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NOTES

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

This publication brings together population, births, deaths, marriages and divorces statistics for the Australian Capital Territory.

ABOUT THIS ISSUE

This issue contains rates calculated using preliminary estimates of Australia, State and Territory populations as at 30 June 1997.

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 producing population estimates.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
ASCCSS	Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics
ERP	Estimated Resident Population
ICD	International Classification of Diseases
n.a.	not available
n.p.	not available for publication but included in totals where applicable
SD	Statistical Division
SDR	Standardised Death Rate
SSD	Statistical Subdivision
. .	not applicable
—	nil, rounded to zero or less than three (see paragraph 33 of the Explanatory Notes)

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DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY

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	1987	1997	Change	1987	1997	Change
	'000	'000	%	'000	'000	%
Estimated resident population	268.8	309.0	15.0	16 394.6	18 631.1	13.6
Net overseas migration	1.5	-0.1	-108.4	136.1	83.7	-38.5
Net interstate migration	2.1	-2.4	-216.6
Births						
Registration basis	4.1	4.2	2.4	244.0	251.8	3.2
Deaths						
Registration basis	1.0	1.3	33.7	117.3	129.4	10.3
Marriages	1.8	1.9	6.3	114.1	106.7	-6.5
Divorces	1.6	1.5	-4.5	39.7	51.3	29.1

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

The estimated resident population of the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) at 31 December 1997 was 309,000. This was an increase of 15.0% over the last 10 years. The annual population growth rate in the ACT in 1997 was 0.2%. This was the second lowest in the country, above only Tasmania's growth rate of -0.5%.

The largest growth area when compared with 1996, was Gungahlin-Hall Subdivision with a 15.0% increase in estimated mid-year population. Weston Creek-Stromlo Subdivision recorded the largest population decrease of 0.8%.

OVERSEAS MIGRATION

In 1997 more persons chose to leave the ACT for overseas, either permanently or long-term, than settled in the ACT from an overseas country. The net overseas migration loss for the ACT was 120 persons.

INTERSTATE MIGRATION

More persons chose to leave for other parts of Australia than chose to settle in the ACT in 1997. Net interstate migration for the ACT was -2,440 persons.

BIRTHS

In 1997 there were 4,200 births registered in the ACT. This was an increase of 2.4% on the number registered in 1987 (4,100). The number of births registered also increased Australia wide, by 3.2%.

In 1997, the total fertility rate in the ACT was 1.6 children per woman, the lowest this decade and the lowest of all States and Territories. Australia wide the total fertility rate was 1.8 children per woman.

For the first time the peak age group for mothers giving birth in the ACT was 30–34 years. Nationally the peak age group remained at 25–29 years. Age-specific birth rates for the ACT were lower than national rates in all age groups except the 30–34 years age group.

Ex-nuptial births represented 25% of all births registered in the ACT in 1997 (1,046) compared with 14% in 1987 (566). Ex-nuptial births Australia wide increased from 18% to 28% in the same period.

DEATHS

The number of deaths registered in the ACT in 1997 was 1,350. This was an increase of 34% on the number registered in 1987 (1,000).

The median age at death was 72.6 years for males usually resident in the ACT and 78.8 years for females. By comparison the 1987 medians were 65.0 years and 74.6 years, respectively. In 1997 the national median age at death for males was 74.2 years and for females 81.0 years.

The expectation of life at birth for persons usually resident in the ACT for 1995–97 was 77.1 years for males and 81.3 years for females. Nationally, the expectation of life at birth was 75.6 years for males and 81.3 years for females.

MARRIAGES

There were 1,900 marriages registered in the ACT in 1997. This was about 6% more than the number registered in 1987. However, the number of marriages per 1,000 population declined 9%, from 6.6 per 1,000 population in 1987 to 6.0 per 1,000 population in 1997.

The median age at marriage for males and females marrying in 1997 was 29.6 years for males and 27.3 years for females. These were 1.4 and 1.6 years, respectively, higher than in 1987. When compared with Australian median marriage ages, the 1997 ACT medians were 0.1 years lower for males and 0.2 years lower for females.

DIVORCES

In the ACT in 1997 there were 1,500 divorces granted, compared with 1,600 in 1987. However, a large number of the divorces granted in the ACT involve parties usually resident in other State or Territories.

Males and females divorcing in 1997 were older than males and females divorcing in 1987. In 1997, the median age at divorce was 40.3 years for males and 37.4 years for females. The comparative medians in 1987 were 37.9 years and 34.8 years respectively. The Australian median ages at divorce in 1997 were 40.3 years for males and 37.6 years for females.

The median duration of marriage for marriages ending in divorce in the ACT in 1997 was 11.4 years, slightly higher than the national median of 11.1 years. The median interval between marriage and final separation, 8.2 years, was also higher than the national median of 7.7 years.

1.1 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY(a)—Year ended 31 December 1997

Particulars	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.(b)
POPULATION									
Estimated resident population ('000)	6 306.3	4 627.3	3 430.4	1 482.9	1 811.1	471.8	189.2	309.0	18 631.1
Components of population change(c)									
Natural increase(d)	41 941	28 978	24 990	6 769	14 041	2 240	2 699	3 034	124 729
Net overseas migration(e)	34 302	19 774	13 745	3 297	12 115	70	532	-122	83 702
Net interstate migration	-10 782	-2 700	20 202	-3 399	3 038	-4 593	670	-2 436	..
Total increase	65 461	46 052	58 937	6 667	29 194	-2283	3 901	476	208 431
Growth rate (%)	1.0	1.0	1.7	0.5	1.6	-0.5	2.1	0.2	1.1
BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS									
Live births									
Number	87 156	60 732	46 965	18 362	24 776	6 007	3 588	4 208	251 842
Total fertility rate	1.832	1.688	1.801	1.703	1.787	1.799	2.171	1.601	1.775
Crude birth rate	13.9	13.2	13.8	12.4	13.8	12.7	19.2	13.6	13.6
Female net reproduction rate	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.9
All confinements									
Number	85 967	59 804	46 279	18 095	24 407	5 935	3 552	4 161	248 246
Median age of mother (years)	29.4	30.0	28.6	29.7	29.2	28.2	27.0	29.8	29.4
Nuptial confinements									
Median age (years)									
Mother	30.3	30.7	29.9	30.8	30.3	29.7	29.8	30.6	30.4
Father	32.9	33.0	32.3	33.0	32.8	32.2	32.5	32.7	32.8
First nuptial confinements									
Number	26 275	19 264	12 313	5 174	6 737	1 733	559	1 285	73 356
Median age of mother (years)	28.9	29.3	28.6	29.4	29.0	28.3	28.6	29.2	29.0
DEATHS									
Number	45 641	33 261	21 945	11 658	10 807	3 809	891	1 334	129 350
Standardised death rate	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.8	9.8	6.0	6.2
Crude death rate	7.3	7.2	6.5	7.9	6.0	8.0	4.8	4.3	7.0
Median age at death (years)									
Males	74.3	74.7	73.3	75.2	73.6	75.2	56.3	72.6	74.2
Females	81.1	81.4	80.4	81.5	80.8	80.2	57.6	78.8	81.0
Infant deaths									
Number	451	300	272	87	131	39	45	16	1 341
Rate	5.2	4.9	5.8	4.7	5.3	6.5	12.5	3.8	5.3
Perinatal deaths									
Number	861	522	430	152	202	70	56	28	2 321
Rate	9.8	8.6	9.1	8.2	8.1	11.6	15.5	6.6	9.2

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) Population, births and deaths include Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

(c) Components of population change from previous year.

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

(e) Net overseas migration includes an estimate of category jumpers, those who change travel intentions from short-term to permanent/long-term or vice versa.

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

<i>Particulars</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.(b)</i>
MARRIAGES									
Number registered	36 679	25 456	20 868	7 945	10 456	2 672	786	1 873	106 735
Crude marriage rate	5.8	5.5	6.1	5.4	5.8	5.6	4.2	6.0	5.8
Median age at marriage (years)									
Bridegroom	29.6	29.6	29.7	29.8	30.4	29.7	31.6	29.6	29.7
Bride	27.3	27.5	27.5	27.4	27.9	27.3	28.8	27.3	27.5
DIVORCES									
Number granted	14 655	12 463	11 744	4 115	5 046	1 321	416	1 528	51 288
Crude divorce rate	2.3	2.7	3.5	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.2	(c)	2.8
Median duration of marriage (years)	10.0	11.0	11.7	11.8	12.0	12.0	11.6	11.4	11.1
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	6.7	7.7	8.1	8.6	8.3	8.7	7.8	8.2	7.7

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) Population, births and deaths include Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

(c) See paragraph 24 of the Explanatory Notes.

1.2 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY, Statistical Areas(a)

STATISTICAL DIVISION (SD), Statistical Subdivision (SSD) and Statistical Local Area (SLA)	<i>Estimated mid-year resident population(b)</i>	<i>Births(c)</i>	<i>Total fertility rate(d)</i>	<i>Deaths(c)</i>	<i>Indirect standardised death rate(e)</i>
CANBERRA (SD)					
North Canberra (SSD)					
Acton	1 490	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
Ainslie	4 643	59	1.360	45	6.1
Braddon	2 742	27	1.234	17	5.4
Campbell	3 269	35	1.266	23	4.1
City	253	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
Dickson	1 957	16	1.003	13	7.8
Downer	3 381	47	1.559	17	4.5
Duntroon	1 914	18	1.809	—	n.p.
Hackett	3 076	27	1.244	11	4.6
Kowen	16	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
Lyneham	4 075	49	1.145	59	12.0
Majura	367	5	1.040	—	1.6
O'Connor	4 787	48	1.204	26	5.2
Reid	1 629	9	1.185	11	4.3
Russell	—	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
Turner	1 979	17	0.992	15	6.2
Watson	3 306	48	1.588	22	5.9
<i>Total North Canberra (SSD)</i>	<i>38 884</i>	<i>407</i>	<i>1.217</i>	<i>260</i>	<i>6.0</i>
Belconnen (SSD)					
Aranda	2 615	27	1.413	56	14.3
Belconnen Town Centre	2 749	13	0.501	3	2.4
Bruce	2 350	15	0.893	3	6.1
Charnwood	3 380	60	2.017	7	5.2
Cook	3 029	29	1.185	21	5.3
Dunlop	923	29	2.647	—	n.p.
Evatt	6 195	92	1.975	16	5.3
Florey	5 674	73	1.595	12	4.7
Flynn	3 873	44	1.803	8	5.3
Fraser	2 367	23	1.799	10	7.8
Giralang	3 823	64	1.872	11	5.1
Hawker	3 058	25	1.277	12	5.4
Higgins	3 367	41	1.602	13	5.3
Holt	4 582	59	1.654	18	5.6
Kaleen	8 515	88	1.539	23	5.0
Latham	4 032	60	1.967	9	3.7
McKellar	3 052	26	1.617	11	5.1
Macgregor	3 951	46	1.747	9	4.9
Macquarie	2 490	25	1.341	13	5.0
Melba	3 562	52	1.796	8	5.4
Page	2 719	42	1.748	26	6.1
Scullin	3 051	43	2.059	11	5.0
Spence	2 998	37	1.836	5	3.8
Weetangera	2 793	10	0.980	8	3.7
Belconnen - SSD Balance	54	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
<i>Total Belconnen (SSD)</i>	<i>85 202</i>	<i>1 023</i>	<i>1.583</i>	<i>313</i>	<i>5.7</i>

(a) The statistical area boundaries used in the compilation of these statistics are those in existence at 1 July 1997.

(b) As at 30 June 1997.

(c) Data are for calendar year 1997.

(d) The average total fertility rate over the three years 1995 to 1997.

(e) The average indirect standardised death rate over three years 1995 to 1997.

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

STATISTICAL DIVISION (SD), Statistical Subdivision (SSD) and Statistical Local Area (SLA)	<i>Estimated mid-year resident population(b)</i>	<i>Births(c)</i>	<i>Total fertility rate(d)</i>	<i>Deaths(c)</i>	<i>Indirect standardised death rate(e)</i>
CANBERRA (SD) <i>continued</i>					
Woden Valley (SSD)					
Chifley	2 360	34	1.465	16	5.5
Curtin	5 289	74	1.689	53	7.2
Farrer	3 530	37	1.748	20	3.4
Garran	2 846	38	1.644	12	3.7
Hughes	3 068	23	1.347	32	7.3
Issacs	2 700	20	1.497	8	5.1
Lyons	2 779	35	1.562	15	5.1
Mawson	2 795	33	1.626	16	4.8
O'Malley	811	6	2.306	—	n.p.
Pearce	2 599	30	1.487	16	4.5
Phillip	1 740	14	0.777	7	6.9
Torrens	2 295	21	1.665	11	4.1
<i>Total Woden Valley (SSD)</i>	<i>32 812</i>	<i>365</i>	<i>1.489</i>	<i>207</i>	<i>5.3</i>
Weston Creek-Stromlo (SSD)					
Chapman	3 035	13	1.533	12	4.5
Duffy	3 447	33	1.674	11	4.3
Fisher	3 171	27	1.256	9	4.5
Holder	2 904	24	1.385	16	6.7
Rivett	3 448	41	1.639	14	5.5
Stirling	2 266	20	1.609	6	4.2
Stromlo	89	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
Waramanga	2 754	30	1.632	12	5.2
Weston	3 523	36	1.390	44	7.6
Weston Creek-Stromlo - SSD Balance	26	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
<i>Total Weston Creek-Stromlo (SSD)</i>	<i>24 663</i>	<i>224</i>	<i>1.495</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>5.5</i>
Tuggeranong (SSD)					
Banks	3 622	119	2.793	5	4.6
Bonython	3 538	74	2.000	4	3.4
Calwell	6 180	131	2.377	10	4.7
Chisholm	5 999	92	1.931	4	3.7
Conder	3 616	110	2.838	—	n.p.
Fadden	3 540	30	1.440	5	4.3
Gilmore	3 200	48	1.950	7	3.9
Gordon	7 048	189	2.299	15	4.6
Gowrie	3 610	36	1.654	7	4.2
Greenway	988	18	1.387	—	n.p.
Isabella Plains	4 470	82	1.869	9	5.5
Kambah	17 649	216	1.747	36	5.0
Macarthur	1 760	22	1.913	4	5.7
Monash	5 964	86	1.712	12	3.8
Oxley	1 912	23	1.519	6	5.4
Richardson	3 687	70	2.229	9	6.4
Theodore	4 253	100	2.366	5	3.9
Wanniassa	9 019	104	1.775	19	4.8
Tuggeranong - SSD Balance	64	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
<i>Total Tuggeranong (SSD)</i>	<i>90 119</i>	<i>1 551</i>	<i>2.021</i>	<i>161</i>	<i>4.6</i>

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(b) As at 30 June 1997.

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(d) The average total fertility rate over the three years 1995 to 1997.

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CANBERRA (SD) <i>continued</i>					
South Canberra (SSD)					
Barton	606	3	0.958	3	6.0
Deakin	2 555	24	1.313	19	4.4
Forrest	1 224	7	1.048	5	4.8
Fyshwick	89	4	n.p.	—	n.p.
Griffith	3 816	36	1.154	29	5.8
Harman	188	8	2.012	—	n.p.
Hume	7	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
Jerrabomberra	25	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
Kingston	1 922	29	1.558	9	5.5
Narrabundah	5 554	56	1.347	78	9.1
Oaks Estate	324	3	1.548	—	n.p.
Parkes	13	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
Pialligo	107	3	0.889	—	n.p.
Red Hill	3 274	32	1.683	79	12.6
Symonston	458	3	0.948	—	n.p.
Yarralumla	2 948	24	1.238	14	4.8
<i>Total South Canberra (SSD)</i>	<i>23 110</i>	<i>234</i>	<i>1.316</i>	<i>242</i>	<i>7.5</i>
Gungahlin–Hall (SSD)					
Amaroo	977	32	2.309	—	n.p.
Hall	405	6	3.464	3	8.9
Mitchell	10	—	n.p.	—	n.p.
Ngunnawal	5 468	174	1.972	5	3.5
Nicholls	2 370	44	1.709	3	2.0
Palmerston	5 395	131	1.949	6	3.9
Gungahlin Balance	47	3	n.p.	—	n.p.
<i>Total Gungahlin–Hall (SSD)</i>	<i>14 672</i>	<i>390</i>	<i>1.965</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>4.1</i>
TOTAL CANBERRA (SD)	309 462	4 194	1.635	1 326	5.7
REMAINDER OF ACT (SD)	332	9	1.979	—	n.p.
TOTAL ACT(f)	309 794	4 203	1.635	1 328	5.7

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(b) As at 30 June 1997.

(c) Data are for calendar year 1997.

(d) The average total fertility rate over the three years 1995 to 1997.

(e) The average indirect standardised death rate over three years 1995 to 1997.

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

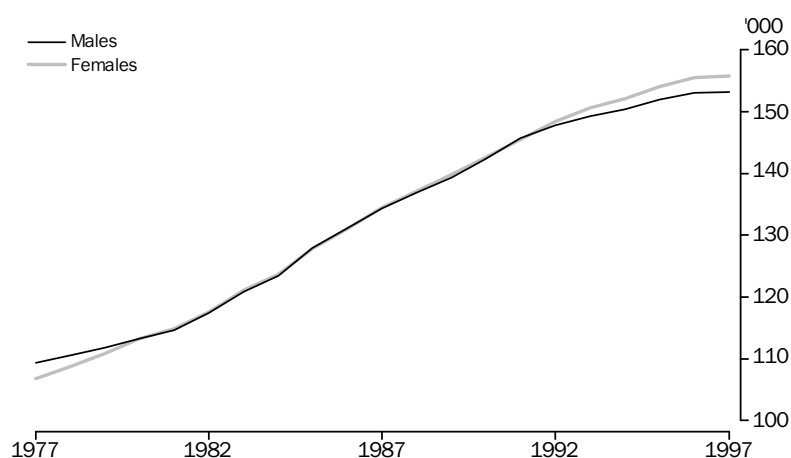
SECTION 2

POPULATION

POPULATION

The estimated resident population of the ACT at 31 December 1997 was 309,000 persons (153,200 males and 155,800 females). Over the last 10 years the population has increased by 15.0% from 268,800 persons in 1987. The annual population growth rate in the ACT in 1997 was 0.2%, down from 2.5% in 1987. The ACT growth rate was lower than that recorded nationally (1.1%) and was the second lowest in the country, above only Tasmania's growth rate of -0.5%.

ACT POPULATION



Natural increase

Natural increase (the excess of births over deaths registered during the year) was the only component of population change contributing an increase to the ACT's population in 1997. Births exceeded deaths by around 3,030 persons.

Interstate movement

In 1997, for the fourth consecutive year, more persons left the ACT for other States and Territories than made their homes in the ACT. The net loss due to interstate migration in 1997 was about 2,440 persons. In contrast, the ACT recorded a net interstate migration gain of about 2,090 persons or 31.7% of total population growth in 1987.

Overseas migration

In 1997 more people chose to leave the ACT for overseas, either permanently or long-term, than settled in the ACT from an overseas country. This resulted in a net overseas migration loss of 120 people. In contrast, in 1987 the ACT recorded a net overseas migration gain of about 1,450 people or 22% of total population growth.

The most popular destination country for those leaving the ACT either permanently or long-term in 1997 was the United Kingdom, followed by the United States of America and then Indonesia.

Age structure of the ACT population

The population of the ACT is continuing to age, following the national trend. At June 1997, the median age (where half the population is older and half is younger) of the ACT population was 31.6 years. In comparison, the median age of the ACT population in 1987 was 28.4 years. Nationally, the median age of the population was 34.3 years in 1997, compared to 31.3 years in 1987.

Over the 10-year period from 1987 to 1997, the proportion of the ACT population aged 0–14 years declined from 25% to 22%. In contrast the proportion of the population aged 65 years and over increased from 5% in 1987 to 7% in 1997.

In 1997 the ACT had proportionally more people in younger age groups than the Australian population. The ACT had proportionally more people in all five-year age groups between 0–4 years and 50–54 years, while the proportion of people in age groups 55–60 years and over were all higher for the Australian population.

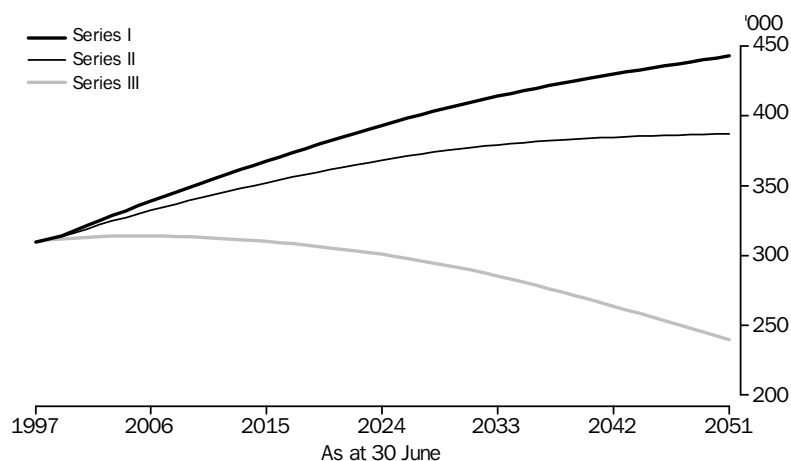
PROJECTED POPULATION

Using different sets of assumptions about births, deaths and migration (see paragraphs 6–8 of the Explanatory Notes), the ACT population has been projected out to the year 2051. Under Series I the ACT population is projected to increase 43% to 443,000 by the year 2051, overtaking Tasmania in population size by the year 2042.

Under Series II the population of the ACT is projected to increase 25% to 387,300. Under this series, the ACT is projected to remain the second smallest State and Territory. While the population of the ACT is projected to exceed that of Tasmania, the population of the Northern Territory is projected to increase at a faster rate than the ACT, with the Northern Territory's population exceeding that of the ACT in the year 2041.

Under Series III the population of the ACT is projected to decrease 23% to 239,600. Under this series the ACT population is projected to continue increasing slightly until 2006 when the population is projected to decline, and continue declining through to 2051. Under this series the ACT's population is projected to exceed that of Tasmania by 2042, while the Northern Territory's population is projected to exceed that of the ACT by 2021.

ACT PROJECTED POPULATION



2.1 POPULATION, Summary(a)

	1987	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Estimated resident population at 31 December ('000)							
Males	134.3	147.8	149.3	150.3	151.9	153.0	153.2
Females	134.5	148.4	150.6	152.1	154.0	155.5	155.8
Persons	268.8	296.2	299.9	302.4	305.8	308.5	309.0
Components of population change(b)							
Net natural increase(c)							
Number	3 110	3 385	3 305	3 259	3 278	2 972	3 034
% of total annual growth	47.1	71.0	88.3	131.9	95.9	110.4	637.4
Net overseas migration(d)							
Number	1 453	-237	-592	-472	778	156	-122
% of total annual growth	22.0	-5	-15.8	-19.1	22.8	5.8	-25.6
Net interstate migration							
Number	2 090	1 124	1 281	-743	-1179	-765	-2 436
% of total annual growth	31.7	23.6	34.2	-30.1	-34.5	-28.4	-511.8
Total population growth(e)							
Number	6 599	4 769	3 741	2 470	3 419	2 692	476
Annual growth rate (%)	2.5	1.6	1.2	0.8	1.1	0.9	0.2
Overseas arrivals and departures(f)							
Permanent movement							
Arrivals	1 580	1 090	800	830	1 110	910	700
Departures	340	490	510	370	420	480	510
Former settlers	140	160	210	140	150	200	180
Other Australian residents	200	320	310	240	270	280	330
Long-term movement							
Arrivals	4 400	4 510	4 480	4 700	5 370	5 170	5 140
Australian residents returning	2 160	2 140	2 080	2 160	2 220	2 160	2 230
Overseas visitors arriving	2 240	2 360	2 400	2 550	3 150	3 010	2 910
Departures	4 530	4 760	4 840	5 040	5 280	5 310	5 450
Australian residents departing	2 780	2 990	3 000	2 940	3 070	3 020	3 240
Overseas visitors departing	1 760	1 760	1 840	2 100	2 210	2 290	2 210
Short-term movement							
Arrivals	53 900	68 100	66 400	68 100	78 100	82 100	84 100
Australian residents returning	33 900	47 900	42 800	43 100	49 600	52 000	52 800
Overseas visitors arriving	20 000	20 100	23 600	25 000	28 500	30 100	31 300
Departures	51 600	68 700	70 200	69 600	79 000	88 200	91 200
Australian residents departing	34 700	48 800	47 200	44 900	49 000	54 900	58 100
Overseas visitors departing	16 900	19 900	23 000	24 700	29 900	33 300	33 200

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

(b) From previous year.

(c) 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 producing population estimates.

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

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

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

2.2 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION—At 30 June 1997

Age (years)	Males	Females	Persons	Age (years)	Males	Females	Persons
Under 1	2 179	2 151	4 330	50	2 508	2 445	4 953
1	2 219	2 212	4 431	51	2 065	1 883	3 948
2	2 278	2 153	4 431	52	1 854	1 845	3 699
3	2 152	2 176	4 328	53	1 719	1 689	3 408
4	2 248	2 113	4 361	54	1 541	1 520	3 061
0–4	11 076	10 805	21 881	50–54	9 687	9 382	19 069
5	2 258	2 137	4 395	55	1 503	1 385	2 888
6	2 342	2 258	4 600	56	1 343	1 315	2 658
7	2 309	2 253	4 562	57	1 293	1 206	2 499
8	2 288	2 199	4 487	58	1 226	1 156	2 382
9	2 263	2 134	4 397	59	1 125	1 108	2 233
5–9	11 460	10 981	22 441	55–59	6 490	6 170	12 660
10	2 234	2 195	4 429	60	984	1 042	2 026
11	2 267	2 182	4 449	61	957	920	1 877
12	2 242	2 251	4 493	62	989	876	1 865
13	2 349	2 199	4 548	63	854	893	1 747
14	2 422	2 180	4 602	64	804	820	1 624
10–14	11 514	11 007	22 521	60–64	4 588	4 551	9 139
15	2 324	2 253	4 577	65	776	818	1 594
16	2 342	2 245	4 587	66	820	784	1 604
17	2 491	2 399	4 890	67	684	749	1 433
18	2 592	2 555	5 147	68	710	794	1 504
19	2 881	2 748	5 629	69	691	778	1 469
15–19	12 630	12 200	24 830	65–69	3 681	3 923	7 604
20	2 986	2 876	5 862	70	631	727	1 358
21	2 866	2 756	5 622	71	629	744	1 373
22	2 987	2 881	5 868	72	594	704	1 298
23	2 841	2 763	5 604	73	551	723	1 274
24	2 838	2 832	5 670	74	556	701	1 257
20–24	14 518	14 108	28 626	70–74	2 961	3 599	6 560
25	2 899	2 865	5 764	75	496	624	1 120
26	2 934	2 825	5 759	76	472	635	1 107
27	2 696	2 682	5 378	77	389	540	929
28	2 503	2 639	5 142	78	290	405	695
29	2 416	2 490	4 906	79	265	392	657
25–29	13 448	13 501	26 949	75–79	1 912	2 596	4 508
30	2 409	2 426	4 835	80	215	385	600
31	2 422	2 539	4 961	81	240	380	620
32	2 507	2 532	5 039	82	181	332	513
33	2 454	2 598	5 052	83	159	313	472
34	2 472	2 557	5 029	84	142	272	414
30–34	12 264	12 652	24 916	80–84	937	1 682	2 619
35	2 580	2 645	5 225	85	115	236	351
36	2 566	2 624	5 190	86	100	195	295
37	2 564	2 631	5 195	87	89	159	248
38	2 395	2 576	4 971	88	51	127	178
39	2 385	2 545	4 930	89	39	120	159
35–39	12 490	13 021	25 511	85–89	394	837	1 231
40	2 374	2 490	4 864	90	31	89	120
41	2 336	2 479	4 815	91	32	62	94
42	2 241	2 457	4 698	92	10	77	87
43	2 395	2 513	4 908	93	18	49	67
44	2 413	2 518	4 931	94	8	37	45
40–44	11 759	12 457	24 216	90–94	99	314	413
45	2 306	2 516	4 822	95 and over	29	84	113
46	2 358	2 505	4 863	Total	153 661	156 133	309 794
47	2 416	2 416	4 832				
48	2 335	2 402	4 737				
49	2 309	2 424	4 733				
45–49	11 724	12 263	23 987				

2.3 PROJECTED POPULATION

At 30 June	SERIES I(a).....			SERIES II(a).....			SERIES III(a).....		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1999	155 861	158 327	314 188	155 524	158 004	313 528	154 691	157 185	311 876
2000	157 699	160 172	317 871	156 947	159 434	316 381	155 027	157 551	312 578
2001	159 503	162 011	321 514	158 326	160 849	319 175	155 293	157 858	313 151
2002	161 281	163 828	325 109	159 677	162 234	321 911	155 489	158 108	313 597
2003	163 027	165 632	328 659	160 985	163 600	324 585	155 622	158 295	313 917
2004	164 754	167 409	332 163	162 269	164 930	327 199	155 686	158 426	314 112
2005	166 452	169 168	335 620	163 514	166 238	329 752	155 692	158 493	314 185
2006	168 124	170 904	339 028	164 735	167 511	332 246	155 633	158 504	314 137
2007	169 767	172 617	342 384	165 924	168 751	334 675	155 519	158 464	313 983
2008	171 391	174 303	345 694	167 083	169 960	337 043	155 365	158 381	313 746
2009	172 979	175 976	348 955	168 199	171 151	339 350	155 158	158 269	313 427
2010	174 549	177 622	352 171	169 290	172 311	341 601	154 915	158 117	313 032
2011	176 086	179 258	355 344	170 345	173 454	343 799	154 633	157 929	312 562
2012	177 606	180 870	358 476	171 371	174 575	345 946	154 313	157 711	312 024
2013	179 104	182 465	361 569	172 370	175 675	348 045	153 957	157 465	311 422
2014	180 577	184 052	364 629	173 346	176 756	350 102	153 574	157 185	310 759
2015	182 037	185 620	367 657	174 306	177 813	352 119	153 153	156 883	310 036
2016	183 470	187 186	370 656	175 246	178 854	354 100	152 710	156 548	309 258
2017	184 893	188 731	373 624	176 170	179 870	356 040	152 231	156 192	308 423
2018	186 291	190 268	376 559	177 064	180 878	357 942	151 725	155 808	307 533
2019	187 681	191 775	379 456	177 936	181 863	359 799	151 188	155 393	306 581
2020	189 046	193 269	382 315	178 784	182 827	361 611	150 627	154 941	305 568
2021	190 385	194 744	385 129	179 609	183 763	363 372	150 025	154 465	304 490
2022	191 697	196 197	387 894	180 397	184 682	365 079	149 394	153 947	303 341
2023	192 986	197 622	390 608	181 163	185 564	366 727	148 728	153 392	302 120
2024	194 250	199 016	393 266	181 904	186 410	368 314	148 026	152 798	300 824
2025	195 483	200 382	395 865	182 608	187 225	369 833	147 285	152 162	299 447
2026	196 688	201 712	398 400	183 273	188 009	371 282	146 501	151 488	297 989
2027	197 859	203 008	400 867	183 895	188 762	372 657	145 672	150 772	296 444
2028	198 994	204 270	403 264	184 488	189 467	373 955	144 802	150 010	294 812
2029	200 094	205 498	405 592	185 047	190 130	375 177	143 892	149 198	293 090
2030	201 162	206 685	407 847	185 560	190 757	376 317	142 948	148 331	291 279
2031	202 190	207 838	410 028	186 043	191 337	377 380	141 960	147 418	289 378
2032	203 192	208 944	412 136	186 489	191 874	378 363	140 930	146 459	287 389
2033	204 161	210 011	414 172	186 901	192 371	379 272	139 856	145 461	285 317
2034	205 091	211 047	416 138	187 284	192 822	380 106	138 760	144 407	283 167
2035	206 000	212 039	418 039	187 631	193 240	380 871	137 632	143 307	280 939
2036	206 887	212 991	419 878	187 960	193 611	381 571	136 468	142 174	278 642
2037	207 739	213 922	421 661	188 256	193 954	382 210	135 280	141 000	276 280
2038	208 579	214 812	423 391	188 535	194 257	382 792	134 069	139 793	273 862
2039	209 395	215 678	425 073	188 793	194 532	383 325	132 833	138 559	271 392
2040	210 198	216 513	426 711	189 037	194 775	383 812	131 587	137 293	268 880
2041	210 987	217 325	428 312	189 259	194 999	384 258	130 329	136 000	266 329
2042	211 767	218 112	429 879	189 470	195 198	384 668	129 062	134 683	263 745
2043	212 533	218 884	431 417	189 672	195 373	385 045	127 787	133 344	261 131
2044	213 287	219 641	432 928	189 862	195 534	385 396	126 499	131 994	258 493
2045	214 037	220 377	434 414	190 044	195 675	385 719	125 205	130 631	255 836
2046	214 781	221 099	435 880	190 222	195 800	386 022	123 905	129 257	253 162
2047	215 519	221 810	437 329	190 387	195 920	386 307	122 598	127 876	250 474
2048	216 253	222 511	438 764	190 548	196 028	386 576	121 278	126 494	247 772
2049	216 984	223 199	440 183	190 706	196 124	386 830	119 953	125 106	245 059
2050	217 701	223 887	441 588	190 866	196 205	387 071	118 631	123 706	242 337
2051	218 412	224 569	442 981	191 007	196 294	387 301	117 308	122 298	239 606

(a) See paragraphs 6–8 of the Explanatory Notes.

SECTION **3**

BIRTHS — YEAR OF REGISTRATION

BIRTHS

In 1997 there were 4,200 births registered to mothers usually resident in the ACT. This was an increase of 2% compared with 1987. There were 103 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, was 1.6 in 1997. This was lower than the Australian total fertility rate of 1.8 children per woman and for the fifth consecutive year was the lowest in the country.

TOTAL FERTILITY 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 birth rates and to prevailing mortality rates, was 0.8 in the ACT in 1997. The ACT net reproduction rate was lower than the national net reproduction rate of 0.9 and was below the replacement level of one.

AGE OF PARENTS

In 1997 the median age of parents was 29.8 years for mothers and 32.0 years for all fathers where age was known. These ages were consistent with the national median ages, being 29.4 years for mothers and 32.0 years for fathers. Over the last decade median ages of both male and female parents have been steadily increasing. In the ACT median ages of parents have increased 1.3 years for mothers and 1.0 years for fathers since 1987. At the national level median ages of parents have increased 1.7 years for mothers and 1.6 years for fathers over the same period.

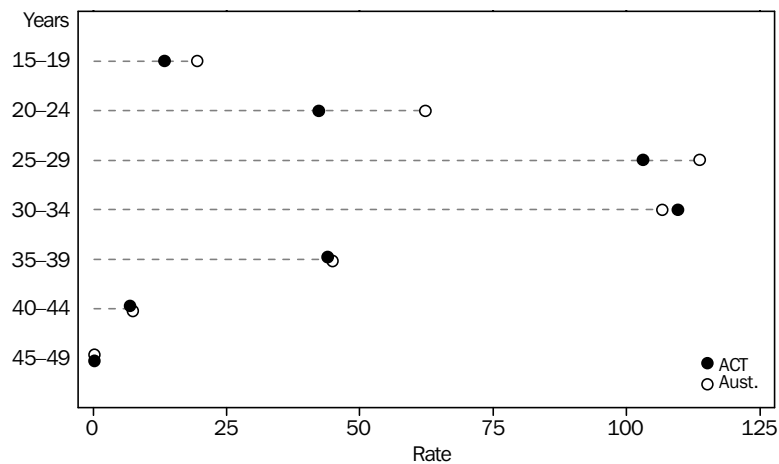
Age of mother

The ACT has one of the lowest rates of teenage child-bearing in Australia. There were 163 births to teenage mothers in 1997, equivalent to a rate of 13.4 births per 1,000 females aged 15–19 years. This rate was below the national rate of 19.5 and was the second lowest in the country, with Victoria having the lowest rate of 12.4 per 1,000 population.

In 1997 there were 90 births to mothers aged 40 years and over, comprising 2.1% of all births. This is consistent with the national level, where 2.1% of births were to mothers aged 40 years and over.

In 1997 age-specific birth rates (the number of births per 1,000 women in each age group) were higher than 1987 age-specific birth rates in all age groups except 20–24 years and 25–29 years. The rates for these age groups declined 22.6 per 1,000 and 30.7 per 1,000 respectively over the decade. In 1997, age-specific birth rates for the ACT were lower than national rates in all age groups except the 30–34 years age group.

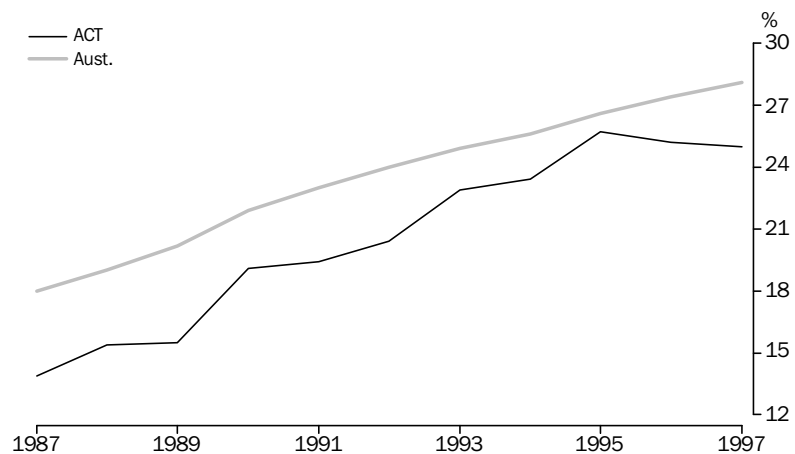
AGE-SPECIFIC BIRTH RATES



EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS

The proportion of births outside registered marriage was 25% in the ACT in 1997. Over the last decade this proportion has been increasing, but has remained consistently below the national level. Over the same period the percentage of ex-nuptial births where paternity was acknowledged also increased, from 74% in 1987 to 87% in 1997.

EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS, Proportion of Total Live Births

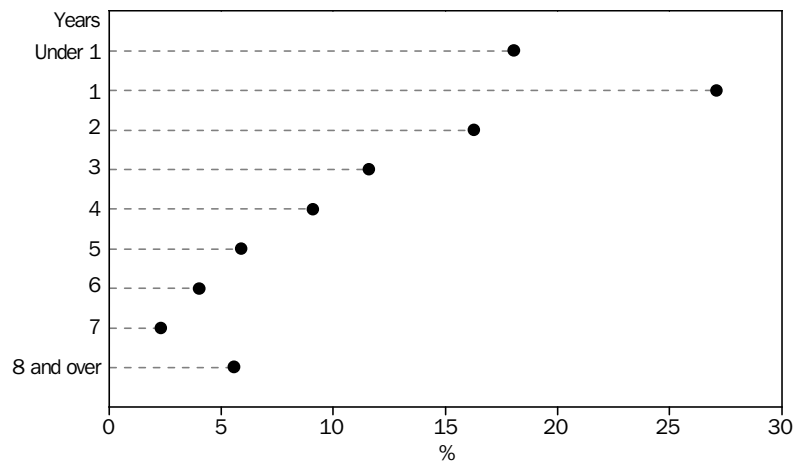


NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE

For all nuptial confinements in the ACT, the median interval between the date of the current marriage and the current birth was 4.5 years. The median interval between marriage and birth is the point where there were as many births to couples who had a duration of marriage above the midpoint as there were to those who had a duration of marriage below the midpoint.

In 1997, the median interval between marriage and first nuptial confinements declined slightly to 2.3 years. Of all first nuptial confinements, 45% occurred after one year or less of marriage. This proportion was higher in the younger age groups, with 75% of 20–24 year old married mothers giving birth one year or less after marriage, and 100% of married teenage mothers giving birth less than one year after marriage.

NUPTIAL FIRST CONFINEMENTS, Duration of Marriage



PREVIOUS BIRTHS OF THE CURRENT RELATIONSHIP

Of the 3,115 nuptial confinements in the ACT in 1997, 41% were the first confinement of the relationship. A further 38% of nuptial confinements were to couples with one previous child and 15% were to couples with two children. In 1997, 7% of nuptial confinements were to couples with three or more previous children. In the ACT, previous children of the current relationship include both ex-nuptial, nuptial and adopted children of the relationship. Previous births to the mother outside the current relationship are not included.

COUNTRY OF BIRTH OF PARENTS

Of all nuptial confinements registered in the ACT in 1997, 63% were to parents who were both born in Australia. A further 9% were to parents born in the same overseas country and 27% to parents born in different countries. The major source countries for overseas-born parents were the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Viet Nam, China and the Former Yugoslav Republics.

3.1 BIRTHS, Summary(a)

	1987	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
BIRTHS							
Total births	4 108	4 447	4 414	4 461	4 415	4 396	4 208
Males	2 090	2 256	2 234	2 232	2 291	2 241	2 132
Females	2 018	2 191	2 180	2 229	2 124	2 155	2 076
Sex ratio	103.6	103.0	102.5	100.1	107.9	104.0	102.7
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander births	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	43	59	52	66	53
Males	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	27	31	33	33	25
Females	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	16	28	19	33	28
Sex ratio	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	168.8	110.7	173.7	100.0	89.3
Nuptial births	3 539	3 538	3 404	3 419	3 280	3 288	3 157
Ex-nuptial births	569	909	1 010	1 042	1 135	1 108	1 051
Proportion of total live births	13.9	20.4	22.9	23.4	25.7	25.2	25.0
Paternity-acknowledged births	420	777	886	855	925	934	916
Proportion of total ex-nuptial births	73.8	85.5	87.7	82.1	81.5	84.3	87.2
Crude birth rate	15.5	15.1	14.7	14.8	14.5	14.3	13.6
Age-specific birth rate							
Age group (years)							
15–19	12.9	14.0	14.5	13.8	14.2	13.9	13.4
20–24	65.0	54.7	53.5	53.6	53.2	48.6	42.4
25–29	133.9	127.4	121.5	117.0	114.3	112.7	103.2
30–34	95.3	106.2	103.7	109.6	105.2	103.5	109.7
35–39	29.1	35.8	38.1	41.7	43.3	46.9	44.1
40–44	5.7	5.8	6.0	6.1	6.5	8.3	6.9
45–49	—	0.3	0.4	—	0.2	0.2	0.3
Total fertility rate	1.709	1.721	1.688	1.709	1.685	1.670	1.601
Female net reproduction rate	0.837	0.839	0.829	0.846	0.803	0.813	0.783

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

3.1 BIRTHS, Summary(a) *continued*

	1987	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
CONFINEMENTS							
Total confinements	4 074	4 385	4 349	4 416	4 359	4 327	4 161
First nuptial	1 434	1 387	1 357	1 348	1 321	1 257	1 285
All nuptial	3 508	3 491	3 353	3 383	3 237	3 229	3 115
Paternity-acknowledged	418	764	874	848	918	925	912
All ex-nuptial	566	894	996	1 033	1 122	1 098	1 046
Median age of mother (years)							
First nuptial	27.4	28.2	28.3	28.7	28.6	28.6	29.2
All nuptial	28.9	29.6	29.8	30.1	30.2	30.4	30.6
Paternity-acknowledged	25.4	25.6	25.0	24.7	25.0	26.3	26.1
All ex-nuptial	24.6	25.3	24.8	24.6	24.8	26.0	25.9
All mothers	28.5	28.9	29.1	29.4	29.4	29.6	29.8
Median age of father (years)							
Nuptial	31.3	31.9	32.1	32.3	32.5	32.5	32.7
Paternity-acknowledged	27.1	28.0	27.4	27.7	27.7	28.7	28.3
All fathers where age is known	31.0	31.5	31.4	31.7	31.8	31.8	32.0
Median duration of marriage (years)							
First nuptial	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.3
Nuptial	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.5
Nuptial confinements							
Previous births							
0	1 434	1 387	1 357	1 348	1 321	1 257	1 285
1	1 218	1 288	1 259	1 269	1 200	1 252	1 184
2	613	568	514	534	503	522	473
3	181	183	161	167	146	141	116
4	38	41	39	44	46	34	37
5 and over	24	24	23	21	21	23	20
Average number of births	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

3.2 CONFINEMENTS, Age of Mother

Confinements	AGE GROUP OF MOTHER (YEARS).....							Total
	19 and under	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40 and over	Not stated	
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Nuptial								
Single	16	282	1 079	1 165	459	70	—	3 072
Twins	—	—	15	18	8	—	—	43
Triplets or higher order	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	16	284	1 094	1 183	467	70	—	3 115
Ex-nuptial								
Single	147	308	272	175	95	20	24	1 041
Twins	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Triplets or higher order	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	147	308	274	177	96	20	24	1 046
Total confinements	163	592	1 368	1 360	563	90	25	4 161
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Nuptial	9.8	48.0	80.0	87.0	82.9	77.8	—	74.9
Ex-nuptial	90.2	52.0	20.0	13.0	17.1	22.2	96.0	25.1

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	10	12	12	8	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
20	—	—	6	8	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
21	—	3	6	10	11	15	8	4	—	—	3	—	—	—	
22	—	3	8	7	16	11	7	5	13	—	—	—	—	—	
23	—	—	—	7	5	7	17	18	10	4	3	4	—	—	
24	—	3	—	4	5	8	14	19	26	7	9	5	4	—	
25	—	3	—	3	5	8	12	23	24	33	19	—	9	3	
26	—	—	—	3	7	6	12	12	27	35	35	29	10	5	
27	—	—	—	—	5	3	13	8	17	32	36	33	23	13	
28	—	—	—	—	3	—	6	6	8	22	35	38	35	23	
29	—	—	—	—	4	3	7	5	6	26	20	36	39	43	
30	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	5	6	15	21	28	45	42	
31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	6	17	8	24	23	36	
32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	5	4	13	16	27	29	
33	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	13	18	14	18	
34	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	6	5	19	10	27	
35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	9	6	7	17	
36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	5	9	3	6	14	
37	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	5	8	
38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	4	9	
39	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
40–44	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	5	7	8	10	
45–49	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
50 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Not applicable(a)	3	6	5	11	8	6	7	9	4	5	7	5	—	8	
Nuptial	—	—	4	9	14	24	56	74	116	172	188	235	236	263	
Ex-nuptial	16	34	41	56	68	57	66	59	58	62	75	44	40	53	
Total	17	36	45	65	82	81	122	133	174	234	263	279	276	316	

(a) Confinements where paternity was not acknowledged.

3.3 CONFINEMENTS, Age of Parents *continued*

Age of father (years)	Age of mother (years).....								Total.....		
	30	31	32	33	34	35-39	40 and over	Not stated	Nuptial	Ex-nuptial	Total
19 and under	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	49	52
20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	21	27
21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	50	65
22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	58	77
23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	41	81
24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	59	53	112
25	3	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	95	58	153
26	—	—	—	4	—	6	—	—	140	59	199
27	6	4	4	3	7	—	—	—	160	53	213
28	19	14	3	7	—	6	—	—	187	44	231
29	23	16	13	6	3	11	—	—	224	37	261
30	37	12	15	6	5	15	—	—	226	36	262
31	42	46	23	13	8	16	3	—	231	42	273
32	31	32	38	20	14	13	—	—	211	42	253
33	34	38	32	25	23	28	—	—	225	36	261
34	33	40	34	29	19	37	—	—	224	42	266
35	21	20	34	18	25	38	3	—	186	26	212
36	13	19	21	33	26	68	—	—	193	33	226
37	11	18	16	17	18	50	3	—	132	22	154
38	6	5	8	12	21	60	4	—	117	20	137
39	3	8	9	12	9	42	—	—	82	9	91
40-44	13	15	12	25	30	118	39	—	242	49	291
45-49	12	4	8	7	8	27	20	—	71	22	93
50 and over	—	—	—	—	3	12	10	—	27	10	37
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not applicable(a)	5	4	—	—	—	10	—	24	—	134	134
Nuptial	271	261	248	212	191	467	70	—	3 115	—	3 115
Ex-nuptial	46	39	27	30	35	96	20	24	—	1 046	1 046
Total	317	300	275	242	226	563	90	25	3 115	1 046	4 161

(a) Confinements where paternity was not acknowledged.

3.4 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Birthplace of Parents

	FATHER BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND MOTHER BORN IN.....				MOTHER BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND FATHER BORN IN.....			
	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Same overseas country</i>	<i>Different overseas country</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Same overseas country</i>	<i>Different overseas country</i>	<i>Total</i>
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA								
Australia	1 973	—	358	2 331	1 973	—	374	2 347
Fiji	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	4
New Zealand	41	13	7	61	34	13	9	56
Other	20	10	4	34	21	10	—	32
<i>Total</i>	<i>2 035</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>370</i>	<i>2 428</i>	<i>2 032</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>384</i>	<i>2 439</i>
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Former USSR & Baltic States	—	3	—	3	—	3	—	6
Former Yugoslav Republics	30	13	4	47	14	13	—	29
Germany	5	—	3	10	7	—	3	12
Greece	8	3	—	11	3	3	—	6
Ireland	6	—	—	8	9	—	4	14
Italy	13	3	—	18	7	3	3	13
Netherlands	4	—	5	10	6	—	—	7
Poland	—	3	—	5	—	3	3	8
United Kingdom	141	28	22	191	101	28	20	149
Other	25	8	8	42	23	8	5	37
<i>Total</i>	<i>233</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>344</i>	<i>175</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>281</i>
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
Egypt	—	3	—	4	—	3	—	3
Lebanon	5	4	—	11	—	4	—	4
Other	—	7	4	13	—	7	3	11
<i>Total</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>18</i>
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Indonesia	—	6	—	8	5	6	—	12
Malaysia	11	7	6	24	12	7	7	26
Philippines	—	10	—	10	9	10	6	25
Singapore	3	—	3	7	5	—	3	9
Thailand	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	7
Viet Nam	—	41	—	44	6	41	4	51
Other	—	10	6	18	4	10	—	16
<i>Total</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>146</i>

3.4 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Birthplace of Parents *continued*

	FATHER BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND MOTHER BORN IN.....				MOTHER BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND FATHER BORN IN.....			
	<i>Australia</i>	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	<i>Total</i>	<i>Australia</i>	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	<i>Total</i>
NORTHEAST ASIA								
China	—	33	6	40	6	33	—	40
Hong Kong	4	9	—	14	—	9	5	16
Other	—	7	4	12	12	7	5	24
<i>Total</i>	6	49	11	66	20	49	11	80
SOUTHERN ASIA								
India	5	21	—	28	4	21	10	35
Sri Lanka	3	8	—	12	—	8	—	11
Other	—	17	—	20	3	17	—	20
<i>Total</i>	10	46	4	60	9	46	11	66
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	7	—	—	7	6	—	—	8
Chile	4	4	—	9	5	4	—	11
United States of America	9	—	10	19	18	—	—	19
Other	6	5	4	15	10	5	7	22
<i>Total</i>	26	9	15	50	39	9	12	60
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
South Africa	—	—	—	3	4	—	—	6
Other	10	7	6	23	8	7	4	19
<i>Total</i>	12	8	6	26	12	8	5	25
ALL REGIONS								
Total	2 347	289	479	3 115	2 331	289	495	3 115

3.5 NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS, Previous and Average Issue

PREVIOUS ISSUE OF THE CURRENT RELATIONSHIP.....

Age of mother (years)	0	1	2	3	4	5 and over	Not stated	All mothers	Total issue	Average issue
16 and under	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.0
17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1.5
18	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	5	1.3
19	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	11	1.2
20	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	16	1.1
21	16	6	—	—	—	—	—	24	34	1.4
22	34	18	4	—	—	—	—	56	83	1.5
23	43	25	6	—	—	—	—	74	112	1.5
24	66	42	5	—	—	—	—	116	178	1.5
25	95	62	13	—	—	—	—	172	267	1.6
26	103	60	18	4	3	—	—	188	311	1.7
27	116	91	18	9	—	—	—	235	395	1.7
28	125	77	26	7	—	—	—	236	396	1.7
29	119	93	39	9	—	—	—	263	479	1.8
30	116	103	44	6	—	—	—	271	494	1.8
31	93	104	49	12	—	—	—	261	513	2.0
32	80	115	42	7	—	—	—	248	492	2.0
33	67	82	46	13	—	—	—	212	447	2.1
34	53	73	51	7	7	—	—	191	418	2.2
35–39	113	202	100	35	10	7	—	467	1 058	2.3
40 and over	22	24	10	3	6	5	—	70	184	2.6
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.0
Total	1 285	1 184	473	116	37	20	—	3 115	5 899	1.9

3.6 FIRST NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS

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

Duration of marriage (years)	19 and under	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40 and over	Not stated	Total
Under 1	12	57	78	57	24	4	—	232
1	—	72	140	105	26	5	—	348
2	—	25	124	51	7	—	—	209
3	—	12	81	44	9	3	—	149
4	—	5	62	34	14	—	—	117
5	—	—	31	39	6	—	—	76
6	—	—	19	24	8	—	—	52
7	—	—	8	18	4	—	—	30
8 and over	—	—	15	37	15	5	—	72
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	12	171	558	409	113	22	—	1 285

SECTION 4

DEATHS — YEAR OF REGISTRATION

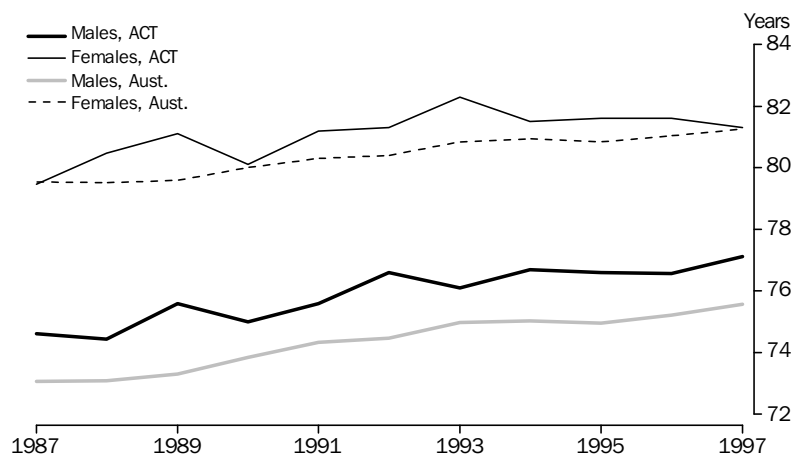
DEATHS

In 1997 there were 1,330 registered deaths of persons usually resident in the ACT compared with 1,000 in 1987. The 1997 total included 660 male deaths and 670 female deaths. The ACT recorded a standardised death rate (SDR) of 6.0 per 1,000 population, which was below the national rate of 6.2 per 1,000 people. The SDR is the overall death rate that would have prevailed in a standard population (in this case the 1991 Australian population) if it had experienced at each age the death rates of the population studied.

LIFE EXPECTANCY

For 1995–97, persons usually resident in the ACT recorded an expectation of life at birth of 77.1 years for males and 81.3 years for females. Life expectancy refers to the expected number of years remaining to a person of a given age if the prevailing pattern of mortality does not change during that person's lifetime. For males the ACT recorded the longest expectation of life at birth for all States and Territories, while for females Western Australia (81.6 years), South Australia (81.5 years) and Victoria (81.4 years) all had longer expectations of life at birth than the ACT. Nationally, life expectancy at birth was 75.6 years for males and 81.3 years for females.

LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH(a)



(a) From 1995, life tables are based on deaths occurring in the reference and two previous years.

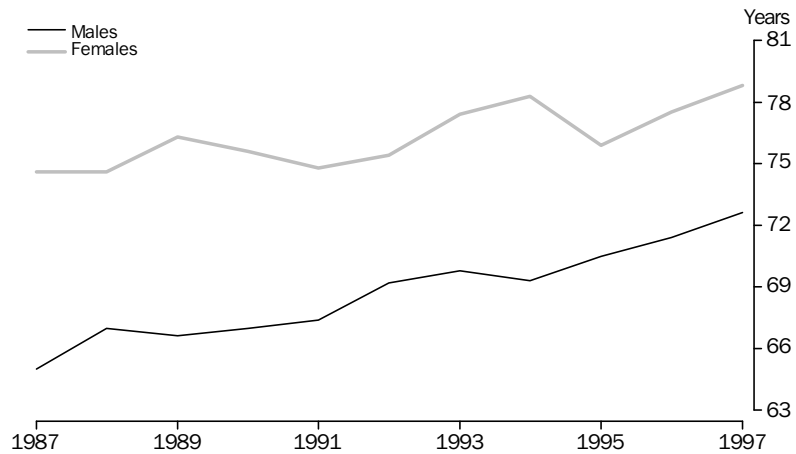
AGE AT DEATH

In 1997 the median age at death (the age at which half of the deaths are below and half are above) for males in the ACT was 72.6 years. This was 7.6 years higher than the 1987 median age at death (65.0 years) and continued the long-term trend of increasing median age at death. The ACT median age at death for males was below the national median age of 74.2 years and was the second lowest in the country, with only the Northern Territory having a lower median age at death (56.3 years).

AGE AT DEATH *continued*

In 1997 the median age at death for females in the ACT was 78.8 years. This was 4.2 years higher than the median age at death in 1987 (74.6 years), again continuing the long-term increase in median age at death. As with males, the female median age at death was below the national median age (81.0 years), and only the Northern Territory had a lower median age at death (57.6 years).

MEDIAN AGE AT DEATH



In the ACT in 1997, male death rates exceeded female death rates in all age groups except age zero, 45–54 years and 85 years and over. Age-specific death rates are the number of deaths to a specific age group per 1,000 population in those ages. Over the last decade age-specific death rates for males have declined in all age groups except 1–4 years, 25–34 years and 35–44 years. For females, age-specific death rates have declined over the last decade in all age groups except 45–54 years and 85 years and over.

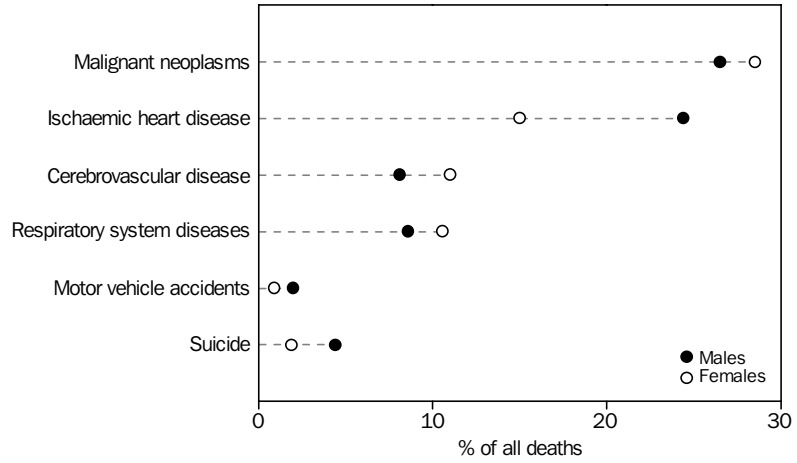
INFANT DEATHS

In 1997 there were 16 infant deaths in the ACT compared to 37 in 1987. The infant mortality rate, which is expressed as the number of deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births in a given year, decreased from 9.0 per 1,000 in 1987 to 3.8 per 1,000 in 1997. However, because of the small numbers involved in calculating these rates, the low rate recorded in the ACT in 1997 may not be sustained.

CAUSE OF DEATH

The two major causes of death for men and women in the ACT in 1997 were malignant neoplasms (cancer) and ischaemic heart disease. About 27% of male and 28% of female deaths were due to cancer, while 24% of male and 15% of female deaths were due to ischaemic heart disease.

DEATHS, Selected Causes



4.1 DEATHS, Summary(a)

	1987	1992	1993	1994(b)	1995(b)	1996(b)	1997(b)
DEATHS							
Total deaths	998	1 074	1 110	1 222	1 114	1 300	1 334
Males	534	578	632	644	593	698	663
Females	464	496	478	578	521	602	671
Sex ratio	115.1	116.5	132.2	111.4	113.8	115.9	98.8
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths	—	—	9	10	9	5	4
Males	—	—	3	6	6	2	2
Females	—	—	6	4	3	3	2
Standardised death rate	7.0	6.0	5.9	6.3	5.4	6.1	6.0
Males	8.6	7.6	7.8	7.5	6.8	7.8	7.1
Females	5.8	4.9	4.4	5.2	4.4	4.9	5.1
Crude death rate	3.8	3.6	3.7	4.1	3.7	4.2	4.3
Males	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.3	3.9	4.6	4.3
Females	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.8	3.4	3.9	4.3
Median age at death							
Males	65.0	69.2	69.8	69.3	70.5	71.4	72.6
Females	74.6	75.4	77.4	78.3	75.9	77.5	78.8
Age-specific death rate							
Age group (years)							
Males							
0	10.0	7.1	6.7	6.3	2.6	5.4	2.3
1–4	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
5–14	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
15–24	1.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.8
25–34	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2
35–44	1.3	1.3	0.9	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.4
45–54	4.0	3.5	3.0	3.3	2.3	2.6	2.0
45–64	11.1	6.4	9.7	8.9	8.5	8.4	7.0
65–74	28.4	25.1	24.9	26.3	22.9	25.7	26.2
75–84	78.0	78.4	83.2	68.8	58.1	66.5	66.0
85 and over	167.4	144.5	144.0	157.9	174.0	215.6	157.1
Females							
0	7.9	5.5	1.81.8	3.1	7.1	6.0	5.3
1–4	0.5	0.1	0.2	—	0.6	0.2	—
5–14	0.1	0.2	—	—	—	0.2	—
15–24	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.3
25–34	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.3
35–44	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.9
45–54	2.4	1.3	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.5	2.5
45–64	6.8	6.6	5.0	5.2	5.6	4.5	4.7
65–74	15.6	17.4	13.9	15.0	13.4	16.5	15.2
75–84	57.4	40.7	42.8	48.3	40.1	45.9	43.0
85 and over	148.8	140.0	122.1	165.5	119.0	137.0	175.7
Expectation of life							
Males							
Age 0	74.6	76.6	76.1	76.5	76.2	76.6	77.1
Age 1	74.4	76.1	75.6	76.0	75.6	75.9	76.4
Age 25	51.4	52.7	52.1	52.6	52.4	52.7	53.2
Age 45	32.4	33.8	33.2	33.7	33.5	33.8	34.3
Age 65	15.7	16.2	15.9	16.6	16.3	16.6	16.8
Females							
Age 0	79.5	81.4	82.4	81.5	81.6	81.6	81.3
Age 1	79.1	80.8	81.6	80.7	81.0	81.1	80.9
Age 25	55.7	57.2	57.9	57.0	57.3	57.4	57.9
Age 45	36.3	37.6	38.4	37.6	37.7	37.9	37.8
Age 65	18.6	19.6	20.1	19.4	19.7	19.8	19.8

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

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

4.1 DEATHS, Summary(a) *continued*

	1987	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
DEATHS							
Principal causes of death (SDR per 100,000 population)							
Males							
Neoplasms	217	208	256	244	208	231	180
Diseases of the circulatory system	351	319	320	297	277	331	312
Diseases of the respiratory system	102	77	79	57	41	52	68
Diseases of the digestive system	43	21	148	20	26	19	29
All other diseases	83	75	83	83	81	95	78
External causes	66	52	32	50	51	47	44
Females							
Neoplasms	165	125	129	129	149	134	148
Diseases of the circulatory system	254	235	205	239	175	210	189
Diseases of the respiratory system	45	40	34	38	27	34	53
Diseases of the digestive system	17	13	6	20	15	17	15
All other diseases	70	63	54	76	58	73	78
External causes	27	16	12	16	14	18	24
INFANT DEATHS							
Total infant deaths	37	28	19	21	21	25	16
Males	21	16	15	14	6	12	5
Females	16	12	4	7	15	13	11
Infant mortality rate							
Males	9.0	6.3	4.3	4.7	4.8	5.7	3.8
Females	10.0	7.1	6.7	6.3	2.6	5.4	2.3
Age at death							
Males							
Under 1 day	5	8	5	6	—	6	—
1 day to under 1 week	3	3	—	—	—	—	—
1 week to under 4 weeks	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
4 weeks to under 1 year	12	4	6	5	—	5	—
Females							
Under 1 day	4	8	—	5	5	4	—
1 day to under 1 week	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
1 week to under 4 weeks	—	—	—	—	4	—	—
4 weeks to under 1 year	11	—	—	—	5	5	5

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

4.2 DEATHS, Age at Death—Sex

Age at death (years)	Males	Females	Persons	Age at death (years)	Males	Females	Persons
Under 1	5	11	16	50	7	3	10
1	—	—	—	51	3	5	8
2	—	—	—	52	3	10	13
3	—	—	—	53	4	5	9
4	—	—	—	54	6	4	10
0–4	8	11	19	50–54	23	27	50
5	—	—	—	55	11	—	13
6	—	—	—	56	7	4	11
7	—	—	—	57	7	—	9
8	—	—	—	58	5	3	8
9	—	—	—	59	11	9	20
5–9	—	—	—	55–59	41	20	61
10	—	—	—	60	9	10	19
11	—	—	—	61	7	4	11
12	—	—	—	62	8	5	13
13	—	—	—	63	5	5	10
14	—	—	—	64	8	6	14
10–14	—	—	3	60–64	37	30	67
15	—	—	—	65	9	8	17
16	3	—	3	66	13	12	25
17	—	—	3	67	13	8	21
18	3	—	4	68	19	12	31
19	—	—	4	69	14	11	25
15–19	10	4	14	65–69	68	51	119
20	—	—	4	70	15	10	25
21	—	—	—	71	16	6	22
22	5	—	6	72	25	15	40
23	3	—	3	73	26	16	42
24	—	—	—	74	24	16	40
20–24	12	3	15	70–74	106	63	169
25	—	—	—	75	20	24	44
26	4	—	4	76	29	18	47
27	8	—	9	77	21	16	37
28	4	—	5	78	14	10	24
29	—	—	3	79	14	10	24
25–29	19	4	23	75–79	98	78	176
30	—	3	5	80	17	19	36
31	—	—	3	81	20	24	44
32	4	—	4	82	23	19	42
33	3	—	4	83	16	20	36
34	—	—	—	84	14	24	38
30–34	12	5	17	80–84	90	106	196
35	3	4	7	85	9	32	41
36	—	—	—	86	12	23	35
37	6	4	10	87	13	15	28
38	6	—	8	88	14	23	37
39	4	—	6	89	8	20	28
35–39	20	13	33	85–89	56	113	169
40	—	—	—	90	4	21	25
41	3	—	5	91	4	19	23
42	—	—	4	92	6	10	16
43	5	3	8	93	3	15	18
44	—	4	6	94	—	10	10
40–44	14	11	25	90–94	17	75	92
45	5	—	6	95–99	8	27	35
46	4	5	9	100 and over	—	—	3
47	—	3	5	Not stated	—	—	—
48	4	6	10				
49	5	12	17				
45–49	20	27	47	Total	663	671	1 334

4.3 DEATHS, Age at Death—Marital Status

Age at death (years)	MALES.....						FEMALES.....					
	Never married	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total	Never married	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	Total
Under 1	5	—	—	—	—	5	11	—	—	—	—	11
1-4	3	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10-14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-19	8	—	—	—	—	10	4	—	—	—	—	4
20-24	11	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	3
25-29	12	4	—	—	3	19	—	—	—	—	3	4
30-34	3	5	—	—	4	12	—	3	—	—	—	5
35-39	4	10	—	3	3	20	—	9	—	—	—	13
40-44	—	11	—	—	—	14	—	8	—	—	—	11
45-49	4	7	—	7	—	20	—	21	—	5	—	27
50-54	3	14	—	5	—	23	—	14	—	10	—	27
55-59	—	29	—	9	3	41	—	14	3	3	—	20
60-64	3	28	—	4	—	37	—	17	8	3	—	30
65-69	4	55	6	3	—	68	—	25	17	7	—	51
70-74	4	74	16	8	4	106	—	30	24	6	—	63
75-79	3	62	26	5	—	98	—	27	41	7	—	78
80-84	3	59	25	—	—	90	3	17	79	4	3	106
85-89	3	28	22	—	—	56	6	10	93	—	—	113
90-94	—	4	13	—	—	17	—	—	67	—	—	75
95-99	—	—	6	—	—	8	—	—	24	—	—	27
100 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	77	392	117	47	30	663	36	199	360	53	23	671

4.4 EXPECTATION OF LIFE(a)

Age (years)	ACT.....						AUST.....			
	1971.....		1981.....		1991.....		1995-97.....		1995-97.....	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
0	68.94	76.01	71.44	79.43	75.60	81.18	77.11	81.31	75.57	81.27
5	66.21	72.12	67.30	75.08	71.43	76.58	72.51	76.96	71.15	76.77
10	61.29	67.17	62.36	70.17	66.49	71.68	67.56	71.98	66.20	71.81
15	56.45	62.22	57.40	65.24	61.57	66.73	62.61	67.01	61.26	66.87
20	51.88	57.37	52.62	60.35	56.84	61.87	57.83	62.10	56.50	61.67
25	47.31	52.44	47.88	55.45	52.11	57.01	53.15	57.19	51.83	57.08
30	42.54	47.53	43.11	50.57	47.32	52.11	48.45	52.29	47.15	52.20
35	37.74	42.76	38.22	45.70	42.49	47.20	43.73	47.41	42.46	47.33
40	33.05	38.16	33.42	40.82	37.73	42.32	38.99	42.56	37.77	42.50
45	28.37	33.60	28.72	36.03	33.12	37.51	34.26	37.77	33.11	37.72
50	23.97	29.08	24.25	31.31	28.47	32.80	29.58	33.05	28.53	33.01
55	19.80	24.47	19.97	26.70	23.89	28.23	25.04	28.47	24.11	28.44
60	16.11	20.11	15.98	22.19	19.71	23.87	20.73	24.05	19.93	24.03
65	12.24	16.05	12.59	17.97	16.13	19.81	16.76	19.83	16.10	19.81
70	9.04	12.07	9.34	14.14	12.63	15.88	13.21	15.85	12.69	15.84
75	7.76	9.40	6.94	10.70	9.66	12.23	10.10	12.21	9.71	12.20
80	6.69	6.83	5.34	7.94	7.31	9.05	7.48	9.03	7.20	9.02
85	4.82	4.50	4.07	5.71	5.25	6.40	5.49	6.45	5.29	6.44
90	3.47	4.03	3.47	4.03	3.81	4.38	4.17	4.56	4.01	4.55
95	2.97	3.14	2.97	3.14	3.14	3.29	3.45	3.37	3.33	3.36

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

4.5 EXPECTATION OF LIFE(a)—1995–97

Age (years)	ACT.....		AUST.....		Age (years)	ACT.....		AUST.....	
	Males	Females	Males	Females		Males	Females	Males	Females
0	77.11	81.31	75.57	81.27	50	29.58	33.05	28.53	33.01
1	76.42	80.88	75.04	80.68	51	28.66	32.13	27.63	32.09
2	75.45	79.92	74.08	79.71	52	27.75	31.20	26.74	31.17
3	74.48	78.94	73.11	78.74	53	26.84	30.29	25.85	30.25
4	73.50	77.95	72.13	77.75	54	25.94	29.38	24.98	29.34
5	72.51	76.96	71.15	76.77	55	25.04	28.47	24.11	28.44
6	71.52	75.96	70.16	75.78	56	24.16	27.57	23.25	27.55
7	70.53	74.97	69.17	74.79	57	23.28	26.68	22.40	26.66
8	69.54	73.97	68.18	73.80	58	22.42	25.80	21.57	25.77
9	68.55	72.98	67.19	72.81	59	21.57	24.92	20.74	24.90
10	67.56	71.98	66.20	71.81	60	20.73	24.05	19.93	24.03
11	66.56	70.99	65.21	70.82	61	19.91	23.19	19.14	23.17
12	65.57	69.99	64.22	69.83	62	19.10	22.34	18.36	22.32
13	64.58	69.00	63.23	68.84	63	18.30	21.49	17.59	21.47
14	63.59	68.01	62.25	67.86	64	17.52	20.66	16.84	20.64
15	62.61	67.01	61.26	66.87	65	16.76	19.83	16.10	19.81
16	61.63	66.03	60.29	65.88	66	16.02	19.01	15.39	18.99
17	60.66	65.04	59.32	64.90	67	15.29	18.20	14.69	18.19
18	59.71	64.06	58.37	63.92	68	14.58	17.41	14.00	17.39
19	58.77	63.08	57.43	62.95	69	13.88	16.62	13.34	16.61
20	57.83	62.10	56.50	61.97	70	13.21	15.85	12.69	15.84
21	56.90	61.12	55.57	61.00	71	12.55	15.09	12.06	15.08
22	55.96	60.14	54.63	60.02	72	11.91	14.35	11.45	14.34
23	55.03	59.16	53.70	59.04	73	11.29	13.62	10.85	13.61
24	54.09	58.17	52.77	58.06	74	10.69	12.90	10.27	12.89
25	53.15	57.19	51.83	57.08	75	10.10	12.21	9.71	12.20
26	52.22	56.21	50.90	56.11	76	9.53	11.53	9.17	11.52
27	51.28	55.23	49.96	55.13	77	8.99	10.87	8.65	10.86
28	50.33	54.25	49.02	54.15	78	8.46	10.24	8.14	10.23
29	49.39	53.27	48.09	53.17	79	7.96	9.62	7.66	9.61
30	48.45	52.29	47.15	52.20	80	7.48	9.03	7.20	9.02
31	47.51	51.31	46.21	51.22	81	7.03	8.46	6.77	8.46
32	46.56	50.33	45.27	50.25	82	6.60	7.92	6.36	7.91
33	45.62	49.36	44.33	49.28	83	6.20	7.40	5.98	7.40
34	44.67	48.38	43.40	48.31	84	5.83	6.91	5.62	6.90
35	43.73	47.41	42.46	47.33	85	5.49	6.45	5.29	6.44
36	42.78	46.44	41.52	46.37	86	5.17	6.01	4.98	6.00
37	41.83	45.47	40.58	45.40	87	4.88	5.60	4.70	5.59
38	40.88	44.50	39.64	44.43	88	4.61	5.22	4.45	5.22
39	39.93	43.53	38.70	43.47	89	4.38	4.88	4.22	4.87
40	38.99	42.56	37.77	42.50	90	4.17	4.56	4.01	4.55
41	38.04	41.60	36.83	41.54	91	3.98	4.27	3.84	4.26
42	37.09	40.64	35.90	40.58	92	3.83	4.01	3.69	4.00
43	36.14	39.68	34.97	39.62	93	3.69	3.78	3.56	3.77
44	35.20	38.72	34.04	38.67	94	3.57	3.56	3.44	3.55
45	34.26	37.77	33.11	37.72	95	3.45	3.37	3.33	3.36
46	33.31	36.81	32.19	36.77	96	3.32	3.19	3.22	3.18
47	32.38	35.87	31.27	35.82	97	3.20	3.03	3.11	3.02
48	31.44	34.93	30.35	34.88	98	3.08	2.88	3.01	2.87
49	30.51	33.99	29.44	33.95	99	2.95	2.72	2.92	2.72

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

4.6 DEATHS, Birthplace and Duration of Residence

DURATION OF RESIDENCE (YEARS).....

Birthplace	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	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	869	415	454	869
New Zealand	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	5	3	8
Other	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	5
Total	4	—	—	—	4	—	—	869	423	459	882
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR											
Former USSR & Baltic States	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	3	10	13
Former Yugoslav Republics	3	—	—	5	7	7	—	—	11	14	25
Germany	4	—	—	—	4	11	—	—	10	10	20
Greece	—	—	—	3	5	7	—	—	11	6	17
Hungary	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	6	—	8
Ireland	—	—	—	4	—	3	—	—	5	6	11
Italy	—	—	—	6	7	6	—	—	12	10	22
Netherlands	4	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	10	6	16
Poland	5	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	14	9	23
United Kingdom	31	—	18	21	36	70	7	—	93	90	183
Other	4	—	—	5	6	7	3	—	16	15	36
Total	58	6	22	46	70	154	18	—	195	179	374
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA											
Total	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	6	3	9
SOUTHEAST ASIA											
Total	5	4	6	—	—	—	—	—	13	8	21
NORTHEAST ASIA											
Total	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	4	10
SOUTHERN ASIA											
Total	3	—	4	—	5	4	—	—	10	9	19
THE AMERICAS											
Chile	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
United States of America	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	5
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	4	—	3	3	—	3	—	—	7	7	14
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)											
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
ALL REGIONS											
Total	81	13	38	57	84	170	22	869	663	671	1 334

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

State or Territory of registration.....

State or Territory of usual residence	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
NSW	44 842	233	305	38	10	10	7	196	45 641
Vic.	203	32 916	67	36	17	6	11	5	33 261
Qld	202	32	21 682	7	6	5	8	3	21 945
SA	35	39	14	11 539	7	—	21	3	11 658
WA	12	12	8	3	10 759	6	7	—	10 807
Tas.	7	28	12	—	—	3 757	—	—	3 809
NT	4	3	6	29	3	—	846	—	891
ACT	60	6	4	3	—	—	—	1 261	1 334
Other Territories	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	4
Aust.	45 366	33 269	22 098	11 655	10 807	3 784	900	1 471	129 350

4.8 DEATHS, Selected Causes of Death(a)—Sex

Cause of death(b)	NUMBER.....			Percentage of all deaths	Rate(c)
	Males	Females	Persons		
Infectious and parasitic diseases (001–139)	7	9	16	1.2	5.2
Neoplasms (140–239)	179	195	374	28.0	121.0
Malignant neoplasms (140–208)	176	191	367	27.5	118.8
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders (240–279)	14	21	35	2.6	11.3
Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs (280–289)	3	3	6	0.4	1.9
Mental disorders (290–319)	7	12	19	1.4	6.1
Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs (320–389)	16	23	39	2.9	12.6
Diseases of the circulatory system (390–459)	267	245	512	38.4	165.7
Ischaemic heart disease (410–414)	162	102	264	19.8	85.4
Cerebrovascular disease (430–438)	54	74	128	9.6	41.4
Diseases of the respiratory system (460–519)	57	71	128	9.6	41.4
Diseases of the digestive system (520–579)	25	20	45	3.4	14.6
Diseases of the genito-urinary system (580–629)	12	16	28	2.1	9.1
Complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium (630–676)	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue (680–709)	—	—	—	0.1	0.6
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue (710–739)	3	6	9	0.7	2.9
Congenital anomalies (740–759)	5	7	12	0.9	3.9
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (760–779)	—	4	5	0.4	1.6
Symptoms, signs and ill-defined conditions (780–799)	3	—	5	0.4	1.6
Accidents, poisonings and violence (E800–E999)	64	35	99	7.4	32.0
Motor vehicle traffic accidents (E810–E819)	13	6	19	1.4	6.1
All causes of death	663	671	1 334	100.0	431.7

(a) ABS has introduced automated cause of death coding in 1997, which has impacted on these statistics. For details see *Causes of Death, Australia, 1997* (Cat. no. 3303.0).

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

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

4.9 DEATHS, Selected Causes of Death(a)—Summary(b)

Particulars	Heart disease	Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	Cerebro-vascular disease (incl. stroke)	Respiratory system diseases	Motor vehicle traffic accidents	Suicide	All causes
Numbers							
Males	196	176	54	57	13	29	663
Females	154	191	74	71	6	13	671
Persons	350	367	128	128	19	42	1 334
Proportions by sex (%)							
Males	56.0	48.0	42.2	44.5	68.4	69.0	49.7
Females	44.0	52.0	57.8	55.5	31.6	31.0	50.3
Persons	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Proportions by cause of death (%)							
Males	29.6	26.5	8.1	8.6	2.0	4.4	100.0
Females	23.0	28.5	11.0	10.6	0.9	1.9	100.0
Persons	26.2	27.5	9.6	9.6	1.4	3.1	100.0
Crude death rate(c)							
Males	127.6	114.5	35.1	37.1	8.5	18.9	431.5
Females	98.6	122.3	47.4	45.5	3.8	8.3	429.8
Persons	113.0	118.5	41.3	41.3	6.1	13.6	430.6
Standardised death rate(d)							
ACT	164.9	158.1	63.4	59.9	6.4	13.4	599.1
Australia	173.0	170.7	55.8	62.1	9.9	14.6	623.1

(a) ABS has introduced automated cause of death coding in 1997, which has impacted on these statistics. For details see *Causes of Death, Australia, 1997* (Cat. no. 3303.0).

(b) 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).

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

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

4.10 PERINATAL DEATHS(a)

Year	FETAL DEATHS.....			NEONATAL DEATHS.....			PERINATAL DEATHS.....		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
NUMBER									
1987	18	13	31	9	5	14	27	18	45
1992	12	8	20	12	10	22	24	18	42
1993	9	14	23	9	2	11	18	16	34
1994	6	11	17	8	6	14	14	17	31
1995	16	10	26	5	10	15	21	20	41
1996	15	10	25	6	8	14	21	18	39
1997	12	7	19	3	6	9	15	13	28
RATE									
1987	8.6	6.4	7.5	4.3	2.5	3.4	12.9	8.9	11.0
1992	5.3	3.7	4.5	5.3	4.6	4.9	10.6	8.2	9.4
1993	4.0	6.4	5.2	4.0	0.9	2.5	8.1	7.3	7.7
1994	2.7	4.9	3.8	3.6	2.7	3.1	6.3	7.6	6.9
1995	7.0	4.7	5.9	2.2	4.7	3.4	9.2	9.4	9.3
1996	6.7	4.6	5.7	2.7	3.7	3.2	9.4	8.4	8.9
1997	5.6	3.4	4.5	1.4	2.9	2.1	7.0	6.2	6.6

(a) From 1997 the definition of perinatal deaths has been changed to include fetuses weighing at least 400 g or having a corresponding gestational age of 20 weeks. Please see paragraph 19 of the Explanatory Notes for full definition. All statistics in this table are on the basis of the new definition.

4.11 PERINATAL DEATHS(a), Selected Details

Particulars	1997 PERINATAL DEATHS.....					1987..
	Fetal deaths	Neonatal deaths	Males	Females	Persons	Perinatal deaths
AGE AT DEATH						
Less than 1 hour	—	—	—	—	—	5
1 hour to under 1 day	—	—	—	—	—	4
1 day to under 1 week	—	5	—	3	5	4
1 week to under 4 weeks	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	9	3	6	9	14
WEIGHT AT DELIVERY						
400–999 grams	4	3	3	4	7	19
1 000–1 999 grams	6	—	5	—	7	7
2 000–2 999 grams	4	3	3	4	7	12
3 000 or more grams	5	—	4	3	7	5
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	19	9	15	13	28	45
PERIOD OF GESTATION						
Less than 28 weeks	4	—	—	4	6	14
28–36 weeks	10	5	10	5	15	18
37–41 weeks	5	—	3	4	7	11
42 or more weeks	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	19	9	15	13	28	45
AGE GROUP OF MOTHER						
Less than 20 years	—	3	—	3	5	—
20–24 years	5	—	—	3	5	6
25–29 years	—	—	—	—	3	17
30–34 years	5	—	4	3	7	11
35–39 years	5	3	5	3	8	5
40 or more years	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	19	9	15	13	28	45

(a) From 1997 the definition of perinatal deaths has been changed to include foetuses weighing at least 400 g or having a corresponding gestational age of 20 weeks. Please see paragraph 19 of the Explanatory Notes for full definition. All statistics in this table are on the basis of the new definition.

SECTION 5

MARRIAGES REGISTERED

MARRIAGES

There were 1,870 marriages registered in the ACT in 1997. This was an increase of 6% on the number registered in 1987. However, the number of marriages registered per 1,000 population decreased 9%, from 6.6 per 1,000 population in 1987 to 6.0 per 1,000 population in 1997.

The national crude marriage rate for 1997 was 5.8 per 1,000 population. In the last two decades, the crude marriage rate in the ACT has been below the national rate except in 1984 and 1997 when the ACT crude marriage rate exceeded the national rate. The ACT crude marriage rate has shown greater fluctuation over time than the national rate. This may be due to the comparatively small numbers of marriages registered in the ACT.

CRUDE MARRIAGE RATES(a)



(a) Per 1,000 population.

MARRIAGE AGE

In the ACT, the median age at marriage (the age at which there are as many marrying above the age as there are marrying below it) for men and women marrying for the first time in 1997 were 27.4 years for men and 25.9 years for women. The national median ages for first marriage were 27.8 years for men, and 25.9 years for women.

The median ages for all marriages continued to increase at the national level for both men and women in 1997. While in the ACT the median age at marriage for both men (29.6 years) and women (27.3 years) declined compared with 1996, the long-term trend is that median age at marriage is increasing. Compared with 1987, the median age at marriage for all bridegrooms increased 1.4 years, and the median age at marriage for all brides increased 1.6 years.

Although median ages at marriage for both men and women are increasing over time, the difference between median ages of brides and grooms is decreasing. In 1997 the median age for all bridegrooms was 2.3 years higher than that of all brides, compared with 2.5 years in 1987. In 1997, the median age at marriage for first-time grooms was 1.5 years higher than that of first-time brides, compared with 2.0 years in 1987.

Age of parties at marriage

Between 1987 and 1997, the peak age group at marriage for males has remained 25–29 years. From 1987 to 1995 the 20–24 years age group had the highest marriage rate for females. In 1996 and 1997 the peak age group at marriage for females was 25–29 years.

In 1997 age-specific marriage rates for males above age 35 were all higher in the ACT than those recorded nationally. For females, only the age groups 35–39 years and 50 years and over recorded higher marriage rates than those recorded nationally.

MARRIAGE RATES(a)

Age groups (years)	ACT.....		AUST.....	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
19 and under	1.0	3.5	1.0	5.0
20–24	25.6	39.1	26.7	44.7
25–29	44.2	44.4	48.9	47.7
30–34	27.6	23.1	29.5	23.1
35–39	16.2	12.2	15.7	11.5
40–44	10.5	6.4	9.4	7.3
45–49	8.8	5.3	7.3	5.8
50 and over	4.2	2.5	3.4	1.9

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

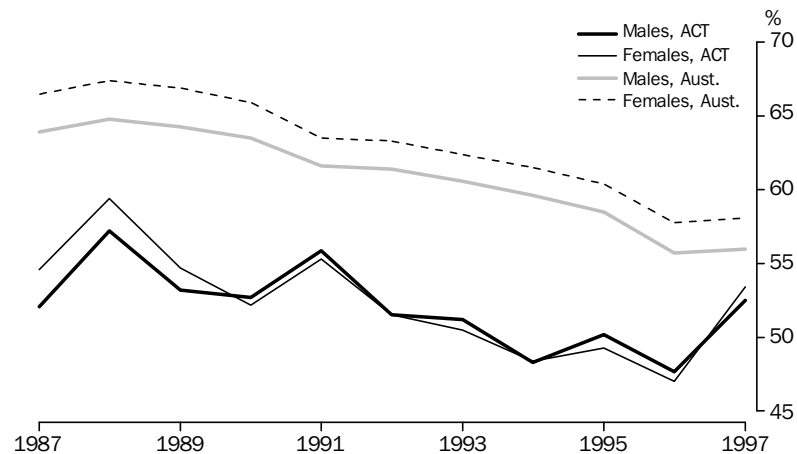
LIKELIHOOD TO MARRY

Assuming that marriage rates remain the same, the proportion of people who will ever marry (total first marriage rates) can be estimated from the proportions of men and women in each age group who marry for the first time in a given year.

Based on age-specific first marriage rates for 1997 (calculated on the total population in each age group from 15 years and above), it is estimated that 53% of males and females in the ACT will marry at least once at some point in their lives. Nationally it is estimated that 56% of males and 58% of females will marry. Over the last decade total first marriage rates in the ACT have consistently been below national rates for both males and females.

The likelihood of ever marrying is marginally higher for women than men at the national level, and has been consistently so over the past ten years. However in the ACT the likelihood to ever marry has been similar for males and females since 1990.

TOTAL FIRST MARRIAGE RATES



PRE-MARRIAGE COHABITATION

In 1997 the usual residence of parties at the time of lodgement of Notice of Intended Marriage was coded to indicate whether or not parties lived at the same address prior to their marriage taking place. There is a strong likelihood that parties reporting the same usual residence were cohabiting partners. In the ACT 1,270 registered marriages were between people who indicated the same usual address prior to marriage. This was 68% of the total marriages registered in the ACT. At the national level, 65% of registered marriages were between couples who indicated the same usual address prior to marriage.

Of those men and women indicating the same usual residence prior to their marriage, 73% of males and 75% of females had not been previously married. Further, 68% of men and 77% of women who indicated same usual residence were aged between 20 and 34 years.

More couples married by civil celebrants indicated the same usual address before marriage than couples married in religious rites. Of those couples married by civil celebrants 80% indicated the same usual address before marriage, while 56% of couples married in religious rites indicated living at the same address before marriage.

CATEGORY OF CELEBRANT

In 1997, 51% of marriages registered in the ACT were performed by ministers of religion. Australia wide 52% of marriages were performed by ministers of religion. In both the ACT and Australia wide long-term trends indicate that the proportion of marriages performed by civil celebrants is increasing. The proportion of marriages in the ACT conducted by civil celebrants has increased five percentage points since 1987. At the national level this proportion has increased eight percentage points.

In the ACT, 85% of men and 88% of women married by a minister of religion were marrying for the first time. By comparison, 65% of men and 66% of women married by civil celebrants were marrying for the first time.

In 1997, 20% of all marriages performed in the ACT were by Catholic priests while 14% were by Anglican ministers.

BIRTHPLACE OF PARTIES

In 1997, 67% of marriages registered in the ACT were between Australian-born men and women. Of these, 60% were marriages between parties born in the ACT or New South Wales. Only 10% of marriages registered in the ACT were between parties both born in the Territory.

Couples with partners born in different countries accounted for 29% of marriages registered in the ACT. Australian-born men marrying overseas-born women comprised 11% of marriages registered, while Australian-born women marrying overseas-born men comprised 13% of marriages. Marriages where parties were born in the same overseas country accounted for 5% of total marriages.

The largest proportion of overseas-born marriage partners came from Europe, with 9% of brides and 12% of grooms born in this region. Australians marrying overseas-born partners were most likely to marry partners born in the United Kingdom. In the ACT, 4% of Australian-born grooms married women born in the United Kingdom, and 6% of Australian-born brides married men born in the United Kingdom.

5.1 MARRIAGES, Summary(a)

	1987	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
ALL MARRIAGES							
Marriages registered	1 762	1 791	1 783	1 661	1 753	1 654	1 873
Crude marriage rate	6.6	6.1	6.0	5.5	5.8	5.4	6.0
Previous marital status							
First marriage both partners	1 108	1 199	1 200	1 139	1 164	1 114	1 240
First marriage one partner	356	319	322	302	330	285	364
Remarriage both partners	298	273	261	220	259	255	269
Marriages performed by							
Ministers of religion							
Number	985	978	998	927	n.a.	869	951
Proportion (%)	55.9	54.6	56.0	55.8	n.a.	52.5	50.8
Civil celebrants							
Number	777	813	785	734	n.a.	785	922
Proportion (%)	44.1	45.4	44.0	44.2	n.a.	47.5	49.2
BRIDEGROOM							
Age-specific marriage rate							
Age group (years)							
19 and under	1.5	1.0	0.7	0.9	1.1	0.6	1.0
20–24	39.7	29.0	27.5	24.6	25.2	19.1	25.6
25–29	43.9	49.0	45.1	42.4	44.8	41.9	44.2
30–34	23.6	23.2	28.5	28.5	24.3	26.6	27.6
35–39	14.9	13.6	12.6	12.0	15.5	14.3	16.2
40–44	11.6	9.5	10.1	8.2	8.2	9.1	10.5
45–49	7.8	8.6	6.0	5.2	7.5	7.1	8.8
50 and over	4.5	3.6	3.7	3.3	4.1	4.1	4.2
Marital status of bridegroom							
Never married	1 254	1 341	1 347	1 269	1 322	1 251	1 400
Widowed	40	34	31	29	30	38	37
Divorced	468	416	405	363	401	365	436
Total	1 762	1 791	1 783	1 661	1 753	1 654	1 873
Median age of bridegroom (years)							
Never married	26.0	26.7	27.1	27.2	27.2	27.7	27.4
Widowed	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Divorced	39.2	41.1	40.7	40.2	42.2	42.4	42.3
All bridegrooms	28.2	28.6	29.0	28.9	29.2	30.0	29.6
BRIDE							
Age-specific marriage rate							
Age group (years)							
19 and under	9.3	4.5	4.4	3.3	2.8	2.6	3.5
20–24	56.8	46.3	42.4	39.9	41.5	32.8	39.1
25–29	38.7	43.3	40.5	38.9	40.9	40.7	44.4
30–34	16.8	15.3	20.2	20.0	17.8	20.7	23.1
35–39	10.1	10.4	11.0	9.2	10.0	9.9	12.2
40–44	8.9	7.4	6.1	5.3	6.9	6.8	6.4
45–49	5.5	5.8	4.4	3.4	6.2	5.5	5.3
50 and over	1.8	1.9	2.2	2.0	2.4	2.3	2.5
Marital status of bride							
Never married	1 318	1 376	1 375	1 311	1 336	1 262	1 444
Widowed	35	30	34	24	39	27	33
Divorced	409	385	374	326	378	365	396
Total	1 762	1 791	1 783	1 661	1 753	1 654	1 873
Median age of bride (years)							
Never married	24.0	24.9	25.1	25.2	25.3	26.1	25.9
Widowed	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Divorced	35.6	37.2	36.7	37.6	38.9	39.3	38.4
All brides	25.7	26.3	26.6	26.6	26.7	27.6	27.3

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

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

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

Age at marriage (years)	1971	1976	1981	1986	1991	1996
FIRST MARRIAGES						
Age of bridegroom						
15–19	15.8	7.9	5.1	2.5	1.7	0.6
20–24	133.7	103.1	81.1	56.7	36.6	21.6
25–29	173.9	138.8	117.1	95.7	89.7	67.4
30–34	137.5	107.0	85.6	85.7	82.5	66.9
35–39	76.7	72.2	44.7	46.1	44.2	43.2
40–44	40.5	43.6	34.3	31.3	33.9	32.4
45 and over	18.4	12.8	11.0	13.1	9.2	9.0
Age of bride						
15–19	64.8	38.7	21.8	14.2	6.3	2.7
20–24	219.0	150.2	128.6	92.4	65.5	39.6
25–29	156.5	149.6	115.1	112.9	102.8	81.8
30–34	137.6	83.3	85.0	79.0	67.8	63.1
35–39	67.3	41.6	28.6	46.6	41.6	27.0
40–44	56.2	30.2	21.9	22.6	21.4	20.9
45 and over	15.8	5.8	9.4	7.7	5.3	6.1
REMARRIAGES						
Age of bridegroom						
15–19	—	—	—	—	—	—
20–24	263.2	230.8	155.6	151.5	14.9	37.0
25–29	434.0	287.4	262.1	192.6	163.4	81.3
30–34	379.7	353.7	238.1	151.4	153.7	101.3
35–39	284.1	261.1	171.9	143.4	102.5	87.0
40–44	226.2	196.4	132.1	120.5	89.9	57.2
45–49	116.8	181.8	121.6	89.4	76.0	61.0
50–54	105.7	131.2	61.1	74.6	59.7	50.4
55–59	156.0	129.3	97.5	58.5	56.9	41.3
60 and over	39.2	33.7	24.4	21.2	19.3	19.3
Age of bride						
15–19	—	—	—	—	—	—
20–24	348.8	309.1	241.6	196.7	87.7	44.8
25–29	284.2	327.6	169.3	191.0	162.1	100.2
30–34	216.7	201.7	136.7	127.7	98.7	74.7
35–39	153.8	157.9	76.4	58.6	80.6	57.1
40–44	44.8	107.1	59.4	55.2	44.4	35.9
45–49	54.5	49.2	45.5	45.6	35.9	30.4
50–54	41.1	36.5	30.8	19.7	25.0	23.7
55–59	15.3	18.6	16.6	14.1	7.9	16.5
60 and over	4.2	5.3	1.7	2.6	2.1	1.6

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

5.3 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	1 240	5	155	1 400
Widowed	7	11	19	37
Divorced	197	17	222	436
Total	1 444	33	396	1 873
PROPORTION (%)				
Never married	66.2	0.3	8.3	74.7
Widowed	0.4	0.6	1.0	2.0
Divorced	10.5	0.9	11.9	23.3
Total	77.1	1.8	21.1	100.0

5.4 MARRIAGES, Age and Previous Marital Status of Parties

Age at marriage (years)	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM.....				PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE.....			
	<i>Never married</i>	<i>Widowed</i>	<i>Divorced</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Never married</i>	<i>Widowed</i>	<i>Divorced</i>	<i>Total</i>
17 and under	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	5	—	—	5	16	—	—	16
19	8	—	—	8	25	—	—	25
20	20	—	—	20	44	—	—	44
21	34	—	—	34	89	—	—	90
22	72	—	—	73	141	—	—	142
23	100	—	—	100	133	—	—	133
24	144	—	—	144	143	—	—	143
25	127	—	—	129	151	—	—	152
26	140	—	—	141	143	—	9	152
27	120	—	6	126	125	—	8	134
28	94	—	6	101	75	—	14	89
29	86	—	11	97	53	—	20	73
30–34	273	—	65	338	198	—	92	292
35–39	119	—	83	202	72	4	83	159
40–44	36	—	86	123	25	4	51	80
45–49	15	5	83	103	5	3	57	65
50–54	—	7	55	64	3	6	42	51
55–59	5	5	23	33	—	3	7	11
60 and over	—	18	14	32	—	10	10	20
Total	1 400	37	436	1 873	1 444	33	396	1 873

5.5 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	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
19	—	—	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
20-24	—	11	13	274	61	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	371
25-29	—	—	6	204	310	54	19	—	—	—	—	—	594
30-34	—	—	—	46	157	101	27	4	—	—	—	—	338
35-39	—	—	—	14	49	70	46	15	4	3	—	—	202
40-44	—	—	—	5	14	33	37	20	10	—	—	—	123
45-49	—	—	—	—	4	18	15	28	23	13	—	—	103
50-54	—	—	—	—	3	7	7	9	22	14	—	—	64
55-59	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	3	12	5	—	33
60 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	7	5	17	32
Total	2	16	25	552	600	292	159	80	65	51	11	20	1 873

5.6 MARRIAGES, Birthplace of Parties

	BRIDEGROOM BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND BRIDE BORN IN.....				BRIDE BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND BRIDEGROOM BORN IN.....			
	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Same overseas country</i>	<i>Different overseas country</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Same overseas country</i>	<i>Different overseas country</i>	<i>Total</i>
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA								
Australia	1 246	—	206	1 452	1 246	—	241	1 487
New Zealand	25	4	10	39	12	4	3	19
Other	11	3	—	15	11	3	—	15
<i>Total</i>	<i>1 282</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>217</i>	<i>1 506</i>	<i>1 269</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>245</i>	<i>1 521</i>
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
Austria	4	—	—	4	—	—	—	—
Former Yugoslav Republics	10	3	4	17	7	3	—	12
Germany	9	—	4	14	5	—	7	13
Italy	6	—	3	9	—	—	—	3
Malta	3	—	—	5	3	—	—	4
Netherlands	5	—	—	7	3	—	—	4
Poland	—	7	—	9	6	7	—	14
United Kingdom	89	15	20	124	60	15	8	83
Other	17	9	9	36	24	10	5	39
<i>Total</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>225</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>173</i>
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
<i>Total</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>8</i>
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
Malaysia	9	—	—	12	3	—	9	14
Philippines	—	3	—	4	6	3	3	12
Singapore	6	—	—	7	—	—	—	4
Viet Nam	—	7	3	10	4	7	4	15
Other	—	7	—	7	4	7	4	15
<i>Total</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>71</i>

5.6 MARRIAGES, Birthplace of Parties *continued*

	BRIDEGROOM BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND BRIDE BORN IN.....				BRIDE BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND BRIDEGROOM BORN IN.....			
	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total	Australia	Same overseas country	Different overseas country	Total
NORTHEAST ASIA								
China	—	7	4	11	3	7	7	17
Hong Kong	3	—	3	8	3	—	4	9
Other	—	—	—	6	7	—	—	9
<i>Total</i>	5	11	9	25	13	11	11	35
SOUTHERN ASIA								
<i>Total</i>	4	3	5	12	3	3	8	14
THE AMERICAS								
Canada	5	—	—	5	3	—	—	5
Chile	—	3	—	3	—	3	—	7
United States of America	14	3	4	21	10	3	3	16
Other	3	3	4	10	4	3	6	13
<i>Total</i>	22	9	8	39	19	9	13	41
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
Other	7	—	3	11	4	—	3	8
<i>Total</i>	8	—	6	15	6	—	3	10
OTHER AND NOT STATED								
<i>Total</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ALL REGIONS								
Total	1 487	89	297	1 873	1 452	89	332	1 873

5.7 MARRIAGES, Previous Marital Status of Parties and Category of Rite

Category of rite	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDEGROOM...			PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE.....			All marriages	Proportion of all marriages
	Never married	Widowed	Divorced	Never married	Widowed	Divorced		
RELIGIOUS(a)								
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%
Anglican	211	6	42	221	—	36	259	13.8
Baptist	21	—	—	21	—	—	23	1.2
Catholic	346	4	20	351	—	17	370	19.8
Churches of Christ	15	—	4	17	—	3	20	1.1
Lutheran	18	—	8	19	—	7	27	1.4
Orthodox	36	—	5	39	—	—	41	2.2
Presbyterian	39	—	9	44	—	6	50	2.7
Uniting Church	41	—	17	42	—	14	58	3.1
Other denominations	77	—	25	79	3	21	103	5.5
<i>All religious rites</i>	<i>804</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>132</i>	<i>833</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>108</i>	<i>951</i>	<i>50.8</i>
CIVIL								
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%
Official registrars	150	4	77	154	6	71	231	12.3
Other civil celebrants	446	18	227	457	17	217	691	36.9
<i>All civil rites</i>	<i>596</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>304</i>	<i>611</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>288</i>	<i>922</i>	<i>49.2</i>
TOTAL								
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%
All marriages	1 400	37	436	1 444	33	396	1 873	100.0
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Proportion	74.7	2.0	23.3	77.1	1.8	21.1	100.0	..

(a) Under the authority of the *Australian Marriage Act 1961* (Cwlth).

5.8 REMARRIAGES, Number of Previous Marriages and Number of Children Under

Number of children under 16.....

Number of previous marriages	Nil	One	Two	Three	Four or more	Not stated	Total
BRIDEGROOM							
One	226	75	75	18	5	—	399
Two	44	5	13	—	—	—	64
Three or more	—	4	—	—	—	—	9
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	273	84	90	20	6	—	473
BRIDE							
One	217	79	59	12	4	—	371
Two	30	7	11	—	—	—	49
Three or more	—	5	—	—	—	—	8
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	250	91	70	13	5	—	429

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

<i>Interval between termination of last marriage and remarriage (years)</i>	BRIDEGROOM'S LAST MARRIAGE TERMINATED BY.....			BRIDE'S LAST MARRIAGE TERMINATED BY.....		
	<i>Death of spouse</i>	<i>Divorce</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Death of spouse</i>	<i>Divorce</i>	<i>Total</i>
Under 1	—	62	63	—	35	37
1	3	107	110	—	80	82
2	7	45	52	—	64	65
3	6	48	54	5	34	39
4	8	37	45	3	23	26
0-4	25	299	324	13	236	249
5	—	30	31	3	29	32
6	—	23	23	5	24	29
7	—	9	11	—	22	23
8	—	13	14	—	14	16
9	—	15	17	—	9	9
5-9	6	90	96	11	98	109
10-14	4	25	29	6	37	43
15-19	—	14	15	3	18	21
20 and over	—	3	3	—	3	3
Not stated	—	5	6	—	4	4
All remarriages	37	436	473	33	396	429

SECTION 6

DIVORCES GRANTED

DIVORCES

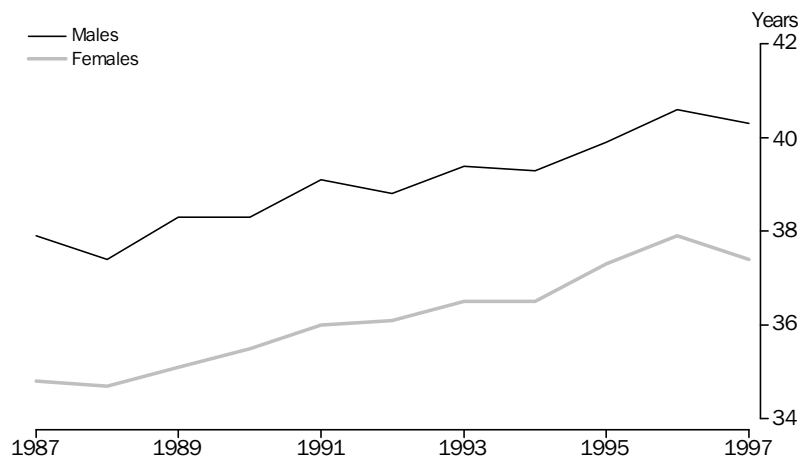
In 1997 there were 1,530 divorces granted in the ACT. Many people involved in these divorces actually lived outside the ACT, in the surrounding region (see paragraph 18 of the Explanatory Notes). The 1997 figure was 5% below the number granted in 1987 (1,600) and was the lowest number of divorces recorded in the ACT during the last decade. During this period divorces peaked at 2,070 in 1994.

AGE AT DIVORCE

In the ACT, the median age at divorce in 1997 was 40.3 years for husbands and 37.4 years for wives. While the median age at divorce (the age at which there are as many divorcing above it as there are divorcing below it) Australia wide continued to increase in 1997, in the ACT the median age at divorce declined for both men and women. Between 1996 and 1997 the median age fell by 0.3 years for men and 0.5 years for women. However, the long-term trend in the ACT is that median age at divorce is increasing for both sexes. The decline in median ages at divorce in 1997 may be part of the fluctuations evident over time.

Similarly, the median age at separation in the ACT also declined compared to 1996, by 0.1 years for husbands and 0.3 years for wives. However, over the 10-year period 1987-97 the median age at separation increased by two years for both husbands and wives. This may be associated with the long-term increase in age at marriage.

MEDIAN AGE AT DIVORCE



DURATION OF MARRIAGE

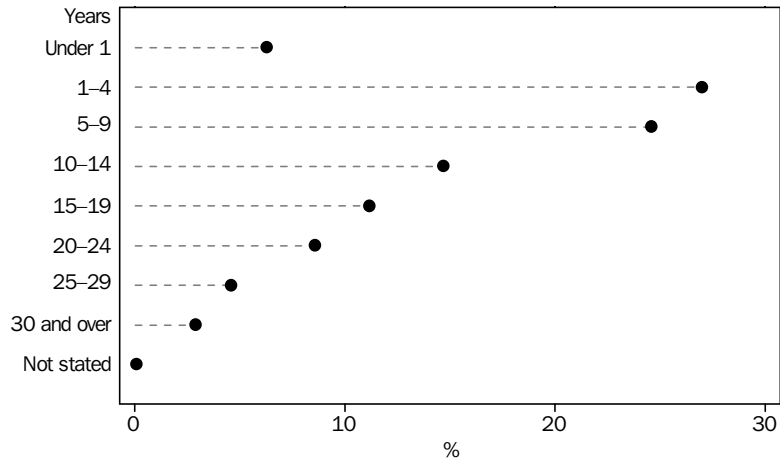
Duration of marriage is the interval between the date of marriage and the date the divorce was made absolute, for marriages ending in divorce in 1997. In the ACT the median duration of marriage for marriages ending in divorce was 11.4 years. Over the last 10 years this figure has fluctuated between 10.6 years (1988) and 11.7 years (1991).

DURATION OF MARRIAGE *continued*

The median duration of marriage to the time parties separate also fluctuated between 1987 and 1997. The median has ranged between a low of 7.8 years (1994) and a high of 9.2 years (1991). In 1997 the median duration of marriage to separation was 8.2 years.

Around 33% of couples who obtained a divorce in the ACT in 1997 had separated within the first five years of marriage, with 6% separating in the first year.

DURATION OF MARRIAGE TO SEPARATION



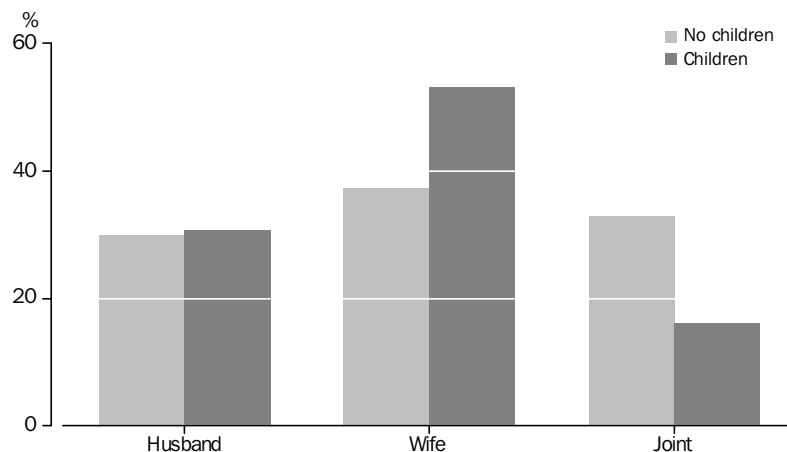
APPLICANT FOR DIVORCE

Wives applied for 46% of all divorces granted in the ACT in 1997, husbands applied for 30% and 23% were the result of joint applications by both husband and wife.

Comparatively, in 1987 wives applied for 49% of divorces, husbands applied for 42% and 9% were the result of joint applications.

In 1997, joint applications were less common for divorces where children were involved, than divorces with no children involved. While in total, wives applied for more divorces than husbands, this difference was greater when children were involved. In 1997, wives applied for 53% of divorces where children were involved, husbands applied for 31% and 16% were the result of joint applications by both husband and wife.

APPLICANT FOR DIVORCE, Children Involved



Divorces involving children under 18

The number of children involved in divorce has fallen over the past 10 years. This may be related to declining fertility. Also, the long-term increase in ex-nuptial births may have resulted in fewer children involved in divorce, although not necessarily fewer involved in parental separations. At the time of application for divorce, 57% of divorces granted in the ACT in 1997 involved at least one child under the age of 18 years, compared to 65% in 1987. Around 1,660 children were involved in 870 divorces in 1997 compared with 2,030 children involved in 1,040 divorces in 1987.

Of the divorces granted in 1997 where children were involved, 34% involved one child, 44% involved two children, and 21% involved three or more children.

Birthplace of parties

In 1997, 66% of all divorces granted in the ACT were to parties who were both born in Australia. A further 7% of all divorces granted were to parties both born in the same overseas country, and 27% were to parties born in different countries. Of the divorces granted to parties born in different countries, 40% were Australian-born men divorcing overseas-born women, and 45% were Australian-born women divorcing overseas-born men.

ACT DIVORCE RATES

The crude divorce rate is the number of divorces granted during the calendar year per 1,000 estimated resident population (ERP) at 30 June of that year. Due to the large number of divorces granted in the ACT involving parties usually resident in another State or Territory, crude divorce rates calculated with the ACT ERP are inflated. For example, in 1994 the number of divorces in the ACT were available on both State and Territory of registration and State and Territory of usual residence basis. Calculated using divorces registered in the ACT, the ACT crude divorce rate was 6.9. However, if only those divorces involving parties usually resident in the ACT at the time of separation were included, the divorce rate for 1994 was 3.1. As ACT crude divorce rates are not representative of the ACT population, they have not been published in table 6.1.

6.1 DIVORCES, Summary(a)

	1987	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
ALL DIVORCES							
Divorces granted	1 600	1 875	2 061	2 071	1 787	1 610	1 528
Median duration of marriage (years)	11.4	11.5	11.4	11.1	11.5	11.3	11.4
Median interval between marriage and final separation (years)	8.5	8.4	8.3	7.8	8.1	7.9	8.2
Divorces involving children							
Number	1 036	1 115	1 244	1 238	n.a.	908	866
Percentage of total divorces	64.8	59.5	60.4	59.8	n.a.	56.4	56.7
Average number of children	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0	n.a.	1.9	1.9
Applicant							
Husband	670	630	691	752	612	511	464
Wife	788	917	1 024	1 023	842	687	706
Joint	142	328	346	296	333	412	358
HUSBAND							
Marital status at marriage (no.)							
Never married	1 366	1 595	1 716	1 722	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Widowed	16	15	17	14	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Divorced	218	265	328	335	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Total	1 600	1 875	2 061	2 071	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Median age (years)							
At marriage	24.0	24.5	25.1	25.3	25.3	25.9	25.7
At final separation	35.2	35.9	36.3	36.0	36.6	37.3	37.2
At decree made absolute	37.9	38.8	39.4	39.3	39.9	40.6	40.3
WIFE							
Marital status at marriage (no.)							
Never married	1 366	1 609	1 752	1 732	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Widowed	20	21	29	15	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Divorced	214	245	280	324	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Total	1 600	1 875	2 061	2 071	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Median age (years)							
At marriage	21.6	22.0	22.2	22.6	22.8	23.4	23.2
At final separation	32.3	33.3	33.3	33.3	34.0	34.6	34.3
At decree made absolute	34.8	36.1	36.5	36.5	37.3	37.9	37.4

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

6.2 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Marriage and Duration of Marriage

AGE GROUP (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>40-44</i>	<i>45-49</i>	<i>50 and over</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
.....										
HUSBAND										
1	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
2	—	18	17	12	5	4	4	3	—	66
3	—	34	37	12	8	4	5	4	—	107
4	—	23	27	15	8	3	—	4	—	84
5	3	32	23	14	—	6	—	—	—	83
6	5	24	23	14	6	5	—	—	—	82
7	—	19	20	17	4	—	—	—	—	68
8	4	23	21	15	7	3	3	3	—	79
9	—	27	28	11	11	—	3	—	—	84
10-14	7	109	102	40	19	6	7	9	4	303
15-19	9	93	53	22	12	3	4	—	—	199
20-24	5	92	52	11	4	—	—	—	—	166
25-29	8	69	16	—	—	3	—	—	—	100
30 and over	8	50	32	3	—	—	—	—	—	95
Total	55	617	455	188	90	43	33	33	14	1 528
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WIFE										
1	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
2	4	26	17	8	—	6	—	—	—	66
3	6	53	25	8	7	4	—	—	—	107
4	6	38	17	11	4	—	3	—	—	84
5	9	41	19	8	4	—	—	—	—	83
6	10	47	10	8	—	3	—	—	—	82
7	—	31	18	10	4	3	—	—	—	68
8	10	32	20	6	—	6	3	—	—	79
9	8	36	23	5	7	4	—	—	—	84
10-14	29	155	66	28	13	6	—	—	3	303
15-19	43	95	32	18	4	5	—	—	—	199
20-24	44	78	35	5	3	—	—	—	—	166
25-29	28	61	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	100
30 and over	30	52	9	3	—	—	—	—	—	95
Total	230	750	302	119	55	41	15	9	7	1 528
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6.3 DIVORCES, Age of Parties at Final Separation and Duration of Marriage to Separation

AGE GROUP (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>40-44</i>	<i>45-49</i>	<i>50-54</i>	<i>55 and over</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
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HUSBAND

Under 1	3	24	29	14	8	6	7	—	3	—	96
1	—	21	45	21	3	5	4	3	3	—	108
2	—	17	40	26	17	10	4	—	—	—	118
3	—	12	35	26	14	6	—	3	3	—	100
4	—	—	30	28	15	4	3	3	—	—	87
5	—	—	21	23	24	8	6	3	3	—	91
6	—	—	16	24	19	7	3	—	—	—	73
7	—	—	13	34	16	3	5	5	—	—	78
8	—	—	3	32	14	12	3	—	5	—	71
9	—	—	3	27	17	7	6	—	—	—	63
10-14	—	—	—	49	97	43	19	6	8	—	224
15-19	—	—	—	—	49	74	29	10	9	—	171
20-24	—	—	—	—	—	59	50	17	5	—	131
25-29	—	—	—	—	—	—	31	31	7	—	71
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	37	—	45
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	4	78	236	304	293	245	171	93	89	15	1 528

WIFE

Under 1	7	41	20	8	6	8	3	—	—	—	96
1	4	42	31	11	8	3	4	—	3	—	108
2	—	39	39	24	9	—	4	—	—	—	118
3	—	20	50	13	9	4	—	—	—	—	100
4	—	12	49	10	7	4	—	—	—	—	87
5	—	6	35	25	15	6	—	3	—	—	91
6	—	3	24	26	8	6	5	—	—	—	73
7	—	—	27	28	10	4	6	—	—	—	78
8	—	—	20	34	10	—	—	3	—	—	71
9	—	—	8	36	9	7	—	—	—	—	63
10-14	—	—	8	91	69	35	13	3	3	—	224
15-19	—	—	—	12	80	55	17	—	5	—	171
20-24	—	—	—	—	8	74	40	4	5	—	131
25-29	—	—	—	—	—	8	47	15	—	—	71
30 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	13	29	—	45
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	11	164	311	318	248	218	148	52	50	8	1 528

6.4 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	12.0	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23
25-29	39	96	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	158
30-34	12	93	126	24	7	—	—	—	—	—	264
35-39	—	27	111	113	28	8	—	—	—	—	293
40-44	—	6	45	106	85	17	5	—	—	—	266
45-49	—	—	7	27	75	96	18	—	—	—	227
50-54	—	—	3	5	15	49	49	6	—	—	129
55-59	—	—	—	4	5	15	29	21	—	—	77
60 and over	—	—	—	3	4	4	16	13	37	—	77
Not stated	—	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
Total	66	239	317	283	223	190	120	44	39	7	1 528

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

NUMBER OF CHILDREN.....

Duration of marriage (years)	0	1	2	3	4 or more	All divorces	All children	Average number of children(b)
1	7	4	—	—	—	12	9	1.8
2	45	9	10	—	—	66	35	1.7
3	72	17	15	—	—	107	59	1.7
4	49	17	13	4	—	84	59	1.7
5	40	11	21	8	3	83	91	2.1
6	34	22	20	5	—	82	81	1.7
7	32	18	14	4	—	68	58	1.6
8	24	23	27	4	—	79	93	1.7
9	22	20	33	6	3	84	116	1.9
10-14	73	53	120	45	12	303	477	2.1
15-19	31	31	72	52	13	199	384	2.3
20-24	72	47	32	14	—	166	157	1.7
25-29	70	21	7	—	—	100	41	1.4
30 and over	91	4	—	—	—	95	4	1.0
Total	662	297	384	147	38	1 528	1 664	1.9

(a) See Glossary for definitions of terms used.

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

6.6 DIVORCES, Birthplace of Parties

	HUSBAND BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND WIFE BORN IN.....				WIFE BORN IN COUNTRY SHOWN AND HUSBAND BORN IN.....			
	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Same overseas country</i>	<i>Different overseas country</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Same overseas country</i>	<i>Different overseas country</i>	<i>Total</i>
OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA								
<i>Australia</i>	1 013	—	161	1 174	1 013	—	182	1 195
<i>New Zealand</i>	19	3	4	26	12	3	4	19
<i>Other</i>	6	—	—	8	4	—	—	7
<i>Total</i>	1 038	4	166	1 208	1 029	4	188	1 221
EUROPE AND THE FORMER USSR								
<i>Former Yugoslav Republics</i>	5	8	3	16	3	8	—	12
<i>Germany</i>	14	6	5	25	13	6	—	20
<i>Italy</i>	10	—	—	13	—	—	—	—
<i>Netherlands</i>	5	—	—	7	9	—	6	15
<i>United Kingdom</i>	74	23	17	114	66	23	8	97
<i>Other</i>	9	18	7	34	11	18	12	41
<i>Total</i>	117	56	36	209	102	56	28	186
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA								
<i>Total</i>	8	3	5	16	—	3	—	4
SOUTHEAST ASIA								
<i>Malaysia</i>	4	—	—	6	5	—	—	5
<i>Philippines</i>	—	—	—	—	5	—	6	13
<i>Viet Nam</i>	—	11	—	11	—	11	—	12
<i>Other</i>	—	3	4	8	—	3	4	9
<i>Total</i>	5	16	6	27	12	16	11	39
NORTHEAST ASIA								
<i>China</i>	—	6	—	8	—	6	—	10
<i>Other</i>	—	—	4	8	—	—	3	10
<i>Total</i>	3	8	5	16	5	8	7	20
SOUTHERN ASIA								
<i>Total</i>	—	7	—	10	4	7	4	15
THE AMERICAS								
<i>Chile</i>	—	3	—	5	—	3	—	4
<i>United States of America</i>	7	—	3	12	13	—	—	16
<i>Other</i>	—	3	—	6	—	3	3	6
<i>Total</i>	13	8	5	26	17	8	6	31
AFRICA (EXCLUDING NORTH AFRICA)								
<i>Total</i>	8	—	—	11	—	—	—	5
OTHER AND NOT STATED								
<i>Total</i>	—	4	—	5	3	4	—	7
ALL REGIONS								
Total	1 195	108	225	1 528	1 174	108	246	1 528

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication brings together a number of closely related series of statistics on demography including births, deaths, marriages and divorces. It also includes information on the estimated resident population (ERP) and migration. For details of publication of other data related to demography, see paragraph 34.

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

3 Details of persons who were usually resident, or were born or died while being usually resident, in Jervis Bay Territory have been, where possible, excluded from this publication from 1990 onwards. These numbers are statistically insignificant. For example, the number of births that occurred to mothers usually resident in Jervis Bay Territory was 12 in 1997 and the number of deaths of persons usually resident in Jervis Bay Territory was one. Marriages registered and divorces granted in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) may include some persons resident in Jervis Bay Territory.

POPULATION

Population estimates

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

Population projections

5 This publication has used the latest 1997 estimates for each particular table.

6 Population projections are published twice in each intercensal period. The latest projections are based on the results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing and relate to the period 1997–2051.

7 The population projections are not intended as predictions or forecasts; they are illustrations of growth and change in the population which would occur if certain specified assumptions about future demographic trends were realised. The projections are based on a combination of assumptions in future levels of births, deaths and migration to arrive at the size, structure and distribution of Australia's population into the next century.

Population projections *continued*

8 Series I assumes an annual net overseas migration gain of 90,000, small net internal migration gains and losses for States and Territories, and that the total fertility rate falls to 1.75 births per woman by 2005–06, and then remains constant. Series II assumes an annual net overseas migration gain of 70,000, medium net internal migration gains and losses for States and Territories, and that the total fertility rate falls to 1.75 births per woman by 2005–06, and then remains constant. Series III assumes an annual net overseas migration gain of 70,000, large net internal migration gains and losses for States and Territories, and that the total fertility rate declines to 1.6 births per woman in 2005–06, and then remains constant. All series assume that the decline in mortality experienced between 1987–91 and 1992–96 would continue to 2005–06. From 2005–06 onwards, the average rates of decline experienced in successive 5-year periods from 1967–71 to 1992–96 would be experienced. By 2051, life expectancy of males is assumed to be 82.0 years and of females 86.1 years.

MIGRATION

Overseas migration

9 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

10 Data on interstate migration have been derived from aggregated statistical information on interstate changes of address advised to the Health Insurance Commission in the process of administering Medicare. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) adjusts the Health Insurance Commission data to make allowance for the number of persons who do not inform the Commission of their change of residence. Further details are available in *Information Paper: Demographic Estimates — Concepts, Sources and Methods, 1995* (Cat. no. 3228.0).

BIRTHS

11 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.

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

13 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.

BIRTHS *continued*

14 Data on stillbirths (fetal deaths) may be found in summary form in section 4 of the publication.

15 The live birth statistics used to calculate the fetal, neonatal and perinatal death rates have been adjusted to exclude cases where the birthweight was known to be less than 400 grams. However, infant death rates are calculated using all live births registered because figures are not available Australia wide for infants who weighed less than 400 grams at birth and who lived for 28 days, but died before they were one year old.

DEATHS

16 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.

17 Data presented in section 4 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.

18 Life tables are shown in tables 4.4 and 4.5 and summarise expectation of life. From 1995 these life tables are based on deaths occurring in the reference and previous two years. They are produced at the Australian, State and Territory level as a joint venture between the ABS and the Australian Government Actuary. These life tables are known as the Australian Actuary/Australian Bureau of Statistics Life Tables. Before 1995 life tables shown in this publication were prepared by the ABS. The Australian Government Actuary also constructed life tables based on deaths occurring during the three years around and including the census year. The latest life tables prepared by the Australian Government Actuary were based on deaths during 1995 to 1997. These were released in 1998 and copies are available from the Commonwealth Government Bookshops or the Mail Order Sales Service.

19 Perinatal deaths comprise stillbirths (fetal deaths) and deaths of infants within the first 28 days of life (neonatal deaths). In previous editions of this publication data relating to perinatal deaths have been based upon the World Health Organisation recommended definition for compiling national perinatal statistics. This recommendation states that perinatal statistics should include all fetuses and infants delivered weighing at least 500 grams (or, when birthweight is unavailable, the corresponding gestational age (22 weeks) or body length (25 cm crown–heel)), whether alive or dead. From 1997, the ABS has increased the coverage of perinatal deaths by including fetal and neonatal deaths with a birthweight of at least 400 grams or having a gestational age of 20 weeks. This change recognises the availability of reliable 400 gram/20 weeks data from all State and Territory Registrars of Births, Deaths and Marriages and recommendations from major users that ABS adopt the legal requirement for registration of a perinatal death as the statistical standard.

MARRIAGES

20 Marriage statistics refer to marriages registered by the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages of the ACT during the years shown. There is usually an interval between the celebration and the registration of a marriage. As a result of the delay in registration, some marriages celebrated in one year are not registered until the following year. Under the *Australian Marriage Act 1961* (Cwlth), 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 or Territory in which the marriage took place.

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

DIVORCES

22 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. Due to the large number of divorces granted in the ACT where usual residence was in another State, the rates for the ACT are not representative of the ACT population. The number of divorces shown for the ACT is dependent on the number of cases heard by the Family Court in the ACT. As there is no residential requirement under Family Law, applicants may be resident anywhere in Australia.

23 Under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth), 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.

24 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.

25 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.

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

DIVORCES *continued*

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

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

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

28 The geographic boundaries for small area data are defined in the *Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC), Edition 6* (Cat. no. 1216.0).

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

30 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 *Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC), 1998* (Cat. no. 1269.0).

31 Political developments in Europe, the Former USSR and Africa have resulted in a number of changes to the ASCSS. These changes have affected some of the categories in this publication and are detailed in Revisions 1.01, 1.02 and 1.03 of the ASCSS.

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

SUPPRESSION OF SMALL CELLS

33 For all data in this publication, cell values less than three have been suppressed to assist in the preservation of confidentiality of information.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

34 Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

Australian Capital Territory at a Glance (Cat. no. 1314.8)
Australian Capital Territory Business Indicators (Cat. no. 1303.8)
Australian Capital Territory in Focus (Cat. no. 1307.8)
Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0)
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. nos 3311.1–8) (State and Territory specific publications)
Experimental Projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population (Cat. no. 3231.0)
Marriages and Divorces, Australia (Cat. no. 3310.0)
Migration, Australia (Cat. no. 3412.0)
Population by Age and Sex, Australian Capital Territory (Cat. no. 3235.8)
Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories (Cat. no. 3201.0)
Population Projections (Cat. no. 3222.0)
Regional Population Growth, Australia (Cat. no. 3218.0)
Regional Statistics, Australian Capital Territory (Cat. no. 1313.8)

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS AVAILABLE

35 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.

36 In most cases, the ABS can also make available information which is not published. Appendix 1 lists characteristics processed by the ABS for marriages registered, divorces granted, births and deaths. For more information about related unpublished statistics or data concepts contact Lisa Rayner in Canberra 02 6252 7546.

APPENDIX **1** CHARACTERISTICS AVAILABLE

The ABS can also make available information which is not published. The following characteristics are processed by the ABS. Generally, a charge is made for providing unpublished information.

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population
- Age
- Country of birth
- Marital status
- Sex
- State or Territory of usual residence
- Statistical Local Area of usual residence

BIRTHS

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin of mother, father (if paternity acknowledged)
- Age of mother, father (if paternity acknowledged)
- Usual residence of mother
- Occupation of father
- Date of marriage
- Duration of marriage
- Place of marriage
- State of registration
- Month/year of registration
- Birthweight
- Sex

DEATHS

- Date of registration
- State of registration
- Month/year of registration
- Date of death
- Age at death
- Duration of residence in Australia
- Sex
- Marital status
- Usual residence at death
- Birthplace
- Occupation at time of death (or previous occupation, if retired)
- Cause of death
- Age at marriage
- Place of marriage
- Date of marriage
- Number of children
- Date of birth

MARRIAGES

Month/year of registration
 Date of marriage
 State or Territory of registration
 Category of celebrant (rites used)
 Previous marital status
 Birthplace
 Date of birth
 Age at marriage
 Duration of residence in Australia, if born overseas (n.a. 1995)
 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 termination of last marriage
 Year of first previous marriage (n.a. 1995)

DIVORCES

Month and year of divorce
 Registry
 State or Territory of registration
 Date of filing of application
 Postcode and State or Territory of separation (1993 and 1994 only)
 Sex of applicant
 Marriage place
 Date of marriage
 Rite of marriage (n.a. after 1994)
 Date of final separation
 Duration of marriage until separation
 Duration of marriage until decree made absolute
 Number of children of the marriage over 18 years (n.a. after 1994)
 Number of children of the marriage under 18 years
 Date of birth if children of the marriage under 18 years
 Age of children of the marriage under 18 year
 Place of birth of husband and wife
 Date of birth of husband and wife
 Date of first arrival in Australia (n.a. after 1994)
 Duration of residence (n.a. after 1994)
 Age at marriage
 Age at separation
 Age at divorce
 Previous marital status (n.a. after 1994)
 Number of previous marriages (n.a. after 1994)
 Occupation at separation (n.a. after 1994)

APPENDIX 2 HISTORICAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Year	Population	Births	Deaths	Infant deaths	Marriages	Divorces	Crude birth rate(a)	Crude death rate(a)	Infant mortality rate(b)	Crude marriage rate(a)
1911	1 781	30	10	1	5	—	16.8	5.6	33.3	2.8
1916	2 613	63	8	1	4	—	24.1	3.1	15.9	1.5
1921	2 487	27	4	2	2	—	10.9	1.6	74.1	0.8
1926	6 215	75	41	4	17	—	12.1	6.6	53.3	2.7
1931	8 801	161	36	6	36	—	18.3	4.1	37.3	4.1
1936	10 294	158	44	4	77	2	15.3	4.3	25.3	7.5
1941	14 629	366	70	6	121	2	25.0	4.8	16.4	8.3
1946	15 883	518	82	10	157	13	32.6	5.2	19.3	9.9
1951	24 658	1 003	149	12	240	25	40.7	6.0	12.0	9.7
1956	35 352	1 077	167	11	278	20	30.5	4.7	10.2	7.9
1961	58 852	1 734	196	27	419	36	29.5	3.3	15.6	7.1
1966(c)	96 488	2 318	441	46	747	101	24.0	4.6	19.8	7.7
1971(d)	144 132	3 953	580	77	1 397	192	27.4	4.0	19.5	9.7
1976	207 398	4 272	763	68	1 586	(e)1 706	20.6	3.7	15.9	7.6
1981	227 756	4 142	852	37	1 676	1 516	18.2	3.7	8.9	7.4
1986	258 937	4 102	1 028	35	1 856	1 641	15.8	4.0	8.5	7.2
1991	288 808	4 748	1 096	36	1 886	1 970	16.4	3.8	7.6	6.5
1992	294 241	4 438	1 073	28	1 791	1 875	15.1	3.6	6.3	6.1
1993	298 907	4 414	1 110	19	1 783	(f)2061	14.8	3.7	4.3	6.0
1994	300 867	4 461	1 222	21	1 661	(f)2071	14.8	4.1	4.7	5.5
1995	304 064	4 415	1 114	21	1 753	1 787	14.5	3.7	4.8	5.8
1996	307 511	4 396	1 300	25	1 654	1 610	14.3	4.2	5.7	5.4
1997	308 990	4 208	1 334	16	1 873	1 528	14.0	4.3	3.8	6.0

(a) Crude rate per 1,000 population.

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

(c) Birth, death, marriage and divorce events of 'full-blood Aborigines', where identified in registrations, were excluded before 1966.

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

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

(f) For 1993 and 1994 divorce data is also available on a State of usual residence basis. The ACT recorded 887 divorces in 1993 and 931 divorces in 1994 on this basis.

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

(a) Place of enumeration.

(d) Persons aged 15 years or more.

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Persons aged 15 years or more.

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

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

GLOSSARY

- Age-specific birth rates** Age-specific birth rates are the number of live births registered during the calendar year, according to age of mother, per 1,000 of the female estimated resident population of the same age as estimated at 30 June. For calculating these rates, births to mothers under 15 are included in the 15–19 age group, and births to mothers aged 50 and over are included in the 45–49 age group. Pro rata adjustment is made in respect of births for which age of mother is not given.
- Age-specific death rates** Age-specific death rates are the number of deaths at a specified age per 1,000 of the estimated resident population of that age at 30 June. The infant mortality rate is used for the age-specific rate for children under one year of age. Pro rata adjustment is made in respect of deaths for which the age of deceased is not given.
- Age-specific divorce rates** Two different populations are used in the calculation of age-specific divorce rates:
- Per 1,000 population at 30 June—this relates the number of divorces, by age at decree made absolute, to the estimated resident population in specific age groups. Males under 18 and females under 16 are excluded from the population.
 - Per 1,000 married population at 30 June—this relates the number of divorces by age at decree made absolute, to the married population in specific age groups. Those classified as permanently separated are included in the married population. Males and females under 15 are excluded from the population.
- Age-specific marriage rates** Two different populations are used in the calculation of age-specific marriage rates:
- Per 1,000 population at 30 June—this relates the number of marriages, by age at marriage, to the estimated resident population in specific age groups. Males and females aged under 15 are excluded from the population.
 - Per 1,000 not currently married population at 30 June—this relates the number of marriages, by age at marriage, to the not currently married population in specific age groups. Males and females aged under 15 are excluded from the population.
- Birth** The delivery of a child, irrespective of the duration of the pregnancy, who, after being born, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as a heartbeat.

Category of movement	<p>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.</p> <p>There are three main categories of movement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ permanent movements; ▪ long-term movements (one year or more); and ▪ short-term movements (less than one year). <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Children (divorce collection)	<p>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> (Cwlth), 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.</p>
Children (marriage collection)	<p>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).</p>
Confinement	<p>A pregnancy which results in at least one live birth.</p>
Crude birth rate	<p>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.</p>
Crude death rate	<p>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.</p>
Crude divorce rate	<p>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.</p>

Crude marriage rate	The crude marriage rate is the number of marriages registered during the calendar year, per 1,000 estimated resident population at 30 June of that year. For years prior to 1994, the crude marriage rate is based on the mean estimated resident population for the calendar year. In the interpretation of this rate, it must be kept in mind that a large and varying proportion of the population used in the denominator is below the minimum age of marriage or is already married.
Date of final separation	The date of final separation is that date, given on the application for divorce, from which the period of living apart is calculated for the purpose of establishing grounds for divorce. In determining the date of final separation, a single period of resumed cohabitation of less than three months may be ignored, provided the periods of living apart before and after resumed cohabitation amount to a total of 12 months or more.
Divorce	Decree absolute of dissolution of marriage.
Duration of marriage	Duration of marriage is the interval measured in completed years between the date of marriage and the date of divorce.
Duration of marriage until separation	Duration of marriage until separation is the interval measured in completed years between the date of marriage and the date of separation.
Estimated resident population	<p>Estimated resident population data are quarterly estimates of the Australian population obtained by adding to the estimated population at the beginning of each period the components of natural increase (on a usual residence basis) and net overseas migration. For the States and Territories, account is also taken of estimated interstate movements involving a change of usual residence. After each census, estimates for the preceding intercensal period are revised by incorporating an additional quarterly adjustment (intercensal discrepancy) to ensure that the total intercensal increase agrees with the difference between the estimated resident populations at the two respective census dates.</p> <p>Estimates of the resident population are based on adjusted (for underenumeration) census counts by place of usual residence; added to this are the number of Australian residents estimated to have been temporarily overseas at the time of the Census.</p> <p>The concept of estimated resident population links people to a place of usual residence within Australia. Usual residence is that place where each person has lived or intends to live for six months or more in a reference year.</p> <p>Rates shown in this publication for the years since 1974 are calculated using estimates of resident population. A description of the conceptual basis of the estimated resident population is contained in <i>Information Paper: Demographic Estimates — Concepts, Sources and Methods, 1995</i> (Cat. no. 3228.0). Revised population estimates are published in <i>Australian Demographic Statistics</i> (Cat. no. 3101.0) (issued quarterly).</p>
Female reproduction rate	The female net reproduction rate makes allowance for all women not surviving until the end of the reproductive period. It represents the average number of daughters born to a group of women who are subject to the fertility rates of that year and to the mortality rates of the life table. It indicates the extent to which the population would reproduce itself. The net reproduction rate is obtained by multiplying the female age-specific birth rates by the proportion of survivors at corresponding ages in a life table and adding the products.

Fetal death	The delivery of a child weighing at least 400 grams (or of at least 20 weeks gestation, if birthweight is unavailable) who 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 where birthweight is at least 400 grams (or of at least 20 weeks gestation, if birthweight is 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.
Long-term departures	Long-term departures comprise Australian residents who intend to stay abroad for 12 months or more (but not permanently) and overseas visitors departing who stayed 12 months or more in Australia.
Marital status	Two separate concepts are measured by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. These are registered marital status and social marital status. They are different personal characteristics and are independent variables with separate classifications. Marital status in this publication relates to registered marital status which refers to formally registered marriages or divorces for which the partners hold a certificate.
Marriage	Under the <i>Australian Marriage Act 1961</i> (Cwlth), a marriage may be celebrated by a minister of religion registered as an authorised celebrant, by a district registrar or by other persons authorised by the Attorney-General. Notice of the intended marriage must be given to the celebrant at least one calendar month but within six calendar months before the marriage. A celebrant must transmit an official certificate of the marriage for registration to a district registrar in the State or Territory in which the marriage took place.
Median value	The median value (age, duration, interval) is that value which divides the relevant population into two equal parts, half falling below this value, and half exceeding it. Where the value for a particular record has not been stated, that record is excluded from the calculation.

Multiple birth	A multiple birth is a confinement which results in two or more issue, at least one of which is live-born.
Neonatal death	A neonatal death is the death within 28 days of birth of any child weighing at least 400 grams at delivery (or of at least 20 weeks gestation, if birthweight is 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 where birthweight is at least 400 grams (or at least 20 weeks gestation, if birthweight is 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 where birthweight is at least 400 grams (or at least 20 weeks gestation, if birthweight is unavailable) plus fetal deaths combined.
Permanent arrivals (settlers)	Permanent arrivals (settlers) comprise travellers who hold migrant visas (regardless of stated intended period of stay), New Zealand citizens who indicate an intention to settle and those who are otherwise eligible to settle (e.g. overseas-born children of Australian citizens).
Permanent departures	Permanent departures are Australian residents (including former settlers) who on departure state that they intend to settle permanently in another country.
Previous births	<p>Previous births refer to children born alive (who may be still living or now dead) to a mother prior to the registration of the current birth. In some States and both Territories, legitimated and legally adopted children are included.</p> <p>Previous births of the current marriage relates to all births to the same parents prior to the current nuptial confinement.</p> <p>All previous births of the mother includes all births prior to the current confinement, regardless of nuptiality and paternity.</p>
Previous issue	See Previous births.
Remarriage rates	Remarriage rates are the number of remarrying men and women, of a certain age, per 1,000 (mid-year) population of widowed or divorced men and women of the same age.
Sex ratio	The sex ratio relates to the number of male events (births and deaths) per 100 female events.

Short-term arrivals	Short-term arrivals comprise overseas visitors whose intended stay in Australia is less than 12 months and Australian residents returning after an absence of less than 12 months overseas.
Short-term departures	Short-term departures comprise Australian residents whose intended period of stay abroad is less than 12 months and overseas visitors departing who stayed less than 12 months in Australia.
Standardised death rates	<p>Standardised death rates enable the comparison of death rates between populations with different age structures by relating them to a standard population, in this case all persons in the 1991 Australian population. They are expressed per 1,000 persons. There are two methods of calculating standardised death rates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The <i>direct method</i>—this is used when the populations under study are large and the age-specific death rates are reliable. It is the overall death rate that would have prevailed in the standard population if it had experienced at each age the death rates of the population under study. The direct method is used for comparing States and Territory and Australia rates. ▪ The <i>indirect method</i>—this is used when the populations under study are small and the age-specific death rates are unreliable or not known. It is an adjustment to the crude death rate of the standard population to account for the variation between the actual number of deaths in the population under study and the number of deaths which would have occurred if the population under study had experienced the age-specific death rates of the standard population. The indirect method is used for comparison of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rates and Statistical Local Area rates.
State or Territory of registration	State or Territory of registration refers to the State or Territory in which the birth, death, or marriage was registered or the State or Territory in which the divorce was granted. For further information about how this affects divorce see paragraphs 22 and 23 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 see paragraphs 22 and 23 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 and multiplying by five.

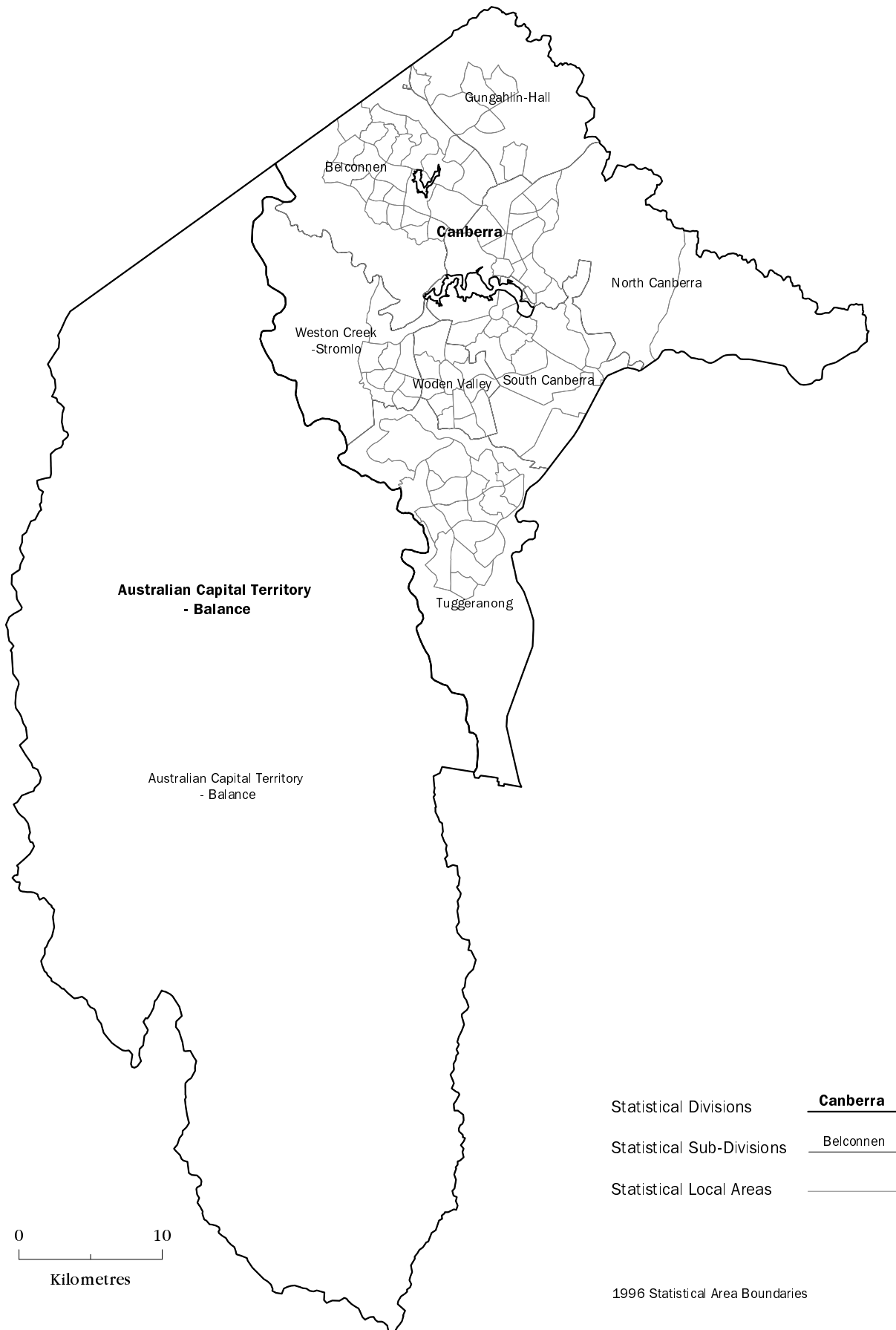
REFERENCE MAPS

The following maps are a reference guide for help in analysing the data available in table 1.2 of this publication.

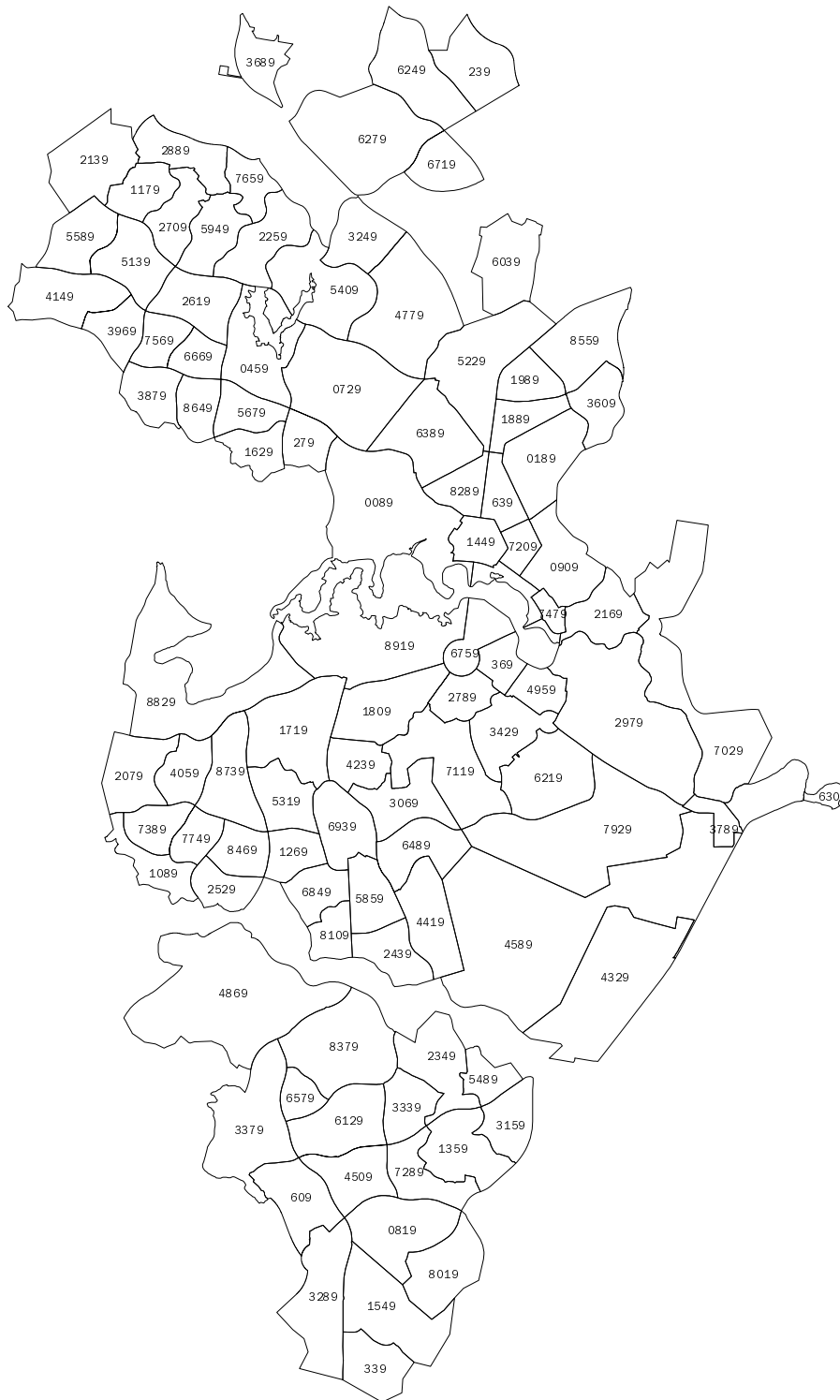
The first map is of the Australian Capital Territory showing all boundaries for Statistical Divisions, Sub-Divisions and Statistical Local Areas (SLAs).

The second map is showing boundaries for selected SLAs.

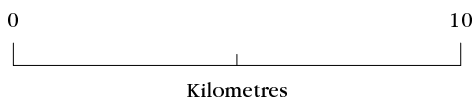
STATISTICAL AREAS



SELECTED STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS



Code	Name
0089	Acton
0189	Ainslie
0239	Amaroo
0279	Aranda
0339	Banks
0369	Barton
0459	Belconnen Town Centre
0609	Bonython
0639	Braddon
0729	Bruce
0819	Calwell
0909	Campbell
1089	Chapman
1179	Charmwood
1269	Chifley
1359	Chisholm
1549	Conder
1629	Cook
1719	Curtin
1809	Deakin
1889	Dickson
1989	Downer
2079	Duffy
2139	Dunlop
2169	Duntroon
2259	Evatt
2349	Fadden
2439	Farrer
2529	Fisher
2619	Florey
2709	Flynn
2789	Forrest
2889	Fraser
3069	Garran
3159	Gilmore
3249	Giralang
3289	Gordon
3339	Gowrie
3379	Greenway
3429	Griffith
3609	Hackett
3689	Hall
3879	Hawker
3969	Higgins
4059	Holder
4149	Holt
4239	Hughes
4419	Isaacs
4509	Isabella Plains
4779	Kaleen
4869	Kambah
4959	Kingston
5139	Latham
5229	Lyneham
5319	Lyons
5409	McKellar
5489	Macarthur
5589	Macgregor
5679	Macquarie
5859	Mawson
5949	Melba
6129	Monash
6219	Narrabundah
6249	Ngunnawal
6279	Nicholls
6389	O'Connor
6489	O'Malley
6579	Oxley
6669	Page
6719	Palmerston
6849	Pearce
6939	Phillip
7119	Red Hill
7209	Reid
7289	Richardson
7389	Rivett
7569	Scullin
7659	Spence
7749	Stirling
7929	Symonston
8019	Theodore
8109	Torrens
8289	Turner
8379	Wanniassa
8469	Waramanga
8559	Watson
8649	Weetangera



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