

Statistics:war brides to and from Australia

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At the moment the statistics we have are rather vague however we do know that after the two world wars, war brides, fiancées and families arrived in the thousands.

War brides coming to Australia. World War I and World War II

C.E.W. Bean, the official war historian, estimated that 15,000 warbrides arrived after World War I.

In *Love & War*, I estimated that around 25,000 arrived after World War II. I found estimates of 600 Japanese brides and 2486 from Canada and the USA in 1946 alone.

George Duncan (see below) estimates that there were 650 Japanese brides of Australians.

Figures from the Korean war and the Vietnam war could not be found - or estimated. However we may still find some government information.

War brides leaving Australia. World War II

According to a website, George Duncan's Lesser Known Facts of World War II 48,000 children, with 22,000 children emigrated to Canada during and after World War II. Duncan also says that around 70,000 British women moved to US as a result of the 1 million troops stationed in the UK.

He also states " by 1950 14,715 German women and 758 Japanese women" had married GIs, the number of Germans he says rose to 20,000 by 1949. 7,000 is the number of Australian women he says became GI wives. However the Australian figure is generally thought to be between 12,000 and 15,000 women. These estimates are found in *The Oxford History of Australia* (vol.5, ed. Bolton), *Over sexed, over paid and over here*, (J.H. Moore), *For the Love of a Soldier* (Potts & Strauss).