 years age group where they were equal. In 1986 male age-specific death rates exceeded female age-specific death rates in all age groups. In 1996 the greatest difference between male and female age-specific death rates occurred in the 85 years and over age group where the rate for males (189.1) was 43.1 deaths higher than for females (146.0).

Infant deaths

There were 135 infant deaths in Western Australia in 1996. The 1996 infant mortality rate of 5.5 was 0.1 above the previous year. The 1996 rate of 5.5 represents a fall of 3.9 infant deaths per 1,000 live births from the rate of 9.4 in 1986.

6.1 DEATHS, Month of Occurrence

| Month of occurrence | 1986 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | |
| January | 743 | 756 | 735 | 763 | 759 | 757 | 891 |
| February | 616 | 637 | 731 | 687 | 775 | 728 | 780 |
| March | 681 | 749 | 775 | 767 | 789 | 753 | 807 |
| April | 694 | 768 | 775 | 748 | 803 | 817 | 859 |
| May | 761 | 770 | 814 | 876 | 906 | 918 | 906 |
| June | 812 | 775 | 930 | 870 | 882 | 971 | 958 |
| July | 903 | 818 | 1 003 | 1 028 | 974 | 989 | 1 158 |
| August | 887 | 889 | 838 | 1 002 | 1 043 | 960 | 1 071 |
| September | 787 | 851 | 920 | 935 | 869 | 928 | 964 |
| October | 832 | 838 | 893 | 954 | 875 | 884 | 927 |
| November | 663 | 773 | 788 | 810 | 819 | 836 | 828 |
| December | 771 | 681 | 784 | 850 | 791 | 867 | 750 |
| Total | 9 150 | 9 305 | 9 986 | 10 290 | 10 285 | 10 408 | 10 899 |

RATE

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Crude death rate | 6.3 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.2 |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|

DEATHS PER DAY

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| January | 24.0 | 24.4 | 23.7 | 24.6 | 24.5 | 24.4 | 28.7 |
| February | 22.0 | 22.8 | 25.2 | 24.5 | 27.7 | 26.0 | 26.9 |
| March | 22.0 | 24.2 | 25.0 | 24.7 | 25.5 | 24.3 | 26.0 |
| April | 23.1 | 25.6 | 25.8 | 24.9 | 26.8 | 27.2 | 28.6 |
| May | 24.5 | 24.8 | 26.3 | 28.3 | 29.2 | 29.6 | 29.2 |
| June | 27.1 | 25.8 | 31.0 | 29.0 | 29.4 | 32.4 | 31.9 |
| July | 29.1 | 26.4 | 32.4 | 33.2 | 31.4 | 31.9 | 37.4 |
| August | 28.6 | 28.7 | 27.0 | 32.3 | 33.6 | 31.0 | 34.5 |
| September | 26.2 | 28.4 | 30.7 | 31.2 | 29.0 | 30.9 | 32.1 |
| October | 26.8 | 27.0 | 28.8 | 30.8 | 28.2 | 28.5 | 29.9 |
| November | 22.1 | 25.8 | 26.3 | 27.0 | 27.3 | 27.9 | 27.6 |
| December | 24.9 | 22.0 | 25.3 | 27.4 | 25.5 | 28.0 | 24.2 |

6.2 DEATHS, Age at Death

| Age group (years) | MALES..... | | | FEMALES..... | | |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| | 1986 | 1991 | 1996 | 1986 | 1991 | 1996 |
| Under 1 | 132 | 96 | 90 | 91 | 70 | 45 |
| 1-4 | 28 | 17 | 26 | 22 | 18 | 15 |
| 5-9 | 16 | 7 | 9 | 11 | 7 | 7 |
| 10-14 | 11 | 8 | 23 | 5 | 7 | 11 |
| 15-19 | 54 | 60 | 45 | 25 | 19 | 18 |
| 20-24 | 82 | 98 | 103 | 18 | 27 | 24 |
| 25-29 | 89 | 82 | 88 | 31 | 27 | 39 |
| 30-34 | 68 | 65 | 97 | 35 | 27 | 34 |
| 35-39 | 84 | 88 | 118 | 41 | 51 | 52 |
| 40-44 | 92 | 107 | 123 | 71 | 49 | 84 |
| 45-49 | 116 | 138 | 161 | 71 | 87 | 86 |
| 50-54 | 222 | 213 | 213 | 91 | 94 | 117 |
| 55-59 | 314 | 272 | 270 | 163 | 152 | 149 |
| 60-64 | 494 | 429 | 401 | 233 | 231 | 210 |
| 65-69 | 546 | 577 | 612 | 301 | 337 | 354 |
| 70-74 | 742 | 633 | 750 | 487 | 469 | 493 |
| 75-79 | 853 | 819 | 824 | 602 | 616 | 642 |
| 80-84 | 684 | 713 | 900 | 678 | 701 | 871 |
| 85 and over | 560 | 675 | 1035 | 987 | 1 218 | 1760 |
| Not stated | — | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 5 187 | 5 098 | 5888 | 3 963 | 4 207 | 5011 |

6.3 DEATHS, Age-specific Death Rates

| | MALES..... | | | FEMALES..... | | |
|-------------------|------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|
| Age group (years) | 1986 | 1991 | 1996 | 1986 | 1991 | 1996 |
| Under 1 | 10.8 | 7.6 | 7.1 | 7.9 | 5.8 | 3.8 |
| 1-4 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| 5-9 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 10-14 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 15-19 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 20-24 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| 25-29 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| 30-34 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| 35-39 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| 40-44 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 1.2 |
| 45-49 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.4 |
| 50-54 | 6.6 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| 55-59 | 9.6 | 8.2 | 6.8 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 4.0 |
| 60-64 | 17.4 | 13.7 | 12.6 | 8.2 | 7.5 | 6.6 |
| 65-69 | 26.6 | 21.8 | 20.9 | 13.0 | 12.0 | 11.8 |
| 70-74 | 43.7 | 34.9 | 32.5 | 23.0 | 21.3 | 18.8 |
| 75-79 | 75.7 | 62.2 | 57.3 | 38.9 | 33.2 | 33.4 |
| 80-84 | 115.4 | 96.8 | 101.3 | 70.3 | 58.0 | 58.8 |
| 85 and over | 191.4 | 167.6 | 189.1 | 141.7 | 136.1 | 146.1 |

6.4 INFANT DEATHS, Month of Occurrence

| Month of occurrence | 1986 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | |
| January | 10 | 20 | 25 | 8 | 16 | 8 | 8 |
| February | 12 | 15 | 13 | 14 | 7 | 7 | 17 |
| March | 15 | 10 | 11 | 14 | 10 | 8 | 9 |
| April | 23 | 15 | 19 | 10 | 17 | 16 | 12 |
| May | 25 | 13 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 12 | 12 |
| June | 19 | 13 | 10 | 12 | 16 | 9 | 9 |
| July | 21 | 13 | 15 | 15 | 9 | 11 | 18 |
| August | 22 | 11 | 18 | 11 | 15 | 14 | 12 |
| September | 21 | 15 | 18 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 9 |
| October | 19 | 15 | 12 | 21 | 13 | 14 | 13 |
| November | 13 | 10 | 15 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 9 |
| December | 23 | 16 | 10 | 10 | 19 | 14 | 7 |
| Total | 223 | 166 | 173 | 145 | 151 | 133 | 135 |

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| RATE | | | | | | | |
| Infant mortality rate | 9.4 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 5.5 |

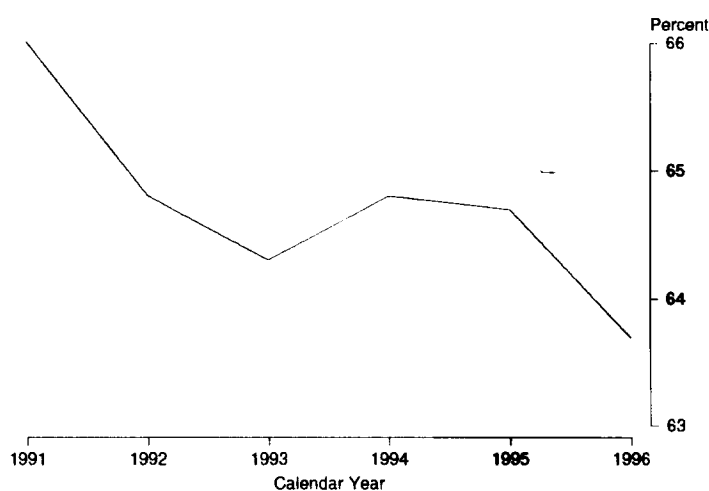
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| INFANT DEATHS PER DAY | | | | | | | |
| January | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| February | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| March | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| April | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| May | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| June | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| July | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| August | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| September | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| October | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| November | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| December | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.2 |

SECTION 7

MARRIAGES REGISTERED

In 1996, 10,294 marriages were registered in Western Australia. This was a decrease of 1.1% on 1995 and a 0.8% decrease on the number registered in 1986 (10,379). For the last six years the number of marriages has remained steady. The lowest number of marriages was 10,118 in 1992 and the highest was 10,659 in 1991. Of all marriages registered in 1996, 6,562 (63.7%) were couples marrying for the first time, 1,947 (18.9%) were marriages in which one party had been married before and 1,785 (17.3%) were marriages in which both parties had previously been married.

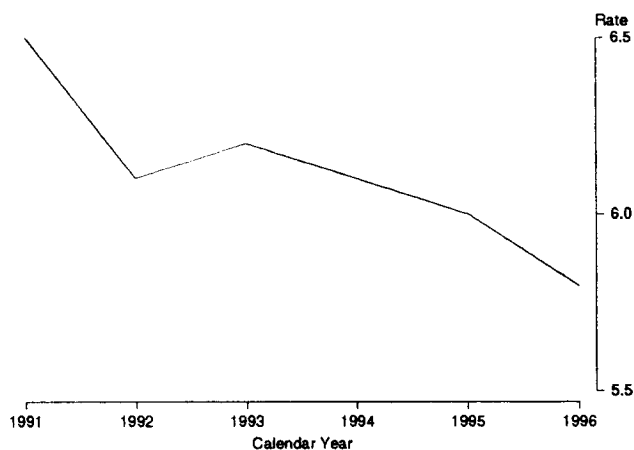
FIRST MARRIAGE FOR BOTH PARTNERS



CRUDE MARRIAGE RATE

The crude marriage rate (the number of marriages per 1,000 population), decreased to 5.8 in 1996, dropping from 6.0 in 1995 and 7.1 in 1986. The national rate was 5.8 per 1,000 population. The highest crude marriage rate ever recorded for Western Australia was 11.4 in 1942 and the lowest rate was 5.2 in 1918.

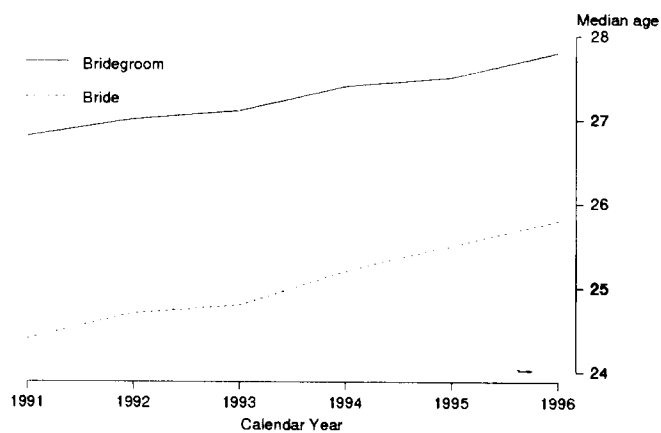
CRUDE MARRIAGE RATE



MEDIAN AGES

Among people marrying for the first time in 1996, the median age for bridegrooms was 27.8 years and for brides it was 25.8 years. This compares with 25.6 years and 23.4 years respectively in 1986 and reflects a tendency to marry later in life. The median age of all bridegrooms in 1996 was 30.2 years and for all brides 27.6 years.

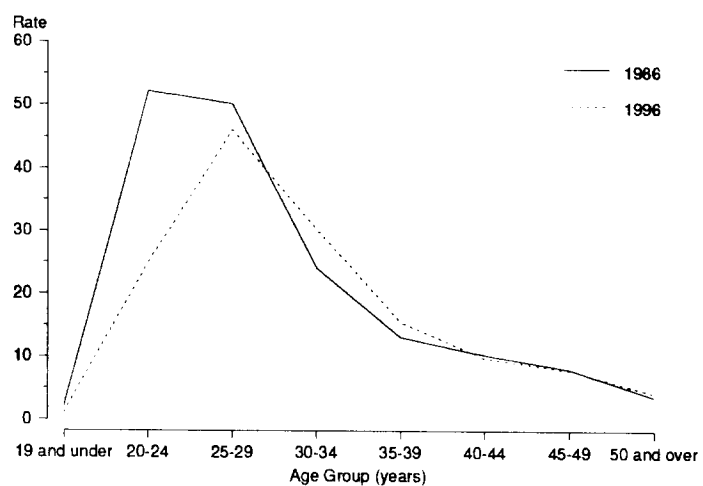
MEDIAN AGE OF BRIDE AND GROOM AT FIRST MARRIAGE



AGE SPECIFIC MARRIAGE RATES

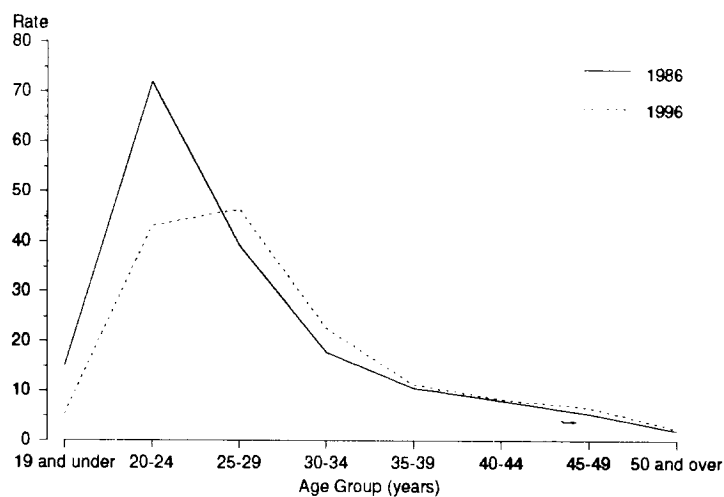
Between 1986 and 1996, age-specific marriage rates (per 1,000 population) changed markedly in different age groups. In 1996, the peak age group for grooms was 25–29 years (46.1), compared with 20–24 years (52.2) in 1986. The rate for grooms in the age group 20–24 years has halved since 1986.

AGE SPECIFIC MARRIAGE RATES FOR GROOMS



For brides the peak age group was 25–29 years (46.6) in 1996, compared with 20–24 years (72.0) in 1985. Like grooms, the rate for brides has dropped sharply in the 20–24 year age group, from 72.0 to 43.3 since 1986.

AGE SPECIFIC MARRIAGE RATES FOR BRIDES



7.1 MARRIAGES, Summary(a)

| | 1986 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| ALL MARRIAGES | | | | | | | |
| Marriages registered | 10 379 | 10 659 | 10 118 | 10 382 | 10 368 | 10 404 | 10 294 |
| Crude marriage rate | 7.1 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.8 |
| Previous marital status | | | | | | | |
| First marriage both partners | 6 857 | 7 035 | 6 555 | 6 677 | 6 714 | 6 729 | 6 562 |
| First marriage one partner | 1 968 | 2 077 | 1 919 | 2 023 | 2 015 | 2 019 | 1 947 |
| Remarriage both partners | 1 554 | 1 547 | 1 644 | 1 682 | 1 637 | 1 656 | 1 785 |
| Marriages performed by | | | | | | | |
| Ministers of religion | | | | | | | |
| Number | 5 166 | 5 259 | 4 967 | 4 959 | 4 835 | n.a. | 4 543 |
| Proportion (%) | 49.8 | 49.3 | 49.1 | 47.8 | 46.6 | n.a. | 44.1 |
| Civil celebrants | | | | | | | |
| Number | 5 213 | 5 400 | 5 151 | 5 423 | 5 531 | n.a. | 5 751 |
| Proportion (%) | 50.2 | 50.7 | 50.9 | 52.2 | 53.4 | n.a. | 55.9 |
| BRIDEGROOM | | | | | | | |
| Age-specific marriage rate | | | | | | | |
| Age group (years) | | | | | | | |
| 19 and under | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| 20-24 | 52.2 | 39.3 | 33.3 | 32.4 | 30.0 | 28.0 | 25.0 |
| 25-29 | 50.1 | 50.1 | 47.2 | 49.2 | 49.0 | 49.3 | 46.1 |
| 30-34 | 24.1 | 27.2 | 27.6 | 28.2 | 28.3 | 28.8 | 30.3 |
| 35-39 | 13.1 | 14.9 | 13.5 | 14.9 | 14.8 | 15.0 | 15.5 |
| 40-44 | 10.3 | 8.6 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 10.2 | 9.5 | 9.8 |
| 45-49 | 8.1 | 7.6 | 8.3 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 8.0 | 7.9 |
| 50 and over | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.2 |
| Marital status of bridegroom | | | | | | | |
| Never married | 7 793 | 8 047 | 7 455 | 7 614 | 7 652 | 7 681 | 7 468 |
| Widowed | 225 | 236 | 212 | 233 | 250 | 203 | 207 |
| Divorced | 2 361 | 2 376 | 2 451 | 2 535 | 2 464 | 2 520 | 2 619 |
| Total | 10 379 | 10 659 | 10 118 | 10 382 | 10 366 | 10 404 | 10 294 |
| Median age of bridegroom (years) | | | | | | | |
| Never married | 25.6 | 26.8 | 27.0 | 27.1 | 27.4 | 27.5 | 27.8 |
| Widowed | 60.3 | 62.8 | 59.4 | 59.8 | 62.3 | 62.7 | 64.8 |
| Divorced | 38.4 | 39.5 | 40.7 | 40.3 | 41.6 | 41.5 | 42.2 |
| Total | 27.3 | 28.6 | 29.1 | 29.3 | 29.5 | 29.6 | 30.2 |
| BRIDE | | | | | | | |
| Age-specific marriage rate | | | | | | | |
| Age group (years) | | | | | | | |
| 19 and under | 15.1 | 10.2 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.3 |
| 20-24 | 72.0 | 60.9 | 54.5 | 54.9 | 51.7 | 47.9 | 43.3 |
| 25-29 | 39.4 | 43.7 | 42.1 | 44.1 | 45.2 | 48.1 | 46.6 |
| 30-34 | 17.9 | 19.2 | 19.8 | 20.3 | 21.3 | 21.5 | 22.7 |
| 35-39 | 10.6 | 10.3 | 10.6 | 10.9 | 11.4 | 12.0 | 11.3 |
| 40-44 | 8.1 | 7.4 | 7.8 | 7.9 | 7.9 | 7.4 | 8.3 |
| 45-49 | 5.5 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.7 |
| 50 and over | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.3 |
| Marital status of bride | | | | | | | |
| Never married | 7 889 | 8 100 | 7 574 | 7 763 | 7 791 | 7 796 | 7 603 |
| Widowed | 287 | 249 | 240 | 277 | 277 | 236 | 257 |
| Divorced | 2 203 | 2 310 | 2 304 | 2 342 | 2 298 | 2 372 | 2 434 |
| Total | 10 379 | 10 659 | 10 118 | 10 382 | 10 366 | 10 404 | 10 294 |
| Median age of bride (years) | | | | | | | |
| Never married | 23.4 | 24.4 | 24.7 | 24.8 | 25.2 | 25.5 | 25.8 |
| Widowed | 53.1 | 52.0 | 52.6 | 52.0 | 53.7 | 52.2 | 53.9 |
| Divorced | 34.4 | 36.3 | 37.0 | 37.4 | 37.8 | 38.0 | 39.1 |
| Total | 24.8 | 26.1 | 26.5 | 26.5 | 26.9 | 27.2 | 27.6 |

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

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

| Age at marriage (years) | 1971 | 1976 | 1981 | 1986 | 1991 | 1996 |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| FIRST MARRIAGES | | | | | | |
| Age of bridegroom | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | 16.0 | 10.9 | 6.1 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 1.1 |
| 20-24 | 164.0 | 124.8 | 93.8 | 66.0 | 47.3 | 28.4 |
| 25-29 | 161.1 | 137.2 | 118.3 | 108.8 | 94.6 | 73.0 |
| 30-34 | 92.6 | 87.2 | 77.8 | 77.4 | 77.7 | 70.1 |
| 35-39 | 48.1 | 49.4 | 44.0 | 41.8 | 48.0 | 40.7 |
| 40-44 | 25.7 | 27.1 | 26.6 | 24.6 | 24.8 | 22.1 |
| 45 and over | n.a. | n.a. | 7.6 | 5.3 | 6.7 | 8.0 |
| Age of bride | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | 78.0 | 55.1 | 35.1 | 16.2 | 10.9 | 5.5 |
| 20-24 | 296.5 | 196.6 | 149.9 | 117.0 | 84.2 | 54.8 |
| 25-29 | 191.3 | 150.1 | 129.8 | 124.9 | 114.0 | 95.4 |
| 30-34 | 102.9 | 87.5 | 72.7 | 83.2 | 72.3 | 69.7 |
| 35-39 | 46.5 | 55.5 | 35.0 | 41.3 | 37.6 | 33.9 |
| 40-44 | 30.6 | 27.7 | 24.4 | 21.0 | 17.9 | 17.9 |
| 45 and over | n.a. | n.a. | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 5.1 |
| REMARRIAGES | | | | | | |
| Age of bridegroom | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 20-24 | 111.1 | 325.2 | 217.6 | 106.3 | 33.0 | 50.5 |
| 25-29 | 332.6 | 338.0 | 239.5 | 188.3 | 136.1 | 102.6 |
| 30-34 | 247.8 | 204.8 | 197.7 | 161.7 | 137.9 | 127.4 |
| 35-39 | 162.9 | 229.0 | 180.1 | 125.6 | 112.8 | 98.6 |
| 40-44 | 131.8 | 187.8 | 142.0 | 109.1 | 73.9 | 72.0 |
| 45-49 | 85.1 | 148.3 | 98.1 | 93.9 | 73.4 | 61.4 |
| 50-54 | 80.0 | 94.8 | 76.9 | 62.9 | 53.0 | 55.0 |
| 55-59 | 40.5 | 70.3 | 51.5 | 45.5 | 45.7 | 44.7 |
| 60 and over | 15.6 | 24.0 | 17.9 | 7.8 | 16.3 | 9.9 |
| Age of bride | | | | | | |
| 15-19 | 95.2 | 111.1 | 148.1 | — | — | — |
| 20-24 | 313.9 | 334.0 | 249.7 | 222.8 | 104.8 | 90.7 |
| 25-29 | 276.9 | 313.4 | 203.4 | 182.1 | 163.9 | 118.6 |
| 30-34 | 195.1 | 185.5 | 146.5 | 121.5 | 112.0 | 102.8 |
| 35-39 | 120.8 | 153.6 | 102.8 | 90.8 | 76.3 | 68.7 |
| 40-44 | 86.4 | 105.8 | 73.6 | 65.9 | 54.9 | 52.7 |
| 45-49 | 52.2 | 66.7 | 50.1 | 41.3 | 44.1 | 41.1 |
| 50-54 | 29.2 | 34.9 | 31.2 | 25.9 | 28.1 | 27.1 |
| 55-59 | 14.4 | 19.8 | 15.1 | 14.0 | 11.3 | 14.0 |
| 60 and over | 2.8 | 4.0 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 1.1 |

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

7.3 MARRIAGES, Previous Marital Status of Parties

Previous marital status of bride.....

| <i>Previous marital status of bridegroom</i> | <i>Never married</i> | <i>Widowed</i> | <i>Divorced</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
|--|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|

NUMBER

| | | | | |
|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Never married | 6 562 | 33 | 873 | 7 468 |
| Widowed | 20 | 85 | 102 | 207 |
| Divorced | 1 021 | 139 | 1 459 | 2 619 |
| Total | 7 603 | 257 | 2 434 | 10 294 |

PROPORTION (%)

| | | | | |
|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Never married | 63.7 | 0.3 | 8.5 | 72.5 |
| Widowed | 0.2 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 2.0 |
| Divorced | 9.9 | 1.4 | 14.2 | 25.4 |
| Total | 73.9 | 2.5 | 23.6 | 100.0 |

7.4 MARRIAGES, Previous Marital Status of Parties—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 | — | — | — | — | 12 | — | — | 12 |
| 18 | 17 | — | — | 17 | 120 | — | — | 120 |
| 19 | 56 | — | — | 56 | 199 | — | — | 199 |
| 20 | 115 | — | — | 115 | 324 | — | — | 324 |
| 21 | 185 | — | 1 | 186 | 463 | — | 1 | 464 |
| 22 | 330 | — | 2 | 332 | 591 | — | 4 | 595 |
| 23 | 494 | — | 1 | 495 | 727 | 1 | 8 | 736 |
| 24 | 619 | — | 6 | 625 | 790 | — | 23 | 813 |
| 25 | 734 | — | 14 | 748 | 765 | — | 32 | 797 |
| 26 | 682 | — | 11 | 693 | 664 | 1 | 46 | 711 |
| 27 | 635 | — | 29 | 664 | 608 | 2 | 52 | 662 |
| 28 | 565 | — | 33 | 598 | 460 | 1 | 62 | 523 |
| 29 | 486 | — | 37 | 523 | 393 | 2 | 74 | 469 |
| 30-34 | 1 666 | 7 | 416 | 2 089 | 1 051 | 14 | 512 | 1 577 |
| 35-39 | 568 | 5 | 535 | 1 108 | 292 | 25 | 489 | 806 |
| 40-44 | 181 | 7 | 480 | 668 | 89 | 20 | 457 | 566 |
| 45-49 | 73 | 14 | 439 | 526 | 31 | 35 | 355 | 421 |
| 50-54 | 29 | 21 | 294 | 344 | 14 | 37 | 175 | 226 |
| 55-59 | 16 | 29 | 172 | 217 | 7 | 25 | 76 | 108 |
| 60 and over | 17 | 124 | 149 | 290 | 3 | 94 | 68 | 165 |
| Total | 7 468 | 207 | 2 619 | 10 294 | 7 603 | 257 | 2 434 | 10 294 |

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 | — | 5 | 4 | 7 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 17 |
| 19 | 2 | 15 | 20 | 15 | 3 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 56 |
| 20-24 | 4 | 58 | 121 | 1 248 | 275 | 37 | 7 | 3 | — | — | — | — | 1 753 |
| 25-29 | 5 | 27 | 43 | 1 275 | 1 506 | 300 | 51 | 16 | 3 | — | — | — | 3 226 |
| 30-34 | 1 | 10 | 8 | 278 | 960 | 600 | 178 | 39 | 12 | 2 | 1 | — | 2 089 |
| 35-39 | — | 2 | 2 | 83 | 292 | 383 | 223 | 99 | 21 | 2 | 1 | — | 1 108 |
| 40-44 | — | 2 | — | 12 | 80 | 157 | 185 | 146 | 59 | 19 | 7 | 1 | 668 |
| 45-49 | — | — | — | 12 | 31 | 60 | 101 | 147 | 135 | 32 | 6 | 2 | 526 |
| 50-54 | — | 1 | — | 1 | 10 | 17 | 38 | 77 | 113 | 66 | 19 | 2 | 344 |
| 55-59 | — | — | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 17 | 25 | 59 | 61 | 30 | 11 | 217 |
| 60 and over | — | — | — | — | 2 | 12 | 6 | 14 | 19 | 44 | 44 | 149 | 290 |
| Total | 12 | 120 | 199 | 2 932 | 3 182 | 1 577 | 806 | 566 | 421 | 226 | 108 | 165 | 10 294 |

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 | 5 568 | — | 1 377 | 6 945 | 5 568 | — | 1 694 | 7 262 | |
| Fiji | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 9 | |
| New Zealand | 201 | 74 | 95 | 370 | 141 | 74 | 64 | 279 | |
| Other | 18 | 1 | 3 | 22 | 15 | 1 | 9 | 25 | |
| Total | 5 789 | 76 | 1 476 | 7 341 | 5 726 | 76 | 1 773 | 7 575 | |
| EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR | | | | | | | | | |
| Austria | 7 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 9 | |
| Former USSR & Baltic States | — | 5 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 22 | |
| Former Yugoslav Republics | 28 | 18 | 17 | 63 | 20 | 18 | 8 | 46 | |
| Germany | 37 | 16 | 19 | 72 | 30 | 16 | 24 | 70 | |
| Greece | 10 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | |
| Hungary | 2 | — | 4 | 6 | 2 | — | 1 | 3 | |
| Ireland | 29 | 10 | 14 | 53 | 17 | 10 | 18 | 45 | |
| Italy | 43 | 6 | 21 | 70 | 14 | 6 | 10 | 30 | |
| Malta | 3 | — | 2 | 5 | 1 | — | 3 | 4 | |
| Netherlands | 28 | 6 | 17 | 51 | 24 | 6 | 8 | 38 | |
| Poland | 4 | 19 | 9 | 32 | 8 | 19 | 12 | 39 | |
| United Kingdom | 895 | 411 | 222 | 1 528 | 657 | 411 | 146 | 1 214 | |
| Other | 50 | 34 | 36 | 120 | 58 | 34 | 30 | 122 | |
| Total | 1 136 | 529 | 370 | 2 035 | 842 | 529 | 274 | 1 645 | |
| MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA | | | | | | | | | |
| Egypt | 6 | 1 | 4 | 11 | — | 1 | — | 1 | |
| Lebanon | 6 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 9 | |
| Turkey | 2 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 | |
| Other | 15 | 15 | 10 | 40 | 9 | 15 | 7 | 31 | |
| Total | 29 | 22 | 20 | 71 | 15 | 22 | 10 | 47 | |
| SOUTH EAST ASIA | | | | | | | | | |
| Indonesia | 13 | 13 | 9 | 35 | 29 | 13 | 36 | 78 | |
| Malaysia | 28 | 29 | 31 | 88 | 35 | 29 | 57 | 121 | |
| Philippines | 7 | 12 | 2 | 21 | 35 | 12 | 39 | 86 | |
| Singapore | 22 | 8 | 26 | 56 | 25 | 8 | 24 | 57 | |
| Thailand | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 30 | 1 | 28 | 59 | |
| Viet Nam | 5 | 74 | 10 | 89 | 6 | 74 | 13 | 93 | |
| Other | 8 | 24 | 13 | 45 | 10 | 24 | 16 | 50 | |
| Total | 84 | 161 | 94 | 339 | 170 | 161 | 213 | 544 | |

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 |
| NORTH EAST ASIA | | | | | | | | |
| China | — | 16 | 13 | 29 | 9 | 16 | 12 | 37 |
| Hong Kong | 4 | 10 | 21 | 35 | 7 | 10 | 16 | 33 |
| Other | 6 | 13 | 7 | 26 | 16 | 13 | 27 | 56 |
| Total | 10 | 39 | 41 | 90 | 32 | 39 | 55 | 126 |
| SOUTHERN ASIA | | | | | | | | |
| India | 34 | 22 | 26 | 82 | 18 | 22 | 12 | 52 |
| Sri Lanka | 5 | 5 | 4 | 14 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 11 |
| Other | 7 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 8 |
| Total | 46 | 31 | 33 | 110 | 22 | 31 | 18 | 71 |
| THE AMERICAS | | | | | | | | |
| Canada | 20 | 2 | 10 | 32 | 21 | 2 | 12 | 35 |
| Chile | 2 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 15 |
| United States of America | 50 | 1 | 24 | 75 | 31 | 1 | 22 | 54 |
| Other | 10 | 11 | 5 | 26 | 18 | 11 | 11 | 40 |
| Total | 82 | 18 | 42 | 142 | 74 | 18 | 52 | 144 |
| AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA) | | | | | | | | |
| South Africa | 48 | 6 | 20 | 74 | 30 | 6 | 17 | 53 |
| Other | 38 | 19 | 35 | 92 | 34 | 19 | 36 | 89 |
| Total | 86 | 25 | 55 | 166 | 64 | 25 | 53 | 142 |
| Other and not stated | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 7 262 | 901 | 2 131 | 10 294 | 6 945 | 901 | 2 448 | 10 294 |

7.7 MARRIAGES, Previous Marital Status of Parties—Category of Rite

| Category of rite | PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM. | | | PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE..... | | | All marriages | Proportion of all marriages |
|----------------------------|---|----------------|-----------------|--|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| | <i>Never married</i> | <i>Widowed</i> | <i>Divorced</i> | <i>Never married</i> | <i>Widowed</i> | <i>Divorced</i> | | |
| | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | % |
| RELIGIOUS(a) | | | | | | | | |
| Anglican | 922 | 26 | 189 | 966 | 23 | 148 | 1 137 | 11.0 |
| Baptist | 117 | 3 | 32 | 115 | 8 | 29 | 152 | 1.5 |
| Catholic | 1 586 | 19 | 50 | 1 586 | 17 | 52 | 1 655 | 16.1 |
| Churches of Christ | 138 | 7 | 33 | 147 | 6 | 25 | 178 | 1.7 |
| Lutheran | 34 | 1 | 15 | 38 | 2 | 10 | 50 | 0.5 |
| Orthodox | 80 | 1 | 14 | 84 | 3 | 8 | 95 | 0.9 |
| Presbyterian | 17 | — | 5 | 18 | 1 | 3 | 22 | 0.2 |
| Uniting Church | 385 | 8 | 140 | 417 | 9 | 107 | 533 | 5.2 |
| Other denominations | 530 | 15 | 176 | 555 | 27 | 139 | 721 | 7.0 |
| <i>All religious rites</i> | <i>3 809</i> | <i>80</i> | <i>654</i> | <i>3 926</i> | <i>96</i> | <i>521</i> | <i>4 543</i> | <i>44.1</i> |
| CIVIL | | | | | | | | |
| Official registrars | 571 | 24 | 316 | 583 | 29 | 299 | 911 | 8.8 |
| Other civil celebrants | 3 088 | 103 | 1 649 | 3 094 | 132 | 1 614 | 4 840 | 47.0 |
| <i>All civil rites</i> | <i>3 659</i> | <i>127</i> | <i>1 965</i> | <i>3 677</i> | <i>161</i> | <i>1 913</i> | <i>5 751</i> | <i>55.9</i> |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | |
| Number | 7 468 | 207 | 2 619 | 7 603 | 257 | 2 434 | 10 294 | 100.0 |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | |
| Proportion | 72.5 | 2.0 | 25.4 | 73.9 | 2.5 | 23.6 | 100.0 | |

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

NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 16.....

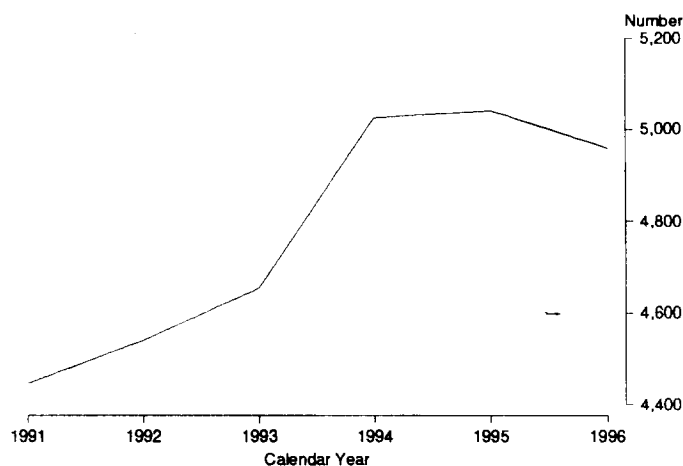
| <i>Number of previous marriages</i> | <i>Nil</i> | <i>One</i> | <i>Two</i> | <i>Three</i> | <i>Four or more</i> | <i>Not stated</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| ***** | | | | | | | |
| BRIDEGROOM | | | | | | | |
| One | 1 550 | 406 | 327 | 90 | 24 | 12 | 2 409 |
| Two | 227 | 66 | 43 | 23 | 9 | — | 368 |
| Three or more | 26 | 14 | 5 | 1 | 1 | — | 47 |
| Not stated | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Total | 1 805 | 486 | 375 | 114 | 34 | 12 | 2 826 |
| ***** | | | | | | | |
| BRIDE | | | | | | | |
| One | 1 423 | 392 | 303 | 71 | 34 | 18 | 2 241 |
| Two | 258 | 70 | 40 | 17 | 7 | 5 | 397 |
| Three or more | 38 | 6 | 3 | 4 | — | — | 51 |
| Not stated | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Total | 1 721 | 468 | 346 | 92 | 41 | 23 | 2 691 |
| ***** | | | | | | | |

SECTION 8

DIVORCES GRANTED

There were 4,959 divorces granted in Western Australia in 1996, a decrease of 81 or 1.6% compared with 1995. The number of divorces in 1996 increased 23.9% (958) compared with 1986 (4,001).

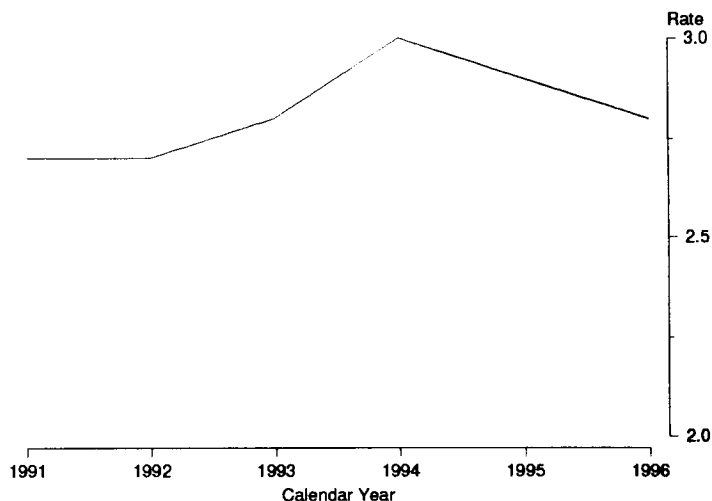
DIVORCES GRANTED



CRUDE DIVORCE RATE

The crude divorce rate decreased from 2.9 per 1,000 of population in 1995 to 2.8 in 1996. The highest crude divorce rate ever recorded in Western Australia was 4.1 in 1976, the year after the introduction of the *Family Law Act* of 1975 in Australia.

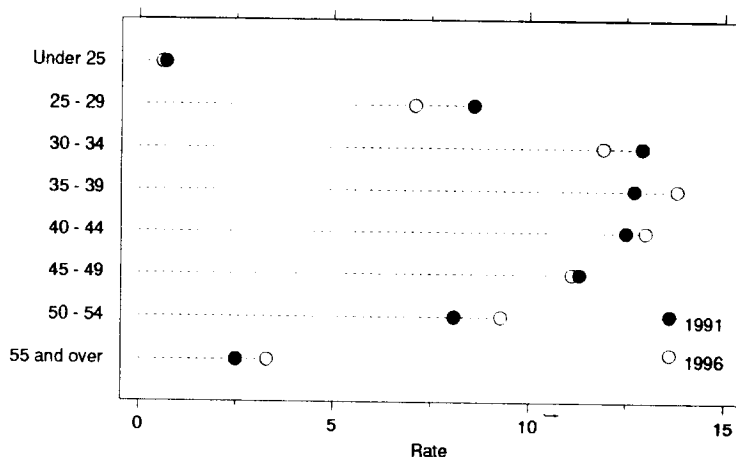
CRUDE DIVORCE RATE



AGE SPECIFIC DIVORCE RATES

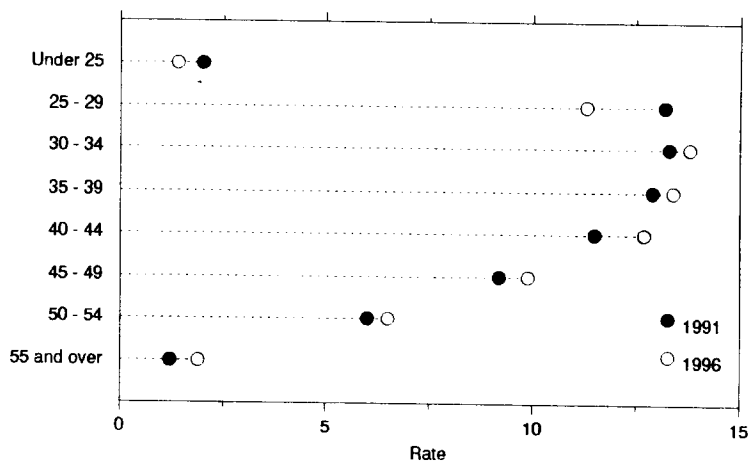
In 1996 the highest age specific divorce rate for husbands, 13.8 divorces per 1,000 of population, was in the age group 35–39 years. The lowest rate of 0.6 was in the 24 years and under age group.

AGE SPECIFIC DIVORCE RATES FOR HUSBANDS



The highest rate for wives of 13.8 divorces per 1,000 of population was in the 30–34 years age group. The lowest rate of 1.4 was in the 24 years and under age group, as it was for husbands.

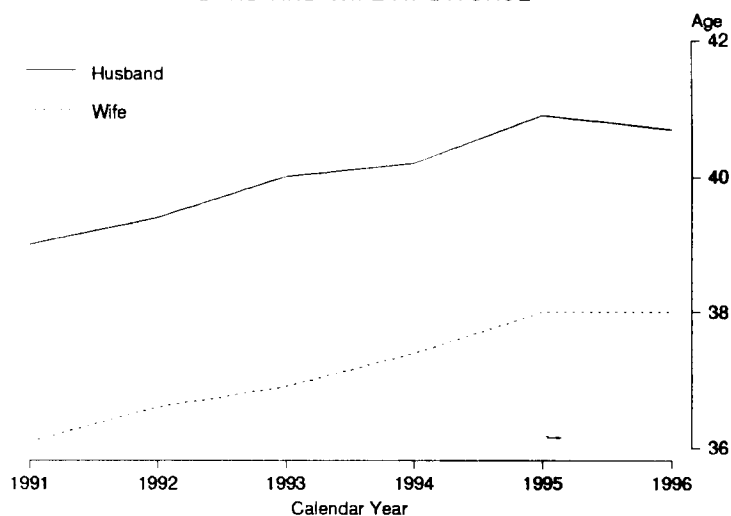
AGE SPECIFIC DIVORCE RATES FOR WIVES



MEDIAN AGES

In 1996 the median ages at marriage, final separation and decree made absolute for both husbands and wives were higher than in 1991. However, the median ages at final separation and decree made absolute for husbands fell from the 1995 ages by 0.2 years. The median ages at final separation and decree made absolute for wives remained the same as in 1995.

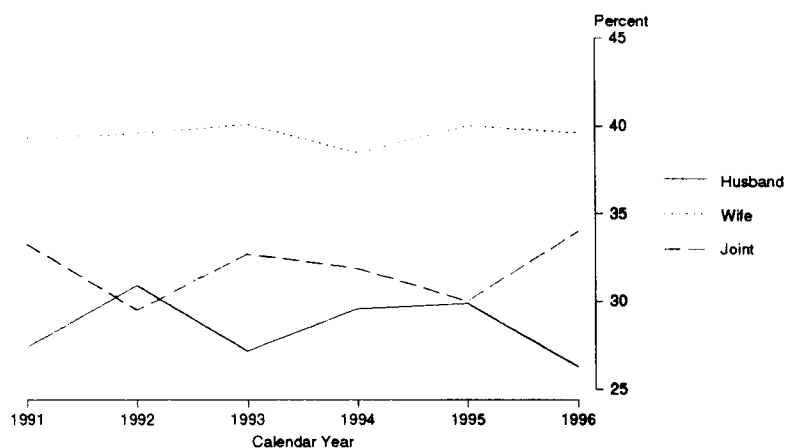
MEDIAN AGES OF HUSBAND AND WIFE AT DIVORCE



APPLICANT FOR DIVORCE

The wife was the applicant in 39.6% of all divorces granted in 1996, the husband in 26.3% and there were 34.1% where a joint application was made. Since 1987, when data on gender of the applicant was first published in Western Australia, the wife has always been the major applicant for divorce.

GENDER OF APPLICANT FOR DIVORCE



8.1 DIVORCES, Summary(a)

| | 1986 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| DIVORCES | | | | | | | |
| Divorces granted | 4 001 | 4 446 | 4 540 | 4 654 | 5 024 | 5 040 | 4 959 |
| Crude divorce rate | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.8 |
| Median duration of marriage (years) | 11.3 | 10.7 | 11.0 | 11.5 | 11.4 | 12.3 | 12.0 |
| Median interval between marriage and final separation (years) | 8.2 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 8.8 | 8.4 |
| Divorces involving children | | | | | | | |
| Number | 2 384 | 2 506 | 2 549 | 2 466 | 2 548 | n.a. | 2 651 |
| Percentage of total divorces | 59.6 | 56.4 | 56.1 | 53.0 | 50.7 | n.a. | 53.5 |
| Average number of children | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | n.a. | 1.8 |
| Applicant | | | | | | | |
| Husband | 1 229 | 1 217 | 1 401 | 1 264 | 1 486 | 1 508 | 1 306 |
| Wife | 1 758 | 1 747 | 1 798 | 1 868 | 1 935 | 2 021 | 1 964 |
| Joint | 1 014 | 1 482 | 1 341 | 1 522 | 1 603 | 1 511 | 1 689 |

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

8.1 DIVORCES, Summary(a) *continued*

| | 1986 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| HUSBAND | | | | | | | |
| Age-specific divorce rate | | | | | | | |
| Age group (years) | | | | | | | |
| 24 and under | 1.4 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| 25-29 | 9.7 | 8.6 | 8.2 | 7.5 | 8.0 | 6.4 | 7.1 |
| 30-34 | 12.8 | 12.9 | 12.3 | 12.7 | 13.9 | 13.3 | 11.9 |
| 35-39 | 12.0 | 12.7 | 13.5 | 13.1 | 13.2 | 13.2 | 13.8 |
| 40-44 | 12.9 | 12.5 | 12.2 | 12.5 | 13.5 | 12.9 | 13.0 |
| 45-49 | 11.6 | 11.3 | 11.5 | 11.3 | 12.0 | 12.9 | 11.1 |
| 50-54 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 8.3 | 9.3 | 9.9 | 9.8 | 9.3 |
| 55 and over | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.3 |
| Marital status at marriage (number) | | | | | | | |
| Never married | 3 382 | 3 610 | 3 702 | 3 780 | 4 086 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Widowed | 43 | 31 | 34 | 42 | 54 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Divorced | 576 | 805 | 804 | 832 | 844 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Total | 4 001 | 4 446 | 4 540 | 4 654 | 5 024 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Median age (years) | | | | | | | |
| At marriage | 24.1 | 24.8 | 25.1 | 25.3 | 25.3 | 25.3 | 25.5 |
| At final separation | 35.1 | 35.7 | 36.2 | 36.6 | 36.8 | 37.3 | 37.1 |
| At decree made absolute | 38.1 | 39.0 | 39.4 | 40.0 | 40.2 | 40.9 | 40.7 |
| WIFE | | | | | | | |
| Age-specific divorce rate | | | | | | | |
| Age group (years) | | | | | | | |
| 24 and under | 3.1 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 1.4 |
| 25-29 | 13.4 | 13.2 | 12.4 | 11.6 | 12.5 | 11.7 | 11.3 |
| 30-34 | 12.9 | 13.3 | 13.0 | 14.4 | 14.4 | 13.9 | 13.8 |
| 35-39 | 12.6 | 12.9 | 12.9 | 13.3 | 14.1 | 14.0 | 13.4 |
| 40-44 | 12.0 | 11.5 | 11.3 | 11.4 | 12.6 | 12.8 | 12.7 |
| 45-49 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 10.2 | 9.4 | 10.3 | 10.9 | 9.9 |
| 50-54 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 7.7 | 7.6 | 6.5 |
| 55 and over | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| Marital status at marriage (number) | | | | | | | |
| Never married | 3 363 | 3 641 | 3 673 | 3 814 | 4 059 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Widowed | 68 | 48 | 53 | 66 | 66 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Divorced | 570 | 757 | 814 | 774 | 899 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Total | 4 001 | 4 446 | 4 540 | 4 654 | 5 024 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Median age (years) | | | | | | | |
| At marriage | 21.5 | 22.1 | 22.4 | 22.5 | 22.8 | 22.7 | 22.9 |
| At final separation | 32.2 | 32.7 | 33.5 | 33.6 | 34.0 | 34.4 | 34.4 |
| At decree made absolute | 35.2 | 36.1 | 36.6 | 36.9 | 37.4 | 38.0 | 38.0 |

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

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

AGE GROUP (YEARS).....

| Duration of marriage (years) | 19 and under | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50 and over | Not stated | Total |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| HUSBAND | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 6 | — | 33 |
| 2 | 2 | 67 | 44 | 34 | 14 | 18 | 11 | 17 | — | 207 |
| 3 | 3 | 77 | 69 | 45 | 22 | 17 | 7 | 12 | 2 | 254 |
| 4 | 7 | 90 | 91 | 45 | 23 | 10 | 14 | 9 | — | 289 |
| 5 | 6 | 94 | 83 | 47 | 16 | 18 | 7 | 10 | 2 | 283 |
| 6 | 7 | 79 | 84 | 47 | 27 | 9 | 7 | 14 | — | 274 |
| 7 | 3 | 82 | 75 | 46 | 22 | 16 | 8 | 11 | 1 | 264 |
| 8 | 5 | 71 | 66 | 33 | 18 | 17 | 8 | 10 | — | 228 |
| 9 | 6 | 78 | 72 | 32 | 21 | 8 | 6 | 8 | — | 231 |
| 10-14 | 44 | 374 | 282 | 118 | 54 | 31 | 15 | 20 | 1 | 939 |
| 15-19 | 49 | 321 | 173 | 86 | 41 | 18 | 11 | 13 | 1 | 713 |
| 20-24 | 62 | 306 | 129 | 45 | 11 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 572 |
| 25-29 | 44 | 248 | 71 | 19 | 7 | 4 | 1 | — | 1 | 395 |
| 30 and over | 24 | 158 | 78 | 15 | 2 | — | — | — | — | 277 |
| Total | 263 | 2 050 | 1 324 | 618 | 282 | 179 | 101 | 133 | 9 | 4 959 |

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|--------------|
| WIFE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 8 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | — | 33 |
| 2 | 16 | 80 | 45 | 22 | 13 | 16 | 5 | 10 | — | 207 |
| 3 | 15 | 107 | 58 | 41 | 15 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 254 |
| 4 | 25 | 130 | 73 | 20 | 20 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 289 |
| 5 | 23 | 132 | 56 | 26 | 25 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 283 |
| 6 | 32 | 114 | 66 | 29 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 11 | — | 274 |
| 7 | 22 | 114 | 63 | 26 | 16 | 10 | 7 | 6 | — | 264 |
| 8 | 20 | 91 | 55 | 27 | 17 | 7 | 6 | 5 | — | 228 |
| 9 | 29 | 103 | 42 | 20 | 19 | 10 | 4 | 4 | — | 231 |
| 10-14 | 167 | 410 | 200 | 90 | 37 | 15 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 939 |
| 15-19 | 206 | 301 | 124 | 40 | 17 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 713 |
| 20-24 | 206 | 265 | 65 | 18 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 572 |
| 25-29 | 162 | 191 | 27 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 2 | — | 1 | 395 |
| 30 and over | 94 | 147 | 31 | 4 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 277 |
| Total | 1 018 | 2 193 | 917 | 374 | 202 | 112 | 63 | 71 | 9 | 4 959 |

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

AGE GROUP (YEARS).....

| Duration of marriage (years) | 19 and under | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55 and over | Not stated | Total |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|---------------|-------|
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|---------------|-------|

HUSBAND

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|----------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Under 1 | 6 | 77 | 79 | 49 | 29 | 30 | 15 | 7 | 15 | 1 | 308 |
| 1 | 1 | 78 | 114 | 66 | 37 | 20 | 17 | 13 | 12 | 3 | 361 |
| 2 | — | 59 | 126 | 84 | 47 | 18 | 9 | 5 | 11 | — | 359 |
| 3 | — | 29 | 108 | 100 | 43 | 21 | 11 | 8 | 12 | 1 | 333 |
| 4 | — | 17 | 85 | 81 | 41 | 22 | 13 | 8 | 9 | — | 276 |
| 5 | — | 6 | 78 | 93 | 40 | 28 | 10 | 9 | 9 | — | 273 |
| 6 | — | — | 62 | 91 | 44 | 17 | 15 | 14 | 13 | — | 256 |
| 7 | — | — | 44 | 89 | 44 | 27 | 8 | 12 | 9 | 1 | 234 |
| 8 | — | — | 26 | 87 | 54 | 24 | 8 | 2 | 4 | — | 205 |
| 9 | — | — | 10 | 83 | 58 | 17 | 14 | 10 | 6 | — | 198 |
| 10-14 | — | — | 7 | 211 | 297 | 153 | 56 | 28 | 24 | 1 | 777 |
| 15-19 | — | — | — | 10 | 226 | 217 | 94 | 34 | 36 | 1 | 618 |
| 20-24 | — | — | — | — | 13 | 155 | 173 | 57 | 15 | — | 413 |
| 25-29 | — | — | — | — | — | 7 | 107 | 69 | 27 | 1 | 211 |
| 30 and over | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 28 | 103 | — | 135 |
| Not stated | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 2 |
| Total | 7 | 266 | 739 | 1 044 | 973 | 756 | 554 | 304 | 305 | 11 | 4 959 |

WIFE

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Under 1 | 18 | 101 | 76 | 35 | 30 | 21 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 308 |
| 1 | 14 | 123 | 102 | 50 | 28 | 15 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 2 | 361 |
| 2 | 2 | 118 | 130 | 55 | 23 | 13 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 359 |
| 3 | — | 70 | 139 | 62 | 29 | 17 | 5 | 6 | 5 | — | 333 |
| 4 | — | 48 | 112 | 49 | 30 | 22 | 7 | 4 | 4 | — | 276 |
| 5 | — | 21 | 118 | 67 | 31 | 14 | 8 | 8 | 6 | — | 273 |
| 6 | — | 9 | 113 | 68 | 27 | 18 | 12 | 4 | 5 | — | 256 |
| 7 | — | 1 | 99 | 66 | 25 | 21 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 234 |
| 8 | — | 2 | 60 | 87 | 34 | 10 | 9 | 3 | — | — | 205 |
| 9 | — | — | 46 | 76 | 46 | 16 | 5 | 3 | 6 | — | 198 |
| 10-14 | — | — | 42 | 359 | 233 | 84 | 28 | 13 | 17 | 1 | 777 |
| 15-19 | — | — | — | 64 | 304 | 165 | 48 | 13 | 23 | 1 | 618 |
| 20-24 | — | — | — | — | 55 | 246 | 96 | 11 | 5 | — | 413 |
| 25-29 | — | — | — | — | — | 25 | 128 | 42 | 15 | 1 | 211 |
| 30 and over | — | — | — | — | — | — | 15 | 46 | 74 | — | 135 |
| Not stated | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 2 |
| Total | 34 | 493 | 1 037 | 1 038 | 895 | 687 | 397 | 181 | 186 | 11 | 4 959 |

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 | 34 | 13 | 4 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 53 |
| 25-29 | 90 | 337 | 47 | 15 | 3 | 1 | — | — | — | 2 | 495 |
| 30-34 | 25 | 295 | 395 | 79 | 20 | 3 | 1 | — | — | — | 818 |
| 35-39 | 6 | 98 | 373 | 409 | 79 | 16 | 6 | 1 | — | — | 988 |
| 40-44 | 3 | 13 | 108 | 323 | 356 | 65 | 9 | 3 | — | 1 | 881 |
| 45-49 | 1 | 4 | 21 | 99 | 279 | 287 | 38 | 7 | 1 | — | 737 |
| 50-54 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 18 | 85 | 185 | 133 | 25 | 7 | — | 464 |
| 55-59 | — | 3 | 1 | 4 | 25 | 41 | 81 | 70 | 16 | — | 241 |
| 60 and over | — | 1 | 4 | 6 | 14 | 20 | 31 | 73 | 124 | — | 273 |
| Not stated | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 1 | 6 | 9 |
| Total | 161 | 766 | 961 | 956 | 861 | 618 | 299 | 179 | 149 | 9 | 4 959 |

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

NUMBER OF CHILDREN.....

| <i>Duration of marriage (years)</i> | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 or more | All divorces | All children | Average number of children(b) |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 28 | 2 | — | 3 | — | 33 | 11 | 2.2 |
| 2 | 146 | 43 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 207 | 85 | 1.4 |
| 3 | 178 | 43 | 23 | 6 | 4 | 254 | 123 | 1.6 |
| 4 | 177 | 71 | 31 | 10 | — | 289 | 163 | 1.5 |
| 5 | 157 | 68 | 49 | 8 | 1 | 283 | 194 | 1.5 |
| 6 | 140 | 61 | 60 | 10 | 3 | 274 | 223 | 1.7 |
| 7 | 122 | 65 | 65 | 9 | 3 | 264 | 234 | 1.6 |
| 8 | 92 | 53 | 63 | 18 | 2 | 228 | 243 | 1.8 |
| 9 | 91 | 54 | 61 | 22 | 3 | 231 | 254 | 1.8 |
| 10–14 | 231 | 185 | 357 | 139 | 27 | 939 | 1 427 | 2.0 |
| 15–19 | 141 | 120 | 302 | 112 | 38 | 713 | 1 226 | 2.1 |
| 20–24 | 221 | 185 | 115 | 42 | 9 | 572 | 577 | 1.6 |
| 25–29 | 314 | 61 | 16 | 3 | 1 | 395 | 106 | 1.3 |
| 30 and over | 270 | 7 | — | — | — | 277 | 7 | 1.0 |
| Total | 2 308 | 1 018 | 1 157 | 383 | 93 | 4 959 | 4 873 | 1.8 |

(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 | 2 314 | — | 679 | 2 993 | 2 314 | — | 832 | 3 146 |
| Fiji | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | 2 |
| New Zealand | 74 | 66 | 40 | 180 | 61 | 66 | 32 | 159 |
| Other | 2 | — | 3 | 5 | 3 | — | 1 | 4 |
| Total | 2 390 | 66 | 722 | 3 178 | 2 379 | 66 | 866 | 3 311 |
| EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR | | | | | | | | |
| Austria | 7 | — | 3 | 10 | 2 | — | 1 | 3 |
| Former USSR & Baltic States | 3 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 10 |
| Former Yugoslav Republics | 22 | 21 | 7 | 50 | 9 | 21 | 5 | 35 |
| Germany | 24 | 5 | 18 | 47 | 30 | 5 | 11 | 46 |
| Greece | 7 | 4 | 8 | 19 | 1 | 4 | — | 5 |
| Hungary | — | 8 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 12 |
| Ireland | 11 | 16 | 7 | 34 | 10 | 16 | 12 | 38 |
| Italy | 35 | 17 | 19 | 71 | 15 | 17 | 9 | 41 |
| Malta | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 2 | — | 6 |
| Netherlands | 25 | 2 | 12 | 39 | 23 | 2 | 12 | 37 |
| Poland | 4 | 21 | 6 | 31 | 4 | 21 | 4 | 29 |
| United Kingdom | 446 | 408 | 122 | 976 | 367 | 408 | 109 | 884 |
| Other | 20 | 20 | 29 | 69 | 12 | 20 | 12 | 44 |
| Total | 605 | 528 | 239 | 1 372 | 481 | 528 | 181 | 1 190 |
| MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA | | | | | | | | |
| Egypt | — | 3 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| Lebanon | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | — | 1 | — | 1 |
| Turkey | 3 | — | — | 3 | — | — | 1 | 1 |
| Other | 7 | 6 | 8 | 21 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 13 |
| Total | 13 | 10 | 16 | 39 | 5 | 10 | 8 | 23 |
| SOUTHEAST ASIA | | | | | | | | |
| Indonesia | 6 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 16 |
| Malaysia | 8 | 11 | 16 | 35 | 19 | 11 | 22 | 52 |
| Philippines | 1 | 3 | — | 4 | 16 | 3 | 20 | 39 |
| Singapore | 11 | 9 | 9 | 29 | 7 | 9 | 18 | 34 |
| Thailand | — | — | 2 | 2 | 3 | — | 10 | 13 |
| Viet Nam | 1 | 25 | 5 | 31 | — | 25 | 3 | 28 |
| Other | 5 | 8 | 9 | 22 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 14 |
| Total | 32 | 57 | 42 | 131 | 54 | 57 | 85 | 196 |

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 | 1 | 11 | 6 | 18 | | — | 11 | 8 | 19 |
| Hong Kong | 2 | 6 | 2 | 10 | | 3 | 6 | 2 | 11 |
| Other | 1 | — | — | 1 | | 2 | — | 4 | 6 |
| Total | 4 | 17 | 8 | 29 | | 5 | 17 | 14 | 36 |
| SOUTHERN ASIA | | | | | | | | | |
| India | 19 | 12 | 12 | 43 | | 11 | 12 | 13 | 36 |
| Sri Lanka | 6 | 1 | — | 7 | | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Other | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Total | 26 | 15 | 14 | 55 | | 14 | 15 | 16 | 45 |
| THE AMERICAS | | | | | | | | | |
| Canada | 12 | 3 | 4 | 19 | | 7 | 3 | 6 | 16 |
| Chile | — | 5 | — | 5 | | — | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| United States of America | 23 | 5 | 8 | 36 | | 10 | 5 | 13 | 28 |
| Other | 6 | 2 | 6 | 14 | | 6 | 2 | 12 | 20 |
| Total | 41 | 15 | 18 | 74 | | 23 | 15 | 34 | 72 |
| AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA) | | | | | | | | | |
| South Africa | 11 | 8 | 8 | 27 | | 10 | 8 | 9 | 27 |
| Other | 19 | 11 | 12 | 42 | | 18 | 11 | 17 | 46 |
| Total | 30 | 19 | 20 | 69 | | 28 | 19 | 26 | 73 |
| Other and not stated | 5 | 5 | 2 | 12 | | 4 | 5 | 4 | 13 |
| Total | 3 146 | 732 | 1 081 | 4 959 | | 2 993 | 732 | 1 234 | 4 959 |

SECTION 9

THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION

BIRTHS

In 1996 there were 1,538 Indigenous people born in Western Australia, 815 males and 723 females.

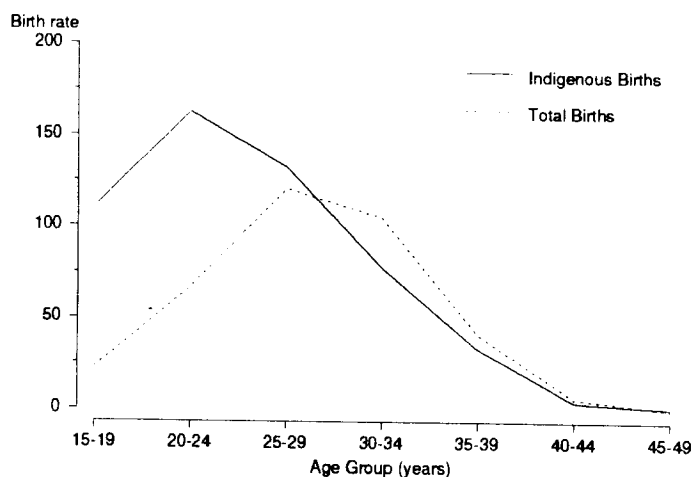
Age specific birth rates

In 1996, the age specific birth rates for younger women were higher for the Indigenous population than for the total population. The highest Indigenous birth rate was 162.6 per 1,000 females in the 20–24 year age group compared with 66.9 for the same age group in the total population.

The highest birth rate for the total population, 120.6 for the 25–29 year age group, was still lower than the Indigenous rate of 132.4 for the same age group. For the 15–19 year age group the age specific birth rate for the Indigenous people, 110.9 per 1,000 females, was nearly five times higher than the rate for the same age group in the total population.

The fertility rate for Indigenous females based on the age-specific birth rates was 2.612 compared with 1.812 for all females.

AGE SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES, INDIGENOUS AND TOTAL POPULATIONS



DEATHS

There were 370 deaths of Indigenous people in Western Australia in 1996, 222 males and 148 females.

Age at death

The median age of death for the Indigenous population in 1996 was 49.0 years for males and 57.8 for females. This compares with 73.7 years for males and 80.8 years for females for the total population.

The ages at death varied greatly between Indigenous people and the total population. Ten percent of Indigenous deaths occurred under 1 year of age compared with 1.2% for the total population. In 1996, 68.6% of total Indigenous deaths occurred below the age of 65 years, compared with only 24.6% for the total population.

Infant mortality rate

The Indigenous infant mortality rate was 24.1 per 1,000 live births in 1996, nearly four times higher than the total Western Australian infant mortality rate of 6.5 per 1,000 live births.

Standardised death rates

In 1996 the standardised death rate was 19.4 per 1,000 persons for the Indigenous population, compared with 6.3 per 1,000 persons for the total Western Australian population.

Causes of death

There were some differences in causes of death between Indigenous people and the total population in 1996. Heart disease was the leading cause of death for Indigenous people, as it was for the total population. However, of the 370 Indigenous deaths only 18.6% (69 persons) were due to heart disease which was lower than for the total population (26.9%). A sharp distinction occurred with deaths from cancer with some 9.7% of Indigenous people dying from the disease compared with 27.3% of the total population. There was also a lower percentage of Indigenous people dying from cerebrovascular disease, 5.4% compared with 9.5% for the total population. However, a greater proportion of Indigenous people died from accidents, poisoning and violence (16.2% compared with 7.1%) and from diabetes (8.4% compared with 2.6%).

9.1 THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION, BIRTHS, Selected Details Of Indigenous Children(a)

| Mothers of Indigenous children..... All children..... | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total..... Indigenous mothers..... | | | | | | | | |
| Number..... Per cent..... | | | | | | | | |
| Particulars | 1995r | 1996 | 1995r | 1996 | 1995r | 1996 | 1995r | 1996 |
| BIRTHS | | | | | | | | |
| Total births | 1 492 | 1 538 | 1 225 | 1 272 | 82.1 | 82.7 | 25 139 | 24 793 |
| Males | 744 | 815 | 618 | 674 | 83.1 | 82.7 | 12 942 | 12 813 |
| Females | 748 | 723 | 607 | 598 | 81.1 | 82.7 | 12 197 | 11 980 |
| Sex ratio | 99.5 | 112.7 | 101.8 | 112.7 | .. | .. | 106.1 | 107.0 |
| Nuptial births | 219 | 229 | 137 | 161 | 62.6 | 70.3 | 17 664 | 17 128 |
| <i>Ex-nuptial births</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Number | 1 273 | 1 309 | 1 088 | 1 111 | 85.5 | 84.9 | 7 475 | 7 665 |
| Percentage of live births | 85.3 | 85.1 | 88.8 | 87.3 | .. | .. | 29.7 | 30.9 |
| <i>Paternity acknowledged births</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Number | 955 | 1 014 | 771 | 816 | 80.7 | 80.5 | 6 304 | 6 473 |
| Percentage of ex-nuptial births | 75.0 | 77.5 | 70.9 | 73.4 | .. | .. | 84.3 | 84.4 |
| <i>Age group of mother (years)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| 14 and under | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 12 | 23 |
| 15-19 | 357 | 331 | 308 | 278 | 86.3 | 84.0 | 1 492 | 1 402 |
| 20-24 | 537 | 489 | 439 | 411 | 81.8 | 84.0 | 4 886 | 4 538 |
| 25-29 | 353 | 413 | 293 | 336 | 83.0 | 81.4 | 8 172 | 8 188 |
| 30-34 | 172 | 210 | 130 | 169 | 75.6 | 80.5 | 7 365 | 7 279 |
| 35-39 | 61 | 73 | 44 | 60 | 72.1 | 82.2 | 2 790 | 2 935 |
| 40-44 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 6 | 50.0 | 60.0 | 407 | 411 |
| 45 and over | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | 100.0 | 15 | 15 |
| Not stated | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | 100.0 | — | 2 |
| <i>Age specific birth rates</i> | | | | | | | | |
| 15-19(b) | .. | .. | 124.6 | 110.9 | .. | .. | 24.4 | 22.8 |
| 20-24 | .. | .. | 171.5 | 162.6 | .. | .. | 71.7 | 66.9 |
| 25-29 | .. | .. | 118.5 | 132.4 | .. | .. | 124.8 | 120.6 |
| 30-34 | .. | .. | 61.5 | 77.8 | .. | .. | 104.7 | 104.7 |
| 35-39 | .. | .. | 25.2 | 33.4 | .. | .. | 39.8 | 41.2 |
| 40-44 | .. | .. | 0.8 | 4.3 | .. | .. | 6.1 | 6.0 |
| 45-49(c) | .. | .. | — | 1.0 | .. | .. | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Total fertility rate | .. | .. | 2.510 | 2.612 | .. | .. | 1.859 | 1.812 |
| CONFINEMENTS | | | | | | | | |
| Total confinements | 1 478 | 1 522 | 1 217 | 1 256 | 82.3 | 82.5 | 24 791 | 24 434 |
| Median age of mother | 23.4 | 24.2 | 23.2 | 24.0 | .. | .. | 28.8 | 28.9 |
| Median age of father(d) | 26.3 | 27.1 | 26.0 | 27.0 | .. | .. | 31.5 | 31.6 |
| <i>Previous births(d)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | 579 | 580 | 442 | 449 | 76.3 | 77.4 | 11 285 | 10 853 |
| 1 | 286 | 311 | 217 | 246 | 75.9 | 79.1 | 7 690 | 7 860 |
| 2 | 158 | 179 | 127 | 137 | 80.4 | 76.5 | 3 273 | 3 185 |
| 3 | 77 | 86 | 61 | 67 | 79.2 | 77.9 | 951 | 952 |
| 4 and over | 60 | 75 | 53 | 66 | 88.3 | 88.0 | 427 | 407 |
| Average number of births | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.1 | .. | .. | 1.8 | 1.8 |

(a) See paragraphs 29 to 31 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Includes births to mothers under 15 years of age.

(c) Includes births to mothers aged 50 years and over.

(d) Includes both nuptial confinements and ex-nuptial confinements where paternity was acknowledged.

9.2 THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION, Births and Deaths By Statistical Division—1996

STATISTICAL DIVISION

| | Perth | South West | Lower Great Southern | Upper Great Southern | Midlands | South Eastern | Central | Pilbara | Kimberley | Total |
|---------------|-------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|---------|-----------|-------|
| Births | | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 320 | 35 | 30 | 13 | 23 | 60 | 72 | 82 | 179 | 815 |
| % | 20.8 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 11.6 | 53.0 |
| Females | 273 | 54 | 22 | 12 | 18 | 38 | 80 | 65 | 159 | 723 |
| % | 17.8 | 3.5 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 10.3 | 47.0 |
| Total | 593 | 89 | 52 | 25 | 41 | 98 | 152 | 147 | 338 | 1 538 |
| % | 38.6 | 5.8 | 3.4 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 6.4 | 9.9 | 9.6 | 22.0 | 100.0 |
| Deaths | | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 53 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 20 | 19 | 36 | 66 | 222 |
| % | 14.3 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 1.6 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 9.7 | 17.8 | 60.0 |
| Females | 31 | 7 | 1 | — | 6 | 16 | 18 | 20 | 48 | 148 |
| % | 8.4 | 1.9 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 13.0 | 40.0 |
| Total | 84 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 12 | 36 | 37 | 56 | 114 | 370 |
| % | 22.7 | 3.0 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 3.2 | 9.7 | 10.0 | 15.1 | 30.8 | 100.0 |

9.3 THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION, Summary of Indigenous and Total data—selected years

INDIGENOUS BIRTHS BY SEX AND AGE OF MOTHER —1996

| Age group of mother (years) | Males | % | Females | % | Persons | % |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Under 16 | 20 | 1.3 | 15 | 1.0 | 35 | 2.3 |
| 16-19 | 168 | 10.9 | 138 | 9.0 | 306 | 19.9 |
| 20-24 | 255 | 16.6 | 234 | 15.2 | 489 | 31.8 |
| 25-29 | 216 | 14.0 | 197 | 12.8 | 413 | 26.9 |
| 30-34 | 110 | 7.2 | 100 | 6.5 | 210 | 13.7 |
| 35-39 | 39 | 2.5 | 34 | 2.2 | 73 | 4.7 |
| 40-44 | 6 | 0.4 | 4 | 0.3 | 10 | 0.7 |
| 45-49 | — | — | 1 | 0.1 | 1 | 0.1 |
| Not stated | 1 | 0.1 | — | — | 1 | 0.1 |
| Total | 815 | 53.0 | 723 | 47.0 | 1 538 | 100.0 |

INDIGENOUS AND TOTAL DEATHS SUMMARY—1988 To 1996

| Year | Indigenous deaths | Indigenous standardised death rate (a) | Indigenous infant deaths | Indigenous infant mortality rate (b) | Total standardised death rate (a) | Total infant mortality rate (b) |
|------|-------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1988 | 322 | 19.8 | 33 | na | 6.8 | 8.5 |
| 1989 | 329 | 20.2 | 30 | na | 7.0 | 7.8 |
| 1990 | 322 | 19.7 | 33 | na | 6.6 | 8.0 |
| 1991 | 401 | 24.4 | 40 | na | 6.6 | 7.2 |
| 1992 | 346 | 21.0 | 37 | na | 6.5 | 7.2 |
| 1993 | 386 | 23.3 | 25 | 16.3 | 6.6 | 5.9 |
| 1994 | 377 | 22.6 | 31 | 19.6 | 6.6 | 5.6 |
| 1995 | 384 | 21.7 | 27 | 18.1 | 6.2 | 5.1 |
| 1996 | 370 | 19.4 | 37 | 24.1 | 6.3 | 6.5 |

(a) Per 1,000 population. (b) Per 1,000 Livebirths.

INDIGENOUS AND TOTAL AGES AT DEATH—1996

| Age at death (years) | Indigenous Deaths..... | | | | Total Deaths | |
|----------------------|------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Males | Females | Persons | % | Persons | % |
| Under 1 | 23 | 14 | 37 | 10.0 | 160 | 1.5 |
| 1-14 | 13 | 3 | 16 | 4.3 | 94 | 0.9 |
| 15-24 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 3.2 | 190 | 1.7 |
| 25-34 | 19 | 5 | 24 | 6.5 | 261 | 2.4 |
| 35-44 | 37 | 19 | 56 | 15.1 | 386 | 3.5 |
| 45-54 | 30 | 19 | 49 | 13.2 | 594 | 5.4 |
| 55-64 | 28 | 32 | 60 | 16.2 | 1 025 | 9.3 |
| 65 and over | 65 | 51 | 116 | 31.4 | 8 317 | 75.4 |
| Not Stated | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 222 | 148 | 370 | 100.0 | 11 027 | 100.0 |

9.4 THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION, Indigenous and Total Causes Of Death—1996 (a)

| | AGE GROUP (YEARS)..... | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Cause of death (b) | 0-4 | 5-19 | 20-39 | 40-49 | 50-59 | 60-69 | 70-79 | 80+ | Total |
| Heart Disease | | | | | | | | | |
| Indigenous Deaths | | | | | | | | | |
| Number | 1 | 1 | 6 | 18 | 12 | 16 | 8 | 7 | 69 |
| % | 1.4 | 1.4 | 8.7 | 26.1 | 17.4 | 23.2 | 11.6 | 10.1 | 100.0 |
| Total Deaths | | | | | | | | | |
| Number | 1 | 3 | 40 | 73 | 140 | 383 | 765 | 1 562 | 2 967 |
| % | — | 0.1 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 4.7 | 12.9 | 25.8 | 52.6 | 100.0 |
| Malignant Neoplasms | | | | | | | | | |
| Indigenous Deaths | | | | | | | | | |
| Number | — | — | 1 | 5 | 6 | 15 | 8 | 1 | 36 |
| % | — | — | 2.8 | 13.9 | 16.7 | 41.7 | 22.2 | 2.8 | 100.0 |
| Total Deaths | | | | | | | | | |
| Number | 2 | 16 | 64 | 180 | 364 | 698 | 954 | 729 | 3 007 |
| % | 0.1 | 0.5 | 2.1 | 6.0 | 12.1 | 23.2 | 31.7 | 24.2 | 100.0 |
| Diabetes Mellitus | | | | | | | | | |
| Indigenous Deaths | | | | | | | | | |
| Number | — | — | 1 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 31 |
| % | — | — | 3.2 | 6.5 | 32.3 | 32.3 | 9.7 | 16.1 | 100.0 |
| Total Deaths | | | | | | | | | |
| Number | — | 1 | 5 | 3 | 24 | 52 | 92 | 105 | 282 |
| % | — | 0.4 | 1.8 | 1.1 | 8.5 | 18.4 | 32.6 | 37.2 | 100.0 |
| Cerebrovascular Disease | | | | | | | | | |
| Indigenous Deaths | | | | | | | | | |
| Number | — | — | 2 | — | 2 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 20 |
| % | — | — | 10.0 | — | 10.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 40.0 | 100.0 |
| Total Deaths | | | | | | | | | |
| Number | — | 1 | 10 | 19 | 27 | 68 | 233 | 692 | 1 050 |
| % | — | 0.1 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 6.5 | 22.2 | 65.9 | 100.0 |
| Respiratory System Diseases | | | | | | | | | |
| Indigenous Deaths | | | | | | | | | |
| Number | 5 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 48 |
| % | 10.4 | 2.1 | 10.4 | 14.6 | 14.6 | 12.5 | 18.8 | 16.7 | 100.0 |
| Total Deaths | | | | | | | | | |
| Number | 11 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 50 | 141 | 253 | 437 | 918 |
| % | 1.2 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 5.4 | 15.4 | 27.6 | 47.6 | 100.0 |
| Accidents, Poisonings and Violence | | | | | | | | | |
| Indigenous Deaths | | | | | | | | | |
| Number | 11 | 6 | 22 | 11 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 60 |
| % | 18.3 | 10.0 | 36.7 | 18.3 | 3.3 | 8.3 | 1.7 | 3.3 | 100.0 |
| Total Deaths | | | | | | | | | |
| Number | 32 | 68 | 311 | 95 | 61 | 63 | 59 | 97 | 786 |
| % | 4.1 | 8.7 | 39.6 | 12.1 | 7.8 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 12.3 | 100.0 |
| Other Causes | | | | | | | | | |
| Indigenous Deaths | | | | | | | | | |
| Number | 31 | 1 | 20 | 10 | 12 | 13 | 9 | 10 | 106 |
| % | 29.2 | 0.9 | 18.9 | 9.4 | 11.3 | 12.3 | 8.5 | 9.4 | 100.0 |
| Total Deaths | | | | | | | | | |
| Number | 157 | 22 | 124 | 82 | 87 | 170 | 405 | 970 | 2 017 |
| % | 7.8 | 1.1 | 6.1 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 8.4 | 20.1 | 48.1 | 100.0 |
| Total | | | | | | | | | |
| Indigenous Deaths | | | | | | | | | |
| Number | 48 | 9 | 57 | 53 | 51 | 69 | 42 | 41 | 370 (b) |
| % | 13.0 | 2.4 | 15.4 | 14.3 | 13.8 | 18.6 | 11.4 | 11.1 | 100.0 |
| Total Deaths | | | | | | | | | |
| Number | 203 | 115 | 563 | 465 | 753 | 1 575 | 2 761 | 4 592 | 11 027 (b) |
| % | 1.8 | 1.0 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 6.8 | 14.3 | 25.0 | 41.6 | 100.0 |

(a) Comprising the following: heart disease (ICD codes 393-398,402,404,410-416,420-429); Malignant neoplasms (cancer) (ICD codes 140-208); diabetes mellitus (ICD code 250); cerebrovascular disease (ICD codes 430-438); respiratory system diseases (ICD codes 460-519); accidents, poisonings and violence (ICD codes 800-999).

(b) Caution should be used when comparing Indigenous and Total causes of death as rates based on 100,000 population, only available in Census years, are a more reliable indicator of causes of death.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

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

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

POPULATION

3 This section consists of estimates of the resident population, with information on overseas arrivals and departures and net interstate migration.

Population estimates

4 Estimates of the population of Western Australia are made to varying levels of detail throughout the year. This publication has used preliminary 1996-based estimates for Sections 1 and 2, and 1991-based estimates for Sections 3 to 9.

MIGRATION

Overseas migration

5 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

6 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 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: Population Estimates: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 3228.0).

BIRTHS

7 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.

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

9 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.

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

11 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

12 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.

13 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.

14 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 and State and Territory level as a joint venture between the ABS and the Australian Government Actuary. These life tables are known as the Australian Actuary/Australian Bureau of Statistics Life Tables. Before 1995, life tables shown in this publication were prepared by the ABS. The Australian Government Actuary also constructed life tables based on deaths occurring during the three years around and including the census year. The latest life tables prepared by the Australian Government Actuary were based on deaths during 1990, 1991 and 1992. These were released in 1995 and copies are available from the Commonwealth Government Bookshops or the Mail Order Sales Service.

MARRIAGES

15 Marriage statistics refer to marriages registered by the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages of Western Australia 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.

16 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.

17 The ABS, due to budgetary considerations, processed only limited data on marriages registered in 1995. The data items were State or Territory of registration, date of marriage, age of parties at marriage and previous marital status of parties. ABS resumed full processing for 1996 marriage data.

DIVORCES

18 All divorce data in this publication are for State or Territory of registration, based on the location of the Family Court where the divorce was granted and registered. 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 23 for more information.

19 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.

20 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.

21 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.

22 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.

23 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.

24 In light of the Family Court decision and ABS budgetary considerations, only limited data on divorces registered in 1995 were processed. The data items were State or Territory of registration; date of birth of parties; age of parties at marriage, separation and divorce; duration of marriage until separation and divorce; and sex of applicant. With the exception of those data items which the Family Court no longer collects, ABS resumed full processing for 1996 divorce data.

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

25 The geographic boundaries for small area data are defined in the *Statistical Geography: Volume 1 Australian Standard Geographical Classification, (ASGC), 1996 Edition* (Cat. no. 1216.0). The boundaries used for births and deaths statistics are the Statistical Local Area boundaries at 1 July 1996.

26 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).

27 Political developments in Europe, the Former USSR and Africa have resulted in a number of changes to the ASCCSS. 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 ASCCSS.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

28 Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

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, Western Australia (Cat. no. 3235.5)

Estimated Resident Population by Sex and Age, States and Territories of Australia (Cat. no. 3201.0)

Population, Western Australia (Cat. no. 3234.5)

Marriages and Divorces, Australia (Cat. no. 3310.0)

Migration, Australia (Cat. no. 3412.0)

Projections of the Populations of Australia, States and Territories (Cat. no. 3222.0)

Regional Population Growth Australia (Cat. no. 3218.0)

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS AVAILABLE

29 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.

30 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 for Western Australia, but not contained 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 | 293 923 | 8 091 | 2 923 | 615 | 2 421 | — | 28.2 | 10.2 | 76.0 | 8.4 |
| 1916 | 306 880 | 8 563 | 3 085 | 567 | 2 365 | — | 27.2 | 9.9 | 66.2 | 7.6 |
| 1921 | 336 548 | 7 807 | 3 480 | 611 | 2 656 | — | 23.4 | 10.4 | 78.3 | 8.0 |
| 1926 | 385 233 | 8 301 | 3 350 | 409 | 2 844 | — | 21.8 | 8.9 | 49.3 | 7.5 |
| 1931 | 433 686 | 8 549 | 3 681 | 355 | 2 741 | — | 19.8 | 8.5 | 41.5 | 6.3 |
| 1936 | 454 200 | 8 479 | 4 230 | 358 | 4 242 | — | 18.8 | 9.4 | 42.2 | 9.4 |
| 1941 | 473 213 | 10 118 | 4 769 | 357 | 5 077 | — | 21.4 | 10.1 | 35.3 | 10.7 |
| 1946 | 496 973 | 12 105 | 4 753 | 376 | 5 171 | — | 24.6 | 9.6 | 31.1 | 10.5 |
| 1951 | 590 339 | 14 794 | 5 288 | 425 | 5 390 | 682 | 25.5 | 9.1 | 28.7 | 9.3 |
| 1956 | 681 268 | 16 916 | 5 572 | 384 | 5 080 | 544 | 25.1 | 8.3 | 22.7 | 7.5 |
| 1961 | 744 845 | 17 078 | 5 729 | 336 | 5 150 | 466 | 23.2 | 7.8 | 19.7 | 7.0 |
| 1966(c) | 964 093 | 17 194 | 6 902 | 343 | 7 002 | 637 | 20.2 | 8.1 | 20.0 | 8.2 |
| 1971(d) | 1 070 347 | 24 239 | 7 806 | 464 | 9 382 | 1 064 | 23.0 | 7.4 | 19.1 | 8.9 |
| 1976 | 1 191 680 | 20 670 | 7 740 | 273 | 9 517 | 4 818 | 17.5 | 6.6 | 13.2 | 8.1 |
| 1981 | 1 320 221 | 21 877 | 7 993 | 193 | 10 111 | 3 481 | 16.8 | 6.1 | 8.8 | 7.8 |
| 1986 | 1 477 398 | 24 236 | 9 307 | 214 | 10 379 | 4 001 | 16.6 | 6.4 | 8.8 | 7.1 |
| 1991 | 1 646 856 | 25 417 | 9 528 | 183 | 10 659 | 4 446 | 15.5 | 5.8 | 7.2 | 6.5 |
| 1992 | 1 666 738 | 25 073 | 9 898 | 175 | 10 118 | 4 540 | 15.1 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 6.1 |
| 1993 | 1 687 401 | 25 081 | 10 316 | 147 | 10 382 | 4 654 | 15.0 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 6.2 |
| 1994 | 1 714 350 | 25 138 | 10 293 | 140 | 10 366 | 5 024 | 14.8 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 6.1 |
| 1995 | 1 746 400 | 25 139 | 10 364 | 129 | 10 404 | 5 040 | 14.5 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 6.0 |
| 1996 | 1 782 700 | 24 793 | 11 027 | 160 | 10 294 | 4 959 | 13.9 | 7.0 | 5.8 | 5.8 |

(a) Crude rate per 1,000 population.

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

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

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

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 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,
 - long-term (one year or more),
 - short-term (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.

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| | 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** 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.
- Estimates of the resident population are based on census counts by place of usual residence, adjusted for underenumeration, to which are added the number of Australian residents estimated to have been temporarily overseas at the time of the Census.
- 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.
- 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 *Information Paper: Population Estimates: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 3228.0). Revised population estimates are published in *Australian Demographic Statistics* (Cat. no. 3101.0) (issued quarterly).
- 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** Persons who identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.
- An Indigenous birth refers to the birth of a live-born child where either the mother or the father has identified as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.
- An Indigenous death refers to a death where the deceased was identified as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.
- Infant death** An infant death is the death of a live-born child who died when less than one year old.
- Infant mortality rate** The number of deaths of children under one year of age in a calendar year per 1,000 live births in the same calendar year.
- Life expectancy** Life expectancy refers to the average number of additional years a person of a given age and sex might expect to live if the age-specific death rates of the given period continued throughout his or her lifetime.
- Long-term arrivals** Long-term arrivals comprise overseas visitors who intend to stay in Australia for 12 months or more (but not permanently) and Australian residents returning after an absence of 12 months or more overseas.

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| 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. |
| 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. |
| 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. |
| 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 do not intend to return to Australia. |

- Previous births** 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.
- Previous births of the current marriage relates to nuptial births to the same parents prior to the current nuptial confinement.
- All previous births of the mother includes all births prior to the current confinement, regardless of nuptiality and paternity.
- 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.
- Reproduction rate** Two different reproduction rates are shown in this publication:
- Gross reproduction rate — the gross reproduction rate represents the average number of daughters per woman that would be born to a group of women all of whom survive to the end of the reproductive period and who had borne daughters at each age in accordance with the rates prevailing during that year. It is an indication of the extent to which the population would reproduce itself under these conditions, except that it does not allow for females who fail to survive to the end of the child-bearing period. It is the sum of the female five-year age-specific fertility rates (i.e. the number of female live births according to age of mother per 1,000 females of that age) multiplied by five and divided by one thousand.
 - Net reproduction rate — the 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.
- 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 State and Territory and Australian 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

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| | 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 data see paragraph 18 of the Explanatory Notes. |
| State or Territory of usual residence | <p>State or Territory of usual residence refers to the State or Territory of usual residence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 data see paragraph 18 of the Explanatory Notes. <p>In the case of overseas movements State or Territory of usual residence refers to the State or Territory regarded by the traveller as the one in which he/she lives or has lived. State or Territory of intended residence is derived from the intended address given by settlers, and by Australian residents returning after a journey abroad. Particularly in the case of the former, this information does not necessarily relate to the State or Territory in which the person will eventually establish a permanent residence.</p> |
| 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, multiplying by five and dividing by one thousand. |



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