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1 Introduction

Marriage, divorce and adoption statistics provides statistics on marriages solemnised, dissolved and annulled in England and Wales during 2006, as well as adoption orders in England and Wales during 2007. Summary statistics are also given in many tables for the 11 years 1996–2006, or other recent periods.

This volume updates the provisional data provided in the reports on divorces and marriages for 2006 that were published in *Population Trends* 129 and 132 respectively. The provisional data on adoptions for 2007 were published in November 2008.

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The registration of life events (births, deaths, marriages and civil partnerships) is a service carried out by the Local Registration Service in partnership with the General Register Office (GRO) in Southport. Since 1 April 2008, GRO has been part of the Identity and Passport Service.

1.1 Tables in this volume

Population

Tables 1.1 and **1.2** give estimates of the population of England and Wales analysed by legal marital status, sex and age.

Summary

A summary of marriages and divorces between 1996 and 2006 is shown in **Table 2.1**, with details of first marriages and remarriages, and, for divorces, whether either party had previously been divorced. **Table 2.2** gives marriage and divorce rates.

The remaining tables are divided into four major groups: Marriages, Divorces, New widowers and widows⁽⁵⁾ and Adoptions.

Marriages

Within the group of *marriage* tables there are analyses for a number of variables, arranged systematically, such as: period of occurrence (**Tables 3.1** to **3.6**), area of occurrence (**Tables 3.23** to **3.28**), type of ceremony and denomination (**Tables 3.29** to **3.35**), and whether the bride and bridegroom gave identical residential addresses before marriage (**Tables 3.38** to **3.41**). However, the same variable may appear in several other tables. For example, age at marriage is analysed in **Tables 3.15** to **3.20**, but also appears in **Tables 3.6** and **3.38**.

Buildings certified for use of worship and registered for the solemnisation of marriages are analysed in **Tables 3.42** and **3.43**. **Table 3.42** shows the number of buildings certified as places of worship for different denominations. Churches and chapels of the Church of England and Church in Wales do not need to be certified, so are excluded from this table. **Table 3.43** shows the number of buildings of different denominations in which marriages may lawfully be solemnised. These tables are maintained by GRO.

Divorces

Divorces are also analysed in various sub-groups, such as age at divorce (**Tables 4.1** to **4.4**), age at marriage (**Tables 4.5** to **4.7**), duration of marriage (**Table 4.9**), details of children (**Tables 4.10** to **4.15** and **4.24**), and of the facts proven at divorce (**Tables 4.20** to **4.22**).

New widowers and widows

New widowers and widows are analysed by age of surviving spouse in **Table 5.1**, and in combination with age of the deceased partner in **Tables 5.2** and **5.3**.

Adoptions

Adoptions are analysed in **Tables 6.1** and **6.2** and are in two parts to show adoption orders by the date of the court order as well as the date the order was entered onto the register.

The listing overleaf sets out details of each marriage and divorce table in this volume.

1.2 Changes in this volume

Due to data quality issues, **Table 6.3** has not been updated for 2006 and 2007.

Marriage tables									
Table number	Year(s)	Areas	Numbers/ rates/ proportions (N/R/P)	Quarters/ months/ days (Q/M/D)	Religious/ civil ceremonies (R/C)	Approved premises	Type of preliminaries	Denomination	Previous marital status (B/G)
Marriages									
3.1	1996–2006	E&W	NR	Q					
3.2	1996–2006	E&W	N	M					
3.3	2006	E&W	N/P	D/M	R/C				
3.4	2006	E&W	N/P	D	R/C	*		*	
3.5	2006	E&W	N	D	R/C				B/G
3.6	2006	E&W	N	D	R/C				
Previous marital status									
3.7	1996–2006	E&W	N						B/G
3.8	1996–2006	E&W	N						B/G
3.9	1996–2006	E&W	N/P						B/G
3.10	1996–2006	E&W	R						B/G
3.11	1996–2006	E&W	R						B/G
3.12	1996–2006	E&W	R						B/G
3.13	1996–2006	E&W	N						G
3.14	1996–2006	E&W	N						B
Age at marriage									
3.15	1996–2006	E&W	Median						B/G
3.16	1996–2006	E&W	Mean						G
3.17	1996–2006	E&W	Mean						B
3.18	2006	E&W	N						G
3.19	2006	E&W	N						B
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Nuptiality tables									
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3.22	2006	E&W	R						
Area of occurrence									
3.23	2006	E&W+	N						
3.24	2006	E&W+	N						
3.25	2006	E&W+	N						G
3.26	2006	E&W+	N						B
3.27	2006	E&W+	N/P		R/C				B/G
3.28	2006	E&W+	N		R/C	*		*	
Type of ceremony and denomination									
3.29	1996–2006	E&W	N/P		R/C	*		*	
3.30	2006	E&W	N	Q	R/C			*	B/G
3.31	2006	E&W	N		R/C	*		*	B/G
3.32	2006	E&W	N		R/C	*		*	
3.33	2006	E&W+	N/P		R/C	*		*	
3.34	2006	E&W+	N		R/C		*	*	
3.35	2006	E&W+	N		R/C			*	
Year of birth (cohort) analyses									
3.36	cohort	E&W	P						B/G
3.37	cohort	E&W	P						B/G

Age of bride/groom (B/G)	Age single years/age groups (S/G)	Remarriage/first marriage (R/F)	Registered or authorised person	Certified place of worship type of building	Cohabiting before marriage	Year(s)	Table number
Marriages							
						1996–2006	3.1
						1996–2006	3.2
						2006	3.3
						2006	3.4
						2006	3.5
B/G	G					2006	3.6
Previous marital status							
						1996–2006	3.7
						1996–2006	3.8
						1996–2006	3.9
B/G	G	F				1996–2006	3.10
B/G	S	F				1996–2006	3.11
B/G	G	R				1996–2006	3.12
G	G					1996–2006	3.13
B	G					1996–2006	3.14
Age at marriage							
B/G						1996–2006	3.15
G						1996–2006	3.16
B						1996–2006	3.17
G	S/G					2006	3.18
B	S/G					2006	3.19
B/G	S/G	F/R				2006	3.20
Nuptiality tables							
B/G	S	F				2006	3.21
B/G	S	F				2006	3.22
Area of occurrence							
G	G					2006	3.23
B	G					2006	3.24
G	G					2006	3.25
B	G					2006	3.26
						2006	3.27
						2006	3.28
Type of ceremony and denomination							
						1996–2006	3.29
B	G					2006	3.30
						2006	3.31
B/G	G					2006	3.32
						2006	3.33
						2006	3.34
			*	*		2006	3.35
Year of birth (cohort) analyses							
B/G						cohort	3.36
B/G						cohort	3.37

Marriage tables - (continued)									
Table number	Year(s)	Areas	Numbers/ rates/ proportions (N/R/P)	Quarters/ months/ days (Q/M/D)	Religious/ civil ceremonies (R/C)	Approved premises	Type of preliminaries	Denomination	Previous marital status
Identical residential addresses of couple before marriage									
3.38	2006	E&W	N/P		R/C				
3.39	2006	E&W	N/P		R/C	*			B/G
3.40	2006	E&W	N/P		R/C			*	
3.41	2006	E&W	N/P	M	R/C				
Types of registered buildings									
3.42	2006	E&W+	N					*	
3.43	2006	E&W+	N					*	

Divorce tables									
Table number	Years	Areas	Numbers/ rates/ proportions (N/R/P)	Age at divorce huband/wife (H/W)	Previous marital status	Age at marriage husband/wife (H/W)	Year of marriage	Duration of marriage	Number of children per couple
Age at divorce									
4.1	1996–2006	E&W	N/R/Mean/ Median	H/W					
4.2	2006	E&W	N	H/W					
4.3	2006	E&W	N	H	*				
4.4	2006	E&W	N	W	*				
Age at marriage									
4.5	1996–2006	E&W	N			H/W			
4.6	2006	E&W	N			H/W			
4.7	2006	E&W	N			H/W	*		
Year of birth (cohort) analyses									
4.8	cohort	E&W	P	H/W					
Duration of marriage									
4.9	1996-2006, 2006	E&W	N/Median			H/W		*	
Children in families of couples divorced									
4.10	1996–2006	E&W	N/P/Mean						*
4.11	1996–2006	E&W	N/P						*
4.12	2006	E&W	N						*
4.13	2006	E&W	N	W					*
4.14	2006	E&W	N			W			*
4.15	2006	E&W	N			W		*	*
Marital status before marriage of persons divorced									
4.16	1996–2006	E&W	N		*				
4.17	2006	E&W	N		*	W			
4.18	2006	E&W	N		*	H/W	*		
4.19	2006	E&W	R		*	H/W	*		
Fact proven at divorce									
4.20	2006	E&W	N						
4.21	2006	E&W	NP	H/W					
4.22	2006	E&W	N						
Other									
4.23	1996-2006	E&W	N						
4.24	1996-2006	E&W	N						

Age of bride/groom (B/G)	Age single years/age groups ((S/G)	Remarriage/first marriage (R/F)	Registered or authorised person	Certified place of worship type of	Cohabiting before marriage	Year(s)	Table number
Identical residential addresses of couple before marriage							
B/G	G				*	2006	3.38
					*	2006	3.39
					*	2006	3.40
					*	2006	3.41
Types of registered buildings							
				*		2006	3.42
				*		2006	3.43

Age of child	To whom decree granted husband/wife (H/W)	Proven facts	Time between petition and divorce	Petitions filed divorce/nullity/separation	Decrees granted divorce/nullity/separation	Custody/access orders	Year(s)	Table number
Age at divorce								
							1996–2006	4.1
							2006	4.2
							2006	4.3
							2006	4.4
Age at marriage								
							1996–2006	4.5
							2006	4.6
							2006	4.7
Year of birth (cohort) analyses								
							cohort	4.8
Duration of marriage								
							1996-2006, 2006	4.9
Children in families of couples divorced								
*							1996–2006	4.10
*							1996–2006	4.11
*							2006	4.12
*							2006	4.13
*							2006	4.14
*							2006	4.15
Marital status before marriage of persons divorced								
							1996–2006	4.16
							2006	4.17
							2006	4.18
							2006	4.19
Fact proven at divorce								
	H/W	*					2006	4.20
	H/W	*					2006	4.21
*		*	*				2006	4.22
Other								
				*	*		1996-2006	4.23
						*	1996-2006	4.24

1.3 Data analysed in this volume

Marriages

Marriage statistics in this volume are based on details collected when a marriage is solemnised. The information is from the entry in the marriage register. The majority of the details are supplied by the bride and bridegroom to the person registering the marriage. This person may be a member of the clergy, an authorised person for a religious marriage, a secretary of a synagogue, a registering officer of the Society of Friends or a civil registrar. Examples of marriages entries used for civil and religious marriages are reproduced in **Appendix A**.

The data analysed in this volume are summarised below.

Supplied by the bride and bridegroom:

- *Marital status* (prior to marriage) is recorded as a *condition* in the marriage entry, and is used in a number of tables here, in particular **Tables 3.7** and **3.8**.
- *Age at marriage* (in years) is provided by both bride and bridegroom, and forms an essential part of many analyses here, in particular **Tables 3.15** to **3.20**.

Details of *usual residence* of bride and bridegroom at the time of marriage are recorded in the marriage entry, but are not recorded electronically. The information is not used for geographic analyses of marriages because the addresses given are not necessarily the same as the long-term addresses before marriage, or the same as the residence of the couple after marriage.

Details of *names* and of *occupation* of bride and bridegroom, of *father's name*, and of *father's occupation* are also recorded in the marriage entry, but not all are recorded electronically and therefore they are not tabulated in this volume.

Supplied by the person(s) solemnising and registering the marriage:

These details may be summarised as *date of marriage*, *place of marriage*, *area of occurrence*, *the person(s) by, or before, whom the marriage was solemnised and registered*, and *preliminaries to marriage*.

The *place of marriage when the bride or groom is seriously ill and not expected to recover or is housebound* could be the name of a hospital or hospice, or possibly a private address. With a detained person the exact venue is shown but this would be an alternative address that would not indicate a prison or psychiatric hospital. In the case of marriage in approved premises, the name of the venue is recorded, but not specifically that the premises have been approved.

The *area of occurrence* is the registration district in which the marriage was solemnised, although there may be rare exceptions. This may not be the district in which the couple reside, either before or after marriage. All geographic analyses of marriages are based on area of occurrence, not area of residence.

Derived by ONS from the marriage entry:

On receipt of the marriage entry at ONS Titchfield, further details derived from information supplied are coded and keyed.

- *Legal preliminaries* which authorise the marriage to proceed - derived from information supplied by the person registering the marriage - are classified as follows:
- banns;
- common licence;
- special licence;
- superintendent registrar's certificate;
- Registrar General's licence.

See section **3.2** for more information. These details are used in **Table 3.34**.

- *Type of religious ceremony* - derived from the place of marriage. This information is coded to one of 19 different denominations, analysed in **Tables 3.28** to **3.35**.
- *Civil marriages, location type* is classified in one of the following categories:
- in a register office;
- registrar registering a civil marriage in a building other than a register office or approved premises, but not in a registered building;
- in 'approved premises', derived from the identification on the marriage entry.

An indicator is also used to show whether or not the bride and bridegroom gave the same address at marriage (see **Tables 3.38** to **3.41**). Research¹ has shown that this is a reasonably good proxy variable for pre-marital cohabitation. Further information can be found in section **3** of this volume.

Divorces

Her Majesty's Court Service became an agency of the Department of Constitutional Affairs (DCA) in June 2003 when the DCA replaced the Lord Chancellor's Department. It has administrative responsibility for the Supreme Court, the Crown Court and the County Courts of England and Wales. In May 2007, the responsibilities of the DCA transferred to the newly created Ministry of Justice. The Ministry of Justice has responsibility for policy and legislation, but demographic information collected as part of that procedure is analysed and published by ONS.

Data tabulated in this volume are derived from the decree absolute form, supplied by the Courts to the Ministry of Justice.

While most information is supplied by the petitioner, some is also provided by the respondent to the Court. Information on the original marriage is usually derived from a copy of the marriage entry. A copy of the form used to record information required for a decree absolute (D105) is shown in **Appendix B**.

The data analysed in this volume are summarised below:

Supplied by petitioner and respondent:

- *Date of marriage* - used in **Tables 4.7, 4.18 and 4.19**.
- *Age at marriage* (in years) - used in **Tables 4.5 to 4.7, 4.9, 4.14, 4.15, and 4.17 to 4.19**.
- *Marital status at marriage* - used in **Tables 4.16 to 4.19**.
- *Date(s) of birth of any children aged under 18*.
- *Number of children aged 18 or over* - used in **Tables 4.10 to 4.15** (as part of the category of children aged 16 or over).

The length or duration of the marriage, used in **Table 4.9**, and the age at divorce (**Tables 4.1 to 4.4**), are derived from the date of marriage, age at marriage, and date of decree absolute. The age of child at petition is derived from date of birth of child and date of petition, and is used in **Tables 4.10 to 4.15**.

Supplied by the Court:

- *Date petition filed and date of decree absolute* - both used in **Table 4.22**.
- *Facts proven and class(es) of decree* - used in **Tables 4.20 to 4.22**.

Summary information is supplied by Ministry of Justice for:

- *Petitions for and decree nisi granted for divorce, nullity and judicial separation* - used in **Tables 2.1 and 4.23**.
- *Orders under section 8 of the Children Act 1989* - used in **Table 4.24**.
- *Orders made concerning children in family proceedings* - used in **Table 4.24**.

The information on petitions provided by Ministry of Justice in **Table 4.23** has been produced using the Management Information System (MIS), a data warehousing facility drawing directly from court-based information systems. The facility, implemented in June 2002, enables the Ministry of Justice access to more complete data than were previously possible including late submitted data for previous years. Figures for previous years were updated in 2003.

Further information can be found in section 4 of this volume.

New widowers and widows

Information about persons who become widow(er)s is available from the entry made at the registration of a death. The marital status of the deceased person and the age of the surviving spouse have been available since 1938 as part of the confidential particulars collected under the authority of the Population (Statistics) Act 1960. A copy of the draft entry form used for registering deaths is shown in **Appendix C**. This information is used in **Tables 5.1 to 5.3**, and more details are given in section 3.8.

Adoptions

Information from adoption orders is derived from the Adopted Children Register. The Register is maintained by the General Register Office and contains the particulars of every adoption order made by a court in England and Wales and some overseas adoptions. The particulars included in an entry in the Register are shown in **Appendices D and E**. This information is provided by either the High Court, County Court, or Magistrates' Court.

The details used in this publication include:

- sex of adopted child (at birth);
- age of adopted child (at adoption);
- whether child was born within or outside marriage;
- date of court order;
- date of entry into Adopted Children Register.

Further information can be found in section 5 of this volume.

1.4 Other publications

Some other background information on marriages, divorces, adoptions, and other relevant articles and publications are listed below. Most are from the journal *Population Trends*.

Cohabitation

Haskey, J. Living arrangements in contemporary Britain: Having a partner who usually lives elsewhere and Living Apart Together (LAT). *Population Trends* 122, pp 35-45, Winter 2005.

Haskey, J. Cohabitation in Great Britain: past, present and future trends – and attitudes. *Population Trends* 103, pp 4-25, Spring 2001.

Haskey, J. Cohabiting couples in Great Britain: accommodation sharing, tenure and property ownership. *Population Trends* 103, pp 26-36, Spring 2001.

Haskey, J. Cohabital and marital histories of adults in Great Britain. *Population Trends* 96, pp 13-24, Summer 1999.

Shaw, C and Haskey, J. New estimates and projections of the population cohabiting in England and Wales. *Population Trends* 95, pp 7-17, Spring 1999.

Haskey, J. Spouses with identical residential addresses before marriage: an indicator of pre-marital cohabitation. *Population Trends* 89, pp 13-23, Autumn 1997.

Haskey, J. Trends in marriage and cohabitation: the decline in marriage and the changing pattern of living in relationships. *Population Trends* 80, pp 5-15, Summer 1995.

Haskey, J. Pre-marital cohabitation and the probability of subsequent divorce: analyses using new data from the General Household Survey. *Population Trends* 68, pp 10-19, Summer 1992.

Haskey, J. Identical addresses at marriage and pre-marital cohabitation: results from linking marriage registration and census records. *Population Trends* 59, pp 20-29, Spring 1990.

Children and divorce

Haskey, J. Children who experience divorce in their family. *Population Trends* 87, pp 5-10, Spring 1997.

Haskey, J. Divorce and children: fact proven and interval between petition and divorce. *Population Trends* 84, pp 28-32, Summer 1996.

Haskey, J. Children in families broken by divorce. *Population Trends* 61, pp 34-42, Autumn 1990.

Adoptions

Haskey, J. Adoptees and relatives who wish to contact one another using the Adoption Contact Register: trends, relationships and proportions of records matched. *Population Trends* 106, pp 15-28, Winter 2001.

Haskey, J. and Errington, R. Adoptees and relatives who wish to contact one another: the Adoption Contact Register. *Population Trends* 104, pp 18-25, Summer 2001.

Rushbrooke, R. The proportion of adoptees who have received their birth records in England and Wales. *Population Trends* 104, pp 26-34, Summer 2001.

Other

Wilson, B and Smallwood, S. Age differences at marriage and divorce. *Population Trends* 132, pp 17-25, Summer 2008.

Wilson, B and Smallwood, S. Understanding recent trends in marriage. *Population Trends* 128, pp 24-32, Summer 2007.

Ni Bhrolcháin, M. The age difference at marriage in England and Wales: a century of patterns and trends. *Population Trends* 120, pp 7-14, Summer 2005.

Hancock, R, Stuchbury, R and Tomassini, C. Changes in the distribution of marital age differences in England and Wales, 1963 to 1998. *Population Trends* 114, pp 19-25, Winter 2003.

Ni Bhrolcháin, M, Wilson, T and Sigle-Rushton, W. Local marriage markets in Great Britain: how diverse? *Population Trends* 109, pp 27-35, Autumn 2002.

Haskey, J. Marriages in approved premises and register offices in England & Wales: the proportions of couples who marry away from home. *Population Trends* 107, pp 35-51, Spring 2002.

Haskey, J. Divorce and remarriage in England and Wales. *Population Trends* 95, pp 18-22, Spring 1999.

Haskey, J. Marriages in 'Approved Premises' in England and Wales: the impact of the 1994 Marriage Act. *Population Trends* 93, pp 38-52, Autumn 1998.

Haskey, J. The day of the week on which couples marry. *Population Trends* 85, pp 45-52, Autumn 1996.

Haskey, J. Population review: families and households in Great Britain. *Population Trends* 85, pp 7-24, Autumn 1996.

Haskey, J. The proportion of married couples who divorce: past patterns and current prospects. *Population Trends* 83, pp 25-36, Spring 1996.

Haskey, J. First marriage, divorce and remarriage: birth cohort analyses. *Population Trends* 72, pp 24-33, Summer 1993.

Haskey, J. Patterns of marriage, divorce and cohabitation in the different countries of Europe. *Population Trends* 69, pp 27-36, Autumn 1992.

Haskey, J. Social and family characteristics of marriage in England and Wales: information derived from marriage registration records. *Journal of Biosocial Science* 23(2), pp 179-200, April 1991.

1.5 Associated publications and the National Statistics website

The ONS website (www.ons.gov.uk) provides a comprehensive source of freely available vital statistics and ONS products. More information on the ONS website can be obtained from the contact addresses in section 2.6.

Comparable statistics for earlier years, and separate statistics for Scotland and Northern Ireland, are published as follows:

England and Wales: from 1974 to 1994 in the annual reference volume *Marriage and divorce statistics*, and from 1995 in *Marriage, divorce and adoption statistics* (both series FM2); for earlier years in the *Registrar General's Statistical Review of England and Wales*.

Historical statistics have also been published in the volume *Marriage and divorce statistics (Series FM2 No. 16)*. This covers the period 1837-1983 for marriages, dating from the year when the present national system of registration was first introduced in England and Wales. It also includes divorce statistics from 1858 - the first year during which a decree of divorce could be petitioned for and granted in a civil court within England and Wales - up to 1983.

Until 1973, adoption statistics appeared annually in the *Registrar General's Statistical Review* (part II). From 1974 to 1996 they were regularly published in OPCS Monitors (series FM3), and since 1996 they have been consolidated in this volume.

Scotland: in the *Annual Report of the Registrar General for Scotland*, www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/statistics

Northern Ireland: in the *Annual Report of the Registrar General for Northern Ireland*, www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/default.asp

Up to 1998, annual data were first published in monitors, summarising marriages and divorces in England and Wales. However, these have now been discontinued, and replaced with news releases (i.e. press releases) and reports issued in the quarterly journal *Population Trends*. More up-to-date but less detailed statistics for the United Kingdom and its constituent countries are also published quarterly in *Population Trends* and *Health Statistics Quarterly*.

Other ONS sources include:

- *Birth statistics*² (series FM1) - providing figures on live births and stillbirths. Analyses are provided by age of mother, marital status, whether the birth was within or outside marriage, and the duration of marriage.
- *Mortality statistics*: general (series DR) - with analyses of deaths by marital status of the deceased.
- *Census reports* - which include analyses by marital status, family composition, etc.
- *General Household Survey* - news releases, annual reports and more recently web based tables - containing analyses on topics such as marriage, separation, divorce, remarriage, cohabitation; family statistics (including those on one-parent families).
- *Labour Force Survey* - annual reports and articles in *Labour Market Trends*, with estimates of the number of families, married couples, etc.
- *Judicial and Court Statistics* (Ministry of Justice) - which gives details of judicial aspects of divorce.

Statistics for the United Kingdom and Great Britain also appear in the *Annual Abstract of Statistics* and *Regional Trends*, while *Social Trends* includes occasional comment on particular aspects of trends in marriage, divorce, and remarriage. In addition, the *Focus On* series brings together relevant information on different groups of the population, with the editions on Families (2007), Gender (2008), and the 2001 edition on Men, of particular interest here.³

International publications of interest include Eurostat's *European Social Conditions - Population* (Luxembourg), the Council of Europe's *Recent Demographic Developments in Europe* (Strasbourg), the United Nation's *Demographic Yearbook* (New York), and *Population* - issued six times a year by INED (Institut National d'Etudes Demographiques, Paris).

2 Notes and definitions: general

2.1 Base populations

The population figures used to calculate rates in this volume are mid-year estimates of the resident population by marital status of England and Wales based on the 2001 Census of Population. These estimates include members of HM and non-UK armed forces stationed in England and Wales, but exclude those stationed outside. ONS mid-year population estimates are updated figures using the most recent Census, allowing for births, deaths, changed marital status, net migration and ageing of the population.

The estimates for 1996 to 2006, given in **Tables 1.1** and **1.2**, are based on legal marital status in England and Wales. They take into account births, deaths, changed marital status and migration. The single population are those who have never been married. Persons who are separated but not divorced are included in the married population.

In this volume, the population estimates were the most up-to-date when rates in this publication were calculated. The 2006 marital status estimates were published on 28th November 2007, alongside revised estimates for 2002 to 2005.

All these estimates incorporate the findings of the Local Authority Population Studies, the results of which were published in July 2004. Further information on population estimates, and their methodology, can be found at: www.statistics.gov.uk/popest

2.2 Coverage

The *marriages* analysed in this publication are those solemnised in England and Wales for each calendar year. Late notifications of marriage entries are not included in annual tables, but are retained on the ONS database. Marriage entries relating to marriages solemnised in 2006, but received by ONS after 22 January 2009 are not included in this volume.

Similarly, the *divorces* analysed are decrees of dissolutions and annulments of marriage granted in England and Wales in each calendar year. Late notifications of divorces are not included in annual tables, but are retained on the ONS database. Details of divorces granted during 2006 but received by ONS after 2 August 2007 are not included in this volume.

The number of *new widows and widowers* analysed in this volume are based on deaths of married persons occurring in 2006, that were registered and fully coded by ONS before 5 September 2007. Data received and coded after this time are not included in these tables, but are retained on the ONS database.

The tabulated *adoption* statistics are the number of applications for adoption, or orders granted and registered, in England and Wales in the calendar year 2007 that were extracted from the database on 16 December 2008.

2.3 Areal analyses

Marriages by area

Marriage entries are collated by registrars in the registration district where they occur. This means that area analysis is possible only by registration district or by aggregation of the data from these districts.

When local government areas are reorganised (such as over the period 1995 to 1998), the registration districts are also reorganised to the same boundaries as the areas they serve. In addition, local authorities can choose to amalgamate registration districts within their area. As a result, data for registration districts are not always comparable between years.

During 2006 registration districts were amalgamated in Durham, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire.

Divorces by area

Divorce data cannot be analysed by area of residence of the parties. Information is provided by the court granting the divorce. As courts are not evenly spread around England and Wales and couples may choose the court they wish to use, the location of the court is not necessarily a good indicator as to where the parties lived either before or after separation.

Details of the residence of the parties concerned are not available. This is because much of the information is collected at the petition to divorce stage of the process, and the parties' addresses may change before the decree absolute is granted; also the addresses given will not necessarily relate to the matrimonial home.

2.4 Rates

In this volume rates have been calculated using the most appropriate estimates of the population - see section 2.1. **Table A** on page **xxii** which sets out the denominators used.

2.5 Symbols and conventions

In this volume:

- 0 denotes less than 0.5
- denotes nil, and
- .. denotes not applicable

Rates calculated from fewer than 20 events (for example **Table 3.12**) are distinguished by *italic type* as a warning to users that their reliability as a measure may be affected by the small number of events.

Figures in some tables in this publication may not add up exactly due to rounding.

2.6 Further information and enquiries

General enquiries on marriage, divorce and adoption statistics should be addressed to:

Vital Statistics Outputs Branch
Office for National Statistics
Segensworth Road
Titchfield
Fareham
Hants PO15 5RR

Telephone: 01329 444110
email: vsob@ons.gov.uk

Any enquiries about procedures for registering an adoption, applying for certificates or access to birth records or registering on the Adoption Contact Register should be referred to:

Adoptions Section
General Register Office
Smedley Hydro
Trafalgar Road
Southport
Merseyside PR8 2HH

Telephone: 0151 471 4830; Fax: 0151 471 4755

Any enquiries about adoption policy should be referred to:

The Adoption Team
Area 47
Looked After Children Division
Caxton House
Tothill Street
London
SW1H 9NA

email: info@dcsh.gov.uk

Table A Denominators used in calculating rates

Table number	Subject	Rate	Denominator	Source of denominator
2.2	All marriages	Persons marrying per 1,000 population	Resident population, all ages	Table 1.1 of this volume
2.2	All marriages	Males/females marrying per 1,000 unmarried males/females aged 16 or over	Males/females, unmarried (single, widowed, divorced), aged 16 or over	Table 1.1 of this volume
2.2	First marriages	Single males/single females marrying per 1,000 single population aged 16 or over	Males/females, single, aged 16 or over	Table 1.1 of this volume
2.2	Remarriages	Males/females remarrying per 1,000 widowed and divorced population	Males/females, widowed and divorced, aged 16 or over	Table 1.1 of this volume
2.2	Divorces	Persons divorcing per 1,000 married population	Males/females, married, all aged 16 or over	Table 1.1 of this volume
3.1	All marriages	Persons marrying per 1,000 population	Resident population, all ages	Table 1.1 of this volume
3.10	First marriages	Single males/single females marrying per 1,000 single population, by age	Males/females, single	Table 1.1 of this volume
3.11	First marriages	Single males/single females marrying per 1,000 single population, by single year of age	Males/females, single, single years of age from 22 to 35	ONS special tabulation
3.12	Remarriages	Widowed males/females marrying per 1,000 widowed population, by age	Males/females, widowed, age groups	Table 1.1 of this volume
3.12	Remarriages	Divorced males/females marrying per 1,000 divorced population, by age	Males/females, divorced, age groups	Table 1.1 of this volume
3.12	Remarriages	Widowed and divorced males/females marrying per 1,000 widowed and divorced population, by age	Males/females, widowed and divorced, age groups	Table 1.1 of this volume
3.21	First marriages	Gross nuptiality	Males/females, single, single years of age	ONS special tabulation
3.22	First marriages	Net nuptiality	Males/females, single, single years of age	ONS special tabulation
4.1	Divorces	Males/females divorcing per 1,000 married population, by age	Males/females, married, age groups	Table 1.1 of this volume
4.19	Divorces	Males/females divorcing per 1,000 marriages by year of marriage	Marriages in England and Wales by year of marriage, sex, age and previous marital condition	ONS special tabulation

Note: See section 2.1

3 Notes and definitions: marriages

3.1 Terminology

Legally, a marriage is *solemnised* in either a civil or religious ceremony. Before the marriage, certain legal preliminaries must have taken place, the form of which varies. These are discussed in the section on legal preliminaries overleaf. The ‘manner of solemnisation’ will determine who it is that completes the entry in the marriage register and, although the same information is collected for all marriages, the precise questions asked may differ. Manner of solemnisation is analysed in **Tables 3.29 to 3.35**.

In this volume the terms ‘single men’ and ‘single women’ describe men and women who have never been married. From 5 December 2005 the terms ‘bachelor’ and ‘spinster’ are no longer used in marriage registers. After this date, the term ‘single’ replaced ‘bachelor’ and ‘spinster’, and is defined as someone who has not previously been married or formed a civil partnership.

3.2 Legislation and procedures

Legislation

The existing provisions for the preliminaries to, and registration of, marriages and civil partnerships and the processing, reporting and analysis of relevant data appear in different legislation that reflects the distinct and separate roles of the Registrar General for England and Wales and the UK Statistics Authority (the preferred name for the Statistics Board). The Registrar General is guided by the legislation set out below:-

The Marriage Acts

Marriage legislation is complex and is governed by the Ecclesiastical Licences Act 1533, the Marriage Act 1949 and the Marriage (Registrar General’s Licence) Act 1970.

The major amendments to the Marriage Act 1949 that widened the places in which marriages may be solemnised are:

- The Marriage Act 1983 (with effect from 1 May 1984) enabled marriages of house-bound and detained persons to be solemnised at the place where they reside.
- The Marriage Act 1994 (with effect from 1 April 1995) made provision for civil marriages to be solemnised in any register office and in approved premises. Local authorities have responsibility for approving applications

for premises to be used for solemnising civil marriages, and for ensuring that the premises meet strict conditions. Premises which have been approved include hotels, stately homes and historic houses. There is also an increasing tendency for local authorities to make some accommodation in register offices available for civil marriage. The effect of the Act is discussed in detail in *Marriages in Approved Premises in England and Wales: the impact of the 1994 Marriage Act*⁴.

Tables 3.4, 3.28, 3.29, 3.31 to 3.33 and 3.39 in this volume show marriages in approved premises.

Although the Marriage Act 1994 allowed civil marriages to be solemnised in any registration district, it did not affect the restrictions on religious marriages in registered buildings. They may only take place outside the registration district(s) of residence if the registered building is the usual place of worship of one or both parties or it is the nearest registered building to the registration district(s) of residence in which they can marry according to their desired rites and ceremonies.

The Immigration Acts

The Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, which came into effect on 1 January 2001, amended the Marriage Act 1949. It required that notice of marriage had to be given in person by each of the parties to the marriage, where formerly it had been possible for notice of marriage to be given by one person on behalf of both. It abolished marriage by superintendent registrar’s certificate and licence and, with marriage by superintendent registrar’s certificate, introduced a fifteen day waiting period (instead of twenty-one days) before the marriage can take place. Finally, it amended the Marriage Act 1949 to give registration officers the power to require documentary evidence of name, age, marital status and nationality from the person giving notice. Additionally, Section 24 of the Act placed a statutory duty on registration officers to report to the Home Office any marriage they suspect is being contracted for the purpose of evading immigration control.

Under the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, Etc) Act 2004, from 1 February 2005, if either or both parties are subject to immigration control and they are marrying by superintendent registrar’s certificates, they have to satisfy certain qualifying conditions and can only give their notices of marriage at a specially designated register office, which they must attend together. There are 76 designated register offices in England and Wales.

The UK Statistics Authority is guided by the following:-

Registration Service Act 1953: section 19 requires the UK Statistics Authority to produce annual abstracts of the number of live births, stillbirths, deaths, and marriages.

Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007: (the 2007 Act) transfers some of the statistical functions of the Registrar General, including the production of an annual abstract, to the UK Statistics Authority and the Office for National Statistics (ONS) becomes the executive office of the UK Statistics Authority. The 2007 Act also provides the Registrar General with a power to allow him to disclose any information entered in a marriage register or recorded about a civil partnership to the UK Statistics Authority for statistical purposes. It also enables the UK Statistics Authority to produce and publish statistics relating to any matter.

The coming into force of **the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007** and accompanying machinery of government changes on 1 April 2008 ended the arrangement whereby the National Statistician was concurrently the Registrar General for England and Wales. At the same time the General Register Office (GRO) ceased being part of the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and was moved to the Identity and Passport Service. The Statistics Board is the legal successor to ONS and inter alia undertakes the former statistical functions of the Registrar General. The responsibility for the production of marriage and civil partnership statistics is now a function of the UK Statistics Authority (the preferred name for the Statistics Board) which is required to produce an annual abstract of these statistics in order that the Minister for the Cabinet Office can lay it before Parliament.

Preliminary investigations

In satisfying themselves that the parties are free to marry, superintendent registrars may need to examine documents which support the parties' declared legal marital status: if a party states they are divorced, the registrar may wish to examine the decree which made the dissolution of the previous marriage absolute; if a party says their previous spouse has died, the registrar may want to see the death certificate or some other satisfactory evidence of death.

Persons under the age of 18 years who have not previously married must have the consent of each parent (if any) who has parental responsibility, or guardian (if any) or, if there is a custody, residence or care order in force, of the persons named in the order, before they may be married. In certain circumstances, the necessity of obtaining consent can be dispensed with by the courts, the Registrar General, or the superintendent registrar.

A marriage contracted in England and Wales between persons either of whom is under the age of 16 years is void. A person who has a lawful wife or husband living cannot contract a marriage. A marriage is void if it is contracted between

parties who are related to one another within a defined list of relationships - for instance, a brother may not marry his sister.

The types of preliminaries to marriage are shown in **Table 3.34**.

Preliminaries to marriage

In England and Wales a marriage may take place in a church of the Church of England or the Church in Wales after ecclesiastical preliminaries or after certain civil preliminaries. Any other marriage must be preceded by civil preliminaries. For a marriage according to the rites of the Church of England or Church in Wales, the alternatives are:

- (i) the publication of banns
- (ii) the issue of a common licence
- (iii) the issue of a special licence granted by, or on behalf of, the Archbishop of Canterbury
- (iv) the issue of a superintendent registrar's certificate

Banns must be published on three Sundays preceding the solemnisation of the marriage. A common licence obviates the need for publication of banns and enables couples to marry without delay; it is granted by the Church of England or Church in Wales authorities. A special licence is issued only in exceptional circumstances. It enables a marriage to be solemnised according to the rites of the Church of England or Church in Wales at any time and place, for example in an unlicensed chapel or hospital.

For marriage by superintendent registrar's certificates, both of the parties to the marriage must have lived in a registration district in England and Wales for at least seven days immediately before giving notice of intention to marry. Each party must give his or her own notice, in person, to the superintendent registrar of the registration district in which he or she resides. After giving notice of intention to marry there is a further 15 clear day waiting period before the marriage may take place. The marriage may take place up to one year from the date that notice was given. Under the provisions of the Marriage (Registrar General's Licence) Act 1970, where one of the parties is seriously ill, not expected to recover and cannot be moved to a place of marriage, the Registrar General can issue a licence for a marriage to take place anywhere without delay. Only one notice of marriage is given and the licence is valid for a month.

Procedures

There are two distinct procedures for marriage in England and Wales. Marriage may be solemnised according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England or the Church in Wales, and in all but a few cases this will be after ecclesiastical preliminaries. All other marriages must be preceded by civil preliminaries. All religious marriages with the exception of marriages solemnised according to the rites of the Society of Friends, those professing the Jewish religion, marriages of the housebound and detained

and marriages by Registrar General’s licence, must be solemnised in buildings registered for the purpose.

Registration

In most cases the marriage is registered immediately after the ceremony. In churches and other buildings of the Church of England or the Church in Wales, it will be registered by a member of the clergy in duplicate registers. In registered buildings, the marriage is registered, either by a registrar in his own register, or by an ‘Authorised Person’ in duplicate registers supplied for the registered building. An authorised person is not necessarily the person who conducts the ceremony. In register offices and approved premises, the marriage is solemnised in the presence of a superintendent registrar and a registrar who carries out the registration. Jewish marriages are registered by the secretary (for marriages) of the man’s synagogue. Marriages according to the rites and ceremonies of the Society of Friends are registered by the registering officer of the monthly meeting in which the marriage took place. In both these cases, marriages should be registered as soon as possible after the solemnisation.

Religious marriages other than those solemnised according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, Church in Wales, Society of Friends or of the Jewish religion must usually take place in a building registered for marriages. Details of these buildings are given in **Table 3.43**. All buildings registered for marriage must also be certified as a place of worship. Details of these buildings are given in **Table 3.42**. For a building to be certified as a place of worship, the principal use of the building must be for religious worship.

3.3 Information collected

Examples of the entry as it appears in the marriage register are shown in **Appendix A**. A certified copy of each completed entry is received by the GRO in Southport for the compilation of central records and indexes, and is also sent to ONS Titchfield for the production and analysis of statistics. More details of the information collected are given in section **1.3**.

In recent years it has become increasingly popular for couples to choose to get married abroad. There is no legal requirement for those marriages of persons usually resident in England and Wales, but solemnised outside England and Wales, to be registered by the GRO. However, some overseas marriages are recorded with the overseas section at Southport. These fall into three main types: marriages of armed forces personnel, marriages that take place in certain UK consuls (only 15 out of 121 consuls have this facility), and marriages deposited under Article 7 of the Foreign Marriage order 1970. In 2006 there were 113 marriages registered with UK Consuls, 87 marriages registered by Forces Registering Officers and 1239 overseas marriages registered in the overseas section of the GRO. These 1439 marriages are excluded from the data in this volume. Note

that marriages deposited under Article 7 may not have taken place in the year they were deposited.

There are no representative statistics available for the total number of marriages of residents of England and Wales solemnised overseas.

Under the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007, where a forced marriage has or is about to take place, courts will be able to make orders to protect the victim or the potential victim and help remove them from that situation. ONS do not produce any statistics on forced marriages. For more information on the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 please see www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2007/ukpga_20070020_en_1.

3.4 Accuracy of the information

The information in the marriage entry is largely supplied by the persons being married, who are responsible for its accuracy. Supplying false information may render them liable to prosecution for perjury and the information supplied is generally believed to be correct. There is no routine statistical verification of the data, although editing checks are carried out to detect clerical, coding and keying errors. However, certain corrections subsequently come to light and are notified and recorded by the GRO at Southport.

Each year a certain number of marriages are not included in the published figures because the entries have been received at ONS later than the date on which the annual dataset is taken. The majority of the shortfall is due to a delay in register offices submitting quarterly certified copies. Some of this delay is attributable to the clergy or authorised persons because register offices require the return of copies of the entries in the marriage register on a quarterly basis. **Table B** shows the differences between the number of marriages stored on our database and the number included in our publications each year. The differences reflect the marriage records which are received by ONS after the date that the annual dataset is taken. Although this means some marriages are not included in the statistics, it is a compromise which must be taken in order to publish timely data.

Table B Marriages not included in the published data, 1996-2006

Year of marriage	Database ¹	FM2	Differences
1996	280,074	278,975	1,099
1997	272,913	272,536	377
1998	267,841	267,303	538
1999	264,459	263,515	944
2000	268,827	267,961	866
2001	250,717	249,227	1,490
2002	256,368	255,596	772
2003	270,912	270,109	803
2004	273,741	273,069	672
2005	248,609	247,805	804
2006	239,668	239,454	214

1 Counts taken on 4 March 2009

3.5 Corrections for missing information

If the age of one of the parties is not given, a value for that age based upon the other party's stated age is assigned, taking into account the combined marital condition of the parties. Where the ages of both parties are missing, the values assigned are those of the previous couple having the same pair of marital statuses. Few records require such imputation each year: in 2006 only 19 marriages required imputation.

Any other relevant item of information which appears to be omitted is queried, and corrected where appropriate.

3.6 Mean and median ages at marriage

Some of the age distributions shown in the tables in this volume have been summarised by calculating median and mean ages at marriage (**Tables 3.15 to 3.17**). The mean age (also known as the average age) is obtained by adding together the ages of all the people concerned and dividing by the number of people. By contrast the median age is the age of the person in the group, such that one half of the group is younger than that person and the other half is older.

The median and mean ages do not coincide here. This is because the age distribution is not symmetrical; marriage may take place at any age from 16 upwards but the majority occur much nearer 16 than, for example, 70. The effect is that the mean is greater than the median.

As the age recorded at marriage registration is the age at last birthday rather than the exact age, it has been assumed that the exact ages are evenly spread between successive single years of age.

The mean ages presented in this volume are not standardised for age and therefore take no account of the changing age structure of the population.

3.7 Nuptiality and cohort analyses

The statistics shown in this volume are based mainly on period figures and rates are calculated on a specific calendar time. An alternative approach is to look at rates based on the experience of a specific group of people born in the same calendar year, known as a birth *cohort* - these are cohort analyses.

A useful tool in demographic analysis is the life table, which, in its most common usage, is a statistical model to summarise current levels of mortality. In a life table, a synthetic cohort of persons is considered which gradually becomes depleted by deaths at current period rates. The model may be extended to the study of marriage patterns, to show the effects of current marriage rates. The rates used here are first marriage rates.

The results of the life table may be considered as a summary of a set of period rates, or as a type of projection. Thus, if current first marriage rates were to continue into the future, the life table shows the proportions that would eventually be married by a certain age - or the probability of staying single until this age. These tables can be constructed making different assumptions.

The simplest assumption is that the cohort is unaffected by mortality. This is equivalent to assuming that none of the cohort dies before passing through the marriageable ages. This is the basis of the gross nuptiality analysis, shown in **Table 3.21**.

If mortality is taken into account, the model becomes a multiple decrement table with similar features of measuring proportions remaining single, and giving expectations of the number of years remaining single. **Table 3.22** shows this net nuptiality.

The statistics in **Tables 3.21** and **3.22** have been derived from 'gross' and 'net' period nuptiality tables for 2006 calculated by ONS. The gross table is based entirely on first marriage rates, whereas the net table also allows for current mortality rates. The tables show what would happen if the first marriage rates in 2006 - and the mortality rates for 2006 in the case of the net table - were to remain unchanged for the lifetime of the synthetic cohort. The tables provide useful summaries of the overall patterns of a particular set of marriage rates, but can be misleading as projections. The rates occurring in a single calendar year may all be higher, or lower, than normal and a projection should include a considered assumption as to how the future may differ from the present.

When considering the results as a projection, the basic assumptions are that current rates of first marriage (and of mortality) remain unchanged, and that there is no migration of the population being considered.

Technical details

The gross table, **3.21**, was constructed from single year age-specific period first marriage rates M_x , with each sex being treated in isolation, as follows:

First, nuptiality probabilities, g_x , were calculated by using the standard formula, which assumes first marriages occurred evenly over each year of age, and throughout the year.

$$g_x = \frac{2.M_x}{2+M_x}$$

The *nuptiality probability* g_x is the probability of a person aged exactly x years marrying before they reach $x + 1$ years.

Then, starting with a hypothetical cohort of 1,000 single persons at age 16 ($N_1 = 1,000$) and assuming both a *closed*

population, that is no immigration or emigration, and no mortality, the proportion (per 1,000) ever married at exact age x was defined by the formula $1,000 - N_x$

where $N_x = N_{x-1} (1 - g_{x-1})$
and N_x is the number of persons remaining single at exact age x from the original cohort of 1,000.

The other measure given in the table is an estimate of the average number of years until marriage at exact age x for persons marrying before age 50.

This was obtained from the *stationary population* (for a population to be stationary it must be assumed that the age-specific first marriage rates will remain at constant levels over time) of single persons in much the same way as the expectation of life is obtained in a life table. An important difference between a life table and a gross nuptiality table is that everybody dies whereas not everybody marries. As some 99 per cent of first marriages occur before age 50, it is customary to use this as an upper limit for the calculations in nuptiality tables. So when computing the number of years until marriage, the years lived by those who remained single at age 50 were excluded.

Algebraically the steps were:

To calculate the average number of years spent single between age x and 50, first find the average number of single years lived between ages x and $x + 1$. This is given by:

$$\frac{1}{2} [N_x + N_{x+1}]$$

Hence the average number of years before marriage at the exact age x for those ever marrying by age 50 is the sum of all the years lived single from age x to 50, less the years lived by those still single at 50, divided by the number that married between age x and 50. This is given by:

$$\frac{\sum_{i=x}^{49} \frac{1}{2} [N_i + N_{i+1}] - [50-x] N_{50}}{N_x - N_{50}}$$

The gross table does not allow for the decline in the number of single persons due to death. The net table, which like the gross table assumes a closed population, takes into account deaths of single persons between birth and exact age 50. Therefore the net table starts with a hypothetical cohort of 1,000 persons at birth and not at age 16 as in the gross table. Up to age 16 the hypothetical cohort is subjected to the mortality decrement at each age, so at 16 the number remaining alive is given by the life table function $l(16)$. After age 16 it is subjected to the decrements of marriage and mortality.

In the net table 3.22, single year age-specific death rates for never-married persons were converted into death probabilities, q_x , assuming deaths at each age were evenly distributed, except at the early ages of life.

Those persons in the hypothetical cohort remaining alive at age 16 were subjected separately to the (life table) mortality rates q_x , and nuptiality probabilities g_x , to determine the number of deaths of single persons and the number of first marriages at each age in the stationary population. This works on the assumption that nobody who married in a particular year would have died single and those who died single cannot have married. Separate cumulation of these deaths and marriages yielded the proportions (per 1,000) of the hypothetical cohort who died single and married at each age and hence the proportion remaining single and alive was deduced. The net average number of years until marriage was computed as an arithmetic mean from the number of single person years lived by those who ever married between exact ages x and 50, using the same method as used for the gross nuptiality table.

The average age at marriage of the hypothetical cohort, for those marrying before age 50, can be readily derived from the gross or net tables by adding 16 years (the age below which everybody is single) to the figure in the 'mean number of years until marriage' column at exact age 16. In the net table for males, for example, this figure is 15.8 years and so the mean age at first marriage is 31.8 (= 15.8 + 16).

The *cohort analyses* in **Tables 3.36** and **3.37** offer different analyses of the population ever married and their longer term trends. They analyse first marriages separately for people of different birth cohorts, instead of considering first marriage rates year by year for the whole population, made up as it is of persons from many birth cohorts. There are obvious advantages in studying a cohort over time - for instance, with first marriages the proportions first marrying at higher ages are affected by those at younger ages, simply because a certain proportion will already have married. This is shown in **Table 3.36**. **Table 3.37** gives a similar analysis for remarriages.

A disadvantage of the method is that many cohorts of interest will not have 'completed' their marriage histories at any particular time. The tables illustrate this feature. However, it is possible to see trends for some cohorts, and estimate likely future rates, for projection purposes. Similar analyses are also carried out for births² and divorces (see **Table 4.8**); these have been studied elsewhere⁵.

3.8 New widowers and widows

Tables 5.1 to **5.3** analyse information about people who become widows or widowers in a particular calendar year. In 'stock-flow' terms this is an analysis of the gross inflow of married persons into this marital condition. Details of the 'stock' of widow(er)s are given in the population section (**Table 1.1**); details of remarriages of widow(er)s are given in the marriage section (for example in **Tables 3.12** to **3.14**).

Information about persons who become widow(er)s is available from the entry made at the registration of a death.

The marital status of the deceased person and the age of the surviving spouse have been available since 1938 as part of the confidential particulars collected under the Population (Statistics) Acts of that year and, later, the 1960 Act.

The marital status of a small proportion of people who die is not known, and the numbers of new widow(er)s may thus be slightly underestimated. Statistics of deceased people with unknown marital status are set out below (**Table C**) for the years 1996 to 2006. In all years the proportion of men with unknown marital status is greater than that for women.

OPCS began computerising the registration service in 1987. Under this system details supplied by the informant are entered onto a PC by the registrar of births and deaths, a draft death entry (shown in **Appendix C**) is printed, and

the information is then stored and sent weekly to ONS for processing. By January 1996, 86 per cent of deaths were registered at offices which had been computerised; by 2006 this figure was higher than 99 per cent. For offices which have not been computerised, the registration details are sent to ONS on paper, and the information keyed in.

Analysis by data source shows that the proportion of deaths with unknown marital status is lower for those registered at computerised offices than at offices not yet computerised (**Table C**). This is consistent over all years from 1996. As more registration offices have become computerised, so the overall proportion of deaths with unknown marital status has fallen. There is still room for improvement in the reporting of marital status, particularly for men, but, overall, the quality of these data is markedly better than in 1996.

Table C Deaths¹ by whether marital status of the deceased was known, and source of registration, 1996-2006

Year	All deaths			Deaths where marital status not known					
	Numbers			Numbers			Percentage of all deaths		
	Total	Computerised offices	Non-computerised offices	Total	Computerised offices	Non-computerised offices	Total	Computerised offices	Non-computerised offices
Males									
1996	268,682	231,656	37,026	2,537	1,639	898	0.94	0.71	2.43
1997	264,865	240,227	24,638	2,349	1,651	698	0.89	0.69	2.83
1998	264,707	249,155	15,552	2,086	1,686	400	0.79	0.68	2.57
1999	264,299	241,909	22,390	3,462	2,219	1,243	1.30	0.92	5.55
2000	255,547	247,533	8,014	2,691	2,125	566	1.05	0.86	7.06
2001	252,426	249,417	3,009	2,368	2,011	357	0.94	0.81	11.86
2002	253,144	251,064	2,080	2,397	2,086	311	0.95	0.83	14.95
2003	253,852	251,768	2,084	2,914	2,396	518	1.15	0.95	24.86
2004	244,130	241,960	2,170	2,781	2,141	640	1.14	0.88	29.49
2005	243,324	241,464	1,860	3,070	2,250	820	1.26	0.93	44.09
2006	240,683	238,546	2,137	2,387	1,832	555	0.99	0.77	25.97
Females									
1996	291,453	249,898	41,555	620	361	259	0.21	0.14	0.62
1997	290,416	262,003	28,413	543	356	187	0.19	0.14	0.66
1998	290,308	272,306	18,002	507	362	145	0.17	0.13	0.81
1999	291,819	266,474	25,345	734	401	333	0.25	0.15	1.31
2000	280,117	271,025	9,092	550	396	154	0.20	0.15	1.69
2001	277,947	274,307	3,640	558	464	94	0.20	0.17	2.58
2002	280,383	277,820	2,563	543	451	92	0.19	0.16	3.59
2003	284,402	281,963	2,439	611	452	159	0.21	0.16	6.52
2004	268,411	265,962	2,449	649	466	184	0.24	0.18	7.51
2005	269,368	267,310	2,058	687	455	232	0.26	0.17	11.27
2006	261,951	259,651	2,300	815	476	339	0.31	0.18	14.74

1 Based on the number of deaths occurring in each year

4 Notes and definitions: divorces

4.1 Terminology

A marriage may be either

- *dissolved*, following a petition for divorce and the granting of a decree absolute
- *annulled*, following a petition for nullity and the awarding of a decree of nullity

The first group of decrees are known as dissolutions of marriage, and the second as annulments of marriage. For convenience, **in this volume the term ‘divorce’ includes both types of decrees**, although, strictly speaking, it should refer only to dissolutions. However, in England and Wales, dissolutions outnumber annulments by over 900 to 1. Annulments are distinguished separately in **Tables 4.20 and 4.22**.

4.2 Legislation

The Divorce Reform Act 1969 came into effect in England and Wales on 1 January 1971. The Act introduced a solitary ground for divorce - that of the irretrievable breakdown of marriage. The Act, subsequently consolidated in the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973, made it possible for the first time for divorce to be petitioned for on the couple's separation.

The Act attempted to remove the concepts of the ‘guilty party’ and the ‘matrimonial offence’ by introducing a single ground for divorce which was the ‘irretrievable breakdown of marriage’. Such a breakdown can be established by the petitioner proving one or more of five ‘facts’, the first three of which adultery, unreasonable behaviour and desertion are the former matrimonial offences. There are certain quite substantial changes. On the other hand, the two separation criteria - which allow divorce either by mutual consent or on the application of the petitioner alone - were introduced for the first time by the Act and so have no analogues among the grounds for divorce under former legislation.

The Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 came into effect in England and Wales on 12 October 1984. It made two main changes. The first concerned the time bar for divorce - the minimum interval of time which has to elapse between the date of marriage and that of being able to file a petition for divorce. Under the former Act the time bar was three years, although if a petitioner could prove they had suffered exceptional hardship or that the

respondent had exhibited exceptional depravity, a petition could be brought earlier. This discretionary time bar was replaced by an absolute time bar of one year. No petition can now be filed under any circumstances within the first year of marriage.

The second change was that the Act no longer required the courts to try to place the divorced spouses in the financial position they would have enjoyed, had the marriage not broken down. When considering orders for financial relief, courts are required to place greater emphasis on the desirability of the parties becoming self-sufficient.

4.3 Information collected

A copy of part of the form used to record a decree absolute, D105, which provides statistical information, is reproduced in **Appendix B**. These forms are supplied to ONS by the courts for processing and the production and analysis of statistics. More information on the contents of the form can be found in section 1.3.

4.4 Accuracy of information

Much of the information is as supplied by the petitioner and respondent in fulfilling the legal requirements for filing a petition. Certain items of information are usually taken from the marriage certificate, but others are as stated by the petitioner. Since the information is required for a legal process it may be presumed that the quality of the data is good, especially as the petitioner has to swear an affidavit that the information supplied is correct. There is no routine independent statistical verification of the data, but editing checks are carried out to detect clerical, coding and keying errors.

Each year a certain number of divorces are not included in the published figures because the decree absolute forms have been received at ONS later than the date on which the annual dataset is taken. **Table D** shows the differences between the number of divorces stored on our database and the number included in our publications each year. The differences reflect the divorce records which are received by ONS after the date that the annual dataset is taken. Although this means some divorces are not included in the statistics, it is a compromise which must be taken in order to publish timely data.

Table D Divorce decrees made absolute not included in the published data, 1996–2006

Year of decree absolute	Database ¹	FM2	Differences
1996	157,141	157,107	34
1997	146,764	146,689	75
1998	145,275	145,214	61
1999	144,598	144,556	42
2000	141,215	141,135	80
2001	143,844	143,818	26
2002	147,783	147,735	48
2003	153,546	153,490	56
2004	153,432	153,399	33
2005	141,787	141,750	37
2006	132,587	132,562	25

¹ Counts taken on 4 March 2009

4.5 Judicial separation, petitions filed and decrees made absolute

In this publication divorce analyses are compiled on the basis of decrees made absolute and decrees of nullity as derived from the D105 form received by ONS.

Information on petitions filed and decrees granted for judicial separation and on petitions filed and decree nisi granted for divorce or nullity are available only as an aggregate compiled by Ministry of Justice, as noted in Section 1.3. These data were supplied to ONS on 12 February 2008 and are shown in **Tables 2.1** and **4.23**. Analyses of petitions filed are also published in the volume *Judicial and Court Statistics*, referred to in section 1.3.

4.6 Derived information

Some information used in the tables is not part of the basic data supplied, but is derived as follows:

- *Age at divorce* is derived from age at marriage as given in the marriage entry. As this is the ‘age last birthday’, six months is added to obtain an estimate of the age at marriage. This is then added to the duration of marriage, which is calculated as the difference between the date of divorce and the date of marriage (in months and years). From this an estimated ‘age last birthday’ as at the date of divorce is derived.
- *Dependent children*: in this publication an upper age limit of 16 has been used.
- *Age of child at petition* is derived from date of birth of child and date of petition.
- *Duration of marriage* to decree absolute is derived from date of marriage and date of decree absolute.
- *Length of time between petition and decree absolute* is derived from date of petition and date of decree absolute.

4.7 Missing information and corrections

In a very few cases, one or more of the items of information collected is found to be missing. The procedure adopted in such cases is as follows:

- *Age at marriage* – the figure is imputed using a series of look-up tables, depending on whether the age of one or both parties is missing. In 2006 there were 4 per cent of records where age of husband and/or age of wife was imputed.
- *Marital status at marriage* – bridegrooms are assumed to be single men who have never been married, and brides are assumed to be single women who have never been married. Marital status was imputed for 6 per cent of records in 2006.
- *Date of decree absolute* – assumed to be the same as on the previous decree absolute form processed.
- *Date petition filed* – assumed to be exactly one year prior to the year of decree absolute.
- *Date of marriage* – is very rarely missing, but where it is, the form will always be referred back to the court because if it is missing, fields derived from it cannot be calculated. **Table 4.1** shows the number of ‘not stated’ age at divorce due to missing information about date of marriage.
- *Other items* – referred back to the divorce court in question.

4.8 Children of divorcing couples

In this volume, the analysis of children involved in divorce refers to children of the family, according to Section 52 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973. As well as children born to the couple divorcing, this term includes those born outside marriage, children of previous marriages and adopted children - provided that they were treated by both partners as children of their family.

In earlier years there was no upper age limit for children shown in the divorce tables, so some ‘children’ were of mature years and some ‘couples with children’ were couples all of whose children were adults. This practice changed in 1974 and in most tables children are now defined as being aged under 16. Some information is also given about children of any age. The distinction makes a sizeable difference to the numbers in some categories. Age 16 was chosen because it is the minimum school-leaving age and the minimum age at marriage. Details of the change were given in *Population Trends* 31⁶.

Some of the information on the decree absolute form refers to the position at the time the petition was filed, and is not updated when the decree is made absolute. In particular, the ages of any children are those as at the date of filing the petition, and *not* at the date of decree absolute. Age at petition is used as a closer approximation to when the marriage broke down. Therefore this may give a better indication of the age of children affected by marital breakdown ending in divorce. The interval between these dates can vary greatly - see **Table 4.22**. However, for petitions filed since 1 January 1977 the actual dates of birth of children aged under 18 have been recorded on the

decree absolute form. This means that the ages of children at decree absolute could be derived if needed for statistical purposes.

Tables 4.10 to 4.15 analyse divorces where there are children in the family. The first two tables in this group provide summaries of recent time trends and show the effect of including and excluding ‘children’ aged 16 or over. Thus a distinction is made between couples with children under age 16, couples all of whose children are 16 or over, and couples who are either childless or did not provide details of any children. The number of children and the number of couples are shown for each category. In **Table 4.11** this information is supplemented by giving the number of couples by the number of children aged under 16 and age of child distributions for couples with children under age 16.

The remaining tables give more detailed cross tabulations for the current year for couples with children under age 16. **Table 4.12** provides data on the range of ages in each family which enables questions to be answered about the number of divorcing couples with children under (or over) a specified age. The age of wife at the time of the divorce is analysed in **Table 4.13** together with the number and ages of the children. **Table 4.14** is similar, but ‘age of wife at marriage’ replaces ‘age of wife at divorce’. Finally, the duration of the marriage is shown, with age of wife at marriage and the number of children, in **Table 4.15**.

4.9 Fact proven at divorce

The Divorce Reform Act 1969, which was subsequently consolidated into the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973, was important in its attempt to remove the concept of the ‘guilty party’ and the ‘matrimonial offence’ by introducing a solitary ground for divorce which was the ‘irretrievable breakdown of marriage’. Such a breakdown can be established by the petitioner proving one or more of five ‘facts’, the first three of which (adultery, unreasonable behaviour, and desertion) are the former matrimonial offences.

On the other hand, the two other facts (which rely solely on the couple’s separation) were introduced for the first time by the Act. These allow divorce either by mutual consent after two years’ separation, or by the petitioner, without the consent of the respondent, after five years’ separation. Thus they have no analogues amongst the grounds for divorce under former legislation (see section 4.2).

Table 4.20 analyses the fact proven by the party to whom the divorce was granted - first, for cases where the petition was granted to only one party, and second, where it was granted jointly to both parties.

4.10 Orders made concerning children in family proceedings

Section 8 of the Children Act 1989 makes provision for the orders listed below. Applications for section 8 orders can be made in Family Proceedings Courts (FPCs), County Courts or the High Court. FPCs (which cannot hear divorce cases and section 8 cases which are complex) may transfer proceedings to an appropriate county court. If there are matrimonial proceedings pending or recently heard, then it will usually be appropriate for the Children Act proceedings to be brought to the same court.

- *Contact order*: requires the person with whom a child lives, or is to live, to allow the child to visit or stay with the person named in the order, or for that person and the child otherwise to have contact with each other. The parent with whom the child lived is thus responsible for making this order work.
- *Prohibited steps order*: no step which could be taken by a parent in meeting their parental responsibility for a child, and which is of a kind specified in the order, shall be taken by any person without the consent of the court. An example here might be to prohibit a parent from changing a child’s surname.
- *Residence order*: settles the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom a child is to live. It is possible for the court to make a ‘shared’ residence order in favour of two or more persons who live in different households.
- *Specific issue order*: gives directions for the purpose of determining a specific question which has arisen, or which may arise, in connection with any aspect of parental responsibility for a child. This might apply, for instance, to the issue of which school a child should attend.

Table 4.24 analyses trends in these types of order.

4.11 Divorce rates by marital status at marriage

Table 4.19 analyses divorce rates by the marital status of a person before entering into marriage. Prior to marriage a person may be either single, widowed or divorced. However, population estimates are not available for the married population by previous marital status of husband and wife in combination. Thus the rates in this table show the number of divorces in England and Wales in 2006 by certain stated years married per 1,000 marriages in the same years. For example, 32 out of every 1,000 marriages that were solemnised between 1995 and 1999, where the groom was aged between 20 and 24 and single before marriage, ended in divorce in 2006. The corresponding rate for men marrying between 1970 and 1974 was 3. The denominator for ‘All years’ is the total number of marriages between 1940 and 2005.

The most recent group of years for year of marriage is not a full five-year age group. It is therefore not comparable with earlier year groups, but is included to show the most up-to-date information. It also impacts upon the 'All years' rate.

Divorce rates for widow(er)s aged under 30 are subject to large variations year on year, as they are based on few events. This is because the number of widow(er)s marrying each year is small. Rates for men and women aged under 20 who were divorced at the time of marriage are similarly affected.

In addition, for the purpose of calculating rates, it is assumed that those divorcing in England and Wales were married in England or Wales. This will not always be true. Also, a couple that marry in England or Wales may choose to divorce in another country. The fact that a marriage or divorce has taken place in England or in Wales does not mean that either one or both parties are resident there.

5 Notes and definitions: adoptions

5.1 Legislation and procedures

On 30 December 2005, the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (the 2002 Act) was fully implemented. It replaced the Adoption Act 1976 and modernised the legal framework for adoption in England and Wales. The 2002 Act provides for an adoption order to be made in favour of single people, married couples and, for the first time, civil partners, and unmarried couples (whether of different sexes or the same sex) living as partners in an enduring family relationship.

The 2002 Act provides for a partner or civil partner of a child's parent to adopt the child without having to adopt jointly with the child's parent. The child's parent does not lose parental responsibility though the other birth parent does lose parental responsibility. This provision applies equally to spouses.

The 2002 Act introduced Special Guardianship as a new legal permanence option for children who cannot live with their birth families, but for whom adoption is not suitable.

Adoption orders are made by the High Court, County Courts and Magistrates' Courts. The order granting an adoption contains a direction to the Registrar General to make an entry in the Adopted Children Register recording particulars of the adopted child and the adoptive parent(s) that are set out in the order. Before granting an order, the court examines a certificate of the child's original birth entry.

The order is the only document which contains details of a child's birth identity and his or her identity after adoption. The Registrar General has a statutory obligation under the 2002 Act to maintain the confidentiality of adoption records by prohibiting access to the information.

The particulars recorded in the Adopted Children Register include the child's date and place of birth, their sex and new name, the names, occupations and address of the adoptive parents, the date of the order and the description of the court by which the order was made.

The Adopted Children Register also contains some registrations of overseas adoptions. Part 2 of the Adopted Children and Adoption Contact Register Regulations 2005 allows for the adoptive parent(s), who were habitually resident in England or Wales, to apply to include children who were born and adopted overseas. Adoptive parents whose children were born in England or Wales (and for whom the General Register Office holds a birth registration) but were adopted overseas may also make an application.

The 2002 Act provides for adults who were adopted before 30 December 2005 to apply to the Registrar General for a copy of their original birth certificate. People who were adopted prior to 12 November 1975 are required to attend birth records counselling in order to be given the information necessary to obtain a copy of their birth certificate. Counselling is optional, but recommended, for those adopted on or after 12 November 1975 but before 30 December 2005.

The 2002 Act makes further provision for an adopted adult to apply for access to their birth records from the adoption agency that dealt with the adoption, or if that agency no longer exists, from the agency which holds the records.

The 2002 Act introduced new rights for adopted adults (adopted before 30 December 2005) and their adult birth relatives to apply for an intermediary service. This means that an adopted adult can ask an intermediary agency to obtain information about their adoption and/or to trace an adult birth relative and establish if contact would be welcome. Similarly, an adult birth relative can ask an intermediary agency to trace and facilitate contact with an adopted adult. Intermediary services may be provided by registered Adoption Support Agencies and by some registered adoption societies (also known as voluntary adoption agencies) and local authorities.

5.2 Information collected

Information on adoption analysed in this volume is collected under the 2002 Act and from a number of sources. Details of adoption orders (**Appendices D and E**) are provided by one or other of the High Court, County Court, or Magistrates' Court directly to the General Register Office.

5.3 Accuracy of the information

The numbers of adoption orders by date of court order, as shown in **Tables 6.1b** and **6.2b**, are subject to revision in later volumes due to the likely additions of late registrations. These revisions to the data could extend back a number of years in each annual reference volume.

5.4 Corrections for missing information

Imputations are not usually made for missing information in adoptions data. In 1998, however, the parents' marital status was imputed, as it was found that due to a data entry error, a third of all adoption records had no parents' marital status at birth recorded.

Therefore **Tables 6.1a** and **6.1b** show no records with marital status ‘not stated’ in 1998. The imputation method used compared the natural mother’s surname with the natural father’s surname. If the surnames matched exactly, the system assumed legitimacy; if they were different, it assumed the child had been born outside marriage. This imputation method was checked against data where the parents’ marital status was known and was found to be accurate for 98 per cent of all records.

5.5 Adoption orders

Data on adoptions are derived from the Adopted Children Register, and are based on adoption orders made in England and Wales as well as some overseas adoptions. Historically, the data have related to those cases notified by the courts to the Registrar General and entered on the Adopted Children Register in a given year. However, for the first time, the 1999 volume additionally included adoptions data by date of court order of adoption. Subsequent volumes also include data on this basis.

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Glossary

Adopted Children Register (ACR)	The ACR is maintained at GRO, in which entries relating to adopted children are made as directed by adoption orders.
Adoption Order	Gives parental responsibility for a child to the adoptive parent(s), made on their application by an authorised court.
Approved Adoption Society	A body of persons whose functions consist of, or include, the making of arrangements for the adoption of children. It must be approved by the Secretary of State for Health. In 2005 it would have been approved by Secretary of State for Health. However, from 1 April 2007 the regulator for this has been the Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED).
Approved Premises	Under the Marriage Act 1994, civil marriages can be solemnised in approved premises (other than register offices). The Marriages & Civil Partnership (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005 allow for premises to be approved by a local authority for the solemnization of marriages and the formation of civil partnerships. These include hotels, stately homes and historic buildings.
Annual Reference Volume	ARVs are yearly publications produced by ONS for a variety of topics (for example, FM2 for marriage, divorce and adoption).
Annulment	An annulment of marriage occurs following a successful petition for nullity. It declares that the marriage itself is void and that no valid marriage ever existed or voidable (was legal at time of registration but is no longer legal).
Authorised Person	An Authorised Person is appointed by the Registrar General to register marriages solemnised in a named registered building in a duplicate register.
Banns	A marriage in the Church of England or Church of Wales requires the publication of banns of marriage on three Sundays preceding it. Banns ask for public confirmation that the parties involved are legally eligible for marriage.
Civil Marriage	A civil marriage can take place at a register office or other buildings approved for civil marriage . The bride and bridegroom must personally give a formal notice of their intention to marry to the superintendent registrar of the district(s) where they have resided for the previous seven days. If either party is subject to immigration control then notice of marriage must be given at a designated register office. Both parties must attend together. There are 76 designated register offices in England and Wales.
Civil Partnership Dissolution	A dissolution of civil partnership occurs following the presentation of an application and the granting of a final order and ends a valid civil partnership. To obtain a civil partnership dissolution in the UK, a couple must have been in either a registered civil partnership or recognised foreign relationship for 12 months.
Civil Partnership	The Civil Partnership Act 2004 came into force on 5 December 2005 in the UK, the first day couples could give notice of their intention to form a civil partnership. The Act enables same-sex couples aged 16 and over to obtain legal recognition of their relationship. The first day that couples could normally form a partnership was 19 December in Northern Ireland, 20 December in Scotland and 21 December in England and Wales.
Decree Absolute	Granted upon a dissolution of marriage following a petition for divorce, a decree absolute ends a valid marriage. See Dissolution.
Decree Nisi	Following the grounds for divorce being proven, the district judge grants a decree nisi as a provisional measure. Six weeks later the petitioner can apply for a decree absolute.
Decree of Nullity	Granted upon an annulment of marriage following a petition for nullity, a decree of nullity declares that the marriage itself is void and that no valid marriage ever existed. See Annulment.
Department of Constitutional Affairs (DCA)	Prior to 9 May 2007, the DCA was responsible, among other things, for the administration of the court system in England and Wales through the Court Service. See Her Majesty's Court service.
Dissolution	A dissolution of marriage occurs following a successful petition for divorce and ends a valid marriage. Dissolution of marriage covers nullity and divorce. See Decree Absolute.
Facts Proven	A petitioner must prove one or more of five facts (adultery, unreasonable behaviour, desertion, and separation, either with or without consent of the respondent) in order to establish the irretrievable breakdown of the marriage.

First Release	Once an annual dataset from a particular source such as marriage registration has been quality assured, its first publication is referred to as a First Release. This is accompanied by a news, or press, release which details the main findings.
General Register Office (GRO)	The GRO (part of the Identity and Passport Service since 1 April 2008) is responsible for ensuring the registration of all births, deaths, marriages and civil partnerships that have occurred in England and Wales and for maintaining a central archive.
Her Majesty's Court Service	Her Majesty's Court Service is an executive agency of the Ministry of Justice and is responsible for the running of most of the courts and tribunals in England and Wales. Her Majesty's Court Service supplies information on divorces and adoptions to ONS.
Judicial Separation	This is an alternative to divorce and does not dissolve the marriage but absolves the parties from the obligation to live together. This procedure might, for instance, be used if religious beliefs forbid or discourage divorce.
Judicial and Court Statistics	This Annual Report of the Ministry of Justice shows statistics which relate to the criminal and civil business of those courts in England and Wales, including data on divorce and adoption.
Lord Chancellor's Department	Prior to 12 June 2003 and constitutional reforms, the LCD was responsible for the administration of the court system in England and Wales through the Court Service.
Ministry of Justice	Following constitutional reforms, the Ministry of Justice was created on 9 May 2007 replacing the DCA. It is responsible, among other things, for the administration of the court system in England and Wales through the Court Service.
National Statistics Code of Practice	The principles and protocols followed and upheld by all those involved in producing National Statistics.
News Release	A news, or press, release details the findings in a First Release.
Nuptiality	Collective term for marriage, separation, divorce, widowhood and remarriage which is commonly used by demographers to refer to the propensity of a population to get married.
ONS	Since 1 April 2008, Office for National Statistics (ONS) is the executive office of the UK Statistics Authority.
OPCS	Office of Population Censuses and Surveys - joined with Central Statistical Office in 1996 to become ONS.
Petitioner	The person seeking a dissolution or annulment.
Population Trends	A quarterly ONS publication which covers population and demographic information , including articles and reports on marriages, divorces and adoptions.
Registrar	Local Authority employee responsible for the registration of births, deaths and marriages.
Registrar General	Statutory appointment with responsibility for the administration of the registration acts in England and Wales, and other related functions as specified by the relevant legislation.
Registration Officer	Generic term for registrar, superintendent registrar and additional registrars.
Registration Scheme	Organises the boundaries and specifies the name of registration districts within local authorities.
Religious Marriage	Religious marriages can take place in Church of England or Church in Wales premises, as well as in other buildings registered for marriage which are certified as a place of worship. Religious marriages also include marriages solemnised according to the rites of the Society of Friends and those professing the Jewish religion.
Reports	Regular articles in Population Trends on marriage and divorce (based on registration data, soon after they become available).
Respondent	The person to whom a petition for divorce has been served.
Single Men/Women	Persons who have never been married or been in a civil partnership.
Solemnised Marriage	A marriage legally occurs upon solemnisation at a ceremony, either religious or civil, and must follow the completion of legal preliminaries.
Superintendent Registrar	Local Authority employee with responsibilities relating to marriage and other registration functions, as specified in the relevant legislation.
VSOB	Vital Statistics Output Branch (at ONS).

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Table 1.1 Estimated population: sex, age and marital status¹, 1996-2006

England and Wales

thousands

Age group	Marital status	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Males												
All ages	Total	25,029.8	25,113.2	25,200.7	25,323.4	25,438.0	25,574.3	25,703.7	25,841.4	25,995.2	26,196.7	26,371.2
	Single	11,640.3	11,761.0	11,878.3	12,015.7	12,137.0	12,270.2	12,432.2	12,596.1	12,777.9	12,978.3	13,188.5
	Married	11,309.9	11,239.8	11,183.2	11,142.7	11,113.4	11,089.6	11,007.6	10,929.3	10,850.9	10,801.0	10,723.5
	Widowed	733.4	733.7	734.6	732.2	731.5	732.8	730.3	727.2	724.1	721.8	720.0
	Divorced	1,346.2	1,378.7	1,404.7	1,432.9	1,456.2	1,481.6	1,533.6	1,588.9	1,642.3	1,695.5	1,739.2
Age groups												
0-14	Single	5,087.9	5,100.2	5,105.0	5,106.7	5,075.2	5,035.7	4,999.0	4,966.6	4,941.3	4,912.4	4,879.8
15	Single	327.7	323.5	323.1	326.9	341.1	340.4	347.0	357.4	354.0	357.7	365.2
Under 20	Total	6,631.5	6,676.9	6,709.1	6,721.2	6,699.3	6,687.8	6,703.4	6,720.8	6,722.9	6,706.4	6,703.9
	Single	6,624.9	6,670.0	6,702.1	6,713.8	6,691.9	6,680.5	6,697.5	6,715.9	6,719.4	6,704.3	6,702.1
	Married	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.3	5.9	5.5	4.5	3.9	3.0	2.0	1.8
	Widowed	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0
	Divorced	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0
20-24	Total	1,658.3	1,580.2	1,530.3	1,530.0	1,547.8	1,579.2	1,606.2	1,645.3	1,711.7	1,770.9	1,812.0
	Single	1,538.5	1,478.6	1,441.5	1,448.7	1,470.3	1,501.4	1,533.2	1,572.9	1,638.6	1,700.1	1,748.5
	Married	116.5	98.6	86.0	78.5	74.4	74.3	69.3	68.3	68.7	66.2	59.4
	Widowed	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.0
	Divorced	3.0	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.1
25-29	Total	1,969.9	1,931.9	1,886.6	1,836.1	1,795.6	1,741.9	1,688.2	1,646.7	1,640.6	1,674.5	1,718.1
	Single	1,273.4	1,294.2	1,303.8	1,303.6	1,304.9	1,293.1	1,286.3	1,280.7	1,297.1	1,343.6	1,399.8
	Married	650.1	595.3	544.1	497.2	458.7	419.8	375.1	340.5	319.0	306.9	294.6
	Widowed	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9
	Divorced	45.5	41.5	37.7	34.4	31.0	27.9	25.9	24.6	23.7	23.2	22.7
30-34	Total	2,050.2	2,063.5	2,055.7	2,044.2	2,027.1	2,016.1	1,983.8	1,947.0	1,897.0	1,855.7	1,798.8
	Single	775.6	817.3	848.0	877.5	904.0	933.8	958.6	979.0	988.1	1,001.6	1,009.6
	Married	1,134.8	1,110.6	1,078.3	1,043.4	1,006.5	971.5	918.0	864.1	809.8	760.8	703.1
	Widowed	2.3	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.6
	Divorced	137.6	133.1	126.7	120.7	114.1	108.4	104.9	101.8	97.2	91.6	84.5
35-39	Total	1,833.7	1,879.9	1,924.2	1,974.0	2,019.1	2,049.7	2,074.7	2,082.8	2,070.7	2,055.3	2,032.7
	Single	409.4	447.5	487.0	527.8	567.4	603.9	642.6	671.7	693.8	713.7	735.9
	Married	1,227.8	1,234.5	1,239.6	1,248.7	1,254.8	1,250.9	1,234.4	1,211.2	1,177.5	1,144.9	1,106.0
	Widowed	4.5	4.6	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.9
	Divorced	192.2	193.3	192.7	192.7	192.2	190.3	193.2	195.4	195.2	192.7	186.9
40-44	Total	1,655.4	1,675.7	1,703.2	1,737.4	1,782.7	1,831.2	1,882.5	1,924.1	1,965.6	2,017.5	2,046.9
	Single	244.0	260.5	280.7	304.3	331.4	359.4	388.3	417.3	446.9	481.1	513.5
	Married	1,198.1	1,198.2	1,202.8	1,210.6	1,226.2	1,243.1	1,256.0	1,260.3	1,263.5	1,272.2	1,264.9
	Widowed	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.2	7.1	7.0	7.1
	Divorced	205.7	209.3	211.8	214.8	217.4	221.0	230.7	239.2	248.0	257.1	261.5
45-49	Total	1,809.8	1,723.4	1,671.4	1,649.7	1,636.9	1,643.9	1,655.9	1,689.0	1,723.7	1,765.1	1,815.1
	Single	195.5	196.1	200.9	209.4	219.4	232.6	245.0	261.8	279.7	299.7	322.5
	Married	1,372.6	1,290.5	1,237.4	1,207.8	1,186.6	1,179.8	1,172.4	1,177.4	1,183.7	1,193.7	1,209.0
	Widowed	14.6	13.9	13.7	13.4	13.0	12.7	12.3	12.1	11.9	11.9	11.7
	Divorced	227.0	222.8	219.4	219.1	217.9	218.8	226.2	237.6	248.4	259.9	271.9
50-54	Total	1,534.2	1,659.9	1,729.0	1,760.5	1,775.9	1,770.9	1,693.9	1,639.1	1,611.5	1,601.2	1,604.0
	Single	135.4	149.9	160.8	170.0	178.9	186.5	187.2	189.4	194.8	201.7	211.4
	Married	1,199.7	1,290.6	1,334.3	1,347.2	1,347.0	1,330.8	1,256.1	1,199.6	1,163.2	1,140.8	1,127.7
	Widowed	21.1	22.6	23.5	23.9	24.4	24.5	23.1	21.8	20.7	19.9	19.2
	Divorced	178.1	196.7	210.4	219.3	225.7	229.0	227.5	228.3	232.8	238.8	245.7
55-59	Total	1,314.8	1,317.8	1,343.5	1,383.0	1,428.7	1,492.0	1,608.1	1,673.4	1,701.4	1,714.1	1,710.8
	Single	103.9	105.7	109.7	114.8	120.8	128.4	140.9	150.4	158.0	164.7	170.5
	Married	1,049.4	1,044.0	1,057.6	1,082.5	1,112.4	1,156.0	1,237.2	1,276.4	1,285.2	1,281.0	1,264.8
	Widowed	32.6	32.1	31.9	32.0	32.4	33.6	35.7	36.7	37.0	37.0	36.7
	Divorced	128.9	136.0	144.3	153.7	163.1	174.1	194.3	209.9	221.3	231.4	238.8
60-64	Total	1,205.0	1,212.5	1,230.5	1,249.9	1,259.2	1,251.7	1,253.2	1,276.3	1,310.0	1,350.5	1,407.2
	Single	93.1	92.9	93.7	95.0	96.1	96.6	97.3	100.1	103.7	108.1	113.9
	Married	965.1	967.8	978.3	989.3	991.5	979.9	976.3	989.9	1,011.2	1,036.8	1,074.2
	Widowed	52.7	51.7	51.4	51.3	51.2	50.0	48.6	47.9	47.5	47.8	49.0
	Divorced	94.0	100.1	107.0	114.2	120.3	125.2	130.9	138.4	147.6	157.8	170.0
65-69	Total	1,105.6	1,104.4	1,102.6	1,098.8	1,099.7	1,104.9	1,115.3	1,130.6	1,146.4	1,154.3	1,146.0
	Single	89.8	88.4	87.1	85.2	83.7	82.7	82.2	82.2	82.3	82.6	82.0
	Married	864.6	863.5	861.7	858.2	857.8	860.5	867.4	877.4	887.4	890.3	880.4
	Widowed	87.6	84.4	81.7	79.3	77.5	75.8	74.1	72.9	72.1	70.9	68.8
	Divorced	63.7	68.0	72.0	76.2	80.8	85.9	91.7	98.1	104.7	110.4	114.8
70-74	Total	953.6	942.8	938.6	937.5	940.5	946.8	951.2	954.1	953.6	958.5	964.8
	Single	72.0	72.2	72.2	72.1	72.2	72.6	72.0	71.1	69.7	68.3	67.2
	Married	711.1	702.7	700.0	699.8	702.8	708.6	713.1	716.8	717.5	721.9	727.3
	Widowed	132.4	128.0	123.7	119.9	116.3	112.3	109.2	105.7	102.6	99.9	97.4
	Divorced	38.1	40.0	42.7	45.7	49.2	53.2	57.0	60.4	63.9	68.4	73.0
75 and over	Total	1,307.7	1,344.3	1,376.0	1,401.0	1,425.4	1,458.3	1,487.3	1,512.4	1,540.1	1,572.7	1,610.9
	Single	84.8	87.6	90.7	93.5	96.0	98.7	101.1	103.4	106.0	108.7	111.5
	Married	814.2	837.4	856.8	873.2	888.6	908.8	927.8	943.5	961.3	983.6	1,010.4
	Widowed	376.6	384.5	391.6	395.3	399.7	406.7	410.8	414.0	417.0	419.6	422.8
	Divorced	32.2	34.7	36.9	39.0	41.2	44.1	47.6	51.4	55.7	60.7	66.1

Notes: See section 2.1.
Figures may not add exactly due to rounding.

1 Single men and single women are those who have never been married - see section 3.1.

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Table 1.1 - continued

Age group	Marital status	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Females												
All ages	Total	26,380.7	26,446.5	26,519.4	26,610.0	26,702.1	26,785.7	26,868.3	26,955.9	27,061.9	27,222.5	27,357.7
	Single	10,335.9	10,457.8	10,577.1	10,700.4	10,804.7	10,916.7	11,047.8	11,190.1	11,341.9	11,537.0	11,730.3
	Married	11,432.8	11,352.9	11,284.2	11,234.5	11,198.7	11,149.9	11,075.2	11,000.2	10,935.0	10,882.1	10,812.1
	Widowed	2,881.5	2,855.0	2,831.5	2,799.8	2,771.9	2,744.6	2,709.8	2,669.4	2,628.9	2,588.9	2,549.3
	Divorced	1,730.5	1,780.9	1,826.6	1,875.3	1,926.8	1,974.5	2,035.6	2,096.2	2,156.2	2,214.5	2,266.0
Age groups												
0-14	Single	4,852.8	4,860.6	4,861.1	4,863.6	4,832.9	4,795.7	4,762.6	4,726.1	4,695.6	4,669.9	4,647.7
	Single	315.4	309.5	309.5	311.1	322.4	323.4	328.4	338.2	335.6	338.4	342.5
Under 20	Total	6,354.2	6,394.9	6,421.8	6,430.2	6,395.6	6,374.1	6,363.8	6,370.1	6,374.1	6,373.0	6,360.4
	Single	6,332.6	6,373.5	6,400.4	6,408.9	6,376.2	6,356.0	6,349.8	6,357.6	6,362.8	6,363.8	6,353.8
	Married	20.7	20.3	20.3	19.8	17.6	16.2	12.6	11.5	10.7	9.1	6.5
	Widowed	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0
	Divorced	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1
20-24	Total	1,633.0	1,560.6	1,516.7	1,516.9	1,540.0	1,577.7	1,606.2	1,635.7	1,663.9	1,705.8	1,745.8
	Single	1,361.2	1,325.4	1,306.5	1,320.2	1,351.6	1,390.1	1,429.8	1,464.6	1,497.3	1,546.5	1,599.4
	Married	259.6	224.9	201.1	187.7	179.6	178.0	166.6	161.1	156.8	149.7	137.9
	Widowed	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.3
	Divorced	11.3	9.4	8.3	8.0	7.8	8.2	8.4	8.5	8.3	7.9	7.2
25-29	Total	1,979.7	1,945.2	1,902.3	1,850.9	1,809.9	1,744.7	1,676.5	1,637.7	1,639.4	1,679.5	1,715.8
	Single	977.3	1,012.3	1,039.1	1,051.1	1,064.6	1,058.9	1,053.8	1,059.8	1,089.4	1,143.0	1,197.5
	Married	906.3	844.3	782.8	725.1	677.2	625.4	568.2	526.7	501.0	488.2	470.5
	Widowed	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.2
	Divorced	92.7	85.3	77.2	71.7	65.2	57.7	52.0	48.9	46.9	46.2	45.5
30-34	Total	2,075.8	2,087.9	2,080.7	2,069.2	2,049.3	2,033.4	2,008.7	1,972.0	1,912.8	1,868.2	1,807.5
	Single	551.1	588.9	621.3	651.2	678.6	710.7	742.1	765.8	776.5	790.9	799.6
	Married	1,315.8	1,293.1	1,259.4	1,222.8	1,182.2	1,142.4	1,093.5	1,041.1	982.2	933.3	876.0
	Widowed	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.1	6.8	6.3	5.9	5.4	5.0	4.7
	Divorced	201.5	198.4	192.6	187.7	181.3	173.5	166.8	159.2	148.8	139.0	127.2
35-39	Total	1,853.9	1,903.4	1,951.9	2,004.0	2,053.7	2,082.0	2,102.9	2,099.5	2,093.1	2,068.3	2,052.2
	Single	273.7	305.1	338.5	374.0	411.0	444.4	477.5	504.0	528.2	548.8	574.7
	Married	1,319.9	1,331.5	1,342.0	1,354.1	1,362.1	1,356.3	1,342.7	1,313.6	1,285.0	1,246.1	1,212.5
	Widowed	13.2	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.5	13.2	12.7	12.0	11.4	10.7	10.2
	Divorced	247.1	253.4	258.0	262.4	267.1	268.1	270.1	269.9	268.5	262.7	254.8
40-44	Total	1,673.8	1,695.6	1,725.0	1,759.1	1,805.2	1,853.3	1,904.3	1,951.9	2,003.6	2,052.5	2,081.4
	Single	153.0	166.8	183.4	202.7	223.8	247.6	273.3	300.4	329.6	361.0	390.8
	Married	1,248.1	1,248.4	1,253.9	1,262.5	1,277.9	1,292.9	1,307.1	1,317.2	1,328.2	1,336.5	1,330.9
	Widowed	22.6	22.9	23.0	23.1	23.3	23.2	22.4	21.6	21.0	20.5	19.8
	Divorced	250.0	257.5	264.7	270.8	280.2	289.7	301.5	312.7	324.7	334.5	339.9
45-49	Total	1,825.4	1,744.4	1,693.2	1,673.9	1,664.6	1,670.1	1,688.6	1,718.9	1,748.1	1,790.5	1,840.2
	Single	112.1	115.3	120.7	128.1	136.8	147.9	159.7	173.7	189.1	206.7	227.2
	Married	1,402.1	1,323.0	1,268.4	1,239.3	1,218.7	1,208.1	1,205.4	1,211.2	1,214.6	1,225.7	1,240.5
	Widowed	44.2	41.5	39.9	39.3	38.7	38.3	37.6	36.6	35.6	34.9	34.1
	Divorced	267.0	264.6	264.2	267.2	270.4	275.9	285.9	297.4	308.8	323.2	338.4
50-54	Total	1,544.4	1,672.6	1,747.0	1,781.9	1,803.4	1,801.3	1,728.5	1,672.9	1,649.3	1,635.4	1,641.6
	Single	75.8	83.6	90.1	96.0	102.3	108.3	111.2	115.2	121.2	128.3	137.7
	Married	1,191.5	1,285.0	1,333.9	1,350.3	1,354.2	1,339.5	1,270.0	1,214.5	1,182.9	1,159.4	1,149.9
	Widowed	71.2	73.7	74.4	73.6	73.3	72.3	67.1	62.7	60.2	57.6	56.1
	Divorced	205.9	230.4	248.7	262.0	273.6	281.3	280.2	280.5	285.1	290.1	297.9
55-59	Total	1,333.9	1,340.1	1,367.5	1,407.0	1,454.5	1,520.0	1,642.6	1,711.1	1,743.1	1,757.5	1,757.4
	Single	64.4	64.1	65.2	66.9	69.4	73.6	80.9	86.4	91.5	96.5	101.7
	Married	999.2	1,001.1	1,019.9	1,048.0	1,080.1	1,124.8	1,211.6	1,255.4	1,269.9	1,269.8	1,258.4
	Widowed	121.5	118.1	115.2	113.4	112.1	112.1	114.7	114.2	111.6	108.7	106.0
	Divorced	148.7	156.8	167.2	178.8	192.8	209.5	235.5	255.1	270.2	282.4	291.3
60-64	Total	1,252.2	1,256.6	1,272.4	1,292.1	1,304.4	1,297.3	1,302.1	1,329.4	1,364.9	1,406.3	1,466.4
	Single	66.1	64.8	64.0	63.6	63.1	61.8	61.2	62.0	63.2	65.2	68.6
	Married	872.9	877.2	889.3	903.3	910.8	906.0	910.3	931.3	957.8	987.1	1,028.2
	Widowed	203.3	196.8	192.1	189.0	185.8	178.5	172.1	167.1	163.4	160.2	159.3
	Divorced	109.9	117.9	127.0	136.1	144.7	151.1	158.6	169.0	180.6	193.8	210.3
65-69	Total	1,240.2	1,230.3	1,220.5	1,206.7	1,198.1	1,194.0	1,200.5	1,214.9	1,232.4	1,242.3	1,231.4
	Single	74.9	72.3	69.9	67.2	64.7	62.7	61.3	60.2	59.7	58.7	57.0
	Married	749.2	747.9	746.7	743.2	743.5	746.5	755.7	769.6	784.2	794.0	791.1
	Widowed	337.6	326.4	315.2	302.5	290.5	278.7	269.4	262.2	256.7	249.5	237.9
	Divorced	78.6	83.7	88.8	93.8	99.4	106.2	114.1	122.9	131.9	140.1	145.4
70-74	Total	1,196.5	1,168.6	1,149.6	1,138.0	1,134.0	1,131.8	1,127.2	1,122.8	1,112.5	1,105.7	1,101.6
	Single	80.4	77.1	74.1	71.7	69.7	67.5	65.1	63.1	60.6	58.4	56.3
	Married	578.6	570.7	566.2	565.0	568.5	575.1	580.5	586.0	588.7	594.0	601.0
	Widowed	482.8	465.0	450.9	439.4	429.4	418.1	405.5	392.5	376.9	361.5	346.4
	Divorced	54.7	55.9	58.3	61.9	66.4	71.0	76.1	81.2	86.3	91.7	97.9
75 and over	Total	2,417.7	2,446.2	2,470.8	2,480.2	2,489.4	2,505.9	2,516.4	2,519.2	2,524.7	2,537.5	2,556.0
	Single	213.4	208.5	204.0	198.7	192.9	187.6	182.1	177.5	172.9	169.2	166.0
	Married	568.9	585.4	600.3	613.4	626.1	638.8	651.1	661.0	672.9	689.2	708.8
	Widowed	1,572.8	1,585.2	1,595.6	1,594.0	1,593.3	1,598.2	1,597.4	1,590.2	1,582.8	1,576.3	1,571.2
	Divorced	62.7	67.0	70.9	74.2	77.1	81.3	85.7	90.5	96.0	102.8	110.0

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Table 1.2 Estimated population: (proportions per thousand): sex, age and marital status¹, 1996-2006

England and Wales

Age group	Marital status	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Males												
All ages	Single	465	468	471	474	477	480	484	487	492	495	500
	Married	452	448	444	440	437	434	428	423	417	412	407
	Widowed	29	29	29	29	29	29	28	28	28	28	27
	Divorced	54	55	56	57	57	58	60	61	63	65	66
Age groups												
Under 20	Single	999	999	999	999	999	999	999	999	999	1,000	1000
	Married	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Widowed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Divorced	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20-24	Single	928	936	942	947	950	951	955	956	957	960	965
	Married	70	62	56	51	48	47	43	42	40	37	33
	Widowed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
	Divorced	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
25-29	Single	646	670	691	710	727	742	762	778	791	802	815
	Married	330	308	288	271	255	241	222	207	194	183	171
	Widowed	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Divorced	23	21	20	19	17	16	15	15	14	14	13
30-34	Single	378	396	413	429	446	463	483	503	521	540	561
	Married	553	538	525	510	497	482	463	444	427	410	391
	Widowed	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Divorced	67	65	62	59	56	54	53	52	51	49	47
35-39	Single	223	238	253	267	281	295	310	323	335	347	362
	Married	670	657	644	633	621	610	595	582	569	557	544
	Widowed	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	Divorced	105	103	100	98	95	93	93	94	94	94	92
40-44	Single	147	155	165	175	186	196	206	217	227	238	251
	Married	724	715	706	697	688	679	667	655	643	631	618
	Widowed	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3
	Divorced	124	125	124	124	122	121	123	124	126	127	128
45-49	Single	108	114	120	127	134	141	148	155	162	170	178
	Married	758	749	740	732	725	718	708	697	687	676	666
	Widowed	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	6
	Divorced	125	129	131	133	133	133	137	141	144	147	150
50-54	Single	88	90	93	97	101	105	110	116	121	126	132
	Married	782	778	772	765	758	752	742	732	722	712	703
	Widowed	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	13	13	12	12
	Divorced	116	119	122	125	127	129	134	139	144	149	153
55-59	Single	79	80	82	83	85	86	88	90	93	96	100
	Married	798	792	787	783	779	775	769	763	755	747	739
	Widowed	25	24	24	23	23	23	22	22	22	22	21
	Divorced	98	103	107	111	114	117	121	125	130	135	140
60-64	Single	77	77	76	76	76	77	78	78	79	80	81
	Married	801	798	795	792	787	783	779	776	772	768	763
	Widowed	44	43	42	41	41	40	39	38	36	35	35
	Divorced	78	83	87	91	96	100	104	108	113	117	121
65-69	Single	81	80	79	78	76	75	74	73	72	72	72
	Married	782	782	782	781	780	779	778	776	774	771	768
	Widowed	79	76	74	72	70	69	66	65	63	61	60
	Divorced	58	62	65	69	74	78	82	87	91	96	100
70-74	Single	76	77	77	77	77	77	76	75	73	71	70
	Married	746	745	746	746	747	748	750	751	752	753	754
	Widowed	139	136	132	128	124	119	115	111	108	104	101
	Divorced	40	42	46	49	52	56	60	63	67	71	76
75 and over	Single	65	65	66	67	67	68	68	68	69	69	69
	Married	623	623	623	623	623	623	624	624	624	625	627
	Widowed	288	286	285	282	280	279	276	274	271	267	262
	Divorced	25	26	27	28	29	30	32	34	36	39	41

Notes: See section 2.1.

Figures may not add exactly due to rounding.

¹ Single men and single women are those who have never been married - see section 3.1.

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Table 1.2 - continued

Age group	Marital status	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Females												
All ages	Single	392	395	399	402	405	408	411	415	419	424	429
	Married	433	429	426	422	419	416	412	408	404	400	395
	Widowed	109	108	107	105	104	102	101	99	97	95	93
	Divorced	66	67	69	70	72	74	76	78	80	81	83
Age groups												
Under 20	Single	997	997	997	997	997	997	998	998	998	999	999
	Married	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	1
	Widowed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Divorced	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20-24	Single	834	849	861	870	878	881	890	895	900	907	916
	Married	159	144	133	124	117	113	104	98	94	88	79
	Widowed	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Divorced	7	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4
25-29	Single	494	520	546	568	588	607	629	647	664	681	698
	Married	458	434	412	392	374	358	339	322	306	291	274
	Widowed	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
	Divorced	47	44	41	39	36	33	31	30	29	27	27
30-34	Single	265	282	299	315	331	349	369	388	406	423	442
	Married	634	619	605	591	577	562	544	528	513	500	485
	Widowed	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	Divorced	97	95	93	91	88	85	83	81	78	74	70
35-39	Single	148	160	173	187	200	213	227	240	252	265	280
	Married	712	700	688	676	663	651	638	626	614	602	591
	Widowed	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	5	5	5
	Divorced	133	133	132	131	130	129	128	129	128	127	124
40-44	Single	91	98	106	115	124	134	144	154	165	176	188
	Married	746	736	727	718	708	698	686	675	663	651	639
	Widowed	14	14	13	13	13	13	12	11	10	10	10
	Divorced	149	152	153	154	155	156	158	160	162	163	163
45-49	Single	61	66	71	77	82	89	95	101	108	115	123
	Married	768	758	749	740	732	723	714	705	695	685	674
	Widowed	24	24	24	23	23	23	22	21	20	20	19
	Divorced	146	152	156	160	162	165	169	173	177	181	184
50-54	Single	49	50	52	54	57	60	64	69	73	78	84
	Married	771	768	764	758	751	744	735	726	717	709	700
	Widowed	46	44	43	41	41	40	39	38	36	35	34
	Divorced	133	138	142	147	152	156	162	168	173	177	181
55-59	Single	48	48	48	48	48	48	49	50	52	55	58
	Married	749	747	746	745	743	740	738	734	729	723	716
	Widowed	91	88	84	81	77	74	70	67	64	62	60
	Divorced	111	117	122	127	133	138	143	149	155	161	166
60-64	Single	53	52	50	49	48	48	47	47	46	46	47
	Married	697	698	699	699	698	698	699	701	702	702	701
	Widowed	162	157	151	146	142	138	132	126	120	114	109
	Divorced	88	94	100	105	111	116	122	127	132	138	143
65-69	Single	60	59	57	56	54	52	51	50	48	47	46
	Married	604	608	612	616	621	625	629	633	636	639	642
	Widowed	272	265	258	251	242	233	224	216	208	201	193
	Divorced	63	68	73	78	83	89	95	101	107	113	118
70-74	Single	67	66	64	63	61	60	58	56	54	53	51
	Married	484	488	493	497	501	508	515	522	529	537	546
	Widowed	404	398	392	386	379	369	360	350	339	327	315
	Divorced	46	48	51	54	59	63	68	72	78	83	89
75 and over	Single	88	85	83	80	77	75	72	70	68	67	65
	Married	235	239	243	247	252	255	259	262	267	272	277
	Widowed	651	648	646	643	640	638	635	631	627	621	615
	Divorced	26	27	29	30	31	32	34	36	38	41	43

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Table 2.1 Marriages and divorces, 1996-2006

England and Wales

Year	Marriages				Divorces					
	Total	First marriage of both parties	First marriage of one party only	Remarriage of both parties	New petitions ^{1,3} filed	Decrees ² made absolute				
						Total	First marriage of both parties	One party previously divorced	Both parties previously divorced	Other combinations
1996	278,975	160,680	64,653	53,642	178,672	157,107	111,977	29,413	14,630	1,087
1997	272,536	156,907	62,911	52,718	164,254	146,689	104,205	27,653	13,794	1,037
1998	267,303	156,539	60,642	50,122	166,375	145,214	102,677	27,859	13,746	932
1999	263,515	155,027	59,540	48,948	162,686	144,556	101,548	27,915	14,138	955
2000	267,961	156,140	61,550	50,271	158,261	141,135	98,824	27,595	13,888	828
2001	249,227	148,642	55,943	44,642	172,833	143,818	100,541	28,306	14,100	871
2002	255,596	151,014	57,768	46,814	177,667	147,735	102,774	29,389	14,688	884
2003	270,109	160,283	60,074	49,752	173,728	153,490	106,444	30,960	15,266	820
2004	273,069	163,007	60,290	49,772	167,837	153,399	106,220	30,902	15,379	898
2005	247,805	148,405	53,108	46,292	152,285	141,750	97,637	28,812	14,516	785
2006	239,454	145,995	50,061	43,398	149,065	132,562	91,084	27,336	13,356	786

1 Including petitions for annulments; there were 406 in 2006. See table 4.23, sections 1.3 and 4.5.

2 Including decrees of divorce and nullity.

3 Source: Ministry of Justice (Judicial and Court Statistics)

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Table 2.2 Marriage and divorce rates, 1996-2006

England and Wales

Year	All marriages			First marriages		Remarriages		Divorces
	People marrying per 1,000 population of all ages	Men marrying per 1,000 unmarried men aged 16 and over	Women marrying per 1,000 unmarried women aged 16 and over	Number marrying per 1,000 single population aged 16 and over		Number remarrying per 1,000 widowed and divorced population		People divorcing per 1,000 married population
				Men	Women	Men	Women	
1996	10.9	33.6	28.5	31.1	37.3	41.2	18.7	13.8
1997	10.6	32.3	27.5	29.7	35.6	39.9	18.1	13.0
1998	10.3	31.1	26.6	28.9	34.7	37.9	17.2	12.9
1999	10.1	30.1	25.8	28.0	33.5	36.6	16.7	12.9
2000	10.3	30.1	25.9	27.7	33.2	37.4	17.1	12.7
2001	9.5	27.4	23.7	25.5	30.6	33.2	15.2	12.9
2002	9.7	27.3	23.9	25.3	30.3	33.8	15.8	13.4
2003	10.2	28.2	24.8	26.1	31.2	34.8	16.6	14.0
2004	10.3	27.7	24.6	25.7	30.8	34.3	16.5	14.1
2005	9.3	24.5	21.9	22.5	27.0	30.8	14.8	13.1
2006	8.9	23.0	20.7	21.3	25.6	28.5	13.8	12.3

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Table 3.1 Marriages (numbers and rates): quarter of occurrence, 1996-2006

England and Wales

Year	Quarter of occurrence				Persons marrying per 1,000 population of all ages			
	Marriages							
	March	June	September	December	March	June	September	December
1996	36,477	80,688	114,018	47,792	5.7	12.6	17.6	7.4
1997	34,948	76,709	113,229	47,650	5.5	11.9	17.4	7.3
1998	33,406	75,015	110,213	48,669	5.2	11.6	16.9	7.5
1999	32,461	73,152	109,489	48,413	5.1	11.3	16.7	7.4
2000	31,492	74,194	116,695	45,580	4.9	11.4	17.8	7.0
2001	28,836	70,876	105,331	44,184	4.5	10.9	16.0	6.7
2002	31,893	71,124	105,671	46,908	4.9	10.9	15.9	7.1
2003	34,025	75,152	111,869	49,063	5.2	11.4	16.8	7.4
2004	35,022	74,980	113,171	49,896	5.3	11.4	17.0	7.5
2005	30,395	68,178	105,277	43,955	4.6	10.2	15.6	6.5
2006	25,880	66,251	106,173	41,150	3.9	9.9	15.7	6.1

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Table 3.2 Marriages: month of occurrence, 1996-2006

England and Wales

Year	Total	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1996	278,975	7,853	12,246	16,378 ¹	19,082	27,181	34,425 ¹	33,604	46,161 ¹	34,253	20,312	14,186 ¹	13,294
1997	272,536	7,575	11,513	15,860 ¹	17,045	29,587 ¹	30,077	33,836	45,514 ¹	33,879	20,967	14,146 ¹	12,537
1998	267,303	7,720 ¹	12,756	12,930	18,705	29,025 ¹	27,285	33,041	43,365 ¹	33,807	23,142 ¹	12,671	12,856
1999	263,515	7,872 ¹	10,788	13,801	17,574	28,018 ¹	27,560	37,010 ¹	37,657	34,822	23,407 ¹	13,041	11,965
2000	267,961	7,101 ¹	11,452	12,939	20,221 ¹	24,617	29,356	37,740 ¹	39,194	39,761 ¹	19,476	12,652	13,452 ¹
2001	249,227	6,196	9,720	12,920 ¹	16,572	23,413	30,891 ¹	31,248	38,580	35,503 ¹	17,915	12,356	13,913 ¹
2002	255,596	6,788	10,850	14,255 ¹	15,105	24,385	31,634 ¹	31,097	43,957 ¹	30,617	18,806	14,283 ¹	13,819
2003	270,109	7,998	11,861	14,166 ¹	18,066	28,994 ¹	28,092	32,860	46,086 ¹	32,923	20,432	14,685 ¹	13,946
2004	273,069	8,977 ¹	13,256	12,789	19,086	27,518 ¹	28,376	39,738 ¹	40,138	33,295	22,947 ¹	12,566	14,383
2005	247,805	7,820 ¹	10,671	11,904	17,140 ¹	23,985	27,053	36,398 ¹	37,231	31,648	19,212 ¹	11,259	13,484 ¹
2006	239,454	6,151	8,966	10,763	17,876 ¹	21,965	26,410	34,501 ¹	37,128	34,544 ¹	16,697	10,891	13,562 ¹

¹ These months contain five Saturdays.

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**Table 3.3 Marriages (numbers and percentages):
type of ceremony, day and month of occurrence, 2006**

England and Wales

	Total	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Numbers													
All marriages													
Total	239,454	6,151	8,966	10,763	17,876	21,965	26,410	34,501	37,128	34,544	16,697	10,891	13,562
Sunday	12,869	211 ¹	283	321	1,230 ¹	1,492	1,032	1,780 ¹	2,696	1,496	1,014 ¹	478	836 ¹
Monday	7,583	340 ¹	396	384	563	650 ¹	695	1,062 ¹	1,109	841	734 ¹	410	399
Tuesday	7,182	347 ¹	1,124	339	511	681 ¹	607	590	1,155 ¹	583	611 ¹	316	318
Wednesday	7,403	283	333	504 ¹	608	700 ¹	746	739	1,174 ¹	626	478	516 ¹	696
Thursday	11,044	335	430	589 ¹	900	763	1,270 ¹	1,140	2,114 ¹	1,005	693	640 ¹	1,165
Friday	44,002	953	1,396	2,395 ¹	2,490	3,796	5,443 ¹	5,577	7,219	7,005 ¹	2,783	1,892	3,053 ¹
Saturday	149,371	3,682	5,004	6,231	11,574 ¹	13,883	16,617	23,613 ¹	21,661	22,988 ¹	10,384	6,639	7,095 ¹
Civil marriages													
Total	158,350	4,926	7,190	8,422	12,725	14,365	16,584	20,047	22,202	21,388	12,145	8,528	9,828
Sunday	8,715	137 ¹	198	207	834 ¹	1,029	687	1,178 ¹	1,749	1,083	707 ¹	335	571 ¹
Monday	6,919	319 ¹	369	361	475	538 ¹	651	987 ¹	965	801	699 ¹	385	369
Tuesday	6,610	319 ¹	1,038	314	469	637 ¹	570	526	1,057 ¹	546	565 ¹	294	275
Wednesday	6,840	267	307	479 ¹	571	659 ¹	694	671	1,089 ¹	574	449	486 ¹	594
Thursday	9,940	307	396	553 ¹	846	695	1,145 ¹	999	1,857 ¹	927	644	601 ¹	970
Friday	35,453	876	1,267	2,159 ¹	2,105	3,135	4,386 ¹	4,211	5,323	5,498 ¹	2,376	1,688	2,429 ¹
Saturday	83,873	2,701	3,615	4,349	7,425 ¹	7,672	8,451	11,475 ¹	10,162	11,959 ¹	6,705	4,739	4,620 ¹
Religious marriages													
Total	81,104	1,225	1,776	2,341	5,151	7,600	9,826	14,454	14,926	13,156	4,552	2,363	3,734
Sunday	4,154	74 ¹	85	114	396 ¹	463	345	602 ¹	947	413	307 ¹	143	265 ¹
Monday	664	21 ¹	27	23	88	112 ¹	44	75 ¹	144	40	35 ¹	25	30
Tuesday	572	28 ¹	86	25	42	44 ¹	37	64	98 ¹	37	46 ¹	22	43
Wednesday	563	16	26	25 ¹	37	41 ¹	52	68	85 ¹	52	29	30 ¹	102
Thursday	1,104	28	34	36 ¹	54	68	125 ¹	141	257 ¹	78	49	39 ¹	195
Friday	8,549	77	129	236 ¹	385	661	1,057 ¹	1,366	1,896	1,507 ¹	407	204	624 ¹
Saturday	65,498	981	1,389	1,882	4,149 ¹	6,211	8,166	12,138 ¹	11,499	11,029 ¹	3,679	1,900	2,475 ¹
Percentages²													
All marriages													
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sunday	5.4	3.4	3.2	3.0	6.9	6.8	3.9	5.2	7.3	4.3	6.1	4.4	6.2
Monday	3.2	5.5	4.4	3.6	3.1	3.0	2.6	3.1	3.0	2.4	4.4	3.8	2.9
Tuesday	3.0	5.6	12.5	3.1	2.9	3.1	2.3	1.7	3.1	1.7	3.7	2.9	2.3
Wednesday	3.1	4.6	3.7	4.7	3.4	3.2	2.8	2.1	3.2	1.8	2.9	4.7	5.1
Thursday	4.6	5.4	4.8	5.5	5.0	3.5	4.8	3.3	5.7	2.9	4.2	5.9	8.6
Friday	18.4	15.5	15.6	22.3	13.9	17.3	20.6	16.2	19.4	20.3	16.7	17.4	22.5
Saturday	62.4	59.9	55.8	57.9	64.7	63.2	62.9	68.4	58.3	66.5	62.2	61.0	52.3

1 Indicates five occurrences of the day in the month.

2 The number of the different weekdays occurring in a particular month is taken into account in calculating the percentage distribution by day of the week for that month.

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Table 3.4 Marriages (numbers and percentages): type of ceremony, denomination, and day of occurrence, 2006 **England and Wales**

	Total	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Numbers								
All marriages	239,454	12,869	7,583	7,182	7,403	11,044	44,002	149,371
All civil marriages	158,350	8,715	6,919	6,610	6,840	9,940	35,453	83,873
Register Office and others	62,587	68	3,742	3,584	3,663	4,764	14,541	32,225
Approved Premises	95,763	8,647	3,177	3,026	3,177	5,176	20,912	51,648
All religious marriages	81,104	4,154	664	572	563	1,104	8,549	65,498
Church of England	54,054	1,789	316	221	309	626	5,451	45,342
Church in Wales	3,909	150	42	28	44	70	573	3,002
Roman Catholic	9,263	327	95	71	77	175	1,431	7,087
Methodist	4,209	158	28	27	32	53	338	3,573
United Reformed Church	1,429	49	11	13	4	15	127	1,210
Congregationalist (Independent)	339	12	1	4	1	5	40	276
Baptist	1,560	49	11	13	8	27	149	1,303
Presbyterian	154	4	2	1	2	2	12	131
Calvinistic Methodist	98	2	1	-	1	-	16	78
Society of Friends (Quakers)	59	3	-	-	1	2	4	49
Jews	714	494	49	67	47	43	4	10
Salvation Army	136	9	-	-	1	1	8	117
Brethren	120	3	2	37	2	3	10	63
Jehovah's Witness	541	5	12	-	1	1	71	451
Unitarian	389	19	5	1	7	5	54	298
Muslim	147	26	13	4	9	19	17	59
Sikh	1,203	632	41	2	2	-	9	517
Other Christian body (including Mormon)	2,215	306	25	74	13	36	174	1,587
Other unattached body	565	117	10	9	2	21	61	345
Not civil marriage and not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentages								
All marriages	100	5.4	3.2	3.0	3.1	4.6	18.4	62.4
All civil marriages	100	5.5	4.4	4.2	4.3	6.3	22.4	53.0
Register Office and others	100	0.1	6.0	5.7	5.9	7.6	23.2	51.5
Approved Premises	100	9.0	3.3	3.2	3.3	5.4	21.8	53.9
All religious marriages	100	5.1	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.4	10.5	80.8
Church of England	100	3.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	1.2	10.1	83.9
Church in Wales	100	3.8	1.1	0.7	1.1	1.8	14.7	76.8
Roman Catholic	100	3.5	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.9	15.4	76.5
Methodist	100	3.8	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.3	8.0	84.9
United Reformed Church	100	3.4	0.8	0.9	0.3	1.0	8.9	84.7
Congregationalist (Independent)	100	3.5	0.3	1.2	0.3	1.5	11.8	81.4
Baptist	100	3.1	0.7	0.8	0.5	1.7	9.6	83.5
Presbyterian	100	2.6	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.3	7.8	85.1
Calvinistic Methodist	100	2.0	1.0	-	1.0	-	16.3	79.6
Society of Friends (Quakers)	100	5.1	-	-	1.7	3.4	6.8	83.1
Jews	100	69.2	6.9	9.4	6.6	6.0	0.6	1.4
Salvation Army	100	6.6	-	-	0.7	0.7	5.9	86.0
Brethren	100	2.5	1.7	30.8	1.7	2.5	8.3	52.5
Jehovah's Witness	100	0.9	2.2	-	0.2	0.2	13.1	83.4
Unitarian	100	4.9	1.3	0.3	1.8	1.3	13.9	76.6
Muslim	100	17.7	8.8	2.7	6.1	12.9	11.6	40.1
Sikh	100	52.5	3.4	0.2	0.2	-	0.7	43.0
Other Christian body (including Mormon)	100	13.8	1.1	3.3	0.6	1.6	7.9	71.6
Other unattached body	100	20.7	1.8	1.6	0.4	3.7	10.8	61.1
Not civil marriage and not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Table 3.5 Marriages: type of ceremony, previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom and day of occurrence, 2006

England and Wales

		Total	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All marriages									
All bridegrooms	All brides	239,454	12,869	7,583	7,182	7,403	11,044	44,002	149,371
	Single women	172,803	9,997	4,874	4,377	4,443	6,954	29,701	112,457
	Divorced women	61,435	2,663	2,493	2,572	2,678	3,739	13,346	33,944
	Widows	5,216	209	216	233	282	351	955	2,970
Single men	All brides	169,248	9,668	4,853	4,315	4,293	6,905	29,353	109,861
	Single women	145,995	8,561	3,975	3,465	3,440	5,593	24,503	96,458
	Divorced women	22,293	1,070	831	815	811	1,249	4,658	12,859
	Widows	960	37	47	35	42	63	192	544
Divorced men	All brides	64,777	2,962	2,469	2,617	2,770	3,802	13,610	36,547
	Single women	25,932	1,404	856	872	941	1,319	5,044	15,496
	Divorced women	36,297	1,464	1,524	1,626	1,695	2,297	8,089	19,602
	Widows	2,548	94	89	119	134	186	477	1,449
Widowers	All brides	5,429	239	261	250	340	337	1,039	2,963
	Single women	876	32	43	40	62	42	154	503
	Divorced women	2,845	129	138	131	172	193	599	1,483
	Widows	1,708	78	80	79	106	102	286	977
Civil marriages									
All bridegrooms	All brides	158,350	8,715	6,919	6,610	6,840	9,940	35,453	83,873
	Single women	101,714	6,357	4,323	3,935	3,999	6,030	22,191	54,879
	Divorced women	52,824	2,213	2,397	2,473	2,584	3,598	12,476	27,083
	Widows	3,812	145	199	202	257	312	786	1,911
Single men	All brides	100,411	6,138	4,326	3,870	3,859	6,009	22,024	54,185
	Single women	81,288	5,241	3,491	3,064	3,047	4,757	17,598	44,090
	Divorced women	18,445	874	791	777	776	1,197	4,269	9,761
	Widows	678	23	44	29	36	55	157	334
Divorced men	All brides	54,054	2,420	2,354	2,525	2,677	3,636	12,552	27,890
	Single women	19,888	1,097	794	839	897	1,237	4,470	10,554
	Divorced women	32,057	1,243	1,471	1,574	1,649	2,221	7,661	16,238
	Widows	2,109	80	89	112	131	178	421	1,098
Widowers	All brides	3,885	157	239	215	304	295	877	1,798
	Single women	538	19	38	32	55	36	123	235
	Divorced women	2,322	96	135	122	159	180	546	1,084
	Widows	1,025	42	66	61	90	79	208	479
Religious marriages									
All bridegrooms	All brides	81,104	4,154	664	572	563	1,104	8,549	65,498
	Single women	71,089	3,640	551	442	444	924	7,510	57,578
	Divorced women	8,611	450	96	99	94	141	870	6,861
	Widows	1,404	64	17	31	25	39	169	1,059
Single men	All brides	68,837	3,530	527	445	434	896	7,329	55,676
	Single women	64,707	3,320	484	401	393	836	6,905	52,368
	Divorced women	3,848	196	40	38	35	52	389	3,098
	Widows	282	14	3	6	6	8	35	210
Divorced men	All brides	10,723	542	115	92	93	166	1,058	8,657
	Single women	6,044	307	62	33	44	82	574	4,942
	Divorced women	4,240	221	53	52	46	76	428	3,364
	Widows	439	14	-	7	3	8	56	351
Widowers	All brides	1,544	82	22	35	36	42	162	1,165
	Single women	338	13	5	8	7	6	31	268
	Divorced women	523	33	3	9	13	13	53	399
	Widows	683	36	14	18	16	23	78	498

¹ Single men and single women are those who have never been married - see section 3.1.

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Table 3.6 Marriages: type of ceremony, sex, age and day of occurrence, 2006

England and Wales

	Total	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All marriages								
Age of bridegroom								
All ages	239,454	12,869	7,583	7,182	7,403	11,044	44,002	149,371
Under 20	1,093	22	57	81	67	97	203	566
20-24	19,430	907	778	718	646	929	2,764	12,688
25-29	56,607	3,622	1,481	1,251	1,234	1,902	8,794	38,323
30-34	55,595	3,362	1,257	1,151	1,120	2,079	10,249	36,377
35-39	37,880	2,023	1,106	1,058	1,008	1,710	7,483	23,492
40-44	24,659	1,139	816	813	887	1,298	5,090	14,616
45-49	15,827	674	559	607	665	924	3,378	9,020
50-54	10,681	446	499	448	541	671	2,324	5,752
55-59	8,260	327	425	404	474	585	1,788	4,257
60-64	4,632	172	253	280	310	387	1,011	2,219
65-69	2,353	97	150	193	199	213	480	1,021
70-74	1,245	55	99	85	116	140	217	533
75 and over	1,192	23	103	93	136	109	221	507
Age of bride								
All ages	239,454	12,869	7,583	7,182	7,403	11,044	44,002	149,371
Under 20	3,841	83	257	236	259	298	597	2,111
20-24	35,527	1,814	1,266	1,150	1,027	1,467	4,955	23,848
25-29	67,090	4,217	1,546	1,349	1,346	2,252	10,906	45,474
30-34	49,617	2,984	1,187	1,073	1,126	2,025	9,735	31,487
35-39	31,114	1,589	1,014	973	962	1,570	6,611	18,395
40-44	19,918	899	731	790	820	1,168	4,319	11,191
45-49	13,231	547	558	559	595	824	2,879	7,269
50-54	8,457	318	417	390	485	592	1,832	4,423
55-59	5,240	207	284	288	324	388	1,102	2,647
60-64	2,904	128	153	188	218	222	623	1,372
65-69	1,363	52	84	115	121	121	255	615
70-74	672	25	50	40	64	62	108	323
75 and over	480	6	36	31	56	55	80	216
Civil marriages								
Age of bridegroom								
All ages	158,350	8,715	6,919	6,610	6,840	9,940	35,453	83,873
Under 20	745	11	46	61	50	73	159	345
20-24	10,664	477	659	610	549	797	2,039	5,533
25-29	30,718	2,131	1,326	1,119	1,112	1,604	6,217	17,209
30-34	33,593	2,295	1,120	1,061	1,022	1,822	7,640	18,633
35-39	26,526	1,519	1,014	998	948	1,560	6,182	14,305
40-44	19,143	869	773	765	838	1,218	4,518	10,162
45-49	13,020	540	529	581	634	886	3,115	6,735
50-54	9,169	363	478	433	518	632	2,177	4,568
55-59	7,043	253	408	388	456	558	1,660	3,320
60-64	3,916	134	240	259	293	367	934	1,689
65-69	1,958	75	141	180	190	202	438	732
70-74	968	35	91	78	105	126	189	344
75 and over	887	13	94	77	125	95	185	298

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Table 3.6 - continued

	Total	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Civil marriages - continued								
Age of bride								
All ages	158,350	8,715	6,919	6,610	6,840	9,940	35,453	83,873
Under 20	2,610	31	218	196	212	248	477	1,228
20-24	19,523	990	1,128	980	917	1,286	3,705	10,517
25-29	37,210	2,601	1,373	1,241	1,212	1,915	7,766	21,102
30-34	32,035	2,148	1,053	1,003	1,032	1,792	7,521	17,486
35-39	23,458	1,212	947	924	918	1,446	5,702	12,309
40-44	16,281	709	693	753	778	1,109	3,932	8,307
45-49	11,208	442	536	539	567	789	2,676	5,659
50-54	7,319	264	397	364	467	570	1,729	3,528
55-59	4,475	166	277	276	305	364	1,024	2,063
60-64	2,373	101	146	173	209	207	556	981
65-69	1,033	34	75	98	113	115	212	386
70-74	486	16	45	35	57	52	92	189
75 and over	339	1	31	28	53	47	61	118
Religious marriages								
Age of bridegroom								
All ages	81,104	4,154	664	572	563	1,104	8,549	65,498
Under 20	348	11	11	20	17	24	44	221
20-24	8,766	430	119	108	97	132	725	7,155
25-29	25,889	1,491	155	132	122	298	2,577	21,114
30-34	22,002	1,067	137	90	98	257	2,609	17,744
35-39	11,354	504	92	60	60	150	1,301	9,187
40-44	5,516	270	43	48	49	80	572	4,454
45-49	2,807	134	30	26	31	38	263	2,285
50-54	1,512	83	21	15	23	39	147	1,184
55-59	1,217	74	17	16	18	27	128	937
60-64	716	38	13	21	17	20	77	530
65-69	395	22	9	13	9	11	42	289
70-74	277	20	8	7	11	14	28	189
75 and over	305	10	9	16	11	14	36	209
Age of bride								
All ages	81,104	4,154	664	572	563	1,104	8,549	65,498
Under 20	1,231	52	39	40	47	50	120	883
20-24	16,004	824	138	170	110	181	1,250	13,331
25-29	29,880	1,616	173	108	134	337	3,140	24,372
30-34	17,582	836	134	70	94	233	2,214	14,001
35-39	7,656	377	67	49	44	124	909	6,086
40-44	3,637	190	38	37	42	59	387	2,884
45-49	2,023	105	22	20	28	35	203	1,610
50-54	1,138	54	20	26	18	22	103	895
55-59	765	41	7	12	19	24	78	584
60-64	531	27	7	15	9	15	67	391
65-69	330	18	9	17	8	6	43	229
70-74	186	9	5	5	7	10	16	134
75 and over	141	5	5	3	3	8	19	98

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Table 3.7 Men marrying: previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, 1996-2006 **England and Wales**

Year	All bride-grooms	All single men	All widowers	All divorced men	Single men who married			Widowers who married			Divorced men who married		
					Single women	Widows	Divorced women	Single women	Widows	Divorced women	Single women	Widows	Divorced women
1996	278,975	193,306	7,666	78,003	160,680	1,400	31,226	1,212	2,842	3,612	30,815	3,087	44,101
1997	272,536	188,268	7,429	76,839	156,907	1,290	30,071	1,130	2,761	3,538	30,420	2,930	43,489
1998	267,303	186,329	6,945	74,029	156,539	1,283	28,507	1,157	2,448	3,340	29,695	2,851	41,483
1999	263,515	184,266	6,632	72,617	155,027	1,179	28,060	1,092	2,328	3,212	29,209	2,709	40,699
2000	267,961	186,113	6,470	75,378	156,140	1,211	28,762	1,077	2,164	3,229	30,500	2,777	42,101
2001	249,227	175,721	5,828	67,678	148,642	1,125	25,954	990	1,940	2,898	27,874	2,536	37,268
2002	255,596	179,121	5,969	70,506	151,014	1,216	26,891	1,029	1,868	3,072	28,632	2,603	39,271
2003	270,109	189,470	6,242	74,397	160,283	1,236	27,951	1,144	1,860	3,238	29,743	2,772	41,882
2004	273,069	191,956	5,984	75,129	163,007	1,241	27,708	1,128	1,798	3,058	30,213	2,807	42,109
2005	247,805	173,413	5,720	68,672	148,405	998	24,010	971	1,700	3,049	27,129	2,687	38,856
2006	239,454	169,248	5,429	64,777	145,995	960	22,293	876	1,708	2,845	25,932	2,548	36,297

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Table 3.8 Women marrying: previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, 1996-2006 **England and Wales**

Year	All brides	All single women	All widows	All divorced women	Single women who married			Widows who married			Divorced women who married		
					Single men	Widowers	Divorced men	Single men	Widowers	Divorced men	Single men	Widowers	Divorced men
1996	278,975	192,707	7,329	78,939	160,680	1,212	30,815	1,400	2,842	3,087	31,226	3,162	44,101
1997	272,536	188,457	6,981	77,098	156,907	1,130	30,420	1,290	2,761	2,930	30,071	3,538	43,489
1998	267,303	187,391	6,582	73,330	156,539	1,157	29,695	1,283	2,448	2,851	28,507	3,340	41,483
1999	263,515	185,328	6,216	71,971	155,027	1,092	29,209	1,179	2,328	2,709	28,060	3,212	40,699
2000	267,961	187,717	6,152	74,092	156,140	1,077	30,500	1,211	2,164	2,777	28,762	3,229	42,101
2001	249,227	177,506	5,601	66,120	148,642	990	27,874	1,125	1,940	2,536	25,954	2,898	37,268
2002	255,596	180,675	5,687	69,234	151,014	1,029	28,632	1,216	1,868	2,603	26,891	3,072	39,271
2003	270,109	191,170	5,868	73,071	160,283	1,144	29,743	1,236	1,860	2,772	27,951	3,238	41,882
2004	273,069	194,348	5,846	72,875	163,007	1,128	30,213	1,241	1,798	2,807	27,708	3,058	42,109
2005	247,805	176,505	5,385	65,915	148,405	971	27,129	998	1,700	2,687	24,010	3,049	38,856
2006	239,454	172,803	5,216	61,435	145,995	876	25,932	960	1,708	2,548	22,293	2,845	36,297

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Table 3.9 Marriages (numbers and proportions): previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, 1996-2006 **England and Wales**

Year	All marriages	First marriage of both parties	First marriage of one party only			Remarriage of both parties			
			Total	With divorced party	With widow(er)	Total	Both parties divorced	Both parties widowed	Divorced with widow(er)
	Numbers								
1996	278,975	160,680	64,653	62,041	2,612	53,642	44,101	2,842	6,699
1997	272,536	156,907	62,911	60,491	2,420	52,718	43,489	2,761	6,468
1998	267,303	156,539	60,642	58,202	2,440	50,122	41,483	2,448	6,191
1999	263,515	155,027	59,540	57,269	2,271	48,948	40,699	2,328	5,921
2000	267,961	156,140	61,550	59,262	2,288	50,271	42,101	2,164	6,006
2001	249,227	148,642	55,943	53,828	2,115	44,642	37,268	1,940	5,434
2002	255,596	151,014	57,768	55,523	2,245	46,814	39,271	1,868	5,675
2003	270,109	160,283	60,074	57,694	2,380	49,752	41,882	1,860	6,010
2004	273,069	163,007	60,290	57,921	2,369	49,772	42,109	1,798	5,865
2005	247,805	148,405	53,108	51,139	1,969	46,292	38,856	1,700	5,736
2006	239,454	145,995	50,061	48,225	1,836	43,398	36,297	1,708	5,393
	Proportions								
1996	1,000	576	232	222	9	192	158	10	24
1997	1,000	576	231	222	9	193	160	10	24
1998	1,000	586	227	218	9	188	155	9	23
1999	1,000	588	226	217	9	186	154	9	22
2000	1,000	583	230	221	9	188	157	8	22
2001	1,000	596	224	216	8	179	150	8	22
2002	1,000	591	226	217	9	183	154	7	22
2003	1,000	593	222	214	9	184	155	7	22
2004	1,000	597	221	212	9	182	154	7	21
2005	1,000	599	214	206	8	187	157	7	23
2006	1,000	610	209	201	8	181	152	7	23

¹ Single men and single women are those who have never been married - see section 3.1.

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Table 3.10 First marriage rates¹: sex and age, 1996-2006

England and Wales

Year	Age group									
	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55 and over
Single men²										
1996	31.1	1.8	25.2	64.5	59.4	37.0	20.0	10.9	6.7	2.3
1997	29.7	1.8	22.8	61.1	58.0	36.9	19.9	10.8	7.0	2.2
1998	28.9	1.7	21.0	59.4	57.8	36.4	19.5	10.8	6.9	2.1
1999	28.0	1.7	18.9	56.9	57.7	36.5	19.8	10.9	6.8	2.2
2000	27.7	1.7	18.2	54.3	58.2	38.0	21.6	11.8	7.2	2.2
2001	25.5	1.5	16.2	50.4	54.5	35.4	19.9	10.9	6.5	2.1
2002	25.3	1.3	16.2	48.4	55.2	36.4	21.7	12.0	7.2	2.4
2003	26.1	1.3	16.3	49.4	57.7	38.4	23.6	13.3	8.5	3.0
2004	25.7	1.2	15.7	48.3	57.5	39.1	24.3	13.9	8.5	3.0
2005	22.5	0.9	12.3	42.1	51.6	35.8	22.1	12.6	7.8	2.9
2006	21.3	0.8	11.0	39.5	49.3	34.9	20.9	12.6	7.9	3.0
Single women²										
1996	37.3	8.0	45.7	77.2	57.2	33.2	18.2	10.8	6.3	1.1
1997	35.6	7.4	42.5	74.1	56.1	32.6	17.4	9.9	6.5	1.2
1998	34.7	7.2	39.9	72.6	56.1	31.8	16.9	10.3	6.3	1.1
1999	33.5	6.7	36.7	70.8	56.0	31.4	17.3	9.9	6.3	1.1
2000	33.2	6.5	35.2	68.7	57.2	32.6	18.2	10.8	6.5	1.3
2001	30.6	5.5	31.9	64.3	53.2	30.3	17.1	9.7	6.1	1.2
2002	30.3	5.4	30.9	62.9	54.3	31.6	18.3	10.9	7.1	1.3
2003	31.2	5.4	31.3	64.0	57.4	33.6	19.7	12.4	7.8	1.8
2004	30.8	4.9	30.1	62.9	58.2	34.5	19.7	12.6	8.6	1.8
2005	27.0	3.2	24.2	56.4	53.5	31.7	17.9	11.2	7.6	1.7
2006	25.6	2.8	21.9	53.4	51.3	30.8	17.0	11.2	8.3	2.0

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Table 3.11 First marriage rates¹: sex and single years of age (22-35), 1996-2006

England and Wales

Year	Age													
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Single men²														
1996	23.3	33.0	43.9	55.5	62.1	68.5	70.0	69.7	68.2	63.7	57.2	53.8	48.4	44.2
1997	21.0	30.5	39.7	49.5	59.8	64.3	67.6	68.3	65.9	62.7	57.1	51.9	47.5	43.6
1998	19.0	27.3	37.8	47.1	55.2	63.1	66.6	68.5	66.6	61.2	56.8	52.4	47.6	43.8
1999	17.4	24.5	34.1	44.0	51.7	59.9	65.5	66.0	65.6	61.6	56.7	52.7	48.4	43.4
2000	17.7	24.1	32.6	41.1	50.4	56.4	60.6	64.9	65.0	62.5	58.6	52.5	49.3	44.9
2001	16.1	20.9	29.3	37.4	46.5	52.9	56.8	60.3	61.7	58.5	55.1	49.2	44.5	41.9
2002	14.6	22.0	28.8	36.1	43.2	49.9	55.7	58.8	59.5	58.9	56.0	51.3	47.9	42.1
2003	15.1	21.5	28.7	36.9	44.8	50.4	56.2	61.0	61.0	60.3	59.7	55.3	50.1	45.5
2004	15.2	20.8	27.8	35.9	43.7	50.1	55.0	59.6	60.7	59.8	58.1	56.0	51.3	46.9
2005	11.6	16.8	22.8	30.4	37.8	44.2	49.3	52.8	53.7	54.5	51.2	50.8	46.8	42.0
2006	10.2	14.9	20.8	27.7	35.8	42.1	47.6	48.9	52.1	51.8	50.2	46.8	44.4	41.9
Single women²														
1996	45.9	57.6	66.8	75.2	78.4	80.1	79.1	73.3	69.4	60.4	54.6	49.5	44.3	39.8
1997	42.0	53.6	62.2	70.2	74.9	77.2	75.5	73.8	67.1	61.1	53.8	47.0	44.6	39.4
1998	39.0	49.9	59.9	68.4	72.1	76.2	73.9	73.2	68.7	60.9	53.8	48.1	42.5	38.4
1999	36.2	46.5	55.8	65.0	69.5	74.1	74.3	72.5	68.3	61.5	53.5	47.5	43.4	38.1
2000	35.2	44.4	53.0	62.9	69.3	69.3	71.3	72.2	68.5	63.4	55.4	49.2	43.8	39.7
2001	31.8	40.7	49.5	57.2	64.3	67.8	66.4	67.1	64.1	58.2	51.4	45.9	41.0	36.1
2002	30.5	39.6	47.1	54.6	61.7	64.9	68.4	66.6	62.7	59.9	53.0	48.1	42.8	37.5
2003	30.6	39.0	47.2	55.7	61.1	66.1	69.4	69.7	66.0	62.1	57.3	51.3	45.7	40.1
2004	29.6	37.6	46.0	55.3	60.2	64.8	68.1	69.3	67.8	63.0	57.5	52.2	47.0	42.5
2005	24.2	31.8	38.9	47.7	54.6	58.2	62.6	63.2	61.0	58.9	52.9	48.1	44.1	39.3
2006	20.7	29.5	36.8	43.8	51.0	57.2	58.8	60.6	58.6	55.9	51.7	46.3	41.6	38.5

1 Single men/women marrying per 1,000 single male/female population, by age.

2 Single men and single women are those who have never been married - see section 3.1.

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Table 3.12 Remarriage rates¹: sex and age, 1996-2006

England and Wales

Year	Age group														
	All ages	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	All ages	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
	Widowed men							Widowed women							
1996	10.5	40.7	69.5	89.6	54.7	43.3	7.6	2.5	34.7	57.6	53.8	33.5	16.4	1.3	
1997	10.1	18.8	60.9	68.0	51.9	39.6	7.5	2.4	30.6	41.0	49.2	30.5	15.8	1.3	
1998	9.5	13.6	38.7	55.0	52.3	36.1	7.0	2.3	20.6	44.3	46.6	30.3	15.1	1.2	
1999	9.1	8.2	43.2	56.3	46.9	36.6	6.6	2.2	22.6	42.1	41.3	27.7	14.4	1.2	
2000	8.8	12.1	33.9	59.0	50.3	35.5	6.4	2.2	14.7	40.5	41.2	29.6	14.4	1.2	
2001	8.0	4.5	31.8	46.2	44.5	30.8	5.9	2.0	12.8	34.5	39.6	26.0	13.1	1.1	
2002	8.2	1.4	31.4	48.1	44.8	32.3	6.1	2.1	15.6	36.8	44.3	28.1	13.7	1.1	
2003	8.6	6.4	56.4	65.6	49.3	33.4	6.4	2.2	15.5	42.2	47.0	28.1	15.1	1.2	
2004	8.3	5.4	41.2	46.0	48.1	32.4	6.3	2.2	12.2	50.0	47.1	31.2	14.9	1.2	
2005	7.9	3.7	19.1	50.0	41.4	32.8	6.1	2.1	6.3	33.2	37.7	25.1	14.8	1.2	
2006	7.5	1.0	12.9	36.2	38.5	29.4	6.0	2.0	7.6	18.0	38.4	25.1	14.6	1.2	
	Divorced men							Divorced women							
1996	57.9	183.3	135.2	111.2	73.8	47.1	21.2	45.6	183.2	120.6	93.6	56.0	32.6	7.7	
1997	55.7	189.7	132.2	110.3	72.9	45.5	20.4	43.3	188.2	119.4	90.8	54.6	31.2	7.7	
1998	52.7	191.3	124.7	104.1	71.6	43.6	19.7	40.1	174.5	114.5	87.1	52.2	29.3	7.5	
1999	50.7	157.6	120.7	102.9	70.2	43.1	19.0	38.4	158.6	107.0	84.8	52.3	28.5	7.4	
2000	51.8	125.7	113.2	103.6	74.4	45.7	19.8	38.5	141.7	107.5	85.6	54.2	30.0	7.5	
2001	45.7	95.1	96.6	95.8	67.6	40.3	17.5	33.5	110.4	96.9	79.3	48.5	26.1	6.8	
2002	46.0	82.2	91.1	94.7	68.0	41.7	19.6	34.0	111.0	99.3	80.3	50.6	27.5	7.8	
2003	46.8	85.3	90.1	92.6	69.4	44.1	21.1	34.9	116.1	100.5	82.5	52.0	30.0	8.8	
2004	45.7	70.8	87.2	88.4	69.5	44.1	20.5	33.8	109.8	94.3	81.6	52.1	30.0	8.7	
2005	40.5	33.5	65.8	77.1	61.7	40.7	18.9	29.8	72.8	75.5	71.0	47.0	28.0	8.3	
2006	37.2	34.5	56.8	68.6	57.3	38.4	18.1	27.1	66.4	68.0	66.3	43.6	26.2	8.0	
	Widowed and divorced men							Widowed and divorced women							
1996	41.2	172.5	134.0	110.8	73.2	46.8	12.3	18.7	173.0	118.3	92.2	54.5	29.4	2.2	
1997	39.9	174.6	130.7	109.5	72.2	45.0	12.1	18.1	175.2	116.5	89.3	53.0	28.3	2.3	
1998	37.9	172.3	122.6	103.1	71.0	43.0	11.7	17.2	160.6	111.8	85.6	50.8	26.7	2.2	
1999	36.6	138.1	118.5	101.8	69.5	42.5	11.4	16.7	144.4	104.3	83.1	50.8	26.0	2.3	
2000	37.4	107.0	110.7	102.6	73.7	44.9	11.8	17.1	126.2	104.6	83.9	52.7	27.3	2.3	
2001	33.2	77.7	94.4	94.7	66.9	39.6	10.7	15.2	96.0	94.1	77.8	47.1	23.9	2.2	
2002	33.8	66.2	89.1	93.7	67.4	41.0	12.0	15.8	96.7	96.4	78.9	49.3	25.3	2.5	
2003	34.8	70.0	88.9	92.0	68.8	43.4	13.0	16.6	101.1	97.9	81.2	50.7	27.8	2.9	
2004	34.3	56.8	85.6	87.6	69.0	43.3	12.9	16.5	94.3	92.3	80.4	51.1	27.9	3.0	
2005	30.8	26.5	64.1	76.6	61.2	40.2	12.3	14.8	61.6	73.7	69.8	46.0	26.2	3.0	
2006	28.5	26.6	55.1	68.0	56.9	37.9	12.0	13.8	57.2	65.7	65.3	42.7	24.8	3.0	

1 Marriages of widowed men/women per 1,000 widowed male/female population, by age.

Marriages of divorced men/women per 1,000 divorced male/female population, by age.

Marriages of widowed and divorced men/women per 1,000 widowed and divorced, male/female population, by age.

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Table 3.13 Men marrying: age and marital status, 1996-2006

England and Wales

Year	Age group									
	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55 and over
All men										
1996	278,975	2,208	39,382	88,338	61,582	31,739	18,299	14,568	9,093	13,766
1997	272,536	2,214	34,267	84,644	62,265	33,037	18,617	13,615	10,073	13,804
1998	267,303	2,233	30,764	82,135	62,323	34,284	18,528	13,055	10,330	13,651
1999	263,515	2,225	27,828	78,364	63,212	35,346	19,182	13,060	10,616	13,682
2000	267,961	2,157	27,143	74,367	64,611	38,345	21,489	14,039	11,431	14,379
2001	249,227	1,945	24,651	67,934	61,409	36,397	20,475	12,782	10,167	13,467
2002	255,596	1,820	25,093	64,619	62,998	38,731	22,465	13,859	10,477	15,534
2003	270,109	1,837	25,850	65,568	66,060	41,191	25,173	15,471	11,314	17,645
2004	273,069	1,737	25,939	64,701	65,510	42,618	26,746	16,489	11,341	17,988
2005	247,805	1,280	21,033	58,066	58,830	38,909	25,485	15,947	10,732	17,523
2006	239,454	1,093	19,430	56,607	55,595	37,880	24,659	15,827	10,681	17,682
Single men¹										
1996	193,306	2,201	38,824	82,123	46,083	15,146	4,881	2,137	902	1,009
1997	188,268	2,191	33,744	79,097	47,413	16,496	5,181	2,122	1,044	980
1998	186,329	2,209	30,287	77,393	48,990	17,703	5,485	2,179	1,111	972
1999	184,266	2,215	27,443	74,172	50,649	19,291	6,028	2,285	1,151	1,032
2000	186,113	2,145	26,820	70,823	52,651	21,584	7,170	2,595	1,292	1,033
2001	175,721	1,931	24,379	65,202	50,916	21,362	7,161	2,527	1,218	1,025
2002	179,121	1,807	24,846	62,229	52,963	23,398	8,422	2,936	1,348	1,172
2003	189,470	1,825	25,570	63,301	56,505	25,792	9,851	3,494	1,609	1,523
2004	191,956	1,725	25,690	62,598	56,827	27,137	10,859	3,901	1,662	1,557
2005	173,413	1,277	20,912	56,523	51,680	25,551	10,614	3,762	1,575	1,519
2006	169,248	1,093	19,321	55,303	49,739	25,662	10,757	4,056	1,677	1,640
Widowers										
1996	7,666	-	10	61	202	286	381	687	857	5,182
1997	7,429	-	5	57	168	254	392	582	867	5,104
1998	6,945	-	4	37	150	280	383	518	826	4,747
1999	6,632	-	3	44	151	256	332	540	823	4,483
2000	6,470	-	6	34	147	271	354	500	828	4,330
2001	5,828	-	3	32	111	240	304	420	725	3,993
2002	5,969	-	1	29	107	228	309	441	704	4,150
2003	6,242	-	5	50	135	240	335	465	669	4,343
2004	5,984	-	5	34	89	224	323	415	644	4,250
2005	5,720	-	4	17	88	159	300	438	603	4,111
2006	5,429	-	1	12	58	168	254	361	546	4,029
Divorced men										
1996	78,003	7	548	6,154	15,297	16,307	13,037	11,744	7,334	7,575
1997	76,839	23	518	5,490	14,684	16,287	13,044	10,911	8,162	7,720
1998	74,029	24	473	4,705	13,183	16,301	12,660	10,358	8,393	7,932
1999	72,617	10	382	4,148	12,412	15,799	12,822	10,235	8,642	8,167
2000	75,378	12	317	3,510	11,813	16,490	13,965	10,944	9,311	9,016
2001	67,678	14	269	2,700	10,382	14,795	13,010	9,835	8,224	8,449
2002	70,506	13	246	2,361	9,928	15,105	13,734	10,482	8,425	10,212
2003	74,397	12	275	2,217	9,420	15,159	14,987	11,512	9,036	11,779
2004	75,129	12	244	2,069	8,594	15,257	15,564	12,173	9,035	12,181
2005	68,672	3	117	1,526	7,062	13,199	14,571	11,747	8,554	11,893
2006	64,777	-	108	1,292	5,798	12,050	13,648	11,410	8,458	12,013

1 Single men are those who have never been married - see section 3.1.

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Table 3.14 Women marrying: age and marital status, 1996-2006

England and Wales

Year	Age group									
	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55 and over
All women										
1996	278,975	9,435	64,371	86,838	50,799	25,518	15,371	12,130	6,862	7,651
1997	272,536	9,027	58,178	85,352	51,405	26,559	15,279	11,369	7,569	7,798
1998	267,303	8,957	53,554	84,399	51,982	27,024	15,221	10,963	7,612	7,591
1999	263,515	8,327	49,743	82,250	52,721	28,162	16,037	10,823	7,749	7,703
2000	267,961	8,048	48,638	80,312	54,649	30,793	17,452	11,677	8,406	7,986
2001	249,227	6,896	45,317	73,799	51,865	29,144	16,528	10,523	7,548	7,607
2002	255,596	6,806	45,078	71,540	53,970	31,570	18,414	11,614	7,921	8,683
2003	270,109	6,987	46,850	72,790	57,348	33,668	20,435	13,078	8,780	10,173
2004	273,069	6,615	46,014	73,072	57,592	35,061	21,599	13,781	8,867	10,468
2005	247,805	4,364	38,003	68,062	52,369	32,001	20,757	13,286	8,525	10,438
2006	239,454	3,841	35,527	67,090	49,617	31,114	19,918	13,231	8,457	10,659
Single women¹										
1996	192,707	9,354	62,270	75,463	31,535	9,074	2,781	1,210	480	540
1997	188,457	8,920	56,375	75,039	33,024	9,948	2,906	1,138	542	565
1998	187,391	8,847	52,096	75,418	34,853	10,760	3,092	1,240	565	520
1999	185,328	8,232	48,456	74,456	36,499	11,762	3,515	1,269	602	537
2000	187,717	7,959	47,517	73,188	38,833	13,410	4,075	1,482	664	589
2001	177,506	6,841	44,396	68,113	37,836	13,451	4,226	1,438	657	548
2002	180,675	6,745	44,127	66,278	40,307	15,093	4,996	1,740	792	597
2003	191,170	6,929	45,845	67,775	43,940	16,934	5,908	2,148	900	791
2004	194,348	6,573	45,085	68,544	45,197	18,234	6,485	2,387	1,039	804
2005	176,505	4,347	37,416	64,504	42,306	17,404	6,475	2,317	974	762
2006	172,803	3,826	35,042	63,952	41,000	17,725	6,639	2,553	1,146	920
Widows										
1996	7,329	-	29	198	400	530	673	922	976	3,601
1997	6,981	1	26	133	365	488	620	835	985	3,528
1998	6,582	2	17	138	344	508	597	761	967	3,248
1999	6,216	1	21	128	306	417	596	728	903	3,116
2000	6,152	-	16	117	294	474	615	708	903	3,025
2001	5,601	-	18	95	270	433	512	666	783	2,824
2002	5,687	2	23	94	280	420	565	663	772	2,868
2003	5,868	1	23	97	277	410	536	719	779	3,026
2004	5,846	-	19	108	253	416	598	698	731	3,023
2005	5,385	-	10	71	190	322	463	628	744	2,957
2006	5,216	-	10	40	181	296	457	621	700	2,911
Divorced women										
1996	78,939	81	2,072	11,177	18,864	15,914	11,917	9,998	5,406	3,510
1997	77,098	106	1,777	10,180	18,016	16,123	11,753	9,396	6,042	3,705
1998	73,330	108	1,441	8,843	16,785	15,756	11,532	8,962	6,080	3,823
1999	71,971	94	1,266	7,666	15,916	15,983	11,926	8,826	6,244	4,050
2000	74,092	89	1,105	7,007	15,522	16,909	12,762	9,487	6,839	4,372
2001	66,120	55	903	5,591	13,759	15,260	11,790	8,419	6,108	4,235
2002	69,234	59	928	5,168	13,383	16,057	12,853	9,211	6,357	5,218
2003	73,071	57	982	4,918	13,131	16,324	13,991	10,211	7,101	6,356
2004	72,875	42	910	4,420	12,142	16,411	14,516	10,696	7,097	6,641
2005	65,915	17	577	3,487	9,873	14,275	13,819	10,341	6,807	6,719
2006	61,435	15	475	3,098	8,436	13,093	12,822	10,057	6,611	6,828

¹ Single women are those who have never been married - see section 3.1.

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Table 3.15 Median age at marriage: sex and previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, 1996-2006

England and Wales

Year	Men				Women			
	All bride-grooms	All single men	All widowers	All divorced men	All brides	All single women	All widows	All divorced women
1996	30.6	28.3	61.7	40.2	28.6	26.4	54.7	37.1
1997	31.0	28.6	61.9	40.5	28.9	26.7	55.2	37.4
1998	31.2	28.9	61.8	40.8	29.1	27.0	54.8	37.9
1999	31.6	29.2	61.4	41.2	29.4	27.3	55.0	38.4
2000	32.0	29.6	61.3	41.8	29.8	27.5	54.7	38.9
2001	32.1	29.7	61.6	42.0	29.9	27.7	55.1	39.2
2002	32.6	30.1	61.4	42.6	30.3	27.9	55.1	39.7
2003	32.9	30.3	61.1	43.3	30.6	28.1	55.5	40.3
2004	33.2	30.4	61.7	43.6	30.8	28.3	55.6	40.8
2005	33.6	30.7	61.7	44.2	31.1	28.5	56.8	41.6
2006	33.7	30.8	62.0	44.8	31.1	28.6	57.1	42.1

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Table 3.16 Mean age of men at marriage: previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, 1996-2006

England and Wales

Year	All bride-grooms	All single men	All widowers	All divorced men	Single men who married			Widowers who married			Divorced men who married		
					Single women	Widows	Divorced women	Single women	Widows	Divorced women	Single women	Widows	Divorced women
1996	33.6	29.3	60.6	41.7	28.5	41.7	32.6	53.6	67.9	57.3	37.9	52.5	43.6
1997	33.9	29.6	61.0	42.0	28.8	42.1	33.0	53.3	68.3	57.7	38.2	52.8	43.9
1998	34.1	29.8	60.9	42.4	29.1	42.4	33.4	53.3	68.3	58.1	38.6	52.7	44.3
1999	34.4	30.1	60.8	42.7	29.4	42.8	33.9	53.3	68.5	57.7	38.9	53.2	44.8
2000	34.8	30.5	60.7	43.2	29.7	41.9	34.4	53.2	68.6	57.8	39.6	53.3	45.3
2001	34.8	30.6	61.0	43.5	29.8	42.4	34.6	53.6	68.9	58.2	39.8	53.7	45.5
2002	35.3	30.9	61.0	44.1	30.1	42.3	35.1	53.5	68.8	58.7	40.4	54.3	46.1
2003	35.6	31.2	60.7	44.6	30.4	43.1	35.6	53.3	68.7	58.8	40.9	54.5	46.7
2004	35.8	31.4	61.3	44.9	30.5	43.4	36.1	54.3	68.8	59.5	41.2	54.7	46.9
2005	36.2	31.7	61.6	45.5	30.7	44.8	36.8	54.3	69.3	59.6	41.4	55.5	47.6
2006	36.4	31.8	62.1	46.0	31.0	45.9	37.1	55.1	69.4	59.9	42.0	55.4	48.2

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Table 3.17 Mean age of women at marriage: previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, 1996-2006

England and Wales

Year	All brides	All single women	All widows	All divorced women	Single women who married			Widows who married			Divorced women who married		
					Single men	Widowers	Divorced men	Single men	Widowers	Divorced men	Single men	Widowers	Divorced men
1996	31.1	27.2	54.7	38.6	26.5	41.5	30.3	44.8	63.8	50.8	34.8	49.8	40.3
1997	31.4	27.5	55.3	38.9	26.8	42.2	30.5	45.5	64.3	51.1	35.1	50.6	40.6
1998	31.6	27.7	54.8	39.3	27.0	41.3	30.9	45.2	64.2	51.1	35.5	50.8	40.9
1999	31.8	28.0	55.2	39.7	27.3	41.3	31.1	45.5	64.3	51.5	36.0	50.6	41.4
2000	32.1	28.2	54.8	40.1	27.5	41.6	31.6	45.5	64.2	51.6	36.4	50.7	41.9
2001	32.2	28.4	55.2	40.4	27.7	41.8	31.8	45.7	64.7	52.1	36.7	51.3	42.1
2002	32.6	28.7	55.0	40.9	27.9	41.4	32.4	45.8	64.8	52.4	37.2	51.5	42.6
2003	32.9	28.9	55.0	41.5	28.1	41.6	32.8	46.2	64.4	52.7	37.7	52.0	43.3
2004	33.1	29.1	55.1	41.9	28.3	42.2	33.2	46.2	64.8	52.8	38.1	52.6	43.6
2005	33.5	29.5	56.2	42.6	28.6	42.0	33.6	47.2	65.0	54.0	38.6	52.9	44.3
2006	33.7	29.7	56.6	43.0	28.8	43.5	34.1	48.3	65.6	53.8	38.8	53.4	44.9

Note: The mean/median ages presented in these tables do not take account of the changing distributions by age and marital status within the male/female populations.

1 Single men and single women are those who have never been married - see section 3.1.

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Table 3.18 Men marrying: age and previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, 2006

England and Wales

Age last birthday	All bride-grooms	All single men	All widowers	All divorced men	Single men who married			Widowers who married			Divorced men who married		
					Single women	Widows	Divorced women	Single women	Widows	Divorced women	Single women	Widows	Divorced women
All ages	239,454	169,248	5,429	64,777	145,995	960	22,293	876	1,708	2,845	25,932	2,548	36,297
16	12	12	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	64	64	-	-	61	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	289	289	-	-	279	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	728	728	-	-	701	1	26	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 20	1,093	1,093	-	-	1,053	1	39	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	1,428	1,424	-	4	1,353	-	71	-	-	-	1	-	3
21	2,437	2,426	-	11	2,307	2	117	-	-	-	4	-	7
22	3,652	3,637	-	15	3,442	6	189	-	-	-	9	-	6
23	5,120	5,088	-	32	4,821	3	264	-	-	-	19	-	13
24	6,793	6,746	1	46	6,442	11	293	1	-	-	35	-	11
20-24	19,430	19,321	1	108	18,365	22	934	1	-	-	68	-	40
25	9,056	8,956	1	99	8,516	11	429	1	-	-	75	1	23
26	11,223	11,064	2	157	10,427	11	626	2	-	-	128	-	29
27	11,980	11,759	2	219	11,079	9	671	2	-	-	158	1	60
28	12,325	11,977	5	343	11,181	17	779	4	-	1	266	1	76
29	12,023	11,547	2	474	10,730	17	800	2	-	-	368	2	104
25-29	56,607	55,303	12	1,292	51,933	65	3,305	11	-	1	995	5	292
30	12,420	11,726	11	683	10,676	20	1,030	8	-	3	513	2	168
31	11,872	11,031	5	836	10,020	16	995	4	-	1	601	4	231
32	11,092	9,970	6	1,116	8,794	22	1,154	5	-	1	792	4	320
33	10,443	8,979	19	1,445	7,818	30	1,131	11	1	7	1,011	9	425
34	9,768	8,033	17	1,718	6,775	26	1,232	11	-	6	1,143	13	562
30-34	55,595	49,739	58	5,798	44,083	114	5,542	39	1	18	4,060	32	1,706
35	9,167	7,067	24	2,076	5,800	24	1,243	9	1	14	1,329	14	733
36	8,114	5,810	31	2,273	4,647	25	1,138	18	-	13	1,408	16	849
37	7,444	4,950	36	2,458	3,806	29	1,115	22	1	13	1,436	27	995
38	6,700	4,180	43	2,477	3,135	32	1,013	20	2	21	1,380	24	1,073
39	6,455	3,655	34	2,766	2,634	43	978	21	1	12	1,461	35	1,270
35-39	37,880	25,662	168	12,050	20,022	153	5,487	90	5	73	7,014	116	4,920
40	5,908	3,148	42	2,718	2,196	33	919	18	2	22	1,359	47	1,312
41	5,286	2,460	50	2,776	1,652	39	769	24	1	25	1,278	53	1,445
42	4,889	2,109	55	2,725	1,344	33	732	21	4	30	1,171	43	1,511
43	4,569	1,722	57	2,790	1,044	30	648	21	2	34	1,132	45	1,613
44	4,007	1,318	50	2,639	779	23	516	16	-	34	997	48	1,594
40-44	24,659	10,757	254	13,648	7,015	158	3,584	100	9	145	5,937	236	7,475
45	3,787	1,134	61	2,592	660	32	442	19	2	40	950	69	1,573
46	3,303	908	64	2,331	475	21	412	17	5	42	781	70	1,480
47	3,043	763	74	2,206	393	23	347	27	3	44	731	77	1,398
48	2,939	673	90	2,176	331	23	319	24	9	57	643	83	1,450
49	2,755	578	72	2,105	273	28	277	16	7	49	587	73	1,445
45-49	15,827	4,056	361	11,410	2,132	127	1,797	103	26	232	3,692	372	7,346
50	2,602	454	94	2,054	207	29	218	25	11	58	488	83	1,483
51	2,149	360	101	1,688	159	19	182	20	9	72	425	80	1,183
52	2,126	343	90	1,693	134	20	189	16	13	61	385	108	1,200
53	2,005	280	131	1,594	108	18	154	21	21	89	359	87	1,148
54	1,799	240	130	1,429	107	11	122	19	22	89	333	99	997
50-54	10,681	1,677	546	8,458	715	97	865	101	76	369	1,990	457	6,011

¹ Single men and single women are those who have never been married - see section 3.1.

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Table 3.18 - continued

Age last birthday	All bride-grooms	All single men	All widowers	All divorced men	Single men who married			Widowers who married			Divorced men who married		
					Single women	Widows	Divorced women	Single women	Widows	Divorced women	Single women	Widows	Divorced women
55	1,715	220	138	1,357	111	10	99	18	13	107	254	85	1,018
56	1,662	204	175	1,283	85	12	107	23	39	113	251	92	940
57	1,664	174	168	1,322	66	27	81	30	28	110	245	109	968
58	1,547	161	193	1,193	71	8	82	30	34	129	215	115	863
59	1,672	157	256	1,259	66	15	76	31	54	171	207	143	909
55-59	8,260	916	930	6,414	399	72	445	132	168	630	1,172	544	4,698
60	1,255	118	195	942	39	19	60	19	49	127	175	88	679
61	1,007	85	183	739	36	8	41	19	46	118	124	80	535
62	936	88	192	656	35	18	35	17	59	116	118	81	457
63	744	48	167	529	15	10	23	20	60	87	91	63	375
64	690	65	162	463	24	10	31	14	47	101	86	51	326
60-64	4,632	404	899	3,329	149	65	190	89	261	549	594	363	2,372
65	579	40	154	385	14	7	19	10	60	84	72	42	271
66	519	31	152	336	14	5	12	10	62	80	58	54	224
67	467	43	143	281	17	12	14	16	59	68	50	59	172
68	423	29	149	245	12	5	12	12	75	62	35	41	169
69	365	24	163	178	8	7	9	15	78	70	26	35	117
65-69	2,353	167	761	1,425	65	36	66	63	334	364	241	231	953
70	340	18	149	173	9	4	5	16	70	63	27	39	107
71	262	18	122	122	6	8	4	7	60	55	22	29	71
72	257	17	126	114	8	5	4	20	64	42	30	17	67
73	208	16	108	84	4	8	4	15	62	31	13	21	50
74	178	14	101	63	6	3	5	8	61	32	10	12	41
70-74	1,245	83	606	556	33	28	22	66	317	223	102	118	336
75	218	12	133	73	5	4	3	11	79	43	16	20	37
76	146	8	86	52	3	3	2	1	53	32	18	12	22
77	121	5	88	28	2	1	2	7	55	26	5	8	15
78	145	4	106	35	1	2	1	7	63	36	4	9	22
79	95	11	64	20	5	2	4	5	43	16	8	4	8
75-79	725	40	477	208	16	12	12	31	293	153	51	53	104
80	98	6	66	26	5	1	-	8	40	18	6	6	14
81	69	4	52	13	1	2	1	9	30	13	2	4	7
82	51	3	38	10	1	1	1	5	21	12	1	3	6
83	54	3	45	6	1	2	-	4	29	12	2	1	3
84	62	5	49	8	2	2	1	5	32	12	-	2	6
80-84	334	21	250	63	10	8	3	31	152	67	11	16	36
85	36	3	30	3	1	-	2	3	23	4	-	1	2
86	25	1	19	5	-	1	-	6	9	4	1	1	3
87	24	1	19	4	1	-	-	3	13	3	1	2	1
88	15	1	11	3	1	-	-	3	5	3	1	1	1
89	5	1	4	-	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-
85-89	105	7	83	15	4	1	2	15	53	15	3	5	7
90 and over	28	2	23	3	1	1	-	4	13	6	2	-	1

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Table 3.19 Women marrying: age and previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, 2006

England and Wales

Age last birthday	All brides	All single women	All widows	All divorced women	Single women who married			Widows who married			Divorced women who married		
					Single men	Widow-ers	Divorced men	Single men	Widow-ers	Divorced men	Single men	Widow-ers	Divorced men
All ages	239,454	172,803	5,216	61,435	145,995	876	25,932	960	1,708	2,548	22,293	2,845	36,297
16	104	104	-	-	102	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	244	243	-	1	236	-	7	-	-	-	1	-	-
18	1,298	1,294	-	4	1,230	4	60	-	-	-	-	-	4
19	2,195	2,185	-	10	2,056	2	127	-	-	-	3	-	7
Under 20	3,841	3,826	-	15	3,624	6	196	-	-	-	4	-	11
20	3,445	3,423	1	21	3,234	6	183	-	-	1	11	-	10
21	5,103	5,065	2	36	4,731	7	327	2	-	-	23	-	13
22	6,725	6,651	1	73	6,201	9	441	1	-	-	55	-	18
23	9,163	9,014	3	146	8,382	8	624	3	-	-	111	1	34
24	11,091	10,889	3	199	10,057	11	821	3	-	-	144	1	54
20-24	35,527	35,042	10	475	32,605	41	2,396	9	-	1	344	2	129
25	12,927	12,598	5	324	11,593	14	991	4	-	1	252	-	72
26	14,175	13,703	10	462	12,534	19	1,150	4	-	6	318	4	140
27	14,326	13,696	9	621	12,390	11	1,295	7	-	2	452	3	166
28	13,164	12,382	10	772	11,090	16	1,276	7	-	3	520	4	248
29	12,498	11,573	6	919	10,280	16	1,277	2	-	4	623	4	292
25-29	67,090	63,952	40	3,098	57,887	76	5,989	24	-	16	2,165	15	918
30	11,658	10,478	19	1,161	9,087	29	1,362	12	1	6	783	8	370
31	10,845	9,414	22	1,409	7,987	24	1,403	15	-	7	905	10	494
32	9,810	8,083	44	1,683	6,642	24	1,417	29	1	14	1,048	13	622
33	8,937	6,997	44	1,896	5,598	27	1,372	25	1	18	1,142	12	742
34	8,367	6,028	52	2,287	4,649	24	1,355	30	1	21	1,267	11	1,009
30-34	49,617	41,000	181	8,436	33,963	128	6,909	111	4	66	5,145	54	3,237
35	7,753	5,194	55	2,504	3,830	38	1,326	31	1	23	1,325	32	1,147
36	6,564	4,043	60	2,461	2,854	22	1,167	29	2	29	1,244	31	1,186
37	6,054	3,353	67	2,634	2,348	23	982	32	-	35	1,273	40	1,321
38	5,406	2,670	58	2,678	1,740	25	905	29	1	28	1,192	31	1,455
39	5,337	2,465	56	2,816	1,547	31	887	24	5	27	1,138	47	1,631
35-39	31,114	17,725	296	13,093	12,319	139	5,267	145	9	142	6,172	181	6,740
40	4,858	2,022	68	2,768	1,220	33	769	26	2	40	1,010	52	1,706
41	4,166	1,471	80	2,615	815	26	630	22	6	52	913	64	1,638
42	3,937	1,306	91	2,540	703	37	566	37	6	48	835	70	1,635
43	3,580	1,035	92	2,453	531	27	477	24	6	62	690	63	1,700
44	3,377	805	126	2,446	401	26	378	34	7	85	636	78	1,732
40-44	19,918	6,639	457	12,822	3,670	149	2,820	143	27	287	4,084	327	8,411
45	3,037	741	118	2,178	341	19	381	35	7	76	604	69	1,505
46	2,885	609	119	2,157	261	23	325	29	12	78	514	90	1,553
47	2,569	456	128	1,985	192	27	237	29	10	89	442	98	1,445
48	2,407	384	114	1,909	158	13	213	21	10	83	431	108	1,370
49	2,333	363	142	1,828	154	19	190	22	19	101	347	103	1,378
45-49	13,231	2,553	621	10,057	1,106	101	1,346	136	58	427	2,338	468	7,251
50	2,183	354	136	1,693	141	19	194	28	23	85	323	121	1,249
51	1,787	229	139	1,419	99	12	118	21	21	97	256	108	1,055
52	1,679	215	147	1,317	86	18	111	24	21	102	227	104	986
53	1,498	182	148	1,168	64	11	107	25	29	94	174	97	897
54	1,310	166	130	1,014	79	9	78	14	38	78	156	106	752
50-54	8,457	1,146	700	6,611	469	69	608	112	132	456	1,136	536	4,939

¹ Single men and single women are those who have never been married - see section 3.1.

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Table 3.19 - continued

Age last birthday	All brides	All single women	All widows	All divorced women	Single women who married			Widows who married			Divorced women who married		
					Single men	Widow-ers	Divorced men	Single men	Widow-ers	Divorced men	Single men	Widow-ers	Divorced men
55	1,213	113	141	959	43	10	60	17	36	88	138	108	713
56	1,183	123	148	912	51	17	55	19	40	89	128	122	662
57	1,001	93	145	763	44	10	39	20	46	79	116	116	531
58	973	90	169	714	37	9	44	24	46	99	108	99	507
59	870	79	150	641	27	10	42	19	47	84	76	106	459
55-59	5,240	498	753	3,989	202	56	240	99	215	439	566	551	2,872
60	886	66	220	600	23	8	35	20	80	120	85	88	427
61	580	42	144	394	14	5	23	14	65	65	45	75	274
62	588	49	143	396	19	10	20	10	69	64	52	96	248
63	458	31	140	287	13	5	13	15	57	68	36	72	179
64	392	22	139	231	6	5	11	19	75	45	33	61	137
60-64	2,904	210	786	1,908	75	33	102	78	346	362	251	392	1,265
65	342	36	137	169	17	7	12	7	73	57	10	49	110
66	310	22	130	158	9	8	5	12	73	45	15	49	94
67	254	10	124	120	3	4	3	9	71	44	10	39	71
68	241	32	114	95	12	7	13	12	74	28	9	33	53
69	216	18	103	95	7	5	6	5	64	34	6	37	52
65-69	1,363	118	608	637	48	31	39	45	355	208	50	207	380
70	164	14	89	61	5	6	3	5	64	20	8	23	30
71	133	8	86	39	2	5	1	10	55	21	3	12	24
72	124	14	69	41	4	5	5	10	45	14	7	14	20
73	130	11	88	31	3	5	3	1	63	24	5	8	18
74	121	11	74	36	3	7	1	3	55	16	6	14	16
70-74	672	58	406	208	17	28	13	29	282	95	29	71	108
75	103	6	77	20	-	5	1	8	59	10	2	11	7
76	75	7	52	16	4	2	1	3	39	10	1	6	9
77	54	3	38	13	1	1	1	2	29	7	2	9	2
78	38	3	27	8	1	1	1	-	25	2	2	2	4
79	45	4	35	6	-	3	1	2	30	3	-	3	3
75-79	315	23	229	63	6	12	5	15	182	32	7	31	25
80	26	2	19	5	1	1	-	2	12	5	1	3	1
81	31	1	27	3	-	-	1	6	18	3	-	1	2
82	23	1	18	4	-	-	1	1	15	2	-	2	2
83	18	2	13	3	1	1	-	-	10	3	1	-	2
84	25	3	20	2	1	2	-	1	18	1	-	2	-
80-84	123	9	97	17	3	4	2	10	73	14	2	8	7
85	15	1	12	2	-	1	-	2	8	2	-	-	2
86	7	2	4	1	1	1	-	-	3	1	-	1	-
87	6	-	4	2	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	1	1
88	5	1	4	-	-	1	-	1	3	-	-	-	-
89	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
85-89	37	4	28	5	1	3	-	4	21	3	-	2	3
90 and over	5	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	1

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Table 3.20 Marriages: previous marital statuses¹ and ages in combination of bride and bridegroom, 2006

Age of wife	Age of husband												
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34
All marital conditions													
All ages	12	64	289	728	1,428	2,437	3,652	5,120	6,793	1,093	19,430	56,607	55,595
16	7	16	15	14	12	5	12	3	8	52	40	11	1
17	3	10	30	40	33	34	17	17	11	83	112	32	10
18	-	17	87	136	174	136	133	114	86	240	643	263	88
19	1	8	50	189	248	253	252	197	179	248	1,129	542	148
20	1	6	38	120	287	438	396	378	343	165	1,842	922	330
21	-	-	17	45	197	481	622	586	517	62	2,403	1,796	503
22	-	-	12	33	106	295	711	736	788	45	2,636	2,705	846
23	-	1	7	35	68	180	463	1,081	1,046	43	2,838	4,097	1,408
24	-	1	7	24	55	168	268	583	1,358	32	2,432	5,567	1,958
Under 20	11	51	182	379	467	428	414	331	284	623	1,924	848	247
20-24	1	8	81	257	713	1,562	2,460	3,364	4,052	347	12,151	15,087	5,045
25-29	-	2	18	52	177	313	553	1,043	1,930	72	4,016	30,780	21,424
30-34	-	2	4	29	48	86	149	258	371	35	912	7,496	21,080
35-39	-	-	2	9	20	33	52	87	116	11	308	1,786	5,857
40-44	-	1	2	2	2	11	18	28	28	5	87	442	1,501
45-49	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	6	10	-	22	129	342
50-54	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	2	1	-	8	31	75
55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	5	16
60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	8
65-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
70-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
80-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
85 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
First marriage for both parties													
All ages	12	61	279	701	1,353	2,307	3,442	4,821	6,442	1,053	18,365	51,933	44,083
16	7	16	15	14	12	5	11	3	8	52	39	10	1
17	3	10	30	40	33	34	17	17	11	83	112	30	10
18	-	17	87	136	174	135	133	113	85	240	640	250	71
19	1	8	50	189	245	252	250	196	179	248	1,122	517	115
20	1	6	38	120	285	435	395	375	339	165	1,829	882	268
21	-	-	17	45	196	476	618	583	512	62	2,385	1,725	410
22	-	-	11	32	103	293	704	730	781	43	2,611	2,596	724
23	-	1	6	35	64	173	449	1,061	1,035	42	2,782	3,946	1,203
24	-	1	6	22	54	164	257	571	1,337	29	2,383	5,413	1,659
Under 20	11	51	182	379	464	426	411	329	283	623	1,913	807	197
20-24	1	8	78	254	702	1,541	2,423	3,320	4,004	341	11,990	14,562	4,264
25-29	-	1	14	47	150	276	489	954	1,826	62	3,695	29,391	18,861
30-34	-	1	3	17	31	47	96	171	279	21	624	6,070	17,119
35-39	-	-	1	4	5	14	17	39	43	5	118	945	3,153
40-44	-	-	1	-	1	3	4	8	3	1	19	132	421
45-49	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	4	23	57
50-54	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	2	10
55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
65-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
70-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
80-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
85 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Single men and single women are those who have never been married - see section 3.1.

England and Wales												Age of wife
35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85 and over	Total	
37,880	24,659	15,827	10,681	8,260	4,632	2,353	1,245	725	334	133	239,454	All ages
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	104	16
5	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	244	17
32	15	8	6	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	1,298	18
64	36	17	7	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	2,195	19
115	45	15	7	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	3,445	20
219	69	31	7	5	6	1	1	-	-	-	5,103	21
314	110	40	17	8	4	-	-	-	-	-	6,725	22
494	184	64	11	19	2	2	1	-	-	-	9,163	23
716	260	82	24	13	5	1	1	-	-	-	11,091	24
101	51	26	13	6	1	-	1	-	-	-	3,841	Under 20
1,858	668	232	66	47	19	4	3	-	-	-	35,527	20-24
7,282	2,334	759	261	105	35	18	4	-	-	-	67,090	25-29
12,851	4,768	1,608	530	219	86	17	7	6	2	-	49,617	30-34
10,708	7,408	3,138	1,148	506	177	42	17	7	1	-	31,114	35-39
3,644	6,152	4,407	2,153	1,002	375	107	24	14	5	-	19,918	40-44
1,106	2,361	3,737	2,903	1,705	618	217	70	16	4	1	13,231	45-49
262	686	1,389	2,410	2,147	960	323	96	45	15	10	8,457	50-54
52	182	404	887	1,756	1,207	471	171	63	19	6	5,240	55-59
13	38	95	252	596	857	636	258	101	37	10	2,904	60-64
1	11	24	44	124	226	371	334	163	47	17	1,363	65-69
2	-	5	10	37	54	117	184	168	66	29	672	70-74
-	-	1	2	6	13	22	63	112	73	23	315	75-79
-	-	2	2	3	3	4	12	22	50	25	123	80-84
-	-	-	-	1	1	4	1	8	15	12	42	85 and over
20,022	7,015	2,132	715	399	149	65	33	16	10	5	145,995	All ages
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102	16
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	236	17
19	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,230	18
31	18	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,056	19
64	20	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,234	20
112	27	8	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	4,731	21
180	37	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,201	22
313	72	19	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,382	23
444	111	14	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,057	24
51	27	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,624	Under 20
1,113	267	55	7	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	32,605	20-24
4,723	930	185	32	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	57,887	25-29
7,975	1,740	317	69	20	7	1	-	-	-	-	33,963	30-34
5,035	2,393	543	87	29	8	2	-	1	-	-	12,319	35-39
949	1,369	562	160	39	10	3	1	2	2	-	3,670	40-44
149	237	351	182	77	19	4	3	-	-	-	1,106	45-49
24	43	96	129	109	40	9	3	1	-	1	469	50-54
3	8	17	36	89	33	8	7	-	-	-	202	55-59
-	1	2	10	19	20	15	5	2	-	-	75	60-64
-	-	-	1	4	7	19	8	4	4	1	48	65-69
-	-	-	-	-	4	3	4	3	1	2	17	70-74
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	1	6	75-79
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	3	80-84
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	85 and over

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Table 3.20 - continued

Age of wife	Age of husband															Total
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85 and over	
Marriages of single men and divorced women																
All ages	39	934	3,305	5,542	5,487	3,584	1,797	865	445	190	66	22	12	3	2	22,293
Under 20	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
20-24	6	106	136	65	21	7	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	344
25-29	10	293	867	661	248	69	11	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,165
30-34	14	269	1,164	2,001	1,221	375	82	14	3	1	-	-	1	-	-	5,145
35-39	6	176	741	1,761	2,125	1,022	268	56	15	2	-	-	-	-	-	6,172
40-44	3	63	272	768	1,185	1,123	495	134	27	11	2	-	1	-	-	4,084
45-49	-	18	96	225	503	649	529	207	78	21	11	1	-	-	-	2,338
50-54	-	6	22	45	138	231	257	261	127	34	11	3	1	-	-	1,136
55-59	-	-	5	12	34	82	111	125	121	61	10	2	3	-	-	566
60-64	-	1	1	4	10	21	29	52	60	45	21	6	1	-	-	251
65-69	-	-	-	-	-	5	10	6	8	8	6	6	1	-	-	50
70-74	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	4	3	5	4	2	4	2	1	29
75-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	-	1	1	7
80-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
85 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marriages of divorced men and single women																
All ages	-	68	995	4,060	7,014	5,937	3,692	1,990	1,172	594	241	102	51	11	5	25,932
Under 20	-	5	36	47	45	24	21	11	5	1	-	1	-	-	-	196
20-24	-	33	349	677	686	374	163	54	38	16	3	3	-	-	-	2,396
25-29	-	21	421	1,612	2,002	1,161	463	192	77	28	10	2	-	-	-	5,989
30-34	-	6	153	1,269	2,429	1,762	813	278	132	50	12	4	1	-	-	6,909
35-39	-	2	32	380	1,482	1,633	1,003	445	180	80	20	9	1	-	-	5,267
40-44	-	1	3	66	321	781	786	446	267	100	39	8	2	-	-	2,820
45-49	-	-	-	9	44	174	360	358	229	114	38	14	6	-	-	1,346
50-54	-	-	1	-	5	22	68	172	165	102	43	15	11	3	1	608
55-59	-	-	-	-	-	5	11	27	64	66	39	18	6	2	2	240
60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	7	13	26	27	15	11	-	-	102
65-69	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	10	7	10	6	2	1	39
70-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	4	2	-	13
75-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	5
80-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
85 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marriages of divorced men and divorced women																
All ages	-	40	292	1,706	4,920	7,475	7,346	6,011	4,698	2,372	953	336	104	36	8	36,297
Under 20	-	4	2	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
20-24	-	19	33	31	21	16	6	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	129
25-29	-	3	85	264	283	153	88	23	10	4	4	1	-	-	-	918
30-34	-	7	86	621	1,131	812	359	143	53	23	1	-	1	-	-	3,237
35-39	-	4	49	508	1,920	2,222	1,223	510	233	61	5	3	2	-	-	6,740
40-44	-	3	28	221	1,107	2,678	2,349	1,233	551	188	41	9	3	-	-	8,411
45-49	-	-	5	43	365	1,181	2,234	1,878	1,068	341	110	23	3	-	-	7,251
50-54	-	-	4	12	78	337	835	1,537	1,363	557	167	36	9	3	1	4,939
55-59	-	-	-	2	11	64	204	553	1,050	680	220	65	16	5	2	2,872
60-64	-	-	-	1	1	8	41	115	307	431	257	80	15	8	1	1,265
65-69	-	-	-	-	1	4	6	17	50	74	116	82	25	5	-	380
70-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	11	10	25	29	23	8	1	108
75-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	5	7	6	3	-	25
80-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	4	1	7
85 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	4

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Table 3.21 First marriage rates (gross nuptiality)¹: derived summary, 2006

England and Wales

Exact age (x)	Men		Women	
	Proportion (per 1,000) ever married (at age x)	Mean number of years until marriage	Proportion (per 1,000) ever married (at age x)	Mean number of years until marriage
16	0	16.4	0	14.5
17	0	15.4	0	13.5
18	0	14.4	1	12.6
19	1	13.4	5	11.6
20	3	12.4	11	10.7
21	7	11.5	21	9.9
22	13	10.7	36	9.2
23	23	9.8	55	8.5
24	38	9.1	83	7.9
25	58	8.4	116	7.4
26	84	7.9	154	7.0
27	116	7.4	196	6.6
28	152	7.0	241	6.4
29	192	6.7	284	6.1
30	230	6.4	326	6.0
35	398	5.3	477	5.3
40	493	4.0	551	4.2
45	542	2.3	587	2.3
50	570	0.0	609	0.0

1 In this table marriage rates are analysed without any allowance for mortality. For example, it is estimated that a woman aged exactly 25 will on average be 32 years old at marriage. Further details are given in section 3.7

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Table 3.22 First marriage rates (net nuptiality)¹: derived summary, 2006

England and Wales

Exact age (x)	Men					Women						
	Probability of marrying between age x and x+1	Probability of dying between age x and x+1	Proportion (per 1,000) who had (at age x):			Mean number of years until marriage	Probability of marrying between age x and x+1	Probability of dying between age x and x+1	Proportion (per 1,000) who had (at age x):			Mean number of years until marriage
			died single	ever married	never married				died single	ever married	never married	
16	0.00003	0.00035	8	0	992	16.3	0.00031	0.00018	6	0	994	14.5
17	0.00018	0.00053	8	0	992	15.3	0.00072	0.00025	7	0	993	13.5
18	0.00078	0.00057	9	0	991	14.3	0.00374	0.00026	7	1	992	12.5
19	0.00199	0.00062	9	1	990	13.3	0.00642	0.00025	7	5	988	11.6
20	0.00394	0.00066	10	3	987	12.4	0.01002	0.00025	7	11	982	10.7
21	0.00659	0.00060	11	7	982	11.5	0.01492	0.00023	8	21	972	9.9
22	0.01016	0.00069	11	13	975	10.6	0.02050	0.00024	8	35	957	9.1
23	0.01480	0.00066	12	23	965	9.8	0.02905	0.00026	8	55	937	8.4
24	0.02063	0.00068	13	38	950	9.0	0.03616	0.00029	8	82	910	7.9
25	0.02732	0.00078	13	57	930	8.4	0.04285	0.00030	8	115	876	7.3
26	0.03514	0.00072	14	82	904	7.8	0.04976	0.00035	9	153	839	6.9
27	0.04127	0.00086	15	114	871	7.3	0.05556	0.00032	9	194	797	6.6
28	0.04646	0.00074	15	150	834	6.9	0.05712	0.00047	9	239	752	6.3
29	0.04772	0.00096	16	189	795	6.6	0.05880	0.00042	10	282	709	6.1
30	0.05074	0.00101	17	227	756	6.3	0.05691	0.00044	10	323	667	5.9
35	0.04106	0.00177	21	391	588	5.2	0.03782	0.00079	12	473	516	5.2
40	0.02569	0.00243	26	484	490	4.0	0.02163	0.00134	14	545	441	4.2
45	0.01473	0.00419	34	531	435	2.3	0.01317	0.00247	18	580	402	2.3
50	0.00933	0.00638	44	557	399	0.0	0.01083	0.00384	23	602	375	0.0

1 In this table marriage rates are analysed with an allowance for mortality. For example, it is estimated that 41 out of 1,000 men aged exactly 27 will get married before they reach 28 and one will die. Further details are given in section 3.7.

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Table 3.23 Men marrying: area of occurrence and age, 2006

England and Wales, Government Office Regions
(within England), counties and unitary authorities

Area of occurrence	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over
ENGLAND AND WALES	239,454	1,093	19,430	56,607	55,595	62,539	26,508	17,682
ENGLAND	225,971	1,030	18,311	53,371	52,503	59,075	24,980	16,701
NORTH EAST	10,881	49	1,007	2,595	2,366	2,833	1,309	722
Darlington UA	515	3	58	135	100	123	57	39
Hartlepool UA	316	3	32	52	70	90	42	27
Middlesbrough UA	533	3	51	125	111	153	57	33
Redcar and Cleveland UA	590	2	52	123	154	149	71	39
Stockton-on-Tees UA	666	7	74	159	142	166	78	40
Durham	2,371	7	208	586	512	605	301	152
Northumberland	1,892	4	129	473	485	492	185	124
Tyne and Wear(Met County)	3,998	20	403	942	792	1,055	518	268
NORTH WEST	29,341	123	2,282	6,709	6,704	8,047	3,413	2,063
Blackburn with Darwen UA	561	11	86	147	108	124	51	34
Blackpool UA	610	3	47	88	112	178	114	68
Halton UA	488	3	49	128	101	119	58	30
Warrington UA	759	-	52	204	169	215	72	47
Cheshire	4,128	14	275	957	1,047	1,122	444	269
Cumbria	3,509	12	218	810	831	992	403	243
Greater Manchester (Met County)	9,426	39	810	2,105	2,034	2,628	1,128	682
Lancashire	5,114	26	434	1,202	1,191	1,366	540	355
Merseyside (Met County)	4,746	15	311	1,068	1,111	1,303	603	335
YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER	22,258	114	1,875	5,158	4,873	6,020	2,598	1,620
East Riding of Yorkshire UA	1,560	6	123	360	343	426	184	118
Kingston upon Hull, City of UA	834	6	87	157	164	235	116	69
North East Lincolnshire UA	668	9	65	145	121	187	88	53
North Lincolnshire UA	685	3	65	151	133	182	90	61
York UA	1,180	8	82	266	284	303	146	91
North Yorkshire	4,078	10	252	856	1,030	1,147	463	320
South Yorkshire (Met County)	5,226	27	504	1,233	1,079	1,408	616	359
West Yorkshire (Met County)	8,027	45	697	1,990	1,719	2,132	895	549
EAST MIDLANDS	19,568	101	1,641	4,586	4,369	5,109	2,236	1,526
Derby UA	797	10	79	211	135	196	98	68
Leicester UA	1,099	16	181	359	191	214	77	61
Nottingham UA	835	5	87	201	188	223	89	42
Rutland UA	409	1	23	96	108	103	40	38
Derbyshire	3,674	13	255	817	919	946	444	280
Leicestershire	2,891	10	201	728	688	732	331	201
Lincolnshire	3,087	11	279	628	644	837	385	303
Northamptonshire	3,114	15	249	742	710	834	337	227
Nottinghamshire	3,662	20	287	804	786	1,024	435	306
WEST MIDLANDS	22,857	106	1,926	5,568	5,236	5,936	2,492	1,593
Herefordshire, County of UA	953	5	61	196	237	255	106	93
Stoke-on-Trent UA	717	4	85	150	138	188	106	46
Telford and Wrekin UA	712	4	82	154	151	186	82	53
Shropshire	1,814	6	111	425	487	450	203	132
Staffordshire	4,365	20	343	1,018	998	1,154	501	331
Warwickshire	3,241	5	198	758	832	906	326	216
West Midlands (Met County)	8,179	50	865	2,208	1,737	2,000	841	478
Worcestershire	2,876	12	181	659	656	797	327	244
EAST	26,387	106	2,059	6,457	6,203	6,610	2,879	2,073
Luton UA	432	5	61	125	79	102	35	25
Peterborough UA	906	13	102	217	176	220	99	79
Southend-on-Sea UA	544	1	36	115	111	152	70	59
Thurrock UA	543	1	49	163	126	124	52	28

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Table 3.23 - continued

Area of occurrence	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over
Bedfordshire	1,832	10	142	452	418	477	198	135
Cambridgeshire	2,744	11	214	698	599	672	320	230
Essex	6,703	22	471	1,684	1,687	1,687	676	476
Hertfordshire	5,039	12	336	1,243	1,380	1,253	493	322
Norfolk	4,067	16	343	944	845	1,048	503	368
Suffolk	3,577	15	305	816	782	875	433	351
LONDON	27,333	184	2,478	7,270	6,692	6,700	2,396	1,613
Inner London	12,065	110	1,062	3,016	3,179	3,019	1,011	668
Outer London	15,268	74	1,416	4,254	3,513	3,681	1,385	945
SOUTH EAST	40,223	159	2,977	9,077	9,715	10,617	4,485	3,193
Bracknell Forest UA	431	2	39	82	118	111	46	33
Brighton and Hove UA	1,272	1	104	219	307	363	169	109
Isle of Wight UA	702	3	64	150	120	186	99	80
Medway UA	825	4	70	203	161	221	112	54
Milton Keynes UA	935	7	97	246	175	259	86	65
Portsmouth UA	1,190	7	135	240	239	330	162	77
Reading UA	657	4	61	161	148	166	82	35
Slough UA	429	3	64	163	88	65	31	15
Southampton UA	1,008	13	122	226	208	242	105	92
West Berkshire UA	790	1	53	166	210	216	80	64
Windsor and Maidenhead UA	1,015	2	37	208	306	307	90	65
Wokingham UA	606	5	38	158	176	136	54	39
Buckinghamshire	2,110	9	123	488	573	547	203	167
East Sussex	2,840	7	181	573	685	731	370	293
Hampshire	6,310	21	463	1,476	1,575	1,637	669	469
Kent	7,052	28	545	1,621	1,605	1,886	784	583
Oxfordshire	3,301	14	239	728	869	872	359	220
Surrey	5,080	14	287	1,163	1,329	1,361	534	392
West Sussex	3,670	14	255	806	823	981	450	341
SOUTH WEST	27,123	88	2,066	5,951	6,345	7,203	3,172	2,298
Bath and North East Somerset UA	1,244	4	60	274	330	343	146	87
Bournemouth UA	866	1	66	215	184	228	90	82
Bristol, City of UA	1,437	3	124	316	344	363	171	116
North Somerset UA	815	1	48	219	187	194	86	80
Plymouth UA	1,131	9	149	253	182	295	152	91
Poole UA	660	5	52	137	146	176	84	60
South Gloucestershire UA	1,096	2	83	249	269	309	112	72
Swindon UA	744	5	79	180	151	184	92	53
Torbay UA	824	2	69	140	146	248	137	82
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	3,417	16	240	711	791	897	442	320
Devon	4,040	9	302	851	926	1,071	472	409
Dorset	2,037	4	146	426	515	529	224	193
Gloucestershire	3,474	9	223	769	899	927	398	249
Somerset	2,968	10	226	676	689	815	325	227
Wiltshire	2,370	8	199	535	586	624	241	177
WALES	13,483	63	1,119	3,236	3,092	3,464	1,528	981
Isle of Anglesey	318	1	19	68	73	84	41	32
Gwynedd	595	2	45	130	136	160	75	47
Conwy	480	-	37	93	97	126	81	46
Denbighshire	533	3	41	127	121	145	63	33
Flintshire	638	2	49	139	170	166	62	50
Wrexham	595	5	54	178	123	136	60	39
Powys	822	3	52	185	218	211	93	60
Ceredigion	280	1	20	57	57	79	31	35
Pembrokeshire	666	7	54	149	148	183	73	52
Carmarthenshire	753	1	61	175	181	195	74	66

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Table 3.23 - *continued*

Area of occurrence	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over
WALES - continued								
Swansea	1,092	1	105	283	253	277	105	68
Neath Port Talbot	544	3	47	146	123	124	65	36
Bridgend	585	3	43	133	145	157	58	46
The Vale of Glamorgan	591	2	45	138	141	163	64	38
Cardiff	1,438	10	143	340	353	349	148	95
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	748	3	57	189	169	197	90	43
Merthyr Tydfil	177	1	30	41	28	46	22	9
Caerphilly	724	2	69	189	152	180	86	46
Blaenau Gwent	181	2	22	42	39	37	27	12
Torfaen	340	6	30	88	69	78	41	28
Monmouthshire	706	4	41	176	161	186	87	51
Newport	677	1	55	170	135	185	82	49

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Table 3.24 Women marrying: area of occurrence and age, 2006

England and Wales, Government Office Regions (within England), counties and unitary authorities

Area of occurrence	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over
ENGLAND AND WALES	239,454	3,841	35,527	67,090	49,617	51,032	21,688	10,659
ENGLAND	225,971	3,641	33,444	63,277	46,914	48,209	20,415	10,071
NORTH EAST	10,881	184	1,670	3,084	2,105	2,350	1,104	384
Darlington UA	515	12	88	135	106	114	37	23
Hartlepool UA	316	1	47	83	53	74	40	18
Middlesbrough UA	533	19	81	139	95	124	60	15
Redcar and Cleveland UA	590	6	77	169	125	125	71	17
Stockton-on-Tees UA	666	15	120	211	106	138	56	20
Durham	2,371	34	371	671	448	520	260	67
Northumberland	1,892	19	238	616	410	389	151	69
Tyne and Wear (Met County)	3,998	78	648	1,060	762	866	429	155
NORTH WEST	29,341	423	4,201	8,190	6,042	6,542	2,691	1,252
Blackburn with Darwen UA	561	38	124	147	80	111	38	23
Blackpool UA	610	16	77	130	86	174	84	43
Halton UA	488	6	82	149	86	100	49	16
Warrington UA	759	8	99	233	172	162	50	35
Cheshire	4,128	40	482	1,222	1,007	854	343	180
Cumbria	3,509	34	469	959	808	797	314	128
Greater Manchester (Met County)	9,426	159	1,448	2,525	1,799	2,169	906	420
Lancashire	5,114	77	831	1,443	1,010	1,111	434	208
Merseyside (Met County)	4,746	45	589	1,382	994	1,064	473	199
YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER	22,258	380	3,420	6,072	4,320	4,935	2,131	1,000
East Riding of Yorkshire UA	1,560	18	210	463	300	351	135	83
Kingston upon Hull, City of UA	834	25	133	174	156	215	95	36
North East Lincolnshire UA	668	23	120	157	97	171	64	36
North Lincolnshire UA	685	16	134	160	108	158	71	38
York UA	1,180	13	162	336	247	265	114	43
North Yorkshire	4,078	41	500	1,111	962	870	404	190
South Yorkshire (Met County)	5,226	95	848	1,463	921	1,183	491	225
West Yorkshire (Met County)	8,027	149	1,313	2,208	1,529	1,722	757	349
EAST MIDLANDS	19,568	323	3,053	5,362	3,870	4,183	1,880	897
Derby UA	797	21	151	193	138	184	74	36
Leicester UA	1,099	64	301	306	172	165	62	29
Nottingham UA	835	35	150	227	174	148	72	29
Rutland UA	409	2	50	112	90	106	29	20
Derbyshire	3,674	37	501	1,023	793	778	357	185
Leicestershire	2,891	33	389	891	590	593	263	132
Lincolnshire	3,087	46	504	789	561	684	327	176
Northamptonshire	3,114	33	479	887	620	704	282	109
Nottinghamshire	3,662	52	528	934	732	821	414	181
WEST MIDLANDS	22,857	360	3,650	6,457	4,547	4,837	2,028	978
Herefordshire, County of UA	953	9	120	273	204	206	86	55
Stoke-on-Trent UA	717	21	147	156	124	162	77	30
Telford and Wrekin UA	712	10	135	176	127	151	87	26
Shropshire	1,814	22	229	532	410	374	160	87
Staffordshire	4,365	66	666	1,189	859	947	442	196
Warwickshire	3,241	33	412	998	702	684	272	140
West Midlands (Met County)	8,179	170	1,562	2,359	1,485	1,686	640	277
Worcestershire	2,876	29	379	774	636	627	264	167
EAST	26,387	372	3,907	7,544	5,430	5,493	2,400	1,241
Luton UA	432	20	110	120	53	83	31	15
Peterborough UA	906	21	170	243	157	172	105	38
Southend-on-Sea UA	544	12	78	127	104	117	74	32
Thurrock UA	543	7	101	174	108	95	40	18

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Table 3.24 - continued

Area of occurrence	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over
Bedfordshire	1,832	30	273	513	365	387	178	86
Cambridgeshire	2,744	38	409	743	605	555	257	137
Essex	6,703	63	929	2,049	1,405	1,438	531	288
Hertfordshire	5,039	54	616	1,583	1,217	987	402	180
Norfolk	4,067	65	664	1,065	748	886	403	236
Suffolk	3,577	62	557	927	668	773	379	211
LONDON	27,333	677	4,510	8,064	5,944	5,380	1,842	916
Inner London	12,065	338	1,889	3,420	2,915	2,437	700	366
Outer London	15,268	339	2,621	4,644	3,029	2,943	1,142	550
SOUTH EAST	40,223	565	5,307	11,294	8,825	8,544	3,702	1,986
Bracknell Forest UA	431	7	64	129	81	79	41	30
Brighton and Hove UA	1,272	13	162	293	320	282	139	63
Isle of Wight UA	702	17	105	175	112	160	82	51
Medway UA	825	12	144	210	161	191	75	32
Milton Keynes UA	935	26	175	247	187	190	72	38
Portsmouth UA	1,190	28	221	280	187	282	138	54
Reading UA	657	20	122	177	118	138	62	20
Slough UA	429	14	105	168	67	52	16	7
Southampton UA	1,008	30	200	252	158	204	108	56
West Berkshire UA	790	5	77	233	202	170	69	34
Windsor and Maidenhead UA	1,015	10	76	305	284	214	92	34
Wokingham UA	606	4	67	202	151	116	48	18
Buckinghamshire	2,110	22	230	637	531	434	144	112
East Sussex	2,840	28	353	708	589	669	307	186
Hampshire	6,310	84	807	1,843	1,399	1,310	569	298
Kent	7,052	90	990	1,951	1,467	1,534	676	344
Oxfordshire	3,301	49	386	965	789	707	276	129
Surrey	5,080	54	517	1,534	1,263	1,038	411	263
West Sussex	3,670	52	506	985	759	774	377	217
SOUTH WEST	27,123	357	3,726	7,210	5,831	5,945	2,637	1,417
Bath and North East Somerset UA	1,244	6	119	351	313	293	113	49
Bournemouth UA	866	9	151	233	159	182	80	52
Bristol, City of UA	1,437	22	198	376	337	301	137	66
North Somerset UA	815	7	111	244	158	159	74	62
Plymouth UA	1,131	35	200	276	182	276	107	55
Poole UA	660	12	100	159	120	153	63	53
South Gloucestershire UA	1,096	13	156	311	231	228	107	50
Swindon UA	744	22	136	178	127	175	73	33
Torbay UA	824	12	109	193	149	193	114	54
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	3,417	40	443	853	766	768	353	194
Devon	4,040	41	534	1,079	887	850	409	240
Dorset	2,037	24	256	558	428	439	209	123
Gloucestershire	3,474	48	431	947	811	775	322	140
Somerset	2,968	32	449	804	626	653	265	139
Wiltshire	2,370	34	333	648	537	500	211	107
WALES	13,483	200	2,083	3,813	2,703	2,823	1,273	588
Isle of Anglesey	318	1	47	80	66	72	35	17
Gwynedd	595	7	86	153	131	133	58	27
Conwy	480	7	70	106	74	117	65	41
Denbighshire	533	4	78	149	118	117	42	25
Flintshire	638	12	93	185	135	124	57	32
Wrexham	595	13	100	163	122	127	53	17
Powys	822	7	100	238	193	167	84	33
Ceredigion	280	1	40	72	58	66	23	20
Pembrokeshire	666	12	116	163	128	150	55	42
Carmarthenshire	753	11	109	226	142	145	88	32

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Table 3.24 - continued

Area of occurrence	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over
WALES - continued								
Swansea	1,092	12	198	325	219	202	100	36
Neath Port Talbot	544	8	95	170	92	105	52	22
Bridgend	585	12	93	175	103	128	51	23
The Vale of Glamorgan	591	5	65	176	147	123	59	16
Cardiff	1,438	30	210	418	304	298	119	59
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	748	15	119	220	136	163	64	31
Merthyr Tydfil	177	5	35	39	31	44	16	7
Caerphilly	724	8	143	202	129	145	75	22
Blaenau Gwent	181	4	40	46	29	32	21	9
Torfaen	340	7	58	100	57	64	35	19
Monmouthshire	706	9	84	207	162	154	60	30
Newport	677	10	104	200	127	147	61	28

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Table 3.25 Men marrying: area of occurrence, previous marital status¹ and age, 2006

England and Wales, Government Office Regions (within England)

Area of occurrence	Marital status	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over
ENGLAND AND WALES	All	239,454	1,093	19,430	56,607	55,595	62,539	26,508	17,682
	Single	169,248	1,093	19,321	55,303	49,739	36,419	5,733	1,640
	Widowed	5,429	-	1	12	58	422	907	4,029
	Divorced	64,777	-	108	1,292	5,798	25,698	19,868	12,013
ENGLAND	All	225,971	1,030	18,311	53,371	52,503	59,075	24,980	16,701
	Single	159,882	1,030	18,207	52,124	47,025	34,499	5,443	1,554
	Widowed	5,124	-	1	12	52	389	861	3,809
	Divorced	60,965	-	103	1,235	5,426	24,187	18,676	11,338
North East	All	10,881	49	1,007	2,595	2,366	2,833	1,309	722
	Single	7,477	49	1,002	2,533	2,083	1,518	235	57
	Widowed	267	-	-	3	4	19	60	181
	Divorced	3,137	-	5	59	279	1,296	1,014	484
North West	All	29,341	123	2,282	6,709	6,704	8,047	3,413	2,063
	Single	20,521	123	2,274	6,577	6,020	4,659	691	177
	Widowed	655	-	-	-	5	49	126	475
	Divorced	8,165	-	8	132	679	3,339	2,596	1,411
Yorkshire and the Humber	All	22,258	114	1,875	5,158	4,873	6,020	2,598	1,620
	Single	15,069	114	1,855	5,031	4,284	3,180	486	119
	Widowed	538	-	-	2	3	44	92	397
	Divorced	6,651	-	20	125	586	2,796	2,020	1,104
East Midlands	All	19,568	101	1,641	4,586	4,369	5,109	2,236	1,526
	Single	13,278	101	1,635	4,462	3,822	2,775	386	97
	Widowed	453	-	-	-	8	29	62	354
	Divorced	5,837	-	6	124	539	2,305	1,788	1,075
West Midlands	All	22,857	106	1,926	5,568	5,236	5,936	2,492	1,593
	Single	16,020	106	1,918	5,437	4,646	3,333	450	130
	Widowed	575	-	-	1	5	40	104	425
	Divorced	6,262	-	8	130	585	2,563	1,938	1,038
East	All	26,387	106	2,059	6,457	6,203	6,610	2,879	2,073
	Single	18,552	106	2,043	6,286	5,550	3,817	574	176
	Widowed	585	-	1	1	2	34	87	460
	Divorced	7,250	-	15	170	651	2,759	2,218	1,437
London	All	27,333	184	2,478	7,270	6,692	6,700	2,396	1,613
	Single	21,913	184	2,456	7,106	6,179	4,767	929	292
	Widowed	374	-	-	3	12	36	68	255
	Divorced	5,046	-	22	161	501	1,897	1,399	1,066
South East	All	40,223	159	2,977	9,077	9,715	10,617	4,485	3,193
	Single	28,416	159	2,964	8,887	8,773	6,309	1,011	313
	Widowed	1,010	-	-	1	5	80	148	776
	Divorced	10,797	-	13	189	937	4,228	3,326	2,104
South West	All	27,123	88	2,066	5,951	6,345	7,203	3,172	2,298
	Single	18,636	88	2,060	5,805	5,668	4,141	681	193
	Widowed	667	-	-	1	8	58	114	486
	Divorced	7,820	-	6	145	669	3,004	2,377	1,619
WALES	All	13,483	63	1,119	3,236	3,092	3,464	1,528	981
	Single	9,366	63	1,114	3,179	2,714	1,920	290	86
	Widowed	305	-	-	-	6	33	46	220
	Divorced	3,812	-	5	57	372	1,511	1,192	675

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Table 3.26 Women marrying: area of occurrence, previous marital status¹ and age, 2006

England and Wales, Government Office Regions (within England)

Area of occurrence	Marital status	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over
ENGLAND AND WALES	All	239,454	3,841	35,527	67,090	49,617	51,032	21,688	10,659
	Single	172,803	3,826	35,042	63,952	41,000	24,364	3,699	920
	Widowed	5,216	-	10	40	181	753	1,321	2,911
	Divorced	61,435	15	475	3,098	8,436	25,915	16,668	6,828
ENGLAND	All	225,971	3,641	33,444	63,277	46,914	48,209	20,415	10,071
	Single	163,274	3,626	32,986	60,322	38,793	23,147	3,519	881
	Widowed	4,919	-	9	37	169	718	1,244	2,742
	Divorced	57,778	15	449	2,918	7,952	24,344	15,652	6,448
North East	All	10,881	184	1,670	3,084	2,105	2,350	1,104	384
	Single	7,739	184	1,659	2,944	1,718	1,043	168	23
	Widowed	212	-	-	2	8	33	59	110
	Divorced	2,930	-	11	138	379	1,274	877	251
North West	All	29,341	423	4,201	8,190	6,042	6,542	2,691	1,252
	Single	21,218	420	4,143	7,872	5,065	3,189	449	80
	Widowed	654	-	3	5	25	98	180	343
	Divorced	7,469	3	55	313	952	3,255	2,062	829
Yorkshire and the Humber	All	22,258	380	3,420	6,072	4,320	4,935	2,131	1,000
	Single	15,321	377	3,371	5,757	3,434	2,021	297	64
	Widowed	510	-	-	2	12	73	139	284
	Divorced	6,427	3	49	313	874	2,841	1,695	652
East Midlands	All	19,568	323	3,053	5,362	3,870	4,183	1,880	897
	Single	13,569	321	3,020	5,080	3,089	1,747	240	72
	Widowed	492	-	1	3	18	78	127	265
	Divorced	5,507	2	32	279	763	2,358	1,513	560
West Midlands	All	22,857	360	3,650	6,457	4,547	4,837	2,028	978
	Single	16,375	360	3,610	6,135	3,702	2,189	313	66
	Widowed	514	-	-	6	16	79	119	294
	Divorced	5,968	-	40	316	829	2,569	1,596	618
East	All	26,387	372	3,907	7,544	5,430	5,493	2,400	1,241
	Single	18,801	371	3,854	7,180	4,472	2,478	359	87
	Widowed	610	-	1	3	21	87	133	365
	Divorced	6,976	1	52	361	937	2,928	1,908	789
London	All	27,333	677	4,510	8,064	5,944	5,380	1,842	916
	Single	22,416	672	4,422	7,701	5,203	3,565	656	197
	Widowed	355	-	1	6	14	71	92	171
	Divorced	4,562	5	87	357	727	1,744	1,094	548
South East	All	40,223	565	5,307	11,294	8,825	8,544	3,702	1,986
	Single	28,943	565	5,234	10,801	7,341	4,172	641	189
	Widowed	940	-	-	7	32	119	241	541
	Divorced	10,340	-	73	486	1,452	4,253	2,820	1,256
South West	All	27,123	357	3,726	7,210	5,831	5,945	2,637	1,417
	Single	18,892	356	3,673	6,852	4,769	2,743	396	103
	Widowed	632	-	3	3	23	80	154	369
	Divorced	7,599	1	50	355	1,039	3,122	2,087	945
WALES	All	13,483	200	2,083	3,813	2,703	2,823	1,273	588
	Single	9,529	200	2,056	3,630	2,207	1,217	180	39
	Widowed	297	-	1	3	12	35	77	169
	Divorced	3,657	-	26	180	484	1,571	1,016	380

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**Table 3.27 Marriages (numbers and percentages): area
of occurrence, previous marital statuses¹ of
bride and bridegroom and type of ceremony, 2006**

**England and Wales, Government
Office Regions (within England), counties,
and unitary authorities/registration districts**

Area of occurrence	All marriages	First marriage for both partners	Number of marriages involving a:				Civil marriages	
			Single man	Single woman	Divorced man	Divorced woman	Number	Percentage of all marriages
ENGLAND AND WALES	239,454	145,995	169,248	172,803	64,777	61,435	158,350	66
ENGLAND	225,971	137,977	159,882	163,274	60,965	57,778	150,313	67
NORTH EAST	10,881	6,445	7,477	7,739	3,137	2,930	7,208	66
Darlington UA	515	289	343	348	155	158	376	73
Hartlepool UA	316	170	202	203	102	107	205	65
Middlesbrough UA	533	322	367	382	153	138	338	63
Redcar and Cleveland UA	590	345	413	409	160	162	374	63
Stockton-on-Tees UA	666	393	456	470	200	181	382	57
Durham²	2,371	1,361	1,596	1,660	710	671	1,556	66
Northumberland	1,892	1,183	1,324	1,435	525	421	1,351	71
Northumberland Central	1,032	640	719	779	295	234	740	72
Northumberland North First	211	137	154	164	48	41	158	75
Northumberland North Second	136	83	93	98	40	37	81	60
Northumberland West	513	323	358	394	142	109	372	73
Tyne and Wear (Met County)	3,998	2,382	2,776	2,832	1,132	1,092	2,626	66
Gateshead	707	433	502	506	187	187	399	56
Newcastle upon Tyne	1,058	640	737	775	305	271	792	75
North Tyneside	780	436	518	526	237	238	548	70
South Tyneside	542	296	369	356	157	174	357	66
Sunderland	911	577	650	669	246	222	530	58
NORTH WEST	29,341	17,723	20,521	21,218	8,165	7,469	18,848	64
Blackburn with Darwen UA	561	338	404	387	149	157	402	72
Blackpool UA	610	265	351	334	238	257	459	75
Halton UA	488	285	337	349	141	129	284	58
Warrington UA	759	459	534	551	204	191	444	58
Cheshire	4,128	2,532	2,925	3,015	1,110	1,028	2,720	66
Cheshire Central	1,277	771	890	921	357	319	793	62
Cheshire East	1,585	1,018	1,158	1,197	396	362	1,007	64
Cheshire West	1,266	743	877	897	357	347	920	73
Cumbria	3,509	2,098	2,440	2,542	999	903	2,474	71
Barrow-in-Furness	305	181	211	209	88	89	216	71
Carlisle	407	244	272	308	124	93	244	60
Cockermouth	491	283	337	351	138	128	314	64
Kendal	974	588	675	707	285	251	766	79
Millom	30	25	27	26	2	4	9	30
Penrith	509	295	351	361	151	141	396	78
Ulverston	427	249	302	300	117	116	319	75
Whitehaven	261	165	190	197	66	61	158	61
Wigton	105	68	75	83	28	20	52	50
Greater Manchester (Met County)	9,426	5,647	6,582	6,750	2,655	2,453	6,118	65
Bolton	1,123	651	763	782	342	310	849	76
Bury	659	368	428	449	214	187	380	58
Manchester	1,531	1,051	1,178	1,230	336	277	1,111	73
Oldham	745	462	542	542	188	187	455	61
Rochdale	936	509	607	623	306	289	642	69
Salford	834	533	608	609	206	205	503	60
Stockport	1,021	550	663	689	341	304	706	69
Tameside	703	385	464	470	218	216	402	57
Trafford	757	481	551	567	187	176	442	58
Wigan and Leigh	1,117	657	778	789	317	302	628	56

1 Single men and single women are those who have never been married - see section 3.1.

2 Boundary changes occurred in this registration district during 2006 - see section 2.3.

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Table 3.27 - continued

Area of occurrence	All marriages	First marriage for both partners	Number of marriages involving a:				Civil marriages	
			Single man	Single woman	Divorced man	Divorced woman	Number	Percentage of all marriages
Lancashire	5,114	3,094	3,545	3,722	1,455	1,266	3,079	60
Merseyside (Met County)	4,746	3,005	3,403	3,568	1,214	1,085	2,868	60
Knowsley	436	274	308	332	119	95	280	64
Liverpool	1,522	1,001	1,122	1,187	365	318	954	63
Sefton North	526	317	363	374	138	134	350	67
Sefton South	450	294	328	343	105	92	228	51
St Helens	585	357	409	428	164	147	326	56
Wirral	1,227	762	873	904	323	299	730	59
YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER	22,258	12,757	15,069	15,321	6,651	6,427	15,013	67
East Riding of Yorkshire UA	1,560	879	1,046	1,057	473	471	913	59
Kingston upon Hull, City of UA	834	415	538	523	275	291	650	78
North East Lincolnshire UA	668	341	419	426	226	225	429	64
North Lincolnshire UA	685	344	428	427	242	233	423	62
York UA	1,180	688	798	818	359	346	893	76
North Yorkshire	4,078	2,323	2,762	2,814	1,223	1,173	2,856	70
South Yorkshire (Met County)	5,226	3,036	3,561	3,612	1,534	1,487	3,504	67
Barnsley	979	536	650	639	314	324	716	73
Doncaster	1,305	705	851	850	411	414	859	66
Rotherham	1,053	631	725	739	305	284	605	57
Sheffield	1,889	1,164	1,335	1,384	504	465	1,324	70
West Yorkshire (Met County)	8,027	4,731	5,517	5,644	2,319	2,201	5,345	67
Bradford	1,383	857	972	1,021	381	331	955	69
Calderdale	850	450	554	561	277	270	577	68
Dewsbury	652	375	441	445	192	193	430	66
Huddersfield	920	545	628	656	269	242	584	63
Keighley	236	118	141	151	86	76	165	70
Leeds	2,456	1,569	1,806	1,818	600	586	1,517	62
Pontefract	706	383	452	461	236	229	491	70
Wakefield	824	434	523	531	278	274	626	76
EAST MIDLANDS	19,568	11,322	13,278	13,569	5,837	5,507	12,574	64
Derby UA	797	439	521	526	254	257	519	65
Leicester UA	1,099	771	859	873	222	205	786	72
Nottingham UA	835	566	640	644	185	174	544	65
Rutland UA	409	244	287	294	115	108	306	75
Derbyshire	3,674	2,120	2,490	2,536	1,098	1,030	2,365	64
Amber Valley	592	328	401	384	177	190	407	69
Ashbourne	186	103	118	131	63	52	130	70
Bakewell	597	353	403	426	182	155	452	76
Chesterfield	1,089	613	723	736	333	319	660	61
Erewash	552	344	394	400	144	132	372	67
High Peak	393	191	249	239	139	142	234	60
South Derbyshire	265	188	202	220	60	40	110	42
Leicestershire	2,891	1,753	2,016	2,069	812	756	1,802	62
Lincolnshire	3,087	1,588	1,945	1,972	1,039	1,021	1,825	59
Northamptonshire	3,114	1,821	2,095	2,221	963	820	2,079	67
Corby	237	128	150	167	80	61	161	68
Daventry	272	166	182	199	83	70	180	66
Kettering	331	189	219	229	105	98	216	65
Northampton	1,220	723	836	880	363	309	835	68
Oundle and Thrapston	170	85	101	112	63	52	106	62
Towcester and Brackley	410	264	292	314	116	89	272	66
Wellingborough	474	266	315	320	153	141	309	65

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Table 3.27 - continued

Area of occurrence	All marriages	First marriage for both partners	Number of marriages involving a:				Civil marriages	
			Single man	Single woman	Divorced man	Divorced woman	Number	Percentage of all marriages
Nottinghamshire	3,662	2,020	2,425	2,434	1,149	1,136	2,348	64
Basford	966	593	688	694	256	247	518	54
Bassetlaw	489	270	328	305	149	170	305	62
Mansfield	759	353	456	437	281	299	507	67
Newark	562	307	361	380	189	169	331	59
Rushcliffe	886	497	592	618	274	251	687	78
WEST MIDLANDS	22,857	13,834	16,020	16,375	6,262	5,968	14,139	62
Herefordshire, County of UA	953	564	650	692	273	231	538	56
Bromyard	31	20	20	25	8	4	9	29
Hereford	401	224	263	274	126	111	226	56
Kington	68	48	54	57	13	10	49	72
Ledbury	158	100	113	125	42	30	91	58
Leominster	143	86	101	108	38	33	64	45
Ross	152	86	99	103	46	43	99	65
Stoke-on-Trent UA	717	376	454	466	244	226	456	64
Telford and Wrekin UA	712	391	455	475	236	219	493	69
Shropshire	1,814	1,090	1,268	1,315	501	461	1,140	63
Staffordshire	4,365	2,467	2,898	2,931	1,353	1,333	2,839	65
Cannock Chase	327	161	196	200	119	119	194	59
East Staffordshire	559	301	370	366	175	180	365	65
Lichfield	1,008	555	648	660	338	326	684	68
Newcastle-under-Lyme	640	347	409	419	220	207	463	72
South Staffordshire	696	444	511	514	167	169	482	69
Stafford	660	380	447	451	195	196	395	60
Staffordshire Moorlands	475	279	317	321	139	136	256	54
Warwickshire	3,241	1,968	2,273	2,339	895	833	2,124	66
Warwickshire East	662	382	447	466	198	180	516	78
Warwickshire North	938	539	635	647	281	275	614	65
Warwickshire South	1,641	1,047	1,191	1,226	416	378	994	61
West Midlands (Met County)	8,179	5,304	6,079	6,181	1,917	1,844	4,800	59
Birmingham	2,914	1,976	2,240	2,301	615	575	1,759	60
Coventry	1,093	728	835	836	240	235	666	61
Dudley	1,009	611	697	735	286	252	651	65
Sandwell	844	526	614	611	211	214	459	54
Solihull	856	520	603	616	228	222	564	66
Walsall	722	439	529	507	179	200	329	46
Wolverhampton	741	504	561	575	158	146	372	50
Worcestershire²	2,876	1,674	1,943	1,976	843	821	1,749	61
EAST	26,387	15,934	18,552	18,801	7,250	6,976	17,378	66
Luton UA	432	288	324	340	98	82	305	71
Peterborough UA	906	490	598	598	288	289	658	73
Southend-on-Sea UA	544	291	345	360	185	168	353	65
Thurrock UA	543	361	420	404	116	129	352	65
Bedfordshire	1,832	1,106	1,297	1,287	493	502	1,140	62
Cambridgeshire	2,744	1,658	1,917	1,971	767	704	1,671	61
Cambridge	1,527	1,003	1,127	1,161	373	342	967	63
Ely	273	152	180	186	87	78	170	62
Fenland	308	149	188	194	108	99	188	61
Huntingdon	636	354	422	430	199	185	346	54

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Area of occurrence	All marriages	First marriage for both partners	Number of marriages involving a:				Civil marriages	
			Single man	Single woman	Divorced man	Divorced woman	Number	Percentage of all marriages
Essex	6,703	4,195	4,839	4,871	1,722	1,701	4,646	69
Braintree	1,060	675	790	776	249	273	784	74
Brentwood	1,216	752	874	886	319	311	916	75
Castle Point and Rochford	514	300	364	352	133	140	312	61
Chelmsford	1,379	895	1,019	1,041	343	318	949	69
Colchester	1,244	703	821	824	382	386	829	67
Epping Forest	469	322	356	358	104	104	260	55
Harlow	229	121	141	155	82	65	141	62
Uttlesford	592	427	474	479	110	104	455	77
Hertfordshire	5,039	3,333	3,783	3,872	1,167	1,084	3,275	65
Bishop's Stortford	299	183	212	227	84	70	208	70
Broxbourne	324	205	232	241	84	75	233	72
Dacorum	722	453	520	538	185	171	466	65
Hatfield	518	364	405	412	104	97	282	54
Hertford and Ware	711	472	531	546	171	159	573	81
Hitchin and Stevenage	974	612	707	720	251	226	641	66
St Albans	694	466	539	529	136	153	429	62
Watford	797	578	637	659	152	133	443	56
Norfolk	4,067	2,238	2,655	2,722	1,310	1,232	2,666	66
Depwade	164	90	106	110	52	50	92	56
Downham	132	63	74	79	51	50	73	55
East Dereham	242	139	160	171	74	64	143	59
Fakenham	139	67	79	85	51	46	86	62
Great Yarmouth	448	213	258	270	180	163	303	68
King's Lynn	561	299	367	367	183	177	358	64
North Walsham	326	172	211	205	101	105	202	62
Norwich	1,751	1,032	1,202	1,235	517	482	1,233	70
Wayland	304	163	198	200	101	95	176	58
Suffolk	3,577	1,974	2,374	2,376	1,104	1,085	2,312	65
Bury St Edmunds	866	480	568	579	272	262	580	67
Deben	469	245	291	307	163	146	320	68
Gipping and Hartismere	394	222	266	265	118	120	252	64
Ipswich	828	472	571	553	239	243	531	64
Sudbury	420	258	303	306	108	104	260	62
Waveney	600	297	375	366	204	210	369	62
LONDON	27,333	19,617	21,913	22,416	5,046	4,562	20,678	76
Inner London	12,065	8,951	9,934	10,202	1,996	1,750	9,512	79
Camden	800	609	671	693	123	101	547	68
City of London	265	232	238	253	23	11	81	31
Hackney	621	492	533	534	81	81	529	85
Hammersmith and Fulham	531	370	425	431	101	93	414	78
Haringey	802	613	679	692	117	102	617	77
Islington	799	605	677	684	116	111	668	84
Kensington and Chelsea	1,529	1,033	1,184	1,224	324	285	1,287	84
Lambeth	607	438	490	509	109	90	467	77
Lewisham	708	512	568	584	129	115	471	67
Newham	709	526	598	594	106	108	620	87
Southwark	861	627	696	728	150	124	710	82
Tower Hamlets	736	588	643	646	90	86	620	84
Wandsworth	1,065	815	891	927	165	129	863	81
Westminster	2,032	1,491	1,641	1,703	362	314	1,618	80

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			Single man	Single woman	Divorced man	Divorced woman	Number	Percentage of all marriages
Outer London	15,268	10,666	11,979	12,214	3,050	2,812	11,166	73
Barking and Dagenham	495	330	382	381	100	99	369	75
Barnet	994	730	813	822	167	160	628	63
Bexley	964	586	698	694	248	253	729	76
Brent	1,021	806	871	901	143	110	842	82
Bromley	1,008	638	746	737	239	246	675	67
Croydon	1,080	790	865	911	199	155	683	63
Ealing	840	632	698	717	136	117	569	68
Enfield	876	594	682	695	184	166	693	79
Greenwich	716	542	592	612	116	96	523	73
Harrow	566	440	475	485	78	77	387	68
Havering	975	549	654	665	296	286	768	79
Hillingdon	775	532	606	595	158	168	522	67
Hounslow	644	499	543	549	94	86	501	78
Kingston upon Thames	435	292	329	328	98	103	325	75
Merton	734	523	571	611	152	110	568	77
Redbridge	745	540	604	604	134	130	527	71
Richmond upon Thames	1,184	808	913	949	247	215	950	80
Sutton	516	328	380	381	123	117	331	64
Waltham Forest	700	507	557	577	138	118	576	82
SOUTH EAST	40,223	24,420	28,416	28,943	10,797	10,340	26,514	66
Bracknell Forest UA	431	265	313	308	104	108	266	62
Brighton and Hove UA	1,272	815	942	980	300	271	1,036	81
Isle of Wight UA	702	351	424	441	254	241	428	61
Medway UA	825	470	562	567	242	239	602	73
Milton Keynes UA	935	549	658	648	257	266	604	65
Portsmouth UA	1,190	606	769	731	404	435	899	76
Reading UA	657	417	492	490	152	156	456	69
Slough UA	429	318	343	365	80	59	281	66
Southampton UA	1,008	578	688	681	289	295	747	74
West Berkshire UA	790	485	566	579	202	199	516	65
Windsor and Maidenhead UA	1,015	646	747	767	252	240	730	72
Wokingham UA	606	423	469	479	129	115	342	56
Buckinghamshire	2,110	1,358	1,532	1,601	513	454	1,261	60
Aylesbury Vale	673	404	461	486	194	173	421	63
Chiltern Hills	1,437	954	1,071	1,115	319	281	840	58
East Sussex	2,840	1,620	1,917	1,985	821	781	2,031	72
Crowborough	536	361	410	419	110	107	351	65
Eastbourne	849	472	553	577	261	247	644	76
Hastings and Rother	794	436	524	536	237	230	505	64
Lewes	661	351	430	453	213	197	531	80
Hampshire	6,310	3,827	4,430	4,504	1,725	1,639	3,939	62
Alton	405	288	315	322	83	73	272	67
Andover	293	151	187	190	96	90	157	54
Droxford	238	169	186	194	49	41	127	53
Hampshire North	851	503	587	590	242	237	590	69
New Forest	1,215	730	859	861	323	321	854	70
North East Hampshire	750	488	550	568	190	166	458	61
Petersfield	338	217	246	255	82	71	219	65
Romsey	352	194	229	237	110	104	219	62
South East Hampshire	902	492	596	587	284	294	491	54
Winchester	966	595	675	700	266	242	552	57
Kent	7,052	4,140	4,887	4,932	1,995	1,954	4,812	68
Oxfordshire	3,267	2,127	2,408	2,456	795	743	1,998	61
Surrey	5,114	3,298	3,779	3,861	1,219	1,145	3,276	64
East Surrey	1,560	992	1,141	1,163	385	356	946	61
North Surrey	1,765	1,106	1,274	1,334	448	392	1,209	68
West Surrey	1,789	1,200	1,364	1,364	386	397	1,121	63

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			Single man	Single woman	Divorced man	Divorced woman	Number	Percentage of all marriages
West Sussex	3,670	2,127	2,490	2,568	1,064	1,000	2,290	62
Chichester	1,135	675	777	818	314	282	694	61
Crawley	552	345	381	415	160	124	348	63
Haywards Heath	418	243	290	297	117	113	270	65
Horsham	518	316	373	374	138	134	346	67
Worthing	1,047	548	669	664	335	347	632	60
SOUTH WEST	27,123	15,925	18,636	18,892	7,820	7,599	17,961	66
Bath and North East								
Somerset UA	1,244	791	894	926	326	300	910	73
Bournemouth UA	866	505	588	603	255	242	636	73
Bristol, City of UA	1,437	928	1,066	1,076	335	335	1,036	72
North Somerset UA	815	493	567	570	228	222	496	61
Plymouth UA	1,131	597	713	739	394	367	841	74
Poole UA	660	352	425	417	209	229	483	73
South Gloucestershire UA	1,096	662	787	761	286	314	729	67
Swindon UA	744	409	504	490	228	241	508	68
Torbay UA	824	417	504	518	295	286	670	81
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	3,417	1,914	2,295	2,293	1,039	1,030	2,306	67
Bodmin	291	175	200	210	84	77	161	55
Camborne-Redruth	233	111	139	139	88	89	141	61
Falmouth	338	205	233	237	97	85	275	81
Isles of Scilly	85	39	50	54	32	29	70	82
Kerrier	136	72	88	86	45	45	74	54
Launceston	92	50	62	60	28	32	52	57
Liskeard	212	118	143	136	67	68	119	56
Penzance	510	270	340	326	156	168	358	70
St Austell	601	355	424	432	167	158	402	67
St Germans	292	187	212	222	78	67	196	67
Stratton	144	72	91	86	48	49	106	74
Truro	483	260	313	305	149	163	352	73
Devon	4,040	2,338	2,696	2,804	1,236	1,124	2,593	64
East Devon	625	353	411	422	195	185	375	60
Exeter	543	277	343	344	186	184	431	79
Mid Devon	435	272	301	317	116	104	269	62
North Devon	526	304	361	367	150	141	358	68
South Hams	698	459	508	538	182	150	387	55
Teignbridge	594	341	382	416	197	158	394	66
Torridge	277	137	163	174	105	95	167	60
West Devon	342	195	227	226	105	107	212	62
Dorset	2,037	1,221	1,422	1,440	555	546	1,215	60
Gloucestershire²	3,474	2,114	2,460	2,506	936	902	2,276	66
Somerset	2,968	1,740	2,042	2,063	855	831	1,848	62
Mendip	780	500	562	572	202	194	417	53
Sedgemoor	572	318	384	379	176	176	401	70
South Somerset	725	401	487	489	223	216	421	58
Taunton	558	302	361	369	177	170	376	67
West Somerset	333	219	248	254	77	75	233	70
Wiltshire	2,370	1,444	1,673	1,686	643	630	1,414	60
Chippenham	791	509	583	571	189	207	498	63
Devizes and Marlborough	393	240	277	279	109	102	200	51
Salisbury	631	380	437	458	178	161	376	60
Trowbridge	382	216	259	256	114	114	254	66
Warminster	173	99	117	122	53	46	86	50

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			Single man	Single woman	Divorced man	Divorced woman	Number	Percentage of all marriages
WALES	13,483	8,018	9,366	9,529	3,812	3,657	8,037	60
Isle of Anglesey	318	183	208	223	100	87	184	58
Gwynedd	595	361	426	422	162	165	380	64
Ardudwy	125	70	84	79	41	45	106	85
Bangor	82	60	66	67	15	14	33	40
Caernarfon	153	99	112	118	40	33	117	76
De Meirionnydd	92	50	60	63	28	27	55	60
Dwyfor	126	73	92	85	33	39	60	48
Penllyn	17	9	12	10	5	7	9	53
Conwy	480	249	314	296	150	163	328	68
Aberconwy	366	182	233	220	122	129	289	79
Colwyn	114	67	81	76	28	34	39	34
Denbighshire	533	312	364	382	157	141	339	64
Denbighshire North	259	143	169	179	81	73	147	57
Denbighshire South	274	169	195	203	76	68	192	70
Flintshire	638	389	440	460	186	164	362	57
Wrexham	595	373	427	423	154	160	344	58
Powys	822	487	587	576	225	226	520	63
Brecknock	207	139	164	152	40	50	140	68
Hay	70	41	50	50	19	18	51	73
Machynlleth	23	11	15	14	7	9	17	74
Mid Powys	115	73	85	82	30	32	62	54
Newtown	111	61	73	76	37	30	58	52
Radnorshire East	28	14	15	18	13	9	18	64
Welshpool and Llanfyllin	156	79	104	98	49	53	92	59
Ystradgynlais	112	69	81	86	30	25	82	73
Ceredigion	280	167	186	202	79	69	154	55
Cardiganshire Central	76	44	47	54	23	17	40	53
Cardiganshire North	124	75	82	92	36	29	74	60
Cardiganshire South	80	48	57	56	20	23	40	50
Pembrokeshire	666	388	464	469	187	177	345	52
Carmarthenshire	753	440	516	520	221	214	435	58
Carmarthen	405	240	278	287	118	106	200	49
Llanelli	348	200	238	233	103	108	235	68
Swansea	1,092	663	774	780	297	289	636	58
Neath Port Talbot	544	328	380	383	148	152	318	58
Bridgend	585	341	399	406	171	166	346	59
The Vale of Glamorgan	591	347	408	423	176	160	338	57
Cardiff	1,438	909	1,057	1,066	359	353	937	65
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	748	441	498	547	229	184	412	55
Merthyr Tydfil	177	107	122	122	49	55	87	49
Caerphilly	724	419	490	498	215	210	428	59
Blaenau Gwent	181	112	131	128	45	48	83	46
Torfaen	340	188	223	232	102	100	170	50
Monmouthshire	706	421	491	497	198	191	463	66
Newport	677	393	461	474	202	183	428	63

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Table 3.28 Marriages: area of occurrence, type of ceremony and denomination, 2006

Area of occurrence	All marriages	Civil marriages		Religious marriages			
		All	Approved Premises	All	Church of England and Church in Wales	Roman Catholic	Methodist
ENGLAND AND WALES	239,454	158,350	95,763	81,104	57,963	9,263	4,209
ENGLAND	225,971	150,313	92,005	75,658	54,038	8,900	3,984
NORTH EAST	10,881	7,208	4,114	3,673	2,341	655	450
Darlington UA	515	376	196	139	103	17	14
Hartlepool UA	316	205	205	111	75	22	1
Middlesbrough UA	533	338	37	195	109	56	20
Redcar and Cleveland UA	590	374	192	216	173	17	17
Stockton-on-Tees UA	666	382	162	284	198	44	18
Durham¹	2,371	1,556	1,300	815	532	110	157
Northumberland	1,892	1,351	862	541	388	79	28
Northumberland Central	1,032	740	461	292	205	40	15
Northumberland North First	211	158	110	53	44	4	1
Northumberland North Second	136	81	44	55	36	11	4
Northumberland West	513	372	247	141	103	24	8
Tyne and Wear (Met County)	3,998	2,626	1,160	1,372	763	310	195
Gateshead	707	399	60	308	178	72	32
Newcastle upon Tyne	1,058	792	705	266	138	72	27
North Tyneside	780	548	75	232	132	52	34
South Tyneside	542	357	181	185	124	30	24
Sunderland	911	530	139	381	191	84	78
NORTH WEST	29,341	18,848	10,706	10,493	6,327	2,358	569
Blackburn with Darwen UA	561	402	84	159	78	47	9
Blackpool UA	610	459	75	151	82	41	8
Halton UA	488	284	282	204	120	57	19
Warrington UA	759	444	238	315	211	58	30
Cheshire	4,128	2,720	1,908	1,408	1,008	164	84
Cheshire Central	1,277	793	592	484	391	27	45
Cheshire East	1,585	1,007	770	578	388	59	26
Cheshire West	1,266	920	546	346	229	78	13
Cumbria	3,509	2,474	1,645	1,035	838	116	48
Barrow-in-Furness	305	216	93	89	69	14	2
Carlisle	407	244	130	163	130	20	4
Cockermouth	491	314	229	177	136	22	15
Kendal	974	766	523	208	165	23	10
Millom	30	9	1	21	17	2	-
Penrith	509	396	310	113	100	8	5
Ulverston	427	319	254	108	90	10	6
Whitehaven	261	158	75	103	82	15	5
Wigton	105	52	30	53	49	2	1
Greater Manchester (Met County)	9,426	6,118	2,440	3,308	1,877	761	154
Bolton	1,123	849	257	274	179	56	8
Bury	659	380	72	279	170	52	9
Manchester	1,531	1,111	315	420	168	158	16
Oldham	745	455	224	290	199	59	17
Rochdale	936	642	638	294	186	53	11
Salford	834	503	208	331	167	66	6
Stockport	1,021	706	290	315	185	66	28
Tameside	703	402	53	301	160	36	11
Trafford	757	442	81	315	170	84	12
Wigan and Leigh	1,117	628	302	489	293	131	36
Lancashire	5,114	3,079	2,679	2,035	1,208	447	154

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							Area of occurrence
Congregat- ionalist	Baptist	Calvinistic Methodist	United Reformed Church	Other Christian bodies	Jews	Other bodies	
339	1,560	98	1,429	3,614	714	1,915	ENGLAND AND WALES
168	1,242	3	1,375	3,339	713	1,896	ENGLAND
1	26	-	65	83	24	28	NORTH EAST
-	-	-	-	4	-	1	Darlington UA
-	1	-	12	-	-	-	Hartlepool UA
-	-	-	-	4	-	6	Middlesbrough UA
1	3	-	1	4	-	-	Redcar and Cleveland UA
-	7	-	1	9	-	7	Stockton-on-Tees UA
-	1	-	-	15	-	-	Durham¹
-	2	-	37	6	-	1	Northumberland
-	-	-	29	2	-	1	Northumberland Central
-	-	-	2	2	-	-	Northumberland North First
-	-	-	4	-	-	-	Northumberland North Second
-	2	-	2	2	-	-	Northumberland West
-	12	-	14	41	24	13	Tyne and Wear (Met County)
-	-	-	2	3	21	-	Gateshead
-	4	-	5	13	3	4	Newcastle upon Tyne
-	4	-	7	3	-	-	North Tyneside
-	2	-	-	5	-	-	South Tyneside
-	2	-	-	17	-	9	Sunderland
11	85	-	375	579	132	57	NORTH WEST
1	1	-	21	2	-	-	Blackburn with Darwen UA
1	2	-	8	9	-	-	Blackpool UA
-	-	-	-	8	-	-	Halton UA
-	3	-	8	5	-	-	Warrington UA
2	9	-	30	110	-	1	Cheshire
-	5	-	5	11	-	-	Cheshire Central
2	3	-	16	83	-	1	Cheshire East
-	1	-	9	16	-	-	Cheshire West
-	3	-	7	23	-	-	Cumbria
-	1	-	-	3	-	-	Barrow-in-Furness
-	-	-	-	9	-	-	Carlisle
-	1	-	-	3	-	-	Cockermouth
-	-	-	6	4	-	-	Kendal
-	1	-	-	1	-	-	Millom
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Penrith
-	-	-	1	1	-	-	Ulverston
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	Whitehaven
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	Wigton
4	29	-	102	223	120	38	Greater Manchester (Met County)
-	-	-	5	19	-	7	Bolton
-	2	-	14	8	24	-	Bury
-	2	-	3	38	17	18	Manchester
3	1	-	-	8	-	3	Oldham
-	8	-	23	13	-	-	Rochdale
-	-	-	4	27	61	-	Salford
1	5	-	13	13	3	1	Stockport
-	-	-	33	53	-	8	Tameside
-	8	-	5	20	15	1	Trafford
-	3	-	2	24	-	-	Wigan and Leigh
3	27	-	78	103	-	15	Lancashire

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Table 3.28 - continued

Area of occurrence	All marriages	Civil marriages		Religious marriages			
		All	Approved Premises	All	Church of England and Church in Wales	Roman Catholic	Methodist
Merseyside (Met County)	4,746	2,868	1,355	1,878	905	667	63
Knowsley	436	280	80	156	75	76	-
Liverpool	1,522	954	300	568	235	255	15
Sefton North	526	350	240	176	91	51	18
Sefton South	450	228	153	222	103	94	4
St Helens	585	326	84	259	144	92	7
Wirral	1,227	730	498	497	257	99	19
YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER	22,258	15,013	9,224	7,245	5,302	641	731
East Riding of Yorkshire UA	1,560	913	804	647	534	26	67
Kingston upon Hull, City of UA	834	650	195	184	128	14	20
North East Lincolnshire UA	668	429	108	239	210	10	9
North Lincolnshire UA	685	423	145	262	214	12	24
York UA	1,180	893	668	287	206	35	28
North Yorkshire	4,078	2,856	2,851	1,222	985	91	113
South Yorkshire (Met County)	5,226	3,504	1,297	1,722	1,279	124	201
Barnsley	979	716	314	263	172	16	67
Doncaster	1,305	859	323	446	330	44	41
Rotherham	1,053	605	199	448	365	23	43
Sheffield	1,889	1,324	461	565	412	41	50
West Yorkshire (Met County)	8,027	5,345	3,156	2,682	1,746	329	269
Bradford	1,383	955	353	428	242	63	45
Calderdale	850	577	278	273	193	27	35
Dewsbury	652	430	430	222	153	28	17
Huddersfield	920	584	581	336	210	44	30
Keighley	236	165	51	71	39	12	8
Leeds	2,456	1,517	923	939	620	119	67
Pontefract	706	491	240	215	149	18	40
Wakefield	824	626	300	198	140	18	27
EAST MIDLANDS	19,568	12,574	6,679	6,994	5,471	452	366
Derby UA	797	519	85	278	122	48	19
Leicester UA	1,099	786	93	313	136	38	8
Nottingham UA	835	544	146	291	172	45	8
Rutland UA	409	306	207	103	95	7	1
Derbyshire	3,674	2,365	1,365	1,309	1,021	76	123
Amber Valley	592	407	242	185	161	5	15
Ashbourne	186	130	42	56	52	2	-
Bakewell	597	452	319	145	117	14	12
Chesterfield	1,089	660	327	429	308	24	65
Erewash	552	372	224	180	149	9	10
High Peak	393	234	101	159	99	15	11
South Derbyshire	265	110	110	155	135	7	10
Leicestershire	2,891	1,802	1,449	1,089	907	52	57
Lincolnshire	3,087	1,825	1,808	1,262	1,107	41	71
Northamptonshire	3,114	2,079	730	1,035	801	81	25
Corby	237	161	53	76	34	20	-
Daventry	272	180	111	92	78	3	2
Kettering	331	216	78	115	99	-	2
Northampton	1,220	835	242	385	275	45	9
Oundle and Thrapston	170	106	36	64	58	3	1
Towcester and Brackley	410	272	167	138	130	3	1
Wellingborough	474	309	43	165	127	7	10
Nottinghamshire	3,662	2,348	796	1,314	1,110	64	54
Basford	966	518	247	448	362	22	22
Bassetlaw	489	305	232	184	157	11	10
Mansfield	759	507	14	252	215	10	9
Newark	562	331	126	231	204	9	10
Rushcliffe	886	687	177	199	172	12	3

							Area of occurrence
Congregat- ionalist	Baptist	Calvinistic Methodist	United Reformed Church	Other Christian bodies	Jews	Other bodies	
-	11	-	121	96	12	3	Merseyside (Met County)
-	2	-	2	1	-	-	Knowsley
-	3	-	5	42	10	3	Liverpool
-	-	-	1	13	2	-	Sefton North
-	6	-	7	8	-	-	Sefton South
-	-	-	8	8	-	-	St Helens
-	-	-	98	24	-	-	Wirral
12	76	-	87	278	18	100	YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER
4	-	-	6	10	-	-	East Riding of Yorkshire UA
-	2	-	4	11	-	5	Kingston upon Hull, City of UA
-	1	-	2	7	-	-	North East Lincolnshire UA
1	1	-	-	7	-	3	North Lincolnshire UA
-	4	-	-	14	-	-	York UA
-	9	-	4	20	-	-	North Yorkshire
1	12	-	14	84	-	7	South Yorkshire (Met County)
-	1	-	1	6	-	-	Barnsley
1	2	-	3	20	-	5	Doncaster
-	1	-	6	10	-	-	Rotherham
-	8	-	4	48	-	2	Sheffield
6	47	-	57	125	18	85	West Yorkshire (Met County)
4	2	-	19	28	-	25	Bradford
-	4	-	4	10	-	-	Calderdale
-	1	-	12	11	-	-	Dewsbury
-	10	-	3	18	-	21	Huddersfield
-	2	-	2	8	-	-	Keighley
-	23	-	14	40	18	38	Leeds
2	-	-	1	5	-	-	Pontefract
-	5	-	2	5	-	1	Wakefield
41	122	-	94	254	1	193	EAST MIDLANDS
-	8	-	6	21	-	54	Derby UA
1	10	-	2	20	1	97	Leicester UA
-	6	-	4	20	-	36	Nottingham UA
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rutland UA
31	4	-	8	45	-	1	Derbyshire
-	1	-	1	2	-	-	Amber Valley
-	-	-	-	2	-	-	Ashbourne
-	-	-	-	2	-	-	Bakewell
1	1	-	3	26	-	1	Chesterfield
-	1	-	3	8	-	-	Erewash
30	-	-	1	3	-	-	High Peak
-	1	-	-	2	-	-	South Derbyshire
9	29	-	10	23	-	2	Leicestershire
-	7	-	10	25	-	1	Lincolnshire
-	33	-	41	52	-	2	Northamptonshire
-	-	-	1	21	-	-	Corby
-	2	-	4	3	-	-	Daventry
-	3	-	9	2	-	-	Kettering
-	22	-	9	23	-	2	Northampton
-	1	-	1	-	-	-	Oundle and Thrapston
-	4	-	-	-	-	-	Towcester and Brackley
-	1	-	17	3	-	-	Wellingborough
-	25	-	13	48	-	-	Nottinghamshire
-	13	-	9	20	-	-	Basford
-	-	-	-	6	-	-	Bassetlaw
-	6	-	-	12	-	-	Mansfield
-	4	-	-	4	-	-	Newark
-	2	-	4	6	-	-	Rushcliffe

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Table 3.28 - continued

Area of occurrence	All marriages	Civil marriages		Religious marriages			
		All	Approved Premises	All	Church of England and Church in Wales	Roman Catholic	Methodist
WEST MIDLANDS	22,857	14,139	6,325	8,718	6,116	888	487
Herefordshire, County of UA	953	538	253	415	376	18	6
Bromyard	31	9	-	22	22	-	-
Hereford	401	226	93	175	147	15	4
Kington	68	49	45	19	19	-	-
Ledbury	158	91	50	67	66	1	-
Leominster	143	64	17	79	74	1	2
Ross	152	99	48	53	48	1	-
Stoke-on-Trent UA	717	456	63	261	147	44	34
Telford and Wrekin UA	712	493	174	219	167	20	8
Shropshire	1,814	1,140	984	674	596	26	26
Staffordshire	4,365	2,839	1,239	1,526	1,226	135	101
Cannock Chase	327	194	9	133	105	15	11
East Staffordshire	559	365	107	194	156	18	12
Lichfield	1,008	684	284	324	276	17	15
Newcastle-under-Lyme	640	463	91	177	121	23	21
South Staffordshire	696	482	402	214	189	12	10
Stafford	660	395	185	265	213	28	7
Staffordshire Moorlands	475	256	161	219	166	22	25
Warwickshire	3,241	2,124	1,375	1,117	857	122	23
Warwickshire East	662	516	362	146	97	30	-
Warwickshire North	938	614	307	324	258	27	15
Warwickshire South	1,641	994	706	647	502	65	8
West Midlands (Met County)	8,179	4,800	1,451	3,379	1,798	438	268
Birmingham	2,914	1,759	409	1,155	563	192	57
Coventry	1,093	666	153	427	190	84	7
Dudley	1,009	651	374	358	244	16	41
Sandwell	844	459	172	385	185	27	51
Solihull	856	564	208	292	203	58	18
Walsall	722	329	72	393	252	23	47
Wolverhampton	741	372	63	369	161	38	47
Worcestershire¹	2,876	1,749	786	1,127	949	85	21
EAST	26,387	17,378	10,146	9,009	6,940	743	352
Luton UA	432	305	13	127	52	46	8
Peterborough UA	906	658	166	248	179	29	18
Southend-on-Sea UA	544	353	123	191	107	34	8
Thurrock UA	543	352	309	191	163	10	3
Bedfordshire	1,832	1,140	1,109	692	518	64	41
Cambridgeshire	2,744	1,671	620	1,073	887	69	38
Cambridge	1,527	967	343	560	445	51	12
Ely	273	170	37	103	86	1	4
Fenland	308	188	53	120	107	4	4
Huntingdon	636	346	187	290	249	13	18
Essex	6,703	4,646	2,657	2,057	1,648	147	62
Braintree	1,060	784	502	276	243	14	1
Brentwood	1,216	916	476	300	209	44	4
Castle Point and Rochford	514	312	192	202	143	23	15
Chelmsford	1,379	949	706	430	366	32	1
Colchester	1,244	829	322	415	308	18	32
Epping Forest	469	260	71	209	192	7	1
Harlow	229	141	24	88	65	7	7
Uttlesford	592	455	364	137	122	2	1

1 Boundary changes occurred in this registration district during 2006 - see section 2.3.

							Area of occurrence
Congregat- ionalist	Baptist	Calvinistic Methodist	United Reformed Church	Other Christian bodies	Jews	Other bodies	
9	125	-	119	360	7	607	WEST MIDLANDS
-	8	-	4	3	-	-	Herefordshire, County of UA
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Bromyard
-	2	-	4	3	-	-	Hereford
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Kington
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ledbury
-	2	-	-	-	-	-	Leominster
-	4	-	-	-	-	-	Ross
3	2	-	11	20	-	-	Stoke-on-Trent UA
-	5	-	1	13	-	5	Telford and Wrekin UA
-	9	-	10	7	-	-	Shropshire
2	17	-	10	33	-	2	Staffordshire
-	1	-	-	1	-	-	Cannock Chase
1	2	-	-	5	-	-	East Staffordshire
1	4	-	1	10	-	-	Lichfield
-	5	-	1	6	-	-	Newcastle-under-Lyme
-	-	-	1	2	-	-	South Staffordshire
-	5	-	5	5	-	2	Stafford
-	-	-	2	4	-	-	Staffordshire Moorlands
-	22	-	10	24	-	59	Warwickshire
-	6	-	5	5	-	3	Warwickshire East
-	6	-	4	8	-	6	Warwickshire North
-	10	-	1	11	-	50	Warwickshire South
4	49	-	67	207	7	541	West Midlands (Met County)
-	21	-	26	92	4	200	Birmingham
-	15	-	13	23	-	95	Coventry
2	5	-	6	27	-	17	Dudley
2	2	-	2	20	-	96	Sandwell
-	2	-	3	5	3	-	Solihull
-	2	-	7	18	-	44	Walsall
-	2	-	10	22	-	89	Wolverhampton
-	13	-	6	53	-	-	Worcestershire¹
27	211	-	145	341	65	185	EAST
-	2	-	-	8	1	10	Luton UA
-	5	-	-	7	-	10	Peterborough UA
-	16	-	8	12	4	2	Southend-on-Sea UA
-	2	-	5	2	-	6	Thurrock UA
5	24	-	1	15	-	24	Bedfordshire
-	36	-	21	21	1	-	Cambridgeshire
-	22	-	15	14	1	-	Cambridge
-	9	-	-	3	-	-	Ely
-	3	-	-	2	-	-	Fenland
-	2	-	6	2	-	-	Huntingdon
15	40	-	53	76	9	7	Essex
1	4	-	9	4	-	-	Braintree
-	9	-	5	29	-	-	Brentwood
11	4	-	2	4	-	-	Castle Point and Rochford
2	3	-	8	12	-	6	Chelmsford
1	12	-	24	19	-	1	Colchester
-	-	-	-	1	8	-	Epping Forest
-	3	-	-	5	1	-	Harlow
-	5	-	5	2	-	-	Uttlesford

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Table 3.28 - continued

Area of occurrence	All marriages	Civil marriages		Religious marriages			
		All	Approved Premises	All	Church of England and Church in Wales	Roman Catholic	Methodist
Hertfordshire	5,039	3,275	3,133	1,764	1,148	222	45
Bishop's Stortford	299	208	207	91	72	15	-
Broxbourne	324	233	232	91	63	19	2
Dacorum	722	466	445	256	204	28	3
Hatfield	518	282	266	236	109	12	4
Hertford and Ware	711	573	573	138	106	25	3
Hitchin and Stevenage	974	641	628	333	246	29	16
St Albans	694	429	359	265	178	52	10
Watford	797	443	423	354	170	42	7
Norfolk	4,067	2,666	1,023	1,401	1,197	54	83
Depwade	164	92	32	72	63	1	2
Downham	132	73	9	59	48	-	11
East Dereham	242	143	65	99	90	1	6
Fakenham	139	86	22	53	46	5	2
Great Yarmouth	448	303	66	145	120	7	11
King's Lynn	561	358	133	203	183	5	10
North Walsham	326	202	101	124	102	4	10
Norwich	1,751	1,233	544	518	432	27	23
Wayland	304	176	51	128	113	4	8
Suffolk	3,577	2,312	993	1,265	1,041	68	46
Bury St Edmunds	866	580	172	286	246	17	3
Deben	469	320	159	149	135	8	3
Gipping and Hartismere	394	252	100	142	128	-	1
Ipswich	828	531	214	297	214	27	14
Sudbury	420	260	171	160	138	8	3
Waveney	600	369	177	231	180	8	22
LONDON	27,333	20,678	15,780	6,655	3,335	1,412	156
Inner London	12,065	9,512	6,450	2,553	1,255	559	39
Camden	800	547	204	253	57	88	3
City of London	265	81	79	184	167	8	-
Hackney	621	529	358	92	9	2	2
Hammersmith and Fulham	531	414	47	117	66	39	-
Haringey	802	617	82	185	53	30	2
Islington	799	668	667	131	53	61	8
Kensington and Chelsea	1,529	1,287	943	242	116	60	-
Lambeth	607	467	114	140	81	27	5
Lewisham	708	471	442	237	186	19	1
Newham	709	620	491	89	61	11	1
Southwark	861	710	710	151	97	24	4
Tower Hamlets	736	620	522	116	59	35	-
Wandsworth	1,065	863	177	202	102	60	7
Westminster	2,032	1,618	1,614	414	148	95	6
Outer London	15,268	11,166	9,330	4,102	2,080	853	117
Barking and Dagenham	495	369	368	126	86	8	1
Barnet	994	628	628	366	102	45	4
Bexley	964	729	728	235	146	46	1
Brent	1,021	842	842	179	64	46	9
Bromley	1,008	675	558	333	228	46	20
Croydon	1,080	683	228	397	267	62	11
Ealing	840	569	568	271	61	75	6
Enfield	876	693	692	183	76	48	11
Greenwich	716	523	191	193	99	59	3
Harrow	566	387	333	179	52	48	3
Havering	975	768	760	207	138	45	7
Hillingdon	775	522	522	253	142	39	8
Hounslow	644	501	64	143	62	36	3
Kingston upon Thames	435	325	87	110	57	31	8
Merton	734	568	440	166	91	58	5
Redbridge	745	527	473	218	83	47	3
Richmond upon Thames	1,184	950	948	234	167	52	3
Sutton	516	331	326	185	112	33	8
Waltham Forest	700	576	574	124	47	29	3

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Congregat- ionalist	Baptist	Calvinistic Methodist	United Reformed Church	Other Christian bodies	Jews	Other bodies	
3	35	-	27	111	50	123	Hertfordshire
1	-	-	1	1	-	1	Bishop's Stortford
-	1	-	1	5	-	-	Broxbourne
-	13	-	2	6	-	-	Dacorum
-	1	-	11	56	2	41	Hatfield
-	3	-	1	-	-	-	Hertford and Ware
2	11	-	7	14	-	8	Hitchin and Stevenage
-	1	-	-	14	7	3	St Albans
-	5	-	4	15	41	70	Watford
2	16	-	5	42	-	2	Norfolk
1	-	-	1	4	-	-	Depwade
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Downham
-	1	-	-	1	-	-	East Dereham
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Fakenham
-	1	-	-	5	-	1	Great Yarmouth
-	4	-	-	1	-	-	King's Lynn
1	5	-	-	2	-	-	North Walsham
-	5	-	2	28	-	1	Norwich
-	-	-	2	1	-	-	Wayland
2	35	-	25	47	-	1	Suffolk
-	7	-	3	10	-	-	Bury St Edmunds
-	2	-	-	1	-	-	Deben
-	6	-	3	4	-	-	Gipping and Hartismere
1	9	-	11	20	-	1	Ipswich
-	6	-	2	3	-	-	Sudbury
1	5	-	6	9	-	-	Waveney
19	164	3	82	578	447	459	LONDON
8	46	1	6	347	199	93	Inner London
-	1	-	5	63	33	3	Camden
-	-	1	-	5	-	3	City of London
1	1	-	-	10	47	20	Hackney
-	-	-	-	7	-	5	Hammersmith and Fulham
-	3	-	1	86	6	4	Haringey
3	-	-	-	6	-	-	Islington
-	-	-	-	47	5	14	Kensington and Chelsea
-	4	-	-	15	-	8	Lambeth
-	11	-	-	18	-	2	Lewisham
-	1	-	-	3	-	12	Newham
-	6	-	-	18	-	2	Southwark
-	5	-	-	10	-	7	Tower Hamlets
-	13	-	-	16	1	3	Wandsworth
4	1	-	-	43	107	10	Westminster
11	118	2	76	231	248	366	Outer London
-	5	-	-	2	-	24	Barking and Dagenham
-	5	-	5	28	174	3	Barnet
-	16	-	-	13	-	13	Bexley
-	6	-	-	16	12	26	Brent
2	11	-	14	11	1	-	Bromley
4	16	-	6	28	-	3	Croydon
-	9	2	-	12	-	106	Ealing
-	3	-	9	24	8	4	Enfield
-	4	-	5	9	-	14	Greenwich
-	7	-	2	9	20	38	Harrow
-	6	-	1	9	1	-	Havering
1	4	-	5	4	12	38	Hillingdon
-	-	-	-	9	-	33	Hounslow
-	-	-	5	9	-	-	Kingston upon Thames
1	3	-	7	-	-	1	Merton
-	7	-	3	13	17	45	Redbridge
1	5	-	-	6	-	-	Richmond upon Thames
-	8	-	10	9	-	5	Sutton
2	3	-	4	20	3	13	Waltham Forest

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Table 3.28 - continued

Area of occurrence	All marriages	Civil marriages		Religious marriages			
		All	Approved Premises	All	Church of England and Church in Wales	Roman Catholic	Methodist
SOUTH EAST	40,223	26,514	18,824	13,709	10,774	1,221	394
Bracknell Forest UA	431	266	266	165	140	6	3
Brighton and Hove UA	1,272	1,036	381	236	147	34	12
Isle of Wight UA	702	428	328	274	221	9	26
Medway UA	825	602	482	223	138	29	8
Milton Keynes UA	935	604	119	331	214	24	28
Portsmouth UA	1,190	899	175	291	152	24	13
Reading UA	657	456	35	201	109	36	8
Slough UA	429	281	82	148	30	23	1
Southampton UA	1,008	747	456	261	150	49	5
West Berkshire UA	790	516	322	274	244	18	7
Windsor and Maidenhead UA	1,015	730	546	285	217	48	10
Wokingham UA	606	342	246	264	227	20	8
Buckinghamshire	2,110	1,261	787	849	691	70	18
Aylesbury Vale	673	421	204	252	221	5	11
Chiltern Hills	1,437	840	583	597	470	65	7
East Sussex	2,840	2,031	1,950	809	629	65	38
Crowborough	536	351	347	185	153	21	5
Eastbourne	849	644	639	205	155	19	3
Hastings and Rother	794	505	440	289	219	19	23
Lewes	661	531	524	130	102	6	7
Hampshire	6,310	3,939	2,220	2,371	2,042	158	44
Alton	405	272	181	133	116	9	3
Andover	293	157	44	136	119	1	-
Droxford	238	127	124	111	103	3	5
Hampshire North	851	590	306	261	227	22	3
New Forest	1,215	854	619	361	315	29	3
North East Hampshire	750	458	250	292	250	25	6
Petersfield	338	219	102	119	111	4	2
Romsey	352	219	86	133	115	2	2
South East Hampshire	902	491	229	411	344	23	11
Winchester	966	552	279	414	342	40	9
Kent	7,052	4,812	4,725	2,240	1,826	129	49
Oxfordshire	3,267	1,998	1,961	1,269	1,036	114	38
Surrey	5,114	3,276	2,742	1,838	1,444	259	34
East Surrey	1,560	946	800	614	487	82	7
North Surrey	1,765	1,209	1,001	556	404	102	14
West Surrey	1,789	1,121	941	668	553	75	13
West Sussex	3,670	2,290	1,001	1,380	1,117	106	44
Chichester	1,135	694	298	441	394	21	5
Crawley	552	348	113	204	155	19	5
Haywards Heath	418	270	143	148	122	13	4
Horsham	518	346	205	172	145	10	2
Worthing	1,047	632	242	415	301	43	28
SOUTH WEST	27,123	17,961	10,207	9,162	7,432	530	479
Bath and North East Somerset UA	1,244	910	644	334	249	39	24
Bournemouth UA	866	636	441	230	117	32	10
Bristol, City of UA	1,437	1,036	341	401	243	52	22
North Somerset UA	815	496	252	319	275	15	15
Plymouth UA	1,131	841	420	290	194	28	23
Poole UA	660	483	164	177	154	4	3
South Gloucestershire UA	1,096	729	332	367	298	25	16
Swindon UA	744	508	229	236	172	29	8
Torbay UA	824	670	190	154	104	17	3

							Area of occurrence
Congregat- ionalist	Baptist	Calvinistic Methodist	United Reformed Church	Other Christian bodies	Jews	Other bodies	
14	268	-	244	554	14	226	SOUTH EAST
-	4	-	-	12	-	-	Bracknell Forest UA
-	4	-	-	36	3	-	Brighton and Hove UA
-	5	-	5	8	-	-	Isle of Wight UA
1	8	-	4	21	1	13	Medway UA
-	27	-	21	15	-	2	Milton Keynes UA
-	11	-	2	89	-	-	Portsmouth UA
-	13	-	5	23	5	2	Reading UA
-	1	-	1	3	-	89	Slough UA
-	5	-	5	25	-	22	Southampton UA
-	2	-	2	1	-	-	West Berkshire UA
-	3	-	1	2	2	2	Windsor and Maidenhead UA
-	3	-	2	4	-	-	Wokingham UA
1	20	-	9	14	-	26	Buckinghamshire
-	4	-	2	4	-	5	Aylesbury Vale
1	16	-	7	10	-	21	Chiltern Hills
1	19	-	20	37	-	-	East Sussex
1	2	-	1	2	-	-	Crowborough
-	6	-	10	12	-	-	Eastbourne
-	8	-	8	12	-	-	Hastings and Rother
-	3	-	1	11	-	-	Lewes
-	30	-	42	49	-	6	Hampshire
-	-	-	1	3	-	1	Alton
-	5	-	1	10	-	-	Andover
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Droxford
-	3	-	1	4	-	1	Hampshire North
-	9	-	4	1	-	-	New Forest
-	1	-	1	6	-	3	North East Hampshire
-	-	-	2	-	-	-	Petersfield
-	1	-	13	-	-	-	Romsey
-	6	-	18	9	-	-	South East Hampshire
-	5	-	1	16	-	1	Winchester
4	42	-	34	122	-	34	Kent
3	18	-	32	13	1	14	Oxfordshire
2	24	-	27	37	2	9	Surrey
1	9	-	12	15	-	1	East Surrey
1	11	-	7	11	2	4	North Surrey
-	4	-	8	11	-	4	West Surrey
2	29	-	32	43	-	7	West Sussex
1	4	-	6	8	-	2	Chichester
-	4	-	4	14	-	3	Crawley
-	5	-	2	2	-	-	Haywards Heath
-	2	-	4	7	-	2	Horsham
1	14	-	16	12	-	-	Worthing
34	165	-	164	312	5	41	SOUTH WEST
2	6	-	2	11	-	1	Bath and North East Somerset UA
-	6	-	27	30	5	3	Bournemouth UA
2	18	-	13	42	-	9	Bristol, City of UA
-	3	-	2	9	-	-	North Somerset UA
-	13	-	5	27	-	-	Plymouth UA
-	4	-	2	9	-	1	Poole UA
2	7	-	1	18	-	-	South Gloucestershire UA
-	5	-	5	9	-	8	Swindon UA
-	8	-	11	11	-	-	Torbay UA

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Table 3.28 - continued

Area of occurrence	All marriages	Civil marriages		Religious marriages			
		All	Approved Premises	All	Church of England and Church in Wales	Roman Catholic	Methodist
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	3,417	2,306	1,021	1,111	909	30	128
Bodmin	291	161	58	130	125	2	3
Camborne-Redruth	233	141	50	92	63	1	22
Falmouth	338	275	157	63	42	5	6
Isles of Scilly	85	70	24	15	14	-	1
Kerrier	136	74	20	62	51	1	8
Launceston	92	52	8	40	28	-	11
Liskeard	212	119	32	93	84	-	4
Penzance	510	358	158	152	114	9	28
St Austell	601	402	240	199	160	9	19
St Germans	292	196	143	96	85	-	8
Stratton	144	106	36	38	32	1	5
Truro	483	352	95	131	111	2	13
Devon	4,040	2,593	1,390	1,447	1,219	43	92
East Devon	625	375	213	250	204	12	5
Exeter	543	431	107	112	66	9	10
Mid Devon	435	269	119	166	147	-	10
North Devon	526	358	187	168	152	2	5
South Hams	698	387	281	311	282	8	12
Teignbridge	594	394	270	200	174	7	14
Torridge	277	167	75	110	82	1	23
West Devon	342	212	138	130	112	4	13
Dorset	2,037	1,215	1,186	822	721	40	21
Gloucestershire¹	3,474	2,276	1,811	1,198	994	81	37
Somerset	2,968	1,848	1,023	1,120	968	40	47
Mendip	780	417	278	363	323	17	15
Sedgemoor	572	401	222	171	156	1	2
South Somerset	725	421	218	304	255	14	16
Taunton	558	376	119	182	143	6	9
West Somerset	333	233	186	100	91	2	5
Wiltshire	2,370	1,414	763	956	815	55	30
Chippenham	791	498	318	293	249	23	10
Devizes and Marlborough	393	200	101	193	165	13	8
Salisbury	631	376	182	255	217	10	10
Trowbridge	382	254	117	128	107	8	2
Warminster	173	86	45	87	77	1	-
WALES	13,483	8,037	3,758	5,446	3,925	363	225
Isle of Anglesey	318	184	104	134	114	5	1
Gwynedd	595	380	233	215	134	7	4
Ardudwy	125	106	99	19	12	-	-
Bangor	82	33	5	49	29	2	2
Caernarfon	153	117	65	36	16	-	1
De Meirionnydd	92	55	32	37	28	2	-
Dwyfor	126	60	30	66	45	3	1
Penllyn	17	9	2	8	4	-	-
Conwy	480	328	120	152	95	18	17
Aberconwy	366	289	108	77	45	13	9
Colwyn	114	39	12	75	50	5	8

1 Boundary changes occurred in this registration district during 2006 - see section 2.3.

							Area of occurrence
Congregat- ionalist	Baptist	Calvinistic Methodist	United Reformed Church	Other Christian bodies	Jews	Other bodies	
1	8	-	5	29	-	1	Cornwall and Isles of Scilly
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Bodmin
-	1	-	-	4	-	1	Camborne-Redruth
-	4	-	-	6	-	-	Falmouth
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Isles of Scilly
-	-	-	-	2	-	-	Kerrier
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	Launceston
-	-	-	-	5	-	-	Liskeard
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	Penzance
-	-	-	4	7	-	-	St Austell
1	2	-	-	-	-	-	St Germans
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Stratton
-	1	-	1	3	-	-	Truro
6	15	-	37	34	-	1	Devon
1	2	-	19	6	-	1	East Devon
-	3	-	12	12	-	-	Exeter
1	1	-	3	4	-	-	Mid Devon
-	2	-	2	5	-	-	North Devon
4	3	-	-	2	-	-	South Hams
-	1	-	1	3	-	-	Teignbridge
-	3	-	-	1	-	-	Torridge
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	West Devon
1	12	-	9	15	-	3	Dorset
3	27	-	18	29	-	9	Gloucestershire¹
14	14	-	13	19	-	5	Somerset
-	1	-	3	4	-	-	Mendip
-	2	-	6	4	-	-	Sedgemoor
-	6	-	1	7	-	5	South Somerset
14	3	-	3	4	-	-	Taunton
-	2	-	-	-	-	-	West Somerset
3	19	-	14	20	-	-	Wiltshire
-	5	-	2	4	-	-	Chippenham
-	-	-	2	5	-	-	Devizes and Marlborough
-	7	-	3	8	-	-	Salisbury
-	5	-	4	2	-	-	Trowbridge
3	2	-	3	1	-	-	Warminster
171	318	95	54	275	1	19	WALES
3	2	8	-	1	-	-	Isle of Anglesey
18	8	29	-	15	-	-	Gwynedd
3	1	2	-	1	-	-	Ardudwy
2	7	-	-	7	-	-	Bangor
4	-	15	-	-	-	-	Caernarfon
3	-	2	-	2	-	-	De Meirionnydd
4	-	9	-	4	-	-	Dwyfor
2	-	1	-	1	-	-	Penllyn
4	2	6	-	10	-	-	Conwy
3	1	-	-	6	-	-	Aberconwy
1	1	6	-	4	-	-	Colwyn

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Table 3.28 - continued

Area of occurrence	All marriages	Civil marriages		Religious marriages			
		All	Approved Premises	All	Church of England and Church in Wales	Roman Catholic	Methodist
WALES - continued							
Denbighshire	533	339	244	194	143	9	8
Denbighshire North	259	147	85	112	85	7	8
Denbighshire South	274	192	159	82	58	2	-
Flintshire	638	362	153	276	214	32	7
Wrexham	595	344	141	251	191	25	10
Powys	822	520	318	302	251	7	6
Brecknock	207	140	81	67	53	2	-
Hay	70	51	39	19	17	1	-
Machynlleth	23	17	6	6	5	-	-
Mid Powys	115	62	31	53	44	2	-
Newtown	111	58	15	53	41	-	2
Radnorshire East	28	18	18	10	10	-	-
Welshpool and Llanfyllin	156	92	54	64	57	1	4
Ystradgynlais	112	82	74	30	24	1	-
Ceredigion	280	154	57	126	84	5	3
Cardiganshire Central	76	40	24	36	22	-	2
Cardiganshire North	124	74	15	50	35	3	1
Cardiganshire South	80	40	18	40	27	2	-
Pembrokeshire	666	345	225	321	254	13	5
Carmarthenshire	753	435	210	318	217	9	10
Carmarthen	405	200	67	205	136	4	7
Llanelli	348	235	143	113	81	5	3
Swansea	1,092	636	247	456	340	38	8
Neath Port Talbot	544	318	151	226	150	14	12
Bridgend	585	346	132	239	168	18	7
The Vale of Glamorgan	591	338	235	253	180	12	30
Cardiff	1,438	937	438	501	297	76	20
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	748	412	133	336	230	17	13
Merthyr Tydfil	177	87	27	90	37	11	1
Caerphilly	724	428	86	296	223	14	13
Blaenau Gwent	181	83	1	98	63	2	17
Torfaen	340	170	23	170	135	11	5
Monmouthshire	706	463	311	243	215	5	7
Newport	677	428	169	249	190	15	21

							Area of occurrence
Congregat- ionalist	Baptist	Calvinistic Methodist	United Reformed Church	Other Christian bodies	Jews	Other bodies	
1	-	17	4	12	-	-	Denbighshire
-	-	-	4	8	-	-	Denbighshire North
1	-	17	-	4	-	-	Denbighshire South
2	4	3	5	9	-	-	Flintshire
1	5	4	1	13	-	1	Wrexham
3	14	2	5	14	-	-	Powys
2	3	-	2	5	-	-	Brecknock
-	1	-	-	-	-	-	Hay
-	1	-	-	-	-	-	Machynlleth
-	2	-	1	4	-	-	Mid Powys
-	4	2	2	2	-	-	Newtown
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Radnorshire East
-	-	-	-	2	-	-	Welshpool and Llanfyllin
1	3	-	-	1	-	-	Ystradgynlais
12	4	5	-	13	-	-	Ceredigion
2	1	1	-	8	-	-	Cardiganshire Central
4	1	3	-	3	-	-	Cardiganshire North
6	2	1	-	2	-	-	Cardiganshire South
10	26	3	4	5	-	1	Pembrokeshire
34	30	7	-	11	-	-	Carmarthenshire
28	19	5	-	6	-	-	Carmarthen
6	11	2	-	5	-	-	Llanelli
20	21	2	2	23	-	2	Swansea
15	15	6	-	14	-	-	Neath Port Talbot
5	18	1	5	17	-	-	Bridgend
3	6	-	7	13	-	2	The Vale of Glamorgan
12	36	-	10	37	1	12	Cardiff
15	32	1	5	23	-	-	Rhondda, Cynon, Taff
1	30	1	1	8	-	-	Merthyr Tydfil
5	22	-	2	16	-	1	Caerphilly
5	9	-	-	2	-	-	Blaenau Gwent
2	13	-	1	3	-	-	Torfaen
-	11	-	1	4	-	-	Monmouthshire
-	10	-	1	12	-	-	Newport

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**Table 3.29 Marriages (numbers and proportions):
type of ceremony and denomination, 1996-2006**

England and Wales

Year	All marriages	With civil ceremonies		With religious ceremonies								
		All	Approved Premises ¹	All	Church of England and Church in Wales	Roman Catholic	Method-ist	Congregat-ionalist	Baptist	United Reformed Church	Jews	Others
Numbers												
1996	278,975	164,158	15,210	114,817	75,147	13,989	10,919	677	2,564	4,141	815	6,565
1997	272,536	165,516	22,052	107,020	70,310	13,125	9,676	585	2,319	3,581	910	6,514
1998	267,303	163,072	28,879	104,231	69,494	12,615	8,863	600	2,262	3,220	870	6,307
1999	263,515	162,679	37,709	100,836	67,219	12,399	8,248	542	2,173	2,984	905	6,366
2000	267,961	170,800	45,792	97,161	65,536	11,312	7,900	503	2,110	2,769	829	6,202
2001	249,227	160,238	50,149	88,989	60,878	10,518	6,391	493	1,832	2,313	780	5,784
2002	255,596	169,210	61,749	86,386	58,980	10,044	6,090	440	1,801	2,161	763	6,107
2003	270,109	183,124	73,784	86,985	60,385	9,858	5,742	364	1,768	1,959	751	6,158
2004	273,069	184,913	85,154	88,156	62,006	9,850	5,304	436	1,737	1,774	757	6,292
2005	247,805	162,169	90,239	85,636	61,155	9,599	4,771	384	1,641	1,642	764	5,680
2006	239,454	158,350	95,763	81,104	57,963	9,263	4,209	339	1,560	1,429	714	5,627
Proportions per 1,000 marriages												
1996	1,000	588	55	412	269	50	39	2	9	15	3	24
1997	1,000	607	81	393	258	48	36	2	9	13	3	24
1998	1,000	610	108	390	260	47	33	2	8	12	3	24
1999	1,000	617	143	383	255	47	31	2	8	11	3	24
2000	1,000	637	171	363	245	42	29	2	8	10	3	23
2001	1,000	643	201	357	244	42	26	2	7	9	3	23
2002	1,000	662	242	338	231	39	24	2	7	8	3	24
2003	1,000	678	273	322	224	36	21	1	7	7	3	23
2004	1,000	677	312	323	227	36	19	2	6	6	3	23
2005	1,000	654	364	346	247	39	19	2	7	7	3	23
2006	1,000	661	400	339	242	39	18	1	7	6	3	23
Proportions per 1,000 marriages with religious ceremonies												
1996				1,000	654	122	95	6	22	36	7	57
1997				1,000	657	123	90	5	22	33	9	61
1998				1,000	667	121	85	6	22	31	8	61
1999				1,000	667	123	82	5	22	30	9	63
2000				1,000	675	116	81	5	22	28	9	64
2001				1,000	684	118	72	6	21	26	9	65
2002				1,000	683	116	70	5	21	25	9	71
2003				1,000	694	113	66	4	20	23	9	71
2004				1,000	703	112	60	5	20	20	9	71
2005				1,000	714	112	56	4	19	19	9	66
2006				1,000	715	114	52	4	19	18	9	69

¹ For information on marriages in Approved Premises - see section 3.2.

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Table 3.30 Marriages: age of bride and quarter of occurrence, type of ceremony and previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, 2006

England and Wales

Age of bride	Quarter of occurrence	Total			Civil			C of E and Church in Wales			Other religious ceremonies		
		All	Both parties single	One or both parties previously married	All	Both parties single	One or both parties previously married	All	Both parties single	One or both parties previously married	All	Both parties single	One or both parties previously married
All ages	Total	239,454	145,995	93,459	158,350	81,288	77,062	57,963	47,537	10,426	23,141	17,170	5,971
	March	25,880	13,732	12,148	20,538	9,804	10,734	3,399	2,579	820	1,943	1,349	594
	June	66,251	39,888	26,363	43,674	22,108	21,566	16,254	13,188	3,066	6,323	4,592	1,731
	September	106,173	69,037	37,136	63,637	34,243	29,394	31,087	26,037	5,050	11,449	8,757	2,692
	December	41,150	23,338	17,812	30,501	15,133	15,368	7,223	5,733	1,490	3,426	2,472	954
Under 20	Total	3,841	3,624	217	2,610	2,426	184	636	621	15	595	577	18
	March	684	653	31	497	468	29	90	89	1	97	96	1
	June	896	836	60	630	581	49	131	128	3	135	127	8
	September	1,437	1,359	78	887	826	61	304	295	9	246	238	8
	December	824	776	48	596	551	45	111	109	2	117	116	1
20-24	Total	35,527	32,605	2,922	19,523	17,235	2,288	11,272	10,871	401	4,732	4,499	233
	March	3,795	3,383	412	2,739	2,377	362	665	637	28	391	369	22
	June	9,525	8,750	775	5,148	4,542	606	3,116	3,013	103	1,261	1,195	66
	September	16,660	15,443	1,217	7,850	6,982	868	6,380	6,145	235	2,430	2,316	114
	December	5,547	5,029	518	3,786	3,334	452	1,111	1,076	35	650	619	31
25-29	Total	67,090	57,887	9,203	37,210	30,226	6,984	22,301	20,783	1,518	7,579	6,878	701
	March	5,801	4,647	1,154	4,224	3,242	982	1,036	933	103	541	472	69
	June	18,216	15,776	2,440	10,089	8,240	1,849	6,105	5,695	410	2,022	1,841	181
	September	32,818	28,955	3,863	16,170	13,430	2,740	12,654	11,849	805	3,994	3,676	318
	December	10,255	8,509	1,746	6,727	5,314	1,413	2,506	2,306	200	1,022	889	133
30-49	Total	113,880	51,058	62,822	82,982	30,803	52,179	21,905	15,094	6,811	8,993	5,161	3,832
	March	12,798	4,930	7,868	10,613	3,618	6,995	1,407	907	500	778	405	373
	June	31,868	14,285	17,583	23,045	8,572	14,473	6,296	4,302	1,994	2,527	1,411	1,116
	September	48,464	23,016	25,448	33,204	12,828	20,376	10,997	7,681	3,316	4,263	2,507	1,756
	December	20,750	8,827	11,923	16,120	5,785	10,335	3,205	2,204	1,001	1,425	838	587
50 and over	Total	19,116	821	18,295	16,025	598	15,427	1,849	168	1,681	1,242	55	1,187
	March	2,802	119	2,683	2,465	99	2,366	201	13	188	136	7	129
	June	5,746	241	5,505	4,762	173	4,589	606	50	556	378	18	360
	September	6,794	264	6,530	5,526	177	5,349	752	67	685	516	20	496
	December	3,774	197	3,577	3,272	149	3,123	290	38	252	212	10	202

¹ Single men and single women are those who have never been married - see section 3.1.

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Table 3.31 Marriages: previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, type of ceremony and denomination, 2006

England and Wales

Marital status	All marriages	With civil ceremonies		With religious ceremonies								
		All	Approved Premises	All	Church of England and Church in Wales	Roman Catholic	Other denominations					
							Methodist	Congre- gation- alist	Baptist	United Reformed Church	Jews	Others
All	239,454	158,350	95,763	81,104	57,963	9,263	4,209	339	1,560	1,429	714	5,627
Single man marrying:												
Single woman	145,995	81,288	53,937	64,707	47,537	8,518	1,988	205	990	721	583	4,165
Widow	960	678	326	282	187	48	19	1	5	7	3	12
Divorced woman	22,293	18,445	10,403	3,848	2,406	222	506	26	109	157	31	391
Widower marrying:												
Single woman	876	538	266	338	233	41	18	1	9	6	-	30
Widow	1,708	1,025	487	683	429	81	66	3	27	17	6	54
Divorced woman	2,845	2,322	1,142	523	308	30	72	3	26	24	4	56
Divorced man marrying:												
Single woman	25,932	19,888	12,175	6,044	4,227	244	666	45	177	231	31	423
Widow	2,548	2,109	980	439	264	12	80	7	23	19	2	32
Divorced woman	36,297	32,057	16,047	4,240	2,372	67	794	48	194	247	54	464

¹ Single men and single women are those who have never been married - see section 3.1.

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Table 3.32 Marriages: sex, age, type of ceremony and denomination, 2006

England and Wales

Age group	All marriages	With civil ceremonies		With religious ceremonies								
		All	Approved Premises	All	Church of England and Church in Wales	Roman Catholic	Other denominations					
							Method-ist	Congre-gation-alist	Baptist	United Reformed Church	Jews	Others
Bridegrooms												
All ages	239,454	158,350	95,763	81,104	57,963	9,263	4,209	339	1,560	1,429	714	5,627
Under 20	1,093	745	279	348	148	88	15	-	13	6	24	54
20-24	19,430	10,664	5,606	8,766	5,856	831	389	36	255	141	152	1,106
25-29	56,607	30,718	20,618	25,889	19,002	3,120	877	76	385	279	191	1,959
30-34	55,595	33,593	23,489	22,002	16,523	2,888	833	80	274	285	157	962
35-39	37,880	26,526	16,695	11,354	8,165	1,378	649	50	200	253	74	585
40-49	40,486	32,163	17,739	8,323	5,578	672	864	60	246	277	66	560
50 and over	28,363	23,941	11,337	4,422	2,691	286	582	37	187	188	50	401
Brides												
All ages	239,454	158,350	95,763	81,104	57,963	9,263	4,209	339	1,560	1,429	714	5,627
Under 20	3,841	2,610	997	1,231	636	149	46	4	37	27	73	259
20-24	35,527	19,523	11,031	16,004	11,272	1,555	685	57	383	229	157	1,666
25-29	67,090	37,210	25,975	29,880	22,301	3,716	1,084	97	405	356	210	1,711
30-34	49,617	32,035	21,897	17,582	13,074	2,304	727	66	248	245	122	796
35-39	31,114	23,458	14,085	7,656	5,287	897	560	44	168	212	62	426
40-49	33,149	27,489	14,288	5,660	3,544	429	678	44	191	227	57	490
50 and over	19,116	16,025	7,490	3,091	1,849	213	429	27	128	133	33	279

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Table 3.33 Marriages (numbers and proportions): area of occurrence, type of ceremony and denomination, 2006

Area of occurrence	All marriages	Civil marriages		Religious marriages			
		All	Approved Premises	All	Church of England and Church in Wales	Roman Catholic	Methodist
	Numbers						
ENGLAND AND WALES	239,454	158,350	95,763	81,104	57,963	9,263	4,209
ENGLAND	225,971	150,313	92,005	75,658	54,038	8,900	3,984
North East	10,881	7,208	4,114	3,673	2,341	655	450
North West	29,341	18,848	10,706	10,493	6,327	2,358	569
Yorkshire and the Humber	22,258	15,013	9,224	7,245	5,302	641	731
East Midlands	19,568	12,574	6,679	6,994	5,471	452	366
West Midlands	22,857	14,139	6,325	8,718	6,116	888	487
East	26,387	17,378	10,146	9,009	6,940	743	352
London	27,333	20,678	15,780	6,655	3,335	1,412	156
South East	40,223	26,514	18,824	13,709	10,774	1,221	394
South West	27,123	17,961	10,207	9,162	7,432	530	479
WALES	13,483	8,037	3,758	5,446	3,925	363	225
	Proportions¹						
ENGLAND AND WALES	1,000	661	400	1,000	715	114	52
ENGLAND	1,000	665	407	1,000	714	118	53
North East	1,000	662	378	1,000	637	178	123
North West	1,000	642	365	1,000	603	225	54
Yorkshire and the Humber	1,000	674	414	1,000	732	88	101
East Midlands	1,000	643	341	1,000	782	65	52
West Midlands	1,000	619	277	1,000	702	102	56
East	1,000	659	385	1,000	770	82	39
London	1,000	757	577	1,000	501	212	23
South East	1,000	659	468	1,000	786	89	29
South West	1,000	662	376	1,000	811	58	52
WALES	1,000	596	279	1,000	721	67	41

¹ Civil marriages and Approved Premises are proportions of all marriages; individual denominations are proportions of all religious marriages.

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Office Regions (within England)**

							Area of occurrence
Congregat- ionalist	Baptist	Calvinistic Methodist	United Reformed Church	Other Christian bodies	Jews	Other bodies	
339	1,560	98	1,429	3,614	714	1,915	ENGLAND AND WALES
168	1,242	3	1,375	3,339	713	1,896	ENGLAND
1	26	-	65	83	24	28	North East
11	85	-	375	579	132	57	North West
12	76	-	87	278	18	100	Yorkshire and the Humber
41	122	-	94	254	1	193	East Midlands
9	125	-	119	360	7	607	West Midlands
27	211	-	145	341	65	185	East
19	164	3	82	578	447	459	London
14	268	-	244	554	14	226	South East
34	165	-	164	312	5	41	South West
171	318	95	54	275	1	19	WALES
4	19	1	18	45	9	24	ENGLAND AND WALES
2	16	0	18	44	9	25	ENGLAND
0	7	-	18	23	7	8	North East
1	8	-	36	55	13	5	North West
2	10	-	12	38	2	14	Yorkshire and the Humber
6	17	-	13	36	0	28	East Midlands
1	14	-	14	41	1	70	West Midlands
3	23	-	16	38	7	21	East
3	25	0	12	87	67	69	London
1	20	-	18	40	1	16	South East
4	18	-	18	34	1	4	South West
31	58	17	10	50	0	3	WALES

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Table 3.34 Marriages: area of occurrence, type of ceremony, denomination and type of preliminaries, 2006

Area of occurrence	All marriages	Civil marriages			Marriages with religious ceremonies		
		Total	Certificate	Registrar General's Licence	Church of England and Church in Wales		
					Total	Banns	Licence
ENGLAND AND WALES	239,454	158,350	158,035	315	57,963	50,824	3,797
ENGLAND	225,971	150,313	150,011	302	54,038	47,259	3,482
North East	10,881	7,208	7,200	8	2,341	2,081	131
North West	29,341	18,848	18,800	48	6,327	5,672	261
Yorkshire and the Humber	22,258	15,013	14,974	39	5,302	4,898	242
East Midlands	19,568	12,574	12,546	28	5,471	4,951	227
West Midlands	22,857	14,139	14,115	24	6,116	5,518	362
East	26,387	17,378	17,349	29	6,940	6,006	440
London	27,333	20,678	20,636	42	3,335	2,470	633
South East	40,223	26,514	26,458	56	10,774	9,387	693
South West	27,123	17,961	17,933	28	7,432	6,276	493
WALES	13,483	8,037	8,024	13	3,925	3,565	315

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Table 3.35 Marriages in registered buildings of worship: area of occurrence, denomination and whether before a Registrar or an Authorised Person, 2006

Area of occurrence	All marriages in registered buildings			Roman Catholic		Methodist	
	Total	Registrar	Authorised Person	Registrar	Authorised Person	Registrar	Authorised Person
ENGLAND AND WALES	22,367	2,229	20,138	702	8,561	176	4,033
ENGLAND	20,849	1,612	19,237	505	8,395	150	3,834
North East	1,306	110	1,196	57	598	18	432
North West	4,026	298	3,728	174	2,184	23	546
Yorkshire and the Humber	1,916	169	1,747	44	597	21	710
East Midlands	1,520	139	1,381	16	436	15	351
West Midlands	2,593	85	2,508	15	873	5	482
East	1,999	166	1,833	43	700	16	336
London	2,867	221	2,646	20	1,392	-	156
South East	2,906	188	2,718	58	1,163	16	378
South West	1,716	236	1,480	78	452	36	443
WALES	1,518	617	901	197	166	26	199

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Area of occurrence					
		Others			
Special Licence	Superin- tendent Registrar's Certificate	Total	Superin- tendent Registrar's Certificate	Registrar General's Licence	
2,479	863	23,141	23,140	1	ENGLAND AND WALES
2,451	846	21,620	21,619	1	ENGLAND
82	47	1,332	1,332	-	North East
181	213	4,166	4,165	1	North West
149	13	1,943	1,943	-	Yorkshire and the Humber
246	47	1,523	1,523	-	East Midlands
206	30	2,602	2,602	-	West Midlands
405	89	2,069	2,069	-	East
214	18	3,320	3,320	-	London
624	70	2,935	2,935	-	South East
344	319	1,730	1,730	-	South West
28	17	1,521	1,521	-	WALES

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Congregationalist		Baptist		United Reformed Church		Other denominations		Area of occurrence
Registrar	Authorised Person	Registrar	Authorised Person	Registrar	Authorised Person	Registrar	Authorised Person	
102	237	234	1,325	46	1,383	969	4,599	ENGLAND AND WALES
25	143	127	1,114	34	1,341	771	4,410	ENGLAND
-	1	4	22	9	56	22	87	North East
1	10	10	74	2	373	88	541	North West
4	8	9	67	1	86	90	279	Yorkshire and the Humber
2	39	9	113	1	93	96	349	East Midlands
-	9	9	116	1	118	55	910	West Midlands
6	21	26	185	5	140	70	451	East
-	19	9	155	1	81	191	843	London
1	13	20	248	3	241	90	675	South East
11	23	31	134	11	153	69	275	South West
77	94	107	211	12	42	198	189	WALES

Table 3.36 Proportions¹ of men and women who had ever married by certain ages, for birth cohort, 1931-1990**England and Wales**

Year of birth	Exact age (years)																		
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	32	35	40	45	50
Men																			
1931	0	2	11	28	75	172	286	408	523	615	686	739	778	809	846	878	901	912	918
1936	0	3	13	38	99	217	343	466	573	656	718	765	800	827	861	889	912	921	925
1941	0	5	21	63	138	263	389	506	605	680	734	776	806	830	861	888	908	917	921
1946	1	7	28	75	155	285	418	532	623	690	742	779	807	829	858	884	904	914	918
1951	1	9	35	98	189	306	416	509	585	643	689	726	756	780	814	845	872	883	889
1956	2	10	40	90	162	249	340	426	503	565	615	657	692	720	764	805	838	853	862
1961	1	6	24	57	107	171	242	315	382	444	498	543	583	615	667	717	764	789	
1966	0	3	11	28	57	102	156	215	274	329	382	429	472	509	569	632	694		
1967	1	2	10	25	53	93	144	200	253	308	359	406	448	485	546	611	675		
1968	1	3	9	24	49	87	133	183	236	288	338	383	425	463	527	596			
1969	1	2	8	21	44	78	118	165	214	264	313	358	400	440	507	579			
1970	0	1	7	19	39	68	105	148	194	241	287	331	374	414	482	560			
1971	0	1	6	17	34	61	94	133	174	219	264	309	353	394	463	543			
1972	0	1	5	14	29	50	78	112	150	191	235	279	322	361	433	514			
1973	0	1	4	12	25	44	69	99	134	174	215	258	299	339	415				
1974	0	1	4	11	21	38	60	88	122	160	201	243	284	326	399				
1975	0	1	3	9	19	34	54	80	111	146	185	225	267	310	379				
1976	0	1	3	9	18	31	49	72	102	135	171	212	254	293					
1977	0	1	3	8	16	29	45	68	95	127	165	206	244	280					
1978	0	1	3	7	15	27	44	64	91	124	161	198	235						
1979	0	1	3	7	15	27	42	63	89	122	154	189							
1980	0	0	3	7	14	25	39	59	85	112	144								
1981	0	0	3	7	14	24	39	59	80	105									
1982	0	0	2	6	13	24	38	54	74										
1983	0	0	2	6	12	21	33	47											
1984	0	0	2	5	11	19	28												
1985	0	0	2	5	9	16													
1986	0	0	2	4	8														
1987	0	0	1	3															
1988	0	0	1																
1989	0	0																	
1990	0																		
Women																			
1931	5	28	89	187	315	467	587	679	749	798	832	857	875	889	907	923	936	943	947
1936	6	30	98	221	371	535	653	736	794	833	860	879	894	906	921	934	947	952	955
1941	11	51	141	280	424	574	678	753	804	838	863	882	896	907	924	938	949	954	957
1946	18	64	152	283	427	573	683	759	810	846	873	892	906	917	931	943	952	957	959
1951	20	71	163	306	443	569	661	727	774	808	834	853	869	881	898	913	927	933	936
1956	25	78	184	305	415	513	594	660	710	747	776	799	819	836	860	883	901	909	915
1961	12	43	114	202	293	378	454	521	577	623	662	694	721	743	776	807	835	850	
1966	6	21	59	112	178	255	329	398	458	508	553	591	623	651	693	735	773		
1967	5	19	54	102	168	240	313	380	436	488	533	571	604	632	676	720	761		
1968	5	18	47	94	155	225	294	354	412	464	509	548	582	612	659	705			
1969	5	15	44	86	142	206	267	327	383	434	481	521	555	587	638	687			
1970	4	13	38	76	127	182	240	297	352	401	447	488	524	558	610	665			
1971	3	11	34	67	109	161	215	269	321	371	416	459	498	533	587	646			
1972	2	10	30	57	96	141	189	238	288	336	382	426	466	501	559	620			
1973	2	9	26	51	84	124	168	215	262	311	357	400	439	475	539				
1974	2	8	23	45	75	111	151	195	242	290	337	381	422	461	525				
1975	2	6	20	39	65	97	134	176	221	268	314	357	400	440	502				
1976	2	6	18	37	61	91	126	166	209	253	297	342	386	423					
1977	1	5	18	35	58	86	118	157	197	240	285	330	371	408					
1978	1	5	16	32	53	80	111	147	186	230	275	316	355						
1979	1	5	15	30	49	75	104	139	178	223	264	305							
1980	1	4	14	28	48	71	99	134	173	211	250								
1981	1	4	13	27	44	66	95	128	161	197									
1982	1	4	13	25	41	64	91	120	151										
1983	1	3	11	22	39	61	83	110											
1984	1	3	11	22	37	53	73												
1985	1	3	10	21	32	47													
1986	1	2	9	17	27														
1987	1	2	6	13															
1988	1	1	5																
1989	0	1																	
1990	0																		

Note: This table shows, for men and women born in a given year, the estimated proportion who had ever married by a certain age. Thus for every 1,000 men born in 1966, 509 will have married by the age of 30. See Table 4.8 for corresponding table for divorces by birth cohort.

1 Estimated proportions per 1,000.

Table 3.37 Proportions¹ of men and women who had ever remarried by certain ages, for birth cohort, 1931-1986

England and Wales

Year of birth	Exact age (years)																				
	21	25	28	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	42	45	50	55	60	65	70
Men																					
1931	0	1	5	10	12	15	19	22	26	30	34	38	41	46	56	73	99	119	135	146	154
1936	0	1	6	13	17	22	27	31	37	42	50	57	64	71	83	104	132	155	170	181	188
1941	0	2	12	23	29	38	46	55	64	72	81	90	99	107	122	143	173	194	209	220	
1946	0	3	19	37	46	56	66	76	86	96	105	115	123	132	147	168	196	217	233		
1951	0	7	28	49	60	70	81	91	101	110	119	128	136	144	159	178	205	227			
1956	0	8	28	46	56	66	76	85	95	103	112	120	128	135	150	169	197				
1961	0	5	20	34	40	48	57	65	73	82	90	98	105	113	126	147					
1962	0	5	19	31	38	46	54	62	71	79	87	94	102	109	123	142					
1963	0	4	17	28	35	42	50	58	66	74	82	90	96	103	118						
1964	0	4	13	25	31	38	46	53	60	68	75	82	89	96	110						
1965	0	4	12	23	29	36	43	50	57	64	71	78	84	92	104						
1966	0	3	12	22	28	34	41	47	54	60	67	74	81	88							
1967	0	3	11	20	26	31	37	44	50	56	63	70	76	82							
1968	0	3	10	18	23	29	34	40	46	53	59	65	71								
1969	0	2	9	17	22	27	32	38	44	50	56	62									
1970	0	2	8	15	20	24	29	35	41	46	52										
1971	0	2	7	14	18	22	27	32	37	42											
1972	0	2	6	12	15	19	23	28	32												
1973	0	2	6	10	13	17	20	24													
1974	0	1	5	9	12	15	18														
1975	0	1	4	8	10	13															
1976	0	1	4	7	9																
1977	0	1	3	6																	
1978	0	1	3																		
1979	0	1	3																		
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1986	0																				
Women																					
1931	0	4	12	18	21	24	27	31	34	38	41	44	48	51	60	75	98	113	121	127	131
1936	0	5	13	22	26	30	35	39	43	48	55	61	67	73	85	102	125	141	149	156	159
1941	0	7	21	33	40	49	57	65	74	82	90	98	106	113	126	144	170	186	195	202	
1946	0	11	36	56	66	75	86	95	104	113	121	129	137	144	157	176	200	217	227		
1951	0	19	48	71	81	91	101	109	118	126	134	142	150	156	168	185	209	226			
1956	1	24	55	76	86	96	106	115	124	132	140	147	154	161	175	192	216				
1961	1	17	42	60	69	78	87	95	104	112	120	128	135	142	155	173					
1962	1	15	39	57	66	75	84	92	101	109	117	124	131	138	151	168					
1963	1	14	36	52	61	70	78	87	95	103	110	118	125	131	145						
1964	0	13	32	48	57	66	75	83	91	98	106	113	119	126	139						
1965	1	12	31	46	55	63	72	79	87	95	102	109	116	123	135						
1966	1	11	28	43	52	60	67	75	83	90	97	104	111	118							
1967	1	10	26	41	49	56	64	71	78	86	93	100	106	112							
1968	0	9	24	38	46	53	61	67	75	82	89	96	102								
1969	0	8	23	36	43	50	56	63	70	78	84	90									
1970	0	7	21	32	39	45	51	58	66	72	78										
1971	0	6	18	29	35	41	48	55	61	67											
1972	0	6	17	26	31	37	43	49	55												
1973	0	6	16	24	29	35	40	45													
1974	0	5	13	22	27	31	36														
1975	0	5	12	20	23	27															
1976	0	4	11	18	21																
1977	0	4	10	16																	
1978	0	3	9																		
1979	0	3	8																		
1980	0	3																			
1981	0	3																			
1982	0	2																			
1983	0																				
1984	0																				
1985	0																				
1986	0																				

Note: This table shows, for men and women born in a given year, the estimated proportion who had ever remarried by a certain age. Thus for every 1,000 men born in 1966, 22 will have remarried by the age of 30. See Table 4.8 for corresponding divorces by birth cohort.

1 Estimated proportions per 1,000.

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Table 3.38 Marriages (numbers and percentages): sex and age, type of ceremony and whether bride and bridegroom gave identical residential addresses before marriage, 2006

England and Wales

	All marriages			Civil marriages			Religious marriages		
	Total	Different	Identical	Total	Different	Identical	Total	Different	Identical
Numbers									
Age of bridegroom									
All ages	239,454	47,392	192,062	158,350	18,593	139,757	81,104	28,799	52,305
Under 20	1,093	489	604	745	291	454	348	198	150
20-24	19,430	6,411	13,019	10,664	2,206	8,458	8,766	4,205	4,561
25-29	56,607	14,229	42,378	30,718	4,458	26,260	25,889	9,771	16,118
30-34	55,595	10,297	45,298	33,593	3,058	30,535	22,002	7,239	14,763
35-39	37,880	5,673	32,207	26,526	2,226	24,300	11,354	3,447	7,907
40-44	24,659	3,347	21,312	19,143	1,845	17,298	5,516	1,502	4,014
45-49	15,827	2,172	13,655	13,020	1,403	11,617	2,807	769	2,038
50-54	10,681	1,477	9,204	9,169	1,003	8,166	1,512	474	1,038
55-59	8,260	1,267	6,993	7,043	853	6,190	1,217	414	803
60-64	4,632	773	3,859	3,916	507	3,409	716	266	450
65-69	2,353	482	1,871	1,958	304	1,654	395	178	217
70-74	1,245	344	901	968	192	776	277	152	125
75 and over	1,192	431	761	887	247	640	305	184	121
Age of bride									
All ages	239,454	47,392	192,062	158,350	18,593	139,757	81,104	28,799	52,305
Under 20	3,841	1,525	2,316	2,610	830	1,780	1,231	695	536
20-24	35,527	10,447	25,080	19,523	3,528	15,995	16,004	6,919	9,085
25-29	67,090	14,858	52,232	37,210	4,240	32,970	29,880	10,618	19,262
30-34	49,617	8,112	41,505	32,035	2,549	29,486	17,582	5,563	12,019
35-39	31,114	4,375	26,739	23,458	2,161	21,297	7,656	2,214	5,442
40-44	19,918	2,819	17,099	16,281	1,804	14,477	3,637	1,015	2,622
45-49	13,231	1,920	11,311	11,208	1,336	9,872	2,023	584	1,439
50-54	8,457	1,193	7,264	7,319	848	6,471	1,138	345	793
55-59	5,240	812	4,428	4,475	552	3,923	765	260	505
60-64	2,904	545	2,359	2,373	322	2,051	531	223	308
65-69	1,363	376	987	1,033	212	821	330	164	166
70-74	672	242	430	486	127	359	186	115	71
75 and over	480	168	312	339	84	255	141	84	57
Percentages									
Age of bridegroom									
All ages	100	19.8	80.2	100	11.7	88.3	100	35.5	64.5
Under 20	100	44.7	55.3	100	39.1	60.9	100	56.9	43.1
20-24	100	33.0	67.0	100	20.7	79.3	100	48.0	52.0
25-29	100	25.1	74.9	100	14.5	85.5	100	37.7	62.3
30-34	100	18.5	81.5	100	9.1	90.9	100	32.9	67.1
35-39	100	15.0	85.0	100	8.4	91.6	100	30.4	69.6
40-44	100	13.6	86.4	100	9.6	90.4	100	27.2	72.8
45-49	100	13.7	86.3	100	10.8	89.2	100	27.4	72.6
50-54	100	13.8	86.2	100	10.9	89.1	100	31.3	68.7
55-59	100	15.3	84.7	100	12.1	87.9	100	34.0	66.0
60-64	100	16.7	83.3	100	12.9	87.1	100	37.2	62.8
65-69	100	20.5	79.5	100	15.5	84.5	100	45.1	54.9
70-74	100	27.6	72.4	100	19.8	80.2	100	54.9	45.1
75 and over	100	36.2	63.8	100	27.8	72.2	100	60.3	39.7
Age of bride									
All ages	100	19.8	80.2	100	11.7	88.3	100	35.5	64.5
Under 20	100	39.7	60.3	100	31.8	68.2	100	56.5	43.5
20-24	100	29.4	70.6	100	18.1	81.9	100	43.2	56.8
25-29	100	22.1	77.9	100	11.4	88.6	100	35.5	64.5
30-34	100	16.3	83.7	100	8.0	92.0	100	31.6	68.4
35-39	100	14.1	85.9	100	9.2	90.8	100	28.9	71.1
40-44	100	14.2	85.8	100	11.1	88.9	100	27.9	72.1
45-49	100	14.5	85.5	100	11.9	88.1	100	28.9	71.1
50-54	100	14.1	85.9	100	11.6	88.4	100	30.3	69.7
55-59	100	15.5	84.5	100	12.3	87.7	100	34.0	66.0
60-64	100	18.8	81.2	100	13.6	86.4	100	42.0	58.0
65-69	100	27.6	72.4	100	20.5	79.5	100	49.7	50.3
70-74	100	36.0	64.0	100	26.1	73.9	100	61.8	38.2
75 and over	100	35.0	65.0	100	24.8	75.2	100	59.6	40.4

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Table 3.39 Marriages (numbers and percentages): previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, type of ceremony and whether bride and bridegroom gave identical residential addresses before marriage, 2006

England and Wales

		All marriages		Civil marriages		Civil marriages - <i>of which</i> in Approved Premises		Religious marriages	
		Total	Identical	Total	Identical	Total	Identical	Total	Identical
Numbers									
All bridegrooms	All brides	239,454	192,062	158,350	139,757	95,763	85,732	81,104	52,305
	Single women	172,803	134,608	101,714	89,456	66,378	59,444	71,089	45,152
	Divorced women	61,435	53,646	52,824	47,253	27,592	24,844	8,611	6,393
	Widows	5,216	3,808	3,812	3,048	1,793	1,444	1,404	760
Single men	All brides	169,248	131,644	100,411	87,991	64,666	57,708	68,837	43,653
	Single women	145,995	111,740	81,288	71,054	53,937	48,129	64,707	40,686
	Divorced women	22,293	19,176	18,445	16,380	10,403	9,306	3,848	2,796
	Widows	960	728	678	557	326	273	282	171
Divorced men	All brides	64,777	56,714	54,054	48,801	29,202	26,550	10,723	7,913
	Single women	25,932	22,290	19,888	17,985	12,175	11,100	6,044	4,305
	Divorced women	36,297	32,335	32,057	29,041	16,047	14,623	4,240	3,294
	Widows	2,548	2,089	2,109	1,775	980	827	439	314
Widowers	All brides	5,429	3,704	3,885	2,965	1,895	1,474	1,544	739
	Single women	876	578	538	417	266	215	338	161
	Divorced women	2,845	2,135	2,322	1,832	1,142	915	523	303
	Widows	1,708	991	1,025	716	487	344	683	275
Percentages									
All bridegrooms	All brides	100	80.2	100	88.3	100	89.5	100	64.5
	Single women	100	77.9	100	87.9	100	89.6	100	63.5
	Divorced women	100	87.3	100	89.5	100	90.0	100	74.2
	Widows	100	73.0	100	80.0	100	80.5	100	54.1
Single men	All brides	100	77.8	100	87.6	100	89.2	100	63.4
	Single women	100	76.5	100	87.4	100	89.2	100	62.9
	Divorced women	100	86.0	100	88.8	100	89.5	100	72.7
	Widows	100	75.8	100	82.2	100	83.7	100	60.6
Divorced men	All brides	100	87.6	100	90.3	100	90.9	100	73.8
	Single women	100	86.0	100	90.4	100	91.2	100	71.2
	Divorced women	100	89.1	100	90.6	100	91.1	100	77.7
	Widows	100	82.0	100	84.2	100	84.4	100	71.5
Widowers	All brides	100	68.2	100	76.3	100	77.8	100	47.9
	Single women	100	66.0	100	77.5	100	80.8	100	47.6
	Divorced women	100	75.0	100	78.9	100	80.1	100	57.9
	Widows	100	58.0	100	69.9	100	70.6	100	40.3

¹ Single men and single women are those who have never been married - see section 3.1.

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Table 3.40 Marriages (numbers and percentages): type of ceremony, denomination and whether bride and bridegroom gave identical residential addresses before marriage, 2006

England and Wales

Type of ceremony	Total	Different	Identical
Numbers			
All marriages	239,454	47,392	192,062
All civil marriages	158,350	18,593	139,757
Register Office and other	62,587	8,562	54,025
Approved Premises	95,763	10,031	85,732
All religious marriages	81,104	28,799	52,305
Church of England	54,054	18,737	35,317
Church in Wales	3,909	1,892	2,017
Roman Catholic	9,263	1,974	7,289
Methodist	4,209	933	3,276
United Reformed Church	1,429	333	1,096
Congregationalist (Independent)	339	90	249
Baptist	1,560	751	809
Presbyterian	154	41	113
Calvinistic Methodist	98	26	72
Society of Friends (Quakers)	59	10	49
Jews	714	403	311
Salvation Army	136	73	63
Brethren	120	94	26
Jehovah's Witness	541	488	53
Unitarian	389	47	342
Muslim	147	116	31
Sikh	1,203	1,137	66
Other Christian body (including Mormon)	2,215	1,274	941
Other unattached body	565	380	185
Not civil marriage and not stated	-	-	-
Percentages			
All marriages	100	19.8	80.2
All civil marriages	100	11.7	88.3
Register Office and other	100	13.7	86.3
Approved Premises	100	10.5	89.5
All religious marriages	100	35.5	64.5
Church of England	100	34.7	65.3
Church in Wales	100	48.4	51.6
Roman Catholic	100	21.3	78.7
Methodist	100	22.2	77.8
United Reformed Church	100	23.3	76.7
Congregationalist (Independent)	100	26.5	73.5
Baptist	100	48.1	51.9
Presbyterian	100	26.6	73.4
Calvinistic Methodist	100	26.5	73.5
Society of Friends (Quakers)	100	16.9	83.1
Jews	100	56.4	43.6
Salvation Army	100	53.7	46.3
Brethren	100	78.3	21.7
Jehovah's Witness	100	90.2	9.8
Unitarian	100	12.1	87.9
Muslim	100	78.9	21.1
Sikh	100	94.5	5.5
Other Christian body (including Mormon)	100	57.5	42.5
Other unattached body	100	67.3	32.7
Not civil marriage and not stated	100	-	-

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Table 3.41 Marriages (numbers and percentages): type of ceremony and whether bride and bridegroom gave identical residential addresses before marriage, and month of occurrence, 2006

England and Wales

Addresses before marriage, and month of occurrence, 2000														
	Identical residential addresses before marriage	Total	Month of occurrence											
			January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Numbers														
All marriages	Total	239,454	6,151	8,966	10,763	17,876	21,965	26,410	34,501	37,128	34,544	16,697	10,891	13,562
	No	47,392	1,278	1,711	1,973	3,539	4,170	5,241	7,439	7,728	6,739	3,054	1,918	2,602
	Yes	192,062	4,873	7,255	8,790	14,337	17,795	21,169	27,062	29,400	27,805	13,643	8,973	10,960
All civil marriages	Total	158,350	4,926	7,190	8,422	12,725	14,365	16,584	20,047	22,202	21,388	12,145	8,528	9,828
	No	18,593	745	1,000	1,072	1,568	1,528	1,824	2,382	2,555	2,144	1,389	1,101	1,285
	Yes	139,757	4,181	6,190	7,350	11,157	12,837	14,760	17,665	19,647	19,244	10,756	7,427	8,543
All religious marriages	Total	81,104	1,225	1,776	2,341	5,151	7,600	9,826	14,454	14,926	13,156	4,552	2,363	3,734
	No	28,799	533	711	901	1,971	2,642	3,417	5,057	5,173	4,595	1,665	817	1,317
	Yes	52,305	692	1,065	1,440	3,180	4,958	6,409	9,397	9,753	8,561	2,887	1,546	2,417
Percentages														
All marriages	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	No	19.8	20.8	19.1	18.3	19.8	19.0	19.8	21.6	20.8	19.5	18.3	17.6	19.2
	Yes	80.2	79.2	80.9	81.7	80.2	81.0	80.2	78.4	79.2	80.5	81.7	82.4	80.8
All civil marriages	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	No	11.7	15.1	13.9	12.7	12.3	10.6	11.0	11.9	11.5	10.0	11.4	12.9	13.1
	Yes	88.3	84.9	86.1	87.3	87.7	89.4	89.0	88.1	88.5	90.0	88.6	87.1	86.9
All religious marriages	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	No	35.5	43.5	40.0	38.5	38.3	34.8	34.8	35.0	34.7	34.9	36.6	34.6	35.3
	Yes	64.5	56.5	60.0	61.5	61.7	65.2	65.2	65.0	65.3	65.1	63.4	65.4	64.7

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Table 3.42 Certified places of worship: area of location as at 30 June 2006, and denomination

Area	All denominations (excluding Church of England and Church in Wales)	Roman Catholic	Methodist	Congregationalist	Baptist	United Reformed Church	Calvinistic Methodist	Brethren
ENGLAND AND WALES	29,797	3,688	7,309	1,364	3,303	1,673	1,160	943
ENGLAND	25,462	3,448	6,840	576	2,481	1,546	60	882
North East	1,297	258	362	4	55	97	1	55
North West	3,835	735	974	73	206	244	29	99
Yorkshire and the Humber	2,865	345	1,139	46	124	134	1	45
East Midlands	2,278	201	881	55	239	103	1	39
West Midlands	2,586	297	700	44	201	131	10	75
East	2,526	271	675	70	377	190	-	96
London	3,113	418	269	54	377	164	12	113
South East	3,630	600	661	109	535	277	4	136
South West	3,332	323	1,179	121	367	206	2	224
WALES	4,335	240	469	788	822	127	1,100	61

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Table 3.43 Buildings of worship in which marriages may be solemnised: area of location as at 30 June 2006, and denomination

Area	All denominations	Church of England and Church in Wales	Roman Catholic	Methodist	Congregationalist	Baptist	United Reformed Church	Calvinistic Methodist
ENGLAND AND WALES	40,466	16,428	3,319	6,413	1,248	3,081	1,601	1,064
ENGLAND	35,167	15,000	3,093	6,015	463	2,338	1,475	56
North East	2,273	1,230	179	355	6	58	91	1
North West	4,511	1,532	606	878	35	229	232	28
Yorkshire and the Humber	3,606	1,371	331	988	30	116	134	1
East Midlands	3,668	1,769	181	763	49	235	99	1
West Midlands	3,576	1,588	282	591	40	191	118	8
East	4,968	2,926	243	579	55	349	184	-
London	3,158	963	359	250	45	344	159	12
South East	4,148	1,093	626	589	100	490	264	4
South West	5,259	2,528	286	1,022	103	326	194	1
WALES	5,299	1,428	226	398	785	743	126	1,008

Note: It is not necessary for buildings to be registered for the solemnisation of marriage according to the Society of Friends or of Jews - see section 3.2.

England and Wales, Government Office Regions (within England)									
Salvation Army	Unitarian	Society of Friends	Jehovah's Witness	Other Christian bodies	Jews	Muslim	Sikh	Other	Area
902	177	366	932	6,141	366	776	202	495	ENGLAND AND WALES
829	153	355	853	5,632	360	758	199	490	ENGLAND
71	2	26	45	278	10	17	6	10	North East
102	48	34	127	877	63	158	11	55	North West
94	17	52	96	515	15	180	26	36	Yorkshire and the Humber
74	15	15	84	448	5	50	19	49	East Midlands
52	12	35	91	648	9	167	52	62	West Midlands
110	10	41	84	529	6	12	15	40	East
119	14	35	76	954	208	117	38	145	London
112	14	68	140	794	34	50	25	71	South East
95	21	49	110	589	10	7	7	22	South West
73	24	11	79	509	6	18	3	5	WALES

England and Wales, Government Office Regions (within England)								
Brethren	Salvation Army	Unitarian	Jehovah's Witness	Other Christian bodies	Muslim	Sikh	Other	Area
740	724	162	833	4,266	153	159	275	ENGLAND AND WALES
687	675	139	767	3,886	151	156	266	ENGLAND
35	75	4	52	162	4	6	15	North East
82	77	44	99	612	16	11	30	North West
35	77	14	79	360	28	19	23	Yorkshire and the Humber
26	61	14	79	340	10	20	21	East Midlands
65	47	12	83	445	35	38	33	West Midlands
84	71	9	70	362	6	12	18	East
89	94	12	73	625	35	27	71	London
92	99	13	128	577	15	18	40	South East
179	74	17	104	403	2	5	15	South West
53	49	23	66	380	2	3	9	WALES

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Table 4.1 Divorces (numbers and rates): sex and age at divorce, 1996-2006

England and Wales

Year of divorce	Age at date of divorce												
	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-59	60 and over	Not stated	Mean	Median
Husbands													
Numbers													
1996	157,107	22	3,425	21,186	34,228	30,446	23,296	19,948	18,489	6,058	9	39.8	38.1
1997	146,689	14	2,706	18,110	31,825	29,121	22,244	18,042	18,771	5,844	12	40.2	38.4
1998	145,214	21	2,354	16,720	30,666	29,776	22,740	17,785	19,255	5,889	8	40.4	38.7
1999	144,556	14	2,030	14,768	29,612	30,268	23,584	17,521	20,576	6,174	9	40.9	39.2
2000	141,135	15	1,781	12,788	27,615	30,278	23,943	17,742	20,564	6,403	6	41.3	39.7
2001	143,818	11	1,607	11,713	27,480	31,322	25,470	18,048	21,585	6,580	2	41.5	40.0
2002	147,735	13	1,695	10,916	26,792	31,937	26,989	19,601	22,852	6,940	-	41.9	40.4
2003	153,490	13	1,764	10,312	25,890	32,755	29,437	21,062	24,724	7,531	2	42.3	40.9
2004	153,399	13	1,782	9,671	24,274	32,059	29,832	22,039	25,549	8,180	-	42.7	41.4
2005	141,750	8	1,619	8,610	20,625	28,332	28,480	21,675	24,306	8,086	9	43.1	42.0
2006	132,562	7	1,336	7,925	18,087	25,954	26,682	20,879	23,565	8,114	13	43.4	42.4
Rates per 1,000 married population													
1996	13.9	3.7	29.4	32.6	30.2	24.8	19.4	14.5	8.2	1.8			
1997	13.1	2.3	27.5	30.4	28.7	23.6	18.6	14.0	8.0	1.7			
1998	13.0	3.4	27.4	30.7	28.4	24.0	18.9	14.4	8.0	1.7			
1999	13.0	2.2	25.9	29.7	28.4	24.2	19.5	14.5	8.5	1.8			
2000	12.7	2.5	23.9	27.9	27.4	24.1	19.5	15.0	8.4	1.9			
2001	13.0	2.0	21.6	27.9	28.3	25.0	20.5	15.3	8.7	1.9			
2002	13.4	2.9	24.5	29.1	29.2	25.9	21.5	16.7	9.2	2.0			
2003	14.0	3.3	25.8	30.3	30.0	27.0	23.4	17.9	10.0	2.1			
2004	14.1	4.4	25.9	30.3	30.0	27.2	23.6	18.6	10.4	2.3			
2005	13.1	3.9	24.9	28.3	27.2	24.8	22.4	18.2	10.0	2.2			
2006	12.4	4.0	22.5	26.9	25.7	23.5	21.1	17.3	9.8	2.2			
Wives													
Numbers													
1996	157,107	159	8,456	30,075	36,274	28,727	20,774	16,546	12,850	3,237	9	37.3	35.6
1997	146,689	158	6,713	26,435	33,967	27,715	20,125	15,053	13,303	3,208	12	37.7	36.0
1998	145,214	154	6,144	24,586	33,446	28,605	20,521	14,783	13,677	3,290	8	37.9	36.3
1999	144,556	130	5,188	22,173	32,837	29,663	21,325	14,924	14,841	3,466	9	38.4	36.9
2000	141,135	130	4,709	19,650	31,420	29,820	21,469	15,105	15,232	3,594	6	38.8	37.3
2001	143,818	97	4,546	18,231	31,489	31,164	23,190	15,501	15,905	3,693	2	39.1	37.7
2002	147,735	87	4,721	17,227	30,982	32,282	25,017	16,591	16,915	3,913	-	39.4	38.2
2003	153,490	94	4,773	16,539	30,345	33,519	27,610	18,225	18,127	4,256	2	39.8	38.7
2004	153,399	93	4,565	15,867	28,368	33,013	28,558	19,195	19,160	4,580	-	40.2	39.2
2005	141,750	70	4,146	13,905	24,381	29,864	27,570	18,919	18,215	4,671	9	40.6	39.8
2006	132,562	67	3,458	13,182	21,409	27,479	26,128	18,471	17,833	4,522	13	40.9	40.1
Rates per 1,000 married population													
1996	13.7	7.7	32.6	33.2	27.6	21.8	16.6	11.8	5.9	1.2			
1997	12.9	7.8	29.8	31.3	26.3	20.8	16.1	11.4	5.8	1.2			
1998	12.9	7.6	30.6	31.4	26.6	21.3	16.4	11.7	5.8	1.2			
1999	12.9	6.6	27.6	30.6	26.9	21.9	16.9	12.0	6.2	1.2			
2000	12.6	7.4	26.2	29.0	26.6	21.9	16.8	12.4	6.3	1.3			
2001	12.9	6.0	25.5	29.2	27.6	23.0	17.9	12.8	6.5	1.3			
2002	13.3	6.9	28.3	30.3	28.3	24.0	19.1	13.8	6.8	1.4			
2003	14.0	8.2	29.6	31.4	29.1	25.5	21.0	15.0	7.3	1.4			
2004	14.0	8.7	29.1	31.7	28.9	25.7	21.5	15.8	7.8	1.5			
2005	13.0	7.9	27.9	28.8	26.2	23.9	20.6	15.4	7.5	1.5			
2006	12.3	10.3	25.1	28.0	24.4	22.7	19.6	14.9	7.4	1.4			

Note: The mean/median ages shown in this table are unstandardised and therefore take no account of the structure of the population by age, marital status or parity.

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Table 4.2 Divorces: ages at divorce of husband and wife in combination, 2006**England and Wales**

Age of wife at date of divorce	Age of husband at date of divorce										
	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-59	60 and over	Not stated
All ages	132,562	7	1,336	7,925	18,087	25,954	26,682	20,879	23,565	8,114	13
Under 20	67	3	38	14	5	5	-	2	-	-	-
20-24	3,458	4	810	1,490	738	263	93	35	19	6	-
25-29	13,182	-	344	4,357	5,227	2,128	746	224	125	31	-
30-34	21,409	-	86	1,389	8,139	7,661	2,762	877	420	75	-
35-39	27,479	-	31	445	2,794	11,327	8,769	2,742	1,170	201	-
40-44	26,128	-	17	143	831	3,347	10,937	7,380	3,045	428	-
45-49	18,471	-	8	65	235	890	2,539	7,614	6,399	721	-
50-59	17,833	-	2	17	103	312	793	1,903	11,438	3,265	-
60 and over	4,522	-	-	5	15	21	43	102	949	3,387	-
Age not stated	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13

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Table 4.3 Men divorcing: age at divorce and previous marital statuses of husband and wife, 2006

England and Wales

Age last birthday	All bride-grooms	All single men	All widowers	All divorced men	Single men who divorced			Widowers who divorced			Divorced men who divorced		
					Single women	Widows	Divorced women	Single women	Widows	Divorced women	Single women	Widows	Divorced women
All ages	132,562	104,330	902	27,330	91,084	389	12,857	285	112	505	13,455	519	13,356
19	7	7	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 20	7	7	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	39	39	-	-	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	109	109	-	-	104	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	205	203	1	1	193	-	10	1	-	-	1	-	-
23	376	376	-	-	347	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	607	605	-	2	574	1	30	-	-	-	1	-	1
20-24	1,336	1,332	1	3	1,257	1	74	1	-	-	2	-	1
25	918	913	-	5	860	1	52	-	-	-	3	-	2
26	1,335	1,325	1	9	1,237	3	85	1	-	-	8	-	1
27	1,541	1,521	-	20	1,398	2	121	-	-	-	17	-	3
28	1,891	1,865	-	26	1,725	7	133	-	-	-	23	-	3
29	2,240	2,198	-	42	2,034	6	158	-	-	-	29	-	13
25-29	7,925	7,822	1	102	7,254	19	549	1	-	-	80	-	22
30	2,715	2,642	-	73	2,411	3	228	-	-	-	52	1	20
31	3,110	3,007	3	100	2,726	4	277	3	-	-	64	-	36
32	3,633	3,504	-	129	3,148	13	343	-	-	-	85	-	44
33	4,045	3,831	3	211	3,449	10	372	3	-	-	151	-	60
34	4,584	4,298	2	284	3,792	11	495	2	-	-	198	1	85
30-34	18,087	17,282	8	797	15,526	41	1,715	8	-	-	550	2	245
35	4,983	4,557	3	423	3,984	15	558	2	-	1	269	2	152
36	5,090	4,580	7	503	3,982	12	586	5	1	1	314	7	182
37	5,267	4,648	7	612	4,023	14	611	2	1	4	376	6	230
38	5,315	4,581	8	726	3,861	14	706	4	-	4	437	6	283
39	5,299	4,486	11	802	3,800	18	668	4	3	4	487	7	308
35-39	25,954	22,852	36	3,066	19,650	73	3,129	17	5	14	1,883	28	1,155
40	5,535	4,652	9	874	3,967	19	666	7	-	2	528	8	338
41	5,532	4,495	15	1,022	3,827	15	653	9	-	6	579	10	433
42	5,352	4,247	14	1,091	3,591	14	642	6	1	7	610	8	473
43	5,257	4,055	21	1,181	3,431	17	607	13	-	8	661	8	512
44	5,006	3,901	4	1,101	3,341	18	542	3	-	1	598	11	492
40-44	26,682	21,350	63	5,269	18,157	83	3,110	38	1	24	2,976	45	2,248
45	4,672	3,479	14	1,179	2,995	11	473	8	-	6	606	15	558
46	4,591	3,367	20	1,204	2,872	11	484	10	1	9	622	10	572
47	4,105	2,969	17	1,119	2,549	14	406	8	1	8	571	12	536
48	3,864	2,671	22	1,171	2,297	13	361	11	1	10	576	13	582
49	3,647	2,550	23	1,074	2,175	9	366	6	-	17	490	16	568
45-49	20,879	15,036	96	5,747	12,888	58	2,090	43	3	50	2,865	66	2,816
50	3,349	2,234	25	1,090	1,945	9	280	17	-	8	512	22	556
51	2,997	1,972	21	1,004	1,701	14	257	7	1	13	489	18	497
52	2,721	1,789	27	905	1,574	10	205	10	-	17	405	13	487
53	2,576	1,644	20	912	1,426	7	211	6	1	13	386	21	505
54	2,382	1,492	30	860	1,297	7	188	11	2	17	390	19	451
50-54	14,025	9,131	123	4,771	7,943	47	1,141	51	4	68	2,182	93	2,496

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Table 4.3 - continued

Age last birthday	All bride-grooms	All single men	All widowers	All divorced men	Single men who divorced			Widowers who divorced			Divorced men who divorced		
					Single women	Widows	Divorced women	Single women	Widows	Divorced women	Single women	Widows	Divorced women
55	2,156	1,286	24	846	1,103	7	176	4	1	19	373	13	460
56	1,988	1,144	27	817	1,011	3	130	9	1	17	316	24	477
57	1,838	1,050	32	756	934	3	113	5	3	24	325	16	415
58	1,789	1,037	28	724	914	10	113	7	2	19	283	24	417
59	1,769	1,005	38	726	892	8	105	10	3	25	268	16	442
55-59	9,540	5,522	149	3,869	4,854	31	637	35	10	104	1,565	93	2,211
60	1,297	727	24	546	649	6	72	7	2	15	192	16	338
61	1,061	555	26	480	497	1	57	10	3	13	192	14	274
62	941	507	21	413	442	2	63	6	1	14	161	19	233
63	812	418	21	373	371	4	43	4	4	13	151	16	206
64	668	317	29	322	279	3	35	6	1	22	115	17	190
60-64	4,779	2,524	121	2,134	2,238	16	270	33	11	77	811	82	1,241
65	580	286	25	269	256	4	26	2	8	15	92	12	165
66	460	233	21	206	200	3	30	4	5	12	72	16	118
67	373	165	15	193	144	2	19	3	1	11	72	15	106
68	334	142	24	168	126	-	16	8	5	11	63	4	101
69	259	95	28	136	89	2	4	6	7	15	47	9	80
65-69	2,006	921	113	972	815	11	95	23	26	64	346	56	570
70	220	96	23	101	87	-	9	4	5	14	27	12	62
71	190	78	16	96	71	-	7	2	3	11	27	8	61
72	146	66	13	67	60	2	4	1	5	7	20	4	43
73	137	56	20	61	49	3	4	6	1	13	22	8	31
74	125	46	14	65	42	-	4	1	4	9	23	3	39
70-74	818	342	86	390	309	5	28	14	18	54	119	35	236
75	93	38	13	42	34	-	4	1	2	10	16	3	23
76	84	37	7	40	29	-	8	2	-	5	9	4	27
77	75	24	15	36	22	-	2	4	5	6	11	2	23
78	48	22	6	20	21	1	-	1	2	3	11	3	6
79	47	17	13	17	15	-	2	1	2	10	4	2	11
75-79	347	138	54	155	121	1	16	9	11	34	51	14	90
80	44	21	12	11	20	-	1	3	4	5	4	1	6
81	33	7	10	16	7	-	-	1	5	4	7	2	7
82	18	5	6	7	3	2	-	4	2	-	5	-	2
83	12	2	6	4	2	-	-	1	1	4	1	-	3
84	21	9	6	6	9	-	-	-	4	2	2	1	3
80-84	128	44	40	44	41	2	1	9	16	15	19	4	21
85	11	3	4	4	3	-	-	1	3	-	3	1	-
86	8	1	2	5	-	-	1	1	-	1	3	-	2
87	4	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
88	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
89	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
85-89	26	7	8	11	6	-	1	2	5	1	6	1	4
90 and over	10	7	3	-	6	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-
Age not stated	13	13	-	-	12	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

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marital statuses of husband and wife, 2006****England and Wales**

Age last birthday	All brides	All single women	All widows	All divorced women	Single women who divorced			Widows who divorced			Divorced women who divorced		
					Single men	Widow- ers	Divorced men	Single men	Widow- ers	Divorced men	Single men	Widow- ers	Divorced men
All ages	132,562	104,824	1,020	26,718	91,084	285	13,455	389	112	519	12,857	505	13,356
17	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	13	13	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	53	53	-	-	49	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 20	67	67	-	-	63	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	166	166	-	-	157	1	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	373	373	-	-	355	1	17	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	568	566	-	2	539	-	27	-	-	-	2	-	-
23	949	941	-	8	880	2	59	-	-	-	5	-	3
24	1,402	1,390	1	11	1,296	1	93	1	-	-	9	-	2
20-24	3,458	3,436	1	21	3,227	5	204	1	-	-	16	-	5
25	1,918	1,903	-	15	1,741	2	160	-	-	-	10	1	4
26	2,433	2,384	-	49	2,177	3	204	-	-	-	35	-	14
27	2,706	2,645	1	60	2,419	-	226	-	-	1	46	-	14
28	2,906	2,818	3	85	2,552	4	262	3	-	-	50	2	33
29	3,219	3,083	3	133	2,735	7	341	3	-	-	94	1	38
25-29	13,182	12,833	7	342	11,624	16	1,193	6	-	1	235	4	103
30	3,626	3,434	3	189	3,060	3	371	3	-	-	140	-	49
31	3,887	3,656	2	229	3,229	13	414	1	-	1	146	1	82
32	4,325	3,995	7	323	3,485	7	503	5	-	2	200	3	120
33	4,556	4,114	4	438	3,583	10	521	3	-	1	291	1	146
34	5,015	4,500	6	509	3,942	8	550	5	1	-	325	5	179
30-34	21,409	19,699	22	1,688	17,299	41	2,359	17	1	4	1,102	10	576
35	5,392	4,709	7	676	4,070	9	630	4	-	3	406	6	264
36	5,393	4,636	18	739	3,963	12	661	10	-	8	459	2	278
37	5,591	4,684	15	892	4,020	16	648	8	-	7	531	1	360
38	5,575	4,507	22	1,046	3,821	11	675	13	1	8	596	5	445
39	5,528	4,401	16	1,111	3,712	14	675	9	-	7	642	8	461
35-39	27,479	22,937	78	4,464	19,586	62	3,289	44	1	33	2,634	22	1,808
40	5,424	4,302	28	1,094	3,608	12	682	12	-	16	568	11	515
41	5,492	4,214	27	1,251	3,559	9	646	11	1	15	683	10	558
42	5,349	3,936	26	1,387	3,297	14	625	14	1	11	745	5	637
43	5,018	3,741	28	1,249	3,180	10	551	15	2	11	610	10	629
44	4,845	3,471	34	1,340	2,946	8	517	25	1	8	681	16	643
40-44	26,128	19,664	143	6,321	16,590	53	3,021	77	5	61	3,287	52	2,982
45	4,469	3,143	25	1,301	2,635	9	499	13	2	10	613	19	669
46	3,992	2,796	41	1,155	2,343	16	437	19	3	19	539	19	597
47	3,670	2,525	30	1,115	2,164	14	347	15	-	15	515	18	582
48	3,338	2,290	22	1,026	1,964	8	318	12	-	10	470	18	538
49	3,002	2,008	31	963	1,733	4	271	13	-	18	391	25	547
45-49	18,471	12,762	149	5,560	10,839	51	1,872	72	5	72	2,528	99	2,933
50	2,786	1,795	27	964	1,528	6	261	11	4	12	419	17	528
51	2,428	1,540	36	852	1,333	3	204	15	1	20	365	25	462
52	2,138	1,332	31	775	1,151	5	176	11	2	18	332	10	433
53	1,929	1,180	37	712	1,031	9	140	19	1	17	299	21	392
54	1,704	1,065	29	610	944	4	117	5	2	22	229	17	364
50-54	10,985	6,912	160	3,913	5,987	27	898	61	10	89	1,644	90	2,179

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Table 4.4 - continued

Age last birthday	All brides	All single women	All widows	All divorced women	Single women who divorced			Widows who divorced			Divorced women who divorced		
					Single men	Widow-ers	Divorced men	Single men	Widow-ers	Divorced men	Single men	Widow-ers	Divorced men
55	1,540	931	32	577	821	2	108	10	5	17	212	15	350
56	1,428	863	37	528	765	2	96	10	4	23	177	13	338
57	1,267	776	24	467	685	3	88	7	3	14	157	11	299
58	1,354	789	27	538	715	3	71	12	2	13	172	22	344
59	1,259	734	44	481	684	2	48	16	3	25	157	20	304
55-59	6,848	4,093	164	2,591	3,670	12	411	55	17	92	875	81	1,635
60	903	503	29	371	460	3	40	7	4	18	112	22	237
61	644	341	28	275	310	2	29	8	5	15	79	17	179
62	562	328	22	212	294	3	31	2	2	18	58	8	146
63	447	237	25	185	214	3	20	6	4	15	58	11	116
64	354	192	20	142	174	-	18	6	5	9	39	10	93
60-64	2,910	1,601	124	1,185	1,452	11	138	29	20	75	346	68	771
65	291	152	15	124	142	-	10	6	1	8	39	10	75
66	238	122	15	101	111	-	11	5	2	8	34	12	55
67	199	96	19	84	88	2	6	6	3	10	23	9	52
68	177	90	11	76	77	1	12	1	2	8	26	4	46
69	130	57	14	59	52	1	4	-	4	10	18	8	33
65-69	1,035	517	74	444	470	4	43	18	12	44	140	43	261
70	117	60	17	40	51	-	9	2	8	7	11	8	21
71	92	42	10	40	40	-	2	-	6	4	12	8	20
72	83	42	17	24	39	1	2	-	5	12	6	4	14
73	41	23	6	12	20	1	2	1	2	3	2	2	8
74	40	22	7	11	20	-	2	-	3	4	2	2	7
70-74	373	189	57	127	170	2	17	3	24	30	33	24	70
75	43	23	10	10	20	-	3	1	2	7	2	3	5
76	29	14	4	11	14	-	-	-	2	2	2	2	7
77	32	18	3	11	17	-	1	1	-	2	3	1	7
78	29	14	2	13	13	-	1	-	1	1	3	4	6
79	15	10	3	2	10	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1
75-79	148	79	22	47	74	-	5	3	6	13	11	10	26
80	17	6	5	6	4	1	1	2	2	1	2	-	4
81	9	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	1
82	6	3	1	2	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
83	6	1	3	2	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	2	-
84	4	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
80-84	42	13	16	13	11	1	1	2	9	5	5	2	6
85	4	2	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
86	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
87	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
88	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
85-89	8	6	1	1	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
90 and over	6	4	2	-	4	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Age not stated	13	12	-	1	12	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

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Table 4.5 Divorces: sex and age at marriage, 1996-2006**England and Wales**

Year of divorce	Age at marriage								
	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over
Husbands									
1996	157,107	8,931	64,611	44,409	19,132	9,293	5,031	2,834	2,866
1997	146,689	7,419	58,730	42,911	18,486	8,802	4,875	2,809	2,657
1998	145,214	7,176	56,192	43,068	19,214	9,215	4,970	2,804	2,575
1999	144,556	6,477	54,364	43,540	20,120	9,220	5,042	3,049	2,744
2000	141,135	6,163	51,219	42,935	20,168	9,813	5,131	2,938	2,768
2001	143,818	5,893	50,348	44,709	21,394	10,305	5,276	2,930	2,963
2002	147,735	5,572	50,028	45,913	23,042	11,038	5,897	3,165	3,080
2003	153,490	5,785	50,145	47,499	25,040	11,920	6,319	3,523	3,259
2004	153,399	5,401	47,946	48,235	25,614	12,629	6,581	3,501	3,492
2005	141,750	4,702	42,459	43,946	24,785	12,402	6,594	3,462	3,400
2006	132,562	4,127	38,221	40,820	24,029	12,274	6,244	3,510	3,337
Wives									
1996	157,107	29,927	71,123	31,396	12,335	6,051	3,254	1,686	1,335
1997	146,689	25,579	66,167	31,022	12,094	5,767	3,156	1,667	1,237
1998	145,214	24,276	64,453	31,533	12,788	6,153	3,135	1,661	1,215
1999	144,556	22,486	62,853	32,867	13,507	6,432	3,331	1,791	1,289
2000	141,135	20,930	59,874	33,282	13,972	6,562	3,378	1,861	1,276
2001	143,818	20,218	60,211	34,759	14,890	6,956	3,559	1,850	1,375
2002	147,735	19,828	60,353	36,387	16,339	7,623	3,841	1,971	1,393
2003	153,490	20,063	61,057	38,722	17,567	8,249	4,154	2,092	1,586
2004	153,399	18,709	59,548	39,575	18,545	8,912	4,274	2,207	1,629
2005	141,750	16,519	53,041	37,103	18,138	8,755	4,421	2,177	1,596
2006	132,562	14,478	48,550	35,177	17,834	8,560	4,318	2,153	1,492

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Table 4.6 Divorces: ages at marriage of husband and wife in combination, 2006**England and Wales**

Age of wife at marriage	Age of husband at marriage								
	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over
All ages	132,562	4,127	38,221	40,820	24,029	12,274	6,244	3,510	3,337
Under 20	14,478	2,801	8,344	2,419	602	199	68	25	20
20-24	48,550	1,084	23,334	16,758	5,008	1,535	514	205	112
25-29	35,177	153	4,972	15,769	9,192	3,333	1,145	379	234
30-34	17,834	61	1,111	4,239	6,360	3,543	1,475	658	387
35-39	8,560	20	322	1,138	1,967	2,405	1,454	772	482
40-44	4,318	5	99	329	685	892	1,049	712	547
45-49	2,153	1	22	128	162	286	390	531	633
50 and over	1,492	2	17	40	53	81	149	228	922

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Table 4.7 Divorces: year of marriage, ages at marriage of husband and wife in combination, 2006

England and Wales

Year of marriage and age of wife at marriage	Age of husband at marriage							Age of husband at marriage						
	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45 and over	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45 and over
2004-2006								1997						
All ages	5,404	88	839	1,394	1,217	1,248	618	6,036	108	1,073	2,063	1,391	1,020	381
Under 20	321	59	139	74	28	19	2	378	70	181	87	29	9	2
20-24	1,307	19	467	464	227	110	20	1,640	25	590	679	247	85	14
25-29	1,497	6	152	602	439	257	41	1,906	6	218	899	521	235	27
30-34	923	2	49	169	332	306	65	1,152	5	65	294	407	323	58
35-44	976	-	29	67	176	478	226	765	2	16	93	172	317	165
45 and over	380	2	3	18	15	78	264	195	-	3	11	15	51	115
2003								1996						
All ages	6,732	105	1,142	1,891	1,549	1,437	608	5,897	77	1,126	1,978	1,324	978	414
Under 20	369	44	189	79	38	17	2	356	54	192	77	24	8	1
20-24	1,872	47	665	717	295	129	19	1,644	15	616	679	224	101	9
25-29	1,844	4	193	759	555	295	38	1,897	6	228	861	531	237	34
30-34	1,174	9	65	232	449	348	71	1,071	1	62	260	389	285	74
35-44	1,106	-	28	89	196	548	245	703	1	26	93	143	287	153
45 and over	367	1	2	15	16	100	233	226	-	2	8	13	60	143
2002								1995						
All ages	7,229	118	1,208	2,037	1,715	1,552	599	5,431	81	1,120	1,829	1,191	852	358
Under 20	403	59	189	110	29	12	4	326	57	180	54	28	6	1
20-24	1,950	40	706	743	284	149	28	1,614	17	674	613	220	71	19
25-29	2,056	11	203	801	633	344	64	1,732	2	198	826	467	205	34
30-34	1,315	3	70	259	483	418	82	935	3	51	233	343	241	64
35-44	1,146	5	34	111	261	542	193	644	2	16	94	123	283	126
45 and over	359	-	6	13	25	87	228	180	-	1	9	10	46	114
2001								1994						
All ages	7,382	146	1,233	2,221	1,667	1,555	560	5,198	65	1,155	1,845	1,080	748	305
Under 20	455	92	200	100	38	23	2	290	35	151	81	16	4	3
20-24	2,045	34	722	797	306	162	24	1,757	24	705	714	220	77	17
25-29	2,155	13	207	907	625	352	51	1,612	4	213	732	435	200	28
30-34	1,327	4	60	291	480	420	72	840	1	64	230	284	202	59
35-44	1,092	3	39	107	200	528	215	534	1	20	80	116	226	91
45 and over	308	-	5	19	18	70	196	165	-	2	8	9	39	107
2000								1993						
All ages	7,495	150	1,201	2,335	1,750	1,506	553	4,713	75	1,199	1,596	967	629	247
Under 20	496	82	228	122	37	22	5	280	41	146	67	13	11	2
20-24	1,943	53	626	793	309	141	21	1,703	30	750	661	186	60	16
25-29	2,236	9	238	974	650	321	44	1,481	2	226	667	397	170	19
30-34	1,395	4	69	321	501	417	83	702	1	59	160	261	168	53
35-44	1,121	2	37	110	233	526	213	431	1	18	38	102	200	72
45 and over	304	-	3	15	20	79	187	116	-	-	3	8	20	85
1999								1992						
All ages	7,180	140	1,171	2,315	1,683	1,340	531	4,496	74	1,233	1,602	798	586	203
Under 20	515	77	242	124	44	24	4	260	44	141	53	13	9	-
20-24	1,823	47	615	763	257	122	19	1,730	24	807	643	177	62	17
25-29	2,219	12	229	1,004	644	288	42	1,409	3	227	651	339	164	25
30-34	1,394	4	61	291	525	419	94	636	3	44	198	200	163	28
35-44	946	-	22	119	199	418	188	366	-	12	52	65	156	81
45 and over	283	-	2	14	14	69	184	95	-	2	5	4	32	52
1998								Pre 1992						
All ages	6,485	123	1,110	2,120	1,481	1,208	443	52,871	2,776	23,408	15,588	6,214	3,858	1,027
Under 20	445	67	214	114	28	19	3	9,583	2,019	5,952	1,277	237	84	14
20-24	1,709	41	589	692	252	112	23	25,807	668	14,799	7,797	1,804	668	71
25-29	2,092	8	223	938	584	302	37	11,036	67	2,217	5,145	2,371	1,107	129
30-34	1,158	5	51	279	417	351	55	3,811	16	341	1,022	1,288	957	187
35-44	847	2	28	89	184	362	182	2,201	6	96	325	482	929	363
45 and over	234	-	5	8	16	62	143	433	-	3	22	32	113	263

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Table 4.7 - continued

Year of marriage and age of wife at marriage	Age of husband at marriage							Age of husband at marriage						
	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45 and over	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45 and over
All years								1971-1975						
All ages¹	132,562	4,127	38,221	40,820	24,029	18,518	6,847	4,997	517	2,884	1,203	253	118	22
Under 20	14,478	2,801	8,344	2,419	602	267	45	1,576	415	991	151	17	1	1
20-24	48,550	1,084	23,334	16,758	5,008	2,049	317	2,541	91	1,674	659	85	30	2
25-29	35,177	153	4,972	15,769	9,192	4,478	613	675	9	196	327	102	38	3
30-34	17,834	61	1,111	4,239	6,360	5,018	1,045	138	2	19	54	34	26	3
35-44	12,878	25	421	1,467	2,652	5,800	2,513	57	-	3	11	14	23	6
45 and over	3,645	3	39	168	215	906	2,314	10	-	1	1	1	-	7
2001-2006								1966-1970						
All ages	26,747	457	4,422	7,543	6,148	5,792	2,385	2,594	306	1,709	466	79	31	3
Under 20	1,548	254	717	363	133	71	10	861	236	549	68	5	3	-
20-24	7,174	140	2,560	2,721	1,112	550	91	1,483	66	1,087	280	39	10	1
25-29	7,552	34	755	3,069	2,252	1,248	194	199	2	68	98	24	7	-
30-34	4,739	18	244	951	1,744	1,492	290	40	2	5	19	6	8	-
35-44	4,320	8	130	374	833	2,096	879	9	-	-	1	5	3	-
45 and over	1,414	3	16	65	74	335	921	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
1996-2000								1961-1965						
All ages	33,093	598	5,681	10,811	7,629	6,052	2,322	875	110	583	144	24	12	2
Under 20	2,190	350	1,057	524	162	82	15	349	85	235	27	2	-	-
20-24	8,759	181	3,036	3,606	1,289	561	86	448	25	327	83	9	4	-
25-29	10,350	41	1,136	4,676	2,930	1,383	184	60	-	19	31	8	2	-
30-34	6,170	19	308	1,445	2,239	1,795	364	13	-	2	3	3	3	2
35-44	4,382	7	129	504	931	1,910	901	5	-	-	-	2	3	-
45 and over	1,242	-	15	56	78	321	772	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1991-1995								1956-1960						
All ages	24,021	374	5,926	8,346	4,765	3,334	1,276	285	32	178	62	11	1	1
Under 20	1,471	222	792	332	83	35	7	113	24	80	7	1	1	-
20-24	8,502	123	3,714	3,280	974	333	78	138	7	90	36	5	-	-
25-29	7,496	14	1,072	3,467	1,929	887	127	28	1	7	15	5	-	-
30-34	3,635	10	266	930	1,272	926	231	5	-	1	4	-	-	-
35-44	2,289	5	76	306	471	1,001	430	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 and over	628	-	6	31	36	152	403	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
1986-1990								1951-1955						
All ages	18,426	482	6,580	6,225	2,729	1,862	548	77	1	58	17	1	-	-
Under 20	1,876	303	1,107	363	70	29	4	26	1	22	3	-	-	-
20-24	8,522	148	4,338	2,963	742	293	38	41	-	32	8	1	-	-
25-29	4,932	26	939	2,280	1,076	539	72	10	-	4	6	-	-	-
30-34	1,761	3	139	464	603	456	96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-44	1,104	2	56	147	217	481	201	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 and over	231	-	1	8	21	64	137	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1981-1985								1946-1950						
All ages	12,972	591	5,833	3,846	1,540	947	215	34	4	27	3	-	-	-
Under 20	2,222	414	1,390	318	69	28	3	12	4	8	-	-	-	-
20-24	6,690	156	3,845	1,996	497	183	13	18	-	17	1	-	-	-
25-29	2,586	16	495	1,208	566	271	30	4	-	2	2	-	-	-
30-34	862	3	81	237	286	214	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-44	521	2	22	81	120	222	74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 and over	91	-	-	6	2	29	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1976-1980								Before 1946						
All ages	8,423	654	4,333	2,147	848	368	73	5	-	4	1	-	-	-
Under 20	2,231	492	1,394	263	60	17	5	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
20-24	4,225	147	2,609	1,121	255	85	8	3	-	2	1	-	-	-
25-29	1,280	10	279	587	299	102	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30-34	470	4	46	132	172	98	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-44	191	1	5	43	59	61	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 and over	26	-	-	1	3	5	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1 Including 'not stated'.

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Table 4.8 Proportions¹ of men and women who had ever divorced by certain ages, for birth cohort, 1936-1986

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Year of birth	Exact age (years)																					
	21	23	25	28	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	42	45	50	55	60	65	
Men																						
1936	0	0	2	11	20	26	32	38	45	53	60	71	81	90	100	119	144	177	196	207	213	
1941	0	1	4	19	36	46	60	72	85	97	109	121	133	144	154	174	197	227	246	257	263	
1946	0	1	8	39	67	81	96	110	123	137	150	161	173	183	192	209	232	262	280	292		
1951	0	4	19	62	95	111	127	141	154	166	177	188	198	207	217	234	256	283	303			
1956	0	6	25	69	101	116	130	144	157	169	182	194	205	216	225	242	263	294				
1957	0	6	24	67	99	114	129	143	156	169	182	194	205	216	225	242	263	295				
1958	1	6	23	67	98	113	127	141	154	168	181	193	204	214	223	240	262					
1959	0	6	22	66	96	111	126	140	154	168	180	192	203	212	222	239	263					
1960	0	6	21	65	93	108	122	137	151	164	176	188	198	208	218	235	260					
1961	1	5	23	62	90	105	120	134	148	161	173	184	195	204	214	232	258					
1962	0	5	24	60	89	104	119	133	147	159	171	182	192	203	212	232	256					
1963	0	7	22	57	85	100	115	129	142	154	166	177	187	197	207	227						
1964	0	7	21	54	81	96	109	123	135	147	159	170	181	191	202	221						
1965	1	7	19	51	78	92	106	119	131	143	154	166	177	188	198	216						
1966	1	6	18	49	74	88	101	114	126	137	149	160	172	183	192							
1967	1	6	17	47	72	84	97	109	121	132	144	156	167	177	186							
1968	1	5	16	44	67	80	91	103	115	128	139	151	161	171								
1969	1	5	15	41	63	75	86	98	110	122	134	145	154									
1970	1	4	14	38	59	70	81	93	106	118	128	139										
1971	1	4	12	35	53	64	75	86	98	109	119											
1972	0	3	11	30	47	58	68	80	90	100												
1973	0	3	10	27	43	53	64	74	83													
1974	0	3	8	24	40	49	58	68														
1975	0	2	7	22	37	46	54															
1976	0	2	7	20	34	42																
1977	0	2	6	19	32																	
1978	0	2	6	18																		
1979	0	2	5	17																		
1980	0	2	5																			
1981	0	1	5																			
1982	0	1	4																			
1983	0	1																				
1984	0	1																				
1985	0																					
1986	0																					
Women																						
1936	0	2	7	20	31	37	43	48	54	60	67	77	86	94	103	120	142	168	182	189	193	
1941	0	3	12	33	50	60	73	84	96	107	119	129	140	150	159	176	196	220	234	241	245	
1946	1	6	20	62	94	110	124	137	150	162	173	184	193	202	210	225	244	267	281	289		
1951	1	13	39	88	120	134	148	161	172	183	192	202	211	219	226	241	260	282	297			
1956	2	21	55	108	138	151	164	176	188	198	209	219	229	237	245	260	277	301				
1957	3	22	56	106	137	151	164	176	187	198	209	219	229	237	246	259	277	302				
1958	3	22	54	105	135	148	161	174	186	197	208	218	227	236	243	257	276					
1959	3	21	52	102	132	146	159	172	184	196	206	216	225	233	241	255	275					
1960	3	21	50	101	131	145	159	172	185	196	207	217	225	234	242	257	278					
1961	3	20	51	99	128	143	157	171	183	194	205	214	223	232	240	255	277					
1962	3	19	50	96	126	141	155	168	180	192	202	212	221	229	238	254	275					
1963	3	21	48	92	122	137	151	164	176	187	197	207	216	225	233	250						
1964	2	21	45	89	120	135	148	161	172	183	193	203	212	222	231	248						
1965	5	20	43	86	116	130	144	156	167	179	189	199	210	219	229	244						
1966	4	18	40	83	112	127	140	152	164	175	185	196	207	217	225							
1967	3	16	38	81	109	123	135	147	159	170	181	192	203	212 208 193	220							
1968	3	15	37	78	106	119	132	144	156	167	179	190	199									
1969	3	15	36	75	102	114	126	138	150	162	174	184	193									
1970	2	13	32	69	95	107	120	132	144	156	167	176										
1971	3	12	29	64	88	100	113	125	138	149	158											
1972	2	11	27	58	81	93	105	117	128 119	138												
1973	2	10	24	52	75	87	99	109														
1974	2	10	22	48	70	82	93	103														
1975	2	8	19	44	65	76	85															
1976	1	8	18	42	62	71																
1977	1	7	16	40	58																	
1978	1	6	15	38																		
1979	1	5	14	35																		
1980	1	5	14																			
1981	1	5	14																			
1982	1	5	12																			
1983	1	4																				
1984	1	4																				
1985	1																					
1986	0																					

Note: This table shows for men and women born in a given year the estimated proportion that had ever divorced by a certain age. Thus for every 1,000 men born in 1960, 164 had divorced by the age of 35.

1 Estimated proportions per 1,000.

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Table 4.9 Divorces: duration of marriage at divorce, 1996-2006, and age of wife and husband at marriage, 2006

	Year of divorce	All durations	Duration of marriage (completed years)													
			0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
All ages	1996	157,107	76	5,010	8,935	10,467	10,436	10,042	9,850	9,092	8,171	7,454	6,456	5,941	5,376	4,985
	1997	146,689	61	4,369	8,166	9,410	9,761	9,326	8,580	8,324	7,935	7,095	6,542	5,698	5,149	4,574
	1998	145,214	68	4,191	7,988	9,270	9,619	9,180	8,497	7,785	7,757	7,020	6,412	5,877	5,196	4,779
	1999	144,556	49	3,813	7,488	8,833	9,124	8,958	8,521	7,861	7,338	6,998	6,631	6,040	5,539	4,755
	2000	141,135	52	3,494	6,892	8,296	8,740	8,506	8,148	7,778	7,183	6,591	6,539	5,993	5,493	4,996
	2001	143,818	36	3,413	6,741	8,206	8,591	8,632	8,329	7,909	7,463	6,746	6,329	6,232	5,792	5,135
	2002	147,735	31	3,326	6,882	8,325	8,780	8,823	8,370	8,020	7,564	6,953	6,263	6,012	5,855	5,419
	2003	153,490	44	3,288	6,984	8,288	8,907	8,983	8,671	8,249	7,698	6,998	6,676	6,206	5,775	5,732
	2004	153,399	42	3,353	6,734	8,340	8,920	8,862	8,389	7,921	7,705	6,902	6,599	6,135	5,767	5,232
	2005	141,750	49	3,190	6,363	7,536	8,207	7,931	7,725	7,368	6,820	6,317	6,000	5,759	5,189	4,896
	2006	132,562	37	2,803	5,951	7,243	7,393	7,433	7,339	6,785	6,266	6,041	5,588	5,314	4,854	4,614
Age of wife at marriage, 2006																
Under 20		14,478	2	158	346	376	448	475	507	490	398	367	359	299	276	276
20-24		48,550	9	670	1,567	1,981	2,007	1,975	1,908	1,757	1,687	1,660	1,608	1,707	1,685	1,742
25-29		35,177	13	798	1,574	2,054	2,174	2,199	2,191	2,162	2,006	1,904	1,804	1,650	1,563	1,437
30-34		17,834	3	479	1,057	1,292	1,297	1,388	1,410	1,232	1,163	1,156	949	881	759	661
35-39		8,560	1	301	651	746	732	733	715	582	537	506	451	413	310	269
40-44		4,318	2	191	414	410	398	361	323	300	247	250	216	184	131	123
45-49		2,153	1	95	194	209	188	165	166	146	141	122	130	111	85	77
50 and over		1,492	6	111	148	175	149	137	119	116	87	76	71	69	45	29
Age of husband at marriage, 2006																
Under 20		4,127	-	49	92	119	132	142	143	146	106	96	79	66	73	66
20-24		38,221	4	410	989	1,195	1,244	1,219	1,210	1,133	1,101	1,089	1,131	1,155	1,138	1,252
25-29		40,820	10	728	1,572	2,060	2,180	2,295	2,307	2,205	2,094	2,055	1,879	1,831	1,718	1,548
30-34		24,029	8	652	1,351	1,715	1,689	1,697	1,730	1,543	1,450	1,385	1,228	1,124	995	924
35-39		12,274	3	399	840	960	1,040	1,003	968	851	755	655	603	539	444	415
40-44		6,244	3	241	521	566	516	526	457	394	369	355	294	261	215	209
45-49		3,510	1	127	268	280	303	287	266	244	189	216	190	186	156	113
50 and over		3,337	8	197	318	348	289	264	258	269	202	190	184	152	115	87

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14	15	16	17	18	19	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30 and over	Not stated	Median duration	Year of divorce	
4,574	4,470	4,222	3,888	3,479	3,262	44,609	27,332	19,321	14,236	9,511	7,165	9	9.9	1996	All ages
4,252	4,015	3,802	3,679	3,427	3,104	41,260	26,215	18,027	13,148	9,058	7,202	12	10.0	1997	
4,434	3,977	3,675	3,609	3,513	3,160	40,239	26,698	17,934	12,675	9,056	7,468	8	10.2	1998	
4,419	4,192	3,776	3,461	3,412	3,231	39,676	27,384	18,072	12,888	9,349	7,871	9	10.5	1999	
4,438	4,093	3,722	3,436	3,343	3,276	38,206	27,459	17,870	12,907	9,017	8,196	6	10.7	2000	
4,688	4,334	3,949	3,615	3,433	3,272	39,079	28,176	18,603	13,318	8,986	8,667	2	10.9	2001	
5,043	4,681	4,226	3,945	3,654	3,278	39,730	28,592	19,784	13,989	9,106	9,190	-	11.1	2002	
5,442	4,822	4,591	4,102	3,874	3,534	40,599	29,831	20,923	15,028	9,662	9,934	2	11.3	2003	
5,353	4,983	4,721	4,350	3,865	3,672	39,779	29,086	21,591	15,472	9,754	10,328	-	11.5	2004	
4,550	4,512	4,384	4,116	3,861	3,490	36,161	26,394	20,363	14,315	9,272	9,891	9	11.6	2005	
4,310	4,083	4,097	3,776	3,528	3,308	33,864	24,680	18,792	13,514	8,792	9,480	13	11.6	2006	
															Age of wife at marriage, 2006
283	331	360	378	388	376	2,237	1,493	1,833	2,196	2,251	3,137	1			Under 20
1,720	1,666	1,780	1,720	1,680	1,650	8,987	8,462	8,496	6,973	4,426	4,966	6			20-24
1,286	1,244	1,198	1,007	912	816	10,462	7,740	5,177	2,755	1,369	1,056	5			25-29
596	473	422	387	320	265	6,349	3,846	1,867	916	505	222	1			30-34
218	183	176	142	125	105	3,073	1,661	731	441	154	69	-			35-39
120	117	107	93	65	62	1,481	774	444	129	61	14	-			40-44
64	48	33	36	26	20	740	467	163	71	16	9	-			45-49
23	21	21	13	12	14	535	237	81	33	10	7	-			50 and over
															Age of husband at marriage, 2006
87	72	98	116	88	90	633	371	464	570	667	1,029	1			Under 20
1,208	1,241	1,291	1,327	1,335	1,316	5,752	5,884	6,510	6,006	4,446	5,778	3			20-24
1,531	1,438	1,465	1,282	1,135	1,093	10,956	8,507	6,413	4,065	2,279	2,044	6			25-29
730	707	652	553	544	424	7,805	5,001	2,880	1,601	907	418	2			30-34
344	296	307	241	213	223	4,232	2,345	1,280	740	299	135	1			35-39
206	174	153	125	125	89	2,101	1,185	666	287	112	46	-			40-44
115	97	81	79	44	46	1,202	760	347	146	56	20	-			45-49
89	58	50	53	44	27	1,183	627	232	99	26	10	-			50 and over

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Table 4.10 Couples, and children of divorced couples (numbers and proportions): age of child, 1996-2006

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Year of divorce	All divorced			One or more children aged under 16			With children aged 16 or over		No child stated
	Number of couples	Number of children aged		Number of couples	Number of children aged		Number of couples	Number of children (16 or over)	Number of couples
		16 or over	under 16		16 or over	under 16			
	Numbers								
1996	157,107	66,004	162,498	86,933	19,519	162,498	21,374	46,485	48,800
1997	146,689	62,408	150,309	80,670	18,165	150,309	20,463	44,243	45,556
1998	145,214	60,394	150,129	80,476	18,361	150,129	19,668	42,033	45,070
1999	144,556	59,333	147,721	79,298	17,829	147,721	19,568	41,504	45,690
2000	141,135	57,591	142,457	76,776	17,584	142,457	19,049	40,007	45,310
2001	143,818	56,684	146,914	79,277	18,649	146,914	18,392	38,035	46,149
2002	147,735	60,033	149,335	80,997	20,320	149,335	19,069	39,713	47,669
2003	153,490	65,145	153,527	83,809	22,306	153,527	20,508	42,839	49,173
2004	153,399	67,282	149,275	82,017	23,334	149,275	21,195	43,948	50,187
2005	141,750	64,965	136,332	75,340	22,940	136,332	20,086	42,025	46,324
2006	132,562	62,358	125,030	69,895	22,564	125,030	19,140	39,794	43,527
	Proportions per 1,000 divorced couples								
1996	1,000			553			136		311
1997	1,000			550			139		311
1998	1,000			554			135		310
1999	1,000			549			135		316
2000	1,000			544			135		321
2001	1,000			551			128		321
2002	1,000			548			129		323
2003	1,000			546			134		320
2004	1,000			535			138		327
2005	1,000			531			142		327
2006	1,000			527			144		328
	Average number of children per divorced couples								
1996	1.45	0.42	1.03		0.22	1.87		2.17	
1997	1.45	0.43	1.02		0.23	1.86		2.16	
1998	1.45	0.42	1.03		0.23	1.87		2.14	
1999	1.43	0.41	1.02		0.22	1.86		2.12	
2000	1.42	0.41	1.01		0.23	1.86		2.10	
2001	1.41	0.39	1.02		0.24	1.85		2.07	
2002	1.42	0.41	1.01		0.25	1.84		2.08	
2003	1.42	0.42	1.00		0.27	1.83		2.09	
2004	1.41	0.44	0.97		0.28	1.82		2.07	
2005	1.42	0.46	0.96		0.30	1.81		2.09	
2006	1.41	0.47	0.94		0.32	1.79		2.08	

Note: For definition of children and recording of their ages - see section 4.8.

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Table 4.11 Couples, and children of divorced couples where there is at least one child under 16 (numbers and proportions): couples by number of children and children by age, 1996-2006

England and Wales

Year of divorce	Number of couples by number of children under 16						Number of children under 16, by age group			
	Total	1	2	3	4	5 or more	Total	0-4	5-10	11-15
Numbers										
1996	86,933	33,501	36,715	12,514	3,288	915	162,498	46,029	71,620	44,849
1997	80,670	31,339	33,996	11,482	3,018	835	150,309	41,524	67,085	41,700
1998	80,476	30,967	34,207	11,523	2,980	799	150,129	39,538	67,545	43,046
1999	79,298	30,745	33,550	11,238	2,953	812	147,721	37,706	66,442	43,573
2000	76,776	29,883	32,633	10,757	2,759	744	142,457	35,095	64,072	43,290
2001	79,277	30,996	33,596	11,076	2,803	806	146,914	34,783	65,522	46,609
2002	80,997	31,941	34,381	11,111	2,750	814	149,335	33,682	66,351	49,302
2003	83,809	33,588	35,355	11,265	2,821	780	153,527	33,049	67,654	52,824
2004	82,017	33,211	34,651	10,833	2,577	745	149,275	30,868	65,273	53,134
2005	75,340	31,006	31,548	9,782	2,345	659	136,332	27,419	59,021	49,892
2006	69,895	29,513	29,069	8,642	2,077	594	125,030	25,334	53,640	46,056
Proportions per 1,000										
1996	1,000	385	422	144	38	11	1,000	283	441	276
1997	1,000	388	421	142	37	10	1,000	276	446	277
1998	1,000	385	425	143	37	10	1,000	263	450	287
1999	1,000	388	423	142	37	10	1,000	255	450	295
2000	1,000	389	425	140	36	10	1,000	246	450	304
2001	1,000	391	424	140	35	10	1,000	237	446	317
2002	1,000	394	424	137	34	10	1,000	226	444	330
2003	1,000	401	422	134	34	9	1,000	215	441	344
2004	1,000	405	422	132	31	9	1,000	207	437	356
2005	1,000	412	419	130	31	9	1,000	201	433	366
2006	1,000	422	416	124	30	8	1,000	203	429	368

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Table 4.12 Couples, and children of divorced couples where there is at least one child aged under 16: ages of youngest and eldest children and number of children by age, 2006

England and Wales

Number of children under 16 (per couple)	Age of youngest child	Number of couples by age of eldest child				Total - all couples with children under 16	Total number of children	
		0-4	5-10	11-15	16 and over		Under 16	16 and over
1	0-4	6,895	-	-	264	7,159	7,159	386
	5-10	-	7,853	-	1,551	9,404	9,404	2,429
	11-15	-	-	5,349	7,601	12,950	12,950	11,202
	Total	6,895	7,853	5,349	9,416	29,513	29,513	14,017
2	0-4	2,208	5,605	613	432	8,858	17,716	652
	5-10	-	6,041	6,632	2,058	14,731	29,462	2,993
	11-15	-	-	3,866	1,614	5,480	10,960	2,320
	Total	2,208	11,646	11,111	4,104	29,069	58,138	5,965
3	0-4	135	2,044	1,056	305	3,540	10,620	478
	5-10	-	620	3,241	762	4,623	13,869	1,131
	11-15	-	-	328	151	479	1,437	241
	Total	135	2,664	4,625	1,218	8,642	25,926	1,850
4 or more	0-4	7	511	859	217	1,594	6,948	341
	5-10	-	48	763	242	1,053	4,406	381
	11-15	-	-	17	7	24	99	10
	Total	7	559	1,639	466	2,671	11,453	732
Total	0-4	9,245	8,160	2,528	1,218	21,151	42,443	1,857
	5-10	-	14,562	10,636	4,613	29,811	57,141	6,934
	11-15	-	-	9,560	9,373	18,933	25,446	13,773
	Total	9,245	22,722	22,724	15,204	69,895	125,030	22,564

Note: For definition of children and recording of their ages - see section 4.8.

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Table 4.13 Couples, and children¹ of divorced couples: age of wife at divorce, number of children aged under 16 (per couple) and children by age, 2006

England and Wales

Age of wife at date of divorce	Number of children under 16 (per couple)	Number of children by age group					Number of couples with children under 16		
		0-4	5-10	11-15	Total under 16	16 and over	Ages of children		All ages
							all under 16	mixed ages - under 16 and 16 and over	
All ages	1	7,159	9,404	12,950	29,513	14,017	20,097	9,416	29,513
	2	11,109	26,917	20,112	58,138	5,965	24,965	4,104	29,069
	3	4,693	12,097	9,136	25,926	1,850	7,424	1,218	8,642
	4 or more	2,373	5,222	3,858	11,453	732	2,205	466	2,671
	Total	25,334	53,640	46,056	125,030	22,564	54,691	15,204	69,895
Under 25	1	892	97	12	1,001	11	991	10	1,001
	2	805	164	13	982	13	483	8	491
	3	190	73	4	267	3	88	1	89
	4 or more	62	41	14	117	-	28	-	28
	Total	1,949	375	43	2,367	27	1,590	19	1,609
25-34	1	4,107	2,875	600	7,582	252	7,364	218	7,582
	2	5,944	8,535	1,921	16,400	292	8,014	186	8,200
	3	2,372	4,278	1,591	8,241	148	2,654	93	2,747
	4 or more	1,194	2,126	1,009	4,329	92	950	57	1,007
	Total	13,617	17,814	5,121	36,552	784	18,982	554	19,536
35-44	1	1,956	5,200	7,190	14,346	7,523	8,999	5,347	14,346
	2	4,135	16,139	14,094	34,368	4,046	14,280	2,904	17,184
	3	2,026	6,962	6,492	15,480	1,402	4,214	946	5,160
	4 or more	1,061	2,777	2,560	6,398	535	1,138	354	1,492
	Total	9,178	31,078	30,336	70,592	13,506	28,631	9,551	38,182
45 and over	1	203	1,231	5,146	6,580	6,224	2,741	3,839	6,580
	2	225	2,079	4,082	6,386	1,611	2,188	1,005	3,193
	3	105	784	1,049	1,938	297	468	178	646
	4 or more	56	273	272	601	104	88	54	142
	Total	589	4,367	10,549	15,505	8,236	5,485	5,076	10,561
Not stated	1	1	1	2	4	7	2	2	4
	2	-	-	2	2	3	-	1	1
	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4 or more	-	5	3	8	1	1	1	2
	Total	1	6	7	14	11	3	4	7

Note: For definition of children and recording of their ages - see section 4.8.

1 For the 19,140 couples, all of whose children were aged 16 and over, the number of couples and number of children by age of wife at date of divorce were:

Age of wife at date of divorce	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45 and over	Not stated	All ages
Number of couples	11	91	3,638	15,398	2	19,140
Number of children aged 16 and over	22	174	6,475	33,120	3	39,794

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Table 4.14 Couples, and children¹ of divorced couples: age of wife at marriage, number of children aged under 16 (per couple) and children by age, 2006

England and Wales

Age of wife at marriage	Number of children under 16 (per couple)	Number of children by age group					Number of couples with children under 16
		0-4	5-10	11-15	Total under 16	16 and over	
All ages	1	7,159	9,404	12,950	29,513	14,017	29,513
	2	11,109	26,917	20,112	58,138	5,965	29,069
	3	4,693	12,097	9,136	25,926	1,850	8,642
	4	1,673	3,824	2,811	8,308	521	2,077
	5 and over	700	1,398	1,047	3,145	211	594
	Total	25,334	53,640	46,056	125,030	22,564	69,895
Under 20	1	805	752	1,497	3,054	2,281	3,054
	2	1,070	2,096	1,770	4,936	819	2,468
	3	558	1,319	979	2,856	275	952
	4	246	542	420	1,208	76	302
	5 and over	109	251	169	529	49	99
	Total	2,788	4,960	4,835	12,583	3,500	6,875
20-24	1	2,623	3,159	5,171	10,953	5,854	10,953
	2	4,354	11,020	8,650	24,024	2,273	12,012
	3	1,911	5,193	3,729	10,833	563	3,611
	4	644	1,515	961	3,120	150	780
	5 and over	256	503	323	1,082	54	205
	Total	9,788	21,390	18,834	50,012	8,894	27,561
25-29	1	2,273	2,896	3,017	8,186	2,791	8,186
	2	3,705	8,966	5,505	18,176	1,316	9,088
	3	1,436	3,665	2,507	7,608	421	2,536
	4	473	1,076	751	2,300	122	575
	5 and over	193	369	302	864	45	165
	Total	8,080	16,972	12,082	37,134	4,695	20,550
30-34	1	1,035	1,676	1,769	4,480	1,714	4,480
	2	1,525	3,569	2,698	7,792	919	3,896
	3	616	1,469	1,332	3,417	388	1,139
	4	241	539	476	1,256	119	314
	5 and over	103	199	167	469	43	88
	Total	3,520	7,452	6,442	17,414	3,183	9,917
35-39	1	327	675	961	1,963	935	1,963
	2	391	1,062	1,153	2,606	515	1,303
	3	151	367	472	990	159	330
	4	61	124	159	344	39	86
	5 and over	34	60	77	171	16	31
	Total	964	2,288	2,822	6,074	1,664	3,713
40-44	1	91	200	415	706	380	706
	2	57	178	275	510	105	255
	3	19	79	100	198	40	66
	4	8	28	40	76	15	19
	5 and over	5	13	7	25	4	5
	Total	180	498	837	1,515	544	1,051
45 and over	1	5	46	120	171	62	171
	2	7	26	61	94	18	47
	3	2	5	17	24	4	8
	4	-	-	4	4	-	1
	5 and over	-	3	2	5	-	1
	Total	14	80	204	298	84	228

Note: For definition of children and recording of their ages - see section 4.8.

1 For the 19,140 couples, all of whose children were aged 16 and over, the number of couples and number of children by age of wife at marriage were:

Age of wife at marriage	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	All ages
Number of couples	4,114	8,272	3,190	1,674	1,006	561	323	19,140
Number of children aged 16 and over	9,212	17,223	6,284	3,167	1,994	1,170	744	39,794

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Table 4.15 Couples, and children of divorced couples: age of wife at marriage, number of children aged under 16 (per couple) and duration of marriage, 2006

Age of wife at marriage	Number of children under 16 (per couple)	Duration of marriage (complete years)						
		All durations ²	0-2 ¹	3	4	5	6	7
All ages	0 ³	62,667	5,419	4,190	3,947	3,693	3,368	2,858
	1	29,513	1,747	1,597	1,755	1,790	1,724	1,659
	2	29,069	1,098	993	1,180	1,352	1,592	1,642
	3	8,642	369	348	348	428	480	452
	4	2,077	114	84	124	136	132	138
	5 and over	594	44	31	39	34	43	36
	Total couples	132,562	8,791	7,243	7,393	7,433	7,339	6,785
	With children under 16	69,895	3,372	3,053	3,446	3,740	3,971	3,927
	Total children under 16	125,030	5,742	5,125	5,859	6,505	7,098	7,048
Under 20	0 ³	7,603	297	199	229	200	206	182
	1	3,054	168	111	137	158	140	126
	2	2,468	36	52	71	90	117	120
	3	952	4	13	10	20	37	44
	4	302	1	1	1	6	6	15
	5 and over	99	-	-	-	1	1	3
	Total couples	14,478	506	376	448	475	507	490
	With children under 16	6,875	209	177	219	275	301	308
	Total children under 16	12,583	256	258	313	427	514	573
20-24	0 ³	20,989	1,447	1,167	1,088	966	811	682
	1	10,953	470	485	475	490	449	440
	2	12,012	261	248	321	386	467	473
	3	3,611	48	60	91	98	128	130
	4	780	17	18	28	29	42	27
	5 and over	205	3	3	4	6	11	5
	Total couples	48,550	2,246	1,981	2,007	1,975	1,908	1,757
	With children under 16	27,561	799	814	919	1,009	1,097	1,075
	Total children under 16	50,012	1,220	1,249	1,522	1,704	1,990	1,911
25-29	0 ³	14,627	1,605	1,228	1,160	1,075	957	771
	1	8,186	368	416	490	502	499	537
	2	9,088	277	263	355	423	519	608
	3	2,536	105	109	116	138	151	172
	4	575	22	25	38	48	45	59
	5 and over	165	8	13	15	13	20	15
	Total couples	35,177	2,385	2,054	2,174	2,199	2,191	2,162
	With children under 16	20,550	780	826	1,014	1,124	1,234	1,391
	Total children under 16	37,134	1,368	1,437	1,777	2,022	2,273	2,588
30-34	0 ³	7,917	787	649	547	565	532	420
	1	4,480	307	288	342	355	368	354
	2	3,896	268	225	255	297	346	337
	3	1,139	111	95	93	132	124	83
	4	314	46	24	46	33	29	30
	5 and over	88	20	11	14	6	11	8
	Total couples	17,834	1,539	1,292	1,297	1,388	1,410	1,232
	With children under 16	9,917	752	643	750	823	878	812
	Total children under 16	17,414	1,469	1,176	1,388	1,510	1,607	1,442
35-39	0 ³	4,847	443	339	352	356	365	313
	1	1,963	227	175	184	196	193	153
	2	1,303	177	158	146	124	114	86
	3	330	78	59	35	32	35	19
	4	86	19	11	10	18	8	6
	5 and over	31	9	4	5	7	-	5
	Total couples	8,560	953	746	732	733	715	582
	With children under 16	3,713	510	407	380	377	350	269
	Total children under 16	6,074	939	733	650	652	558	433
40-44	0 ³	3,267	357	264	269	251	231	237
	1	706	154	93	98	74	58	42
	2	255	65	37	27	27	27	17
	3	66	20	11	2	6	5	3
	4	19	8	5	1	2	2	1
	5 and over	5	3	-	1	1	-	-
	Total couples	4,318	607	410	398	361	323	300
	With children under 16	1,051	250	146	129	110	92	63
	Total children under 16	1,515	391	220	167	159	135	89
45 and over	0 ³	3,417	483	344	302	280	266	253
	1	171	53	29	29	15	17	7
	2	47	14	10	5	5	2	1
	3	8	3	1	1	2	-	1
	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
	5 and over	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Total couples	3,645	555	384	337	302	285	262
	With children under 16	228	72	40	35	22	19	9
	Total children under 16	298	99	52	42	31	21	12

Note: For definition of children and recording of their ages - see section 4.8.

1 See section 4.2 for information on time bars to divorce.

2 Including 'not stated'.

3 Includes families where all children were aged 16 years or over.

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								Age of wife at marriage	Number of children under 16 (per couple)
8	9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30 and over	Not stated		
2,425	2,178	7,202	4,655	6,685	6,907	9,134	6	All ages	0³
1,579	1,385	5,585	4,809	4,161	1,429	289	4		1
1,626	1,840	8,575	6,656	2,097	369	48	1		2
497	468	2,606	2,111	460	68	7	-		3
105	136	565	441	85	14	1	2		4
34	34	147	120	26	5	1	-		5 and over
6,266	6,041	24,680	18,792	13,514	8,792	9,480	13		Total couples
3,841	3,863	17,478	14,137	6,829	1,885	346	7		With children under 16
6,919	7,190	33,596	26,847	10,217	2,455	415	14		Total children under 16
133	96	255	219	931	1,669	2,987	-	Under 20	0 ³
99	78	265	476	751	421	124	-		1
118	128	555	660	380	120	21	-		2
41	40	291	317	100	32	3	-		3
4	23	95	115	25	8	1	1		4
3	2	32	46	9	1	1	-		5 and over
398	367	1,493	1,833	2,196	2,251	3,137	1		Total couples
265	271	1,238	1,614	1,265	582	150	1		With children under 16
490	556	2,801	3,449	1,962	796	184	4		Total children under 16
561	481	1,551	1,250	2,843	3,345	4,794	3	20-24	0 ³
423	359	1,757	2,188	2,441	830	144	2		1
482	606	3,579	3,616	1,337	211	25	-		2
167	159	1,244	1,163	288	32	3	-		3
45	41	253	226	49	4	-	1		4
9	14	78	53	15	4	-	-		5 and over
1,687	1,660	8,462	8,496	6,973	4,426	4,966	6		Total couples
1,126	1,179	6,911	7,246	4,130	1,081	172	3		With children under 16
2,114	2,286	14,074	14,093	6,255	1,385	203	6		Total children under 16
621	505	1,707	1,225	1,561	1,173	1,036	3	25-29	0 ³
526	497	1,944	1,450	783	155	18	1		1
633	669	3,110	1,858	333	37	2	1		2
177	171	790	538	66	3	-	-		3
34	46	161	86	10	1	-	-		4
15	16	28	20	2	-	-	-		5 and over
2,006	1,904	7,740	5,177	2,755	1,369	1,056	5		Total couples
1,385	1,399	6,033	3,952	1,194	196	20	2		With children under 16
2,538	2,615	11,325	7,226	1,698	242	22	3		Total children under 16
421	423	1,353	807	712	482	219	-	30-34	0 ³
339	290	1,138	521	155	20	2	1		1
292	337	1,054	440	44	1	-	-		2
87	81	241	85	5	1	1	-		3
18	23	51	13	-	1	-	-		4
6	2	9	1	-	-	-	-		5 and over
1,163	1,156	3,846	1,867	916	505	222	1		Total couples
742	733	2,493	1,060	204	23	3	1		With children under 16
1,286	1,309	4,221	1,713	258	29	5	1		Total children under 16
272	290	978	514	406	151	68	-	35-39	0 ³
151	117	395	137	31	3	1	-		1
88	82	250	75	3	-	-	-		2
21	14	33	4	-	-	-	-		3
4	3	5	1	1	-	-	-		4
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		5 and over
537	506	1,661	731	441	154	69	-		Total couples
265	216	683	217	35	3	1	-		With children under 16
412	335	1,014	303	41	3	1	-		Total children under 16
195	191	667	402	128	61	14	-	40-44	0 ³
38	40	75	34	-	-	-	-		1
10	16	25	4	-	-	-	-		2
4	3	7	4	1	-	-	-		3
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		4
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		5 and over
247	250	774	444	129	61	14	-		Total couples
52	59	107	42	1	-	-	-		With children under 16
70	81	146	54	3	-	-	-		Total children under 16
222	192	691	238	104	26	16	-	45 and over	0 ³
3	4	11	3	-	-	-	-		1
3	2	2	3	-	-	-	-		2
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		3
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		4
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		5 and over
228	198	704	244	104	26	16	-		Total couples
6	6	13	6	-	-	-	-		With children under 16
9	8	15	9	-	-	-	-		Total children under 16

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Table 4.16 Divorces: marital statuses before marriage of husband and wife, 1996-2006**England and Wales**

Year of divorce	Total	Husband's previous marital status			Wife's previous marital status			Combination of husband's and wife's previous marital status			
		Single	Widowed	Divorced	Single	Widowed	Divorced	First marriage of both parties	One party previously divorced	Both parties previously divorced	Others
1996	157,107	125,827	1,374	29,906	126,919	1,421	28,767	111,977	29,413	14,630	1,087
1997	146,689	117,272	1,242	28,175	118,329	1,294	27,066	104,205	27,653	13,794	1,037
1998	145,214	115,972	1,122	28,120	116,756	1,227	27,231	102,677	27,859	13,746	932
1999	144,556	115,108	1,174	28,274	115,426	1,213	27,917	101,548	27,915	14,138	955
2000	141,135	112,068	1,129	27,938	112,605	1,097	27,433	98,824	27,595	13,888	828
2001	143,818	114,311	1,057	28,450	114,631	1,131	28,056	100,541	28,306	14,100	871
2002	147,735	116,913	1,113	29,709	117,533	1,146	29,056	102,774	29,389	14,688	884
2003	153,490	121,395	994	31,101	121,896	1,203	30,391	106,444	30,960	15,266	820
2004	153,399	121,142	1,084	31,173	121,756	1,156	30,487	106,220	30,902	15,379	898
2005	141,750	111,675	939	29,136	112,014	1,028	28,708	97,637	28,812	14,516	785
2006	132,562	104,330	902	27,330	104,824	1,020	26,718	91,084	27,336	13,356	786

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Table 4.17 Divorces: age of wife at marriage, and marital statuses before marriage of husband and wife, 2006

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Wife's age at marriage	Wife's previous marital status	Husband's previous marital status			
		Total	Single	Widowed	Divorced
All ages	Total	132,562	104,330	902	27,330
	Single	104,824	91,084	285	13,455
	Widowed	1,020	389	112	519
	Divorced	26,718	12,857	505	13,356
Under 20	Total	14,478	13,804	21	653
	Single	14,462	13,790	21	651
	Widowed	1	1	-	-
	Divorced	15	13	-	2
20-24	Total	48,550	43,929	78	4,543
	Single	47,042	42,862	70	4,110
	Widowed	23	19	-	4
	Divorced	1,485	1,048	8	429
25-29	Total	35,177	28,177	109	6,891
	Single	29,037	24,347	77	4,613
	Widowed	94	62	-	32
	Divorced	6,046	3,768	32	2,246
30-34	Total	17,834	11,644	111	6,079
	Single	10,220	7,534	49	2,637
	Widowed	178	105	4	69
	Divorced	7,436	4,005	58	3,373
35-39	Total	8,560	4,242	132	4,186
	Single	2,869	1,853	32	984
	Widowed	176	67	12	97
	Divorced	5,515	2,322	88	3,105
40-44	Total	4,318	1,667	120	2,531
	Single	821	500	20	301
	Widowed	164	65	4	95
	Divorced	3,333	1,102	96	2,135
45-49	Total	2,153	575	114	1,464
	Single	248	127	8	113
	Widowed	129	31	16	82
	Divorced	1,776	417	90	1,269
50 and over	Total	1,492	292	217	983
	Single	125	71	8	46
	Widowed	255	39	76	140
	Divorced	1,112	182	133	797

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Table 4.18 Divorces: sex, marital status before marriage, year of marriage and age at marriage, 2006 England and Wales

Year of marriage	Age of husband at marriage								
	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over
Single bridegrooms									
All years	104,330	4,120	37,734	37,040	16,982	5,691	1,789	605	369
2006	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
2005	414	12	83	139	106	47	16	5	6
2004	3,484	76	746	1,179	890	387	137	43	26
2003	5,088	103	1,135	1,809	1,261	509	189	56	26
2002	5,512	118	1,200	1,952	1,372	575	185	69	41
2001	5,629	146	1,221	2,108	1,306	581	187	55	25
2000	5,681	150	1,189	2,211	1,368	497	164	65	37
1999	5,375	139	1,158	2,151	1,271	455	133	45	23
1998	4,846	123	1,094	1,965	1,106	386	114	37	21
1997	4,526	108	1,067	1,889	993	331	90	24	24
1996	4,324	77	1,109	1,818	926	241	105	29	19
1995	4,030	80	1,104	1,653	813	264	56	34	26
1994	3,933	65	1,142	1,676	746	200	61	22	21
1993	3,610	75	1,182	1,465	635	171	50	20	12
1992	3,496	74	1,223	1,445	534	140	54	18	8
1991	3,255	79	1,203	1,331	455	124	43	12	8
1990	3,247	81	1,241	1,305	451	123	29	11	6
1989	3,130	107	1,306	1,204	373	100	29	6	5
1988	2,882	111	1,289	1,057	302	83	26	10	4
1987	2,808	76	1,370	980	301	57	15	6	3
1986	2,635	105	1,265	923	245	64	18	11	4
1985	2,541	107	1,282	853	205	68	13	6	7
1984	2,213	103	1,173	709	172	42	13	-	1
1983	2,175	121	1,169	650	169	47	14	3	2
1982	2,032	116	1,112	600	155	34	10	4	1
1981	1,773	143	1,006	468	123	23	5	3	2
1980	1,771	129	1,053	431	128	18	7	2	3
1979	1,622	140	959	389	108	17	4	4	1
1978	1,467	137	849	367	92	19	2	1	-
1977	1,257	117	711	333	78	14	4	-	-
1976	1,157	131	689	265	57	10	5	-	-
1975	1,131	109	710	269	32	7	2	2	-
1974	1,018	105	605	253	42	13	-	-	-
1973	893	109	558	177	38	6	2	1	2
1972	867	108	524	208	21	5	-	-	1
1971	726	86	460	148	21	9	2	-	-
1970	686	85	475	105	15	4	2	-	-
1969	575	70	389	101	9	3	1	-	2
1968	507	55	354	79	16	3	-	-	-
1967	426	46	279	91	9	1	-	-	-
1966	319	50	201	58	7	3	-	-	-
1965	260	27	192	33	6	2	-	-	-
Before 1965	994	120	654	187	22	7	2	1	1
Not stated	13	1	3	6	2	1	-	-	-
2005-2006	416	12	83	139	107	47	16	5	7
2000-2004	25,394	593	5,491	9,259	6,197	2,549	862	288	155
1995-1999	23,101	527	5,532	9,476	5,109	1,677	498	169	113
1990-1994	17,541	374	5,991	7,222	2,821	758	237	83	55
1985-1989	13,996	506	6,512	5,017	1,426	372	101	39	23
1980-1984	9,964	612	5,513	2,858	747	164	49	12	9
1975-1979	6,634	634	3,918	1,623	367	67	17	7	1
1970-1974	4,190	493	2,622	891	137	37	6	1	3
1965-1969	2,087	248	1,415	362	47	12	1	-	2
1960-1964	683	90	448	120	14	7	2	1	1
1955-1959	220	25	135	52	8	-	-	-	-
1950-1954	64	3	49	12	-	-	-	-	-
Before 1950	27	2	22	3	-	-	-	-	-

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Table 4.18 - continued

Year of marriage	Age of wife at marriage								
	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over
Single brides									
All years	104,824	14,462	47,042	29,037	10,220	2,869	821	248	125
2006	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
2005	428	38	120	163	67	26	11	2	1
2004	3,440	283	1,154	1,175	540	205	59	16	8
2003	5,048	368	1,830	1,662	801	262	87	28	10
2002	5,488	401	1,913	1,830	891	297	107	34	15
2001	5,669	455	2,000	1,943	857	294	88	22	10
2000	5,612	493	1,900	1,941	888	280	77	22	11
1999	5,449	514	1,775	1,973	868	232	61	16	10
1998	4,885	445	1,671	1,787	702	208	45	18	9
1997	4,470	378	1,599	1,600	671	155	48	12	7
1996	4,326	354	1,594	1,569	590	157	39	15	8
1995	3,970	326	1,556	1,439	472	139	25	8	5
1994	3,909	290	1,691	1,314	450	119	33	8	4
1993	3,625	280	1,639	1,210	380	82	24	7	3
1992	3,494	259	1,671	1,140	340	59	17	3	5
1991	3,327	315	1,635	1,012	270	64	23	7	1
1990	3,251	331	1,688	956	214	39	14	7	2
1989	3,200	385	1,682	878	197	41	11	2	4
1988	2,929	372	1,616	720	176	32	11	1	1
1987	2,903	396	1,677	675	126	18	9	2	-
1986	2,663	390	1,575	556	106	27	7	2	-
1985	2,589	411	1,560	498	96	19	1	3	1
1984	2,269	422	1,329	420	71	19	3	3	2
1983	2,205	455	1,289	367	71	18	4	1	-
1982	2,068	478	1,216	292	59	19	1	2	1
1981	1,835	455	1,063	259	45	9	2	1	1
1980	1,793	488	1,023	225	48	3	3	2	1
1979	1,641	468	924	201	35	11	2	-	-
1978	1,462	455	801	162	35	7	1	1	-
1977	1,274	392	681	166	26	5	4	-	-
1976	1,175	427	583	131	29	5	-	-	-
1975	1,151	377	604	147	18	5	-	-	-
1974	1,015	332	545	119	17	1	-	1	-
1973	881	321	456	91	8	2	-	2	1
1972	854	302	444	92	13	2	-	-	1
1971	737	242	419	64	7	4	1	-	-
1970	689	226	402	55	5	1	-	-	-
1969	580	195	342	37	4	-	-	-	2
1968	508	169	301	32	5	-	1	-	-
1967	424	140	256	24	4	-	-	-	-
1966	324	131	170	19	3	-	1	-	-
1965	259	107	141	6	4	1	-	-	-
Before 1965	991	395	501	82	10	1	1	-	1
Not stated	12	1	6	4	1	-	-	-	-
2005-2006	430	38	120	164	67	27	11	2	1
2000-2004	25,257	2,000	8,797	8,551	3,977	1,338	418	122	54
1995-1999	23,100	2,017	8,195	8,368	3,303	891	218	69	39
1990-1994	17,606	1,475	8,324	5,632	1,654	363	111	32	15
1985-1989	14,284	1,954	8,110	3,327	701	137	39	10	6
1980-1984	10,170	2,298	5,920	1,563	294	68	13	9	5
1975-1979	6,703	2,119	3,593	807	143	33	7	1	-
1970-1974	4,176	1,423	2,266	421	50	10	1	3	2
1965-1969	2,095	742	1,210	118	20	1	2	-	2
1960-1964	682	284	340	48	7	1	1	-	1
1955-1959	220	80	110	27	3	-	-	-	-
1950-1954	63	21	38	4	-	-	-	-	-
Before 1950	26	10	13	3	-	-	-	-	-

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Table 4.18 - continued

Year of marriage	Age of husband at marriage								
	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over
Widowed bridegrooms									
All years	902	1	9	37	106	85	129	138	397
2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2005	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6
2004	67	-	-	2	2	5	9	7	42
2003	50	1	-	1	3	4	9	6	26
2002	58	-	-	-	4	2	5	12	35
2001	67	-	-	1	5	4	8	15	34
2000	51	-	1	2	7	5	8	6	22
1999	61	-	-	2	5	2	11	7	34
1998	43	-	-	1	1	4	6	3	28
1997	49	-	-	2	9	-	9	10	19
1996	57	-	-	-	4	8	7	11	27
1995	41	-	-	1	7	3	7	8	15
1994	48	-	-	5	7	7	3	9	17
1993	38	-	-	2	1	3	6	6	20
1992	28	-	-	1	7	4	4	6	6
1991	28	-	-	1	2	2	5	3	15
1990	22	-	-	-	2	4	5	6	5
1989	28	-	-	-	5	5	3	3	12
1988	23	-	-	-	3	2	3	2	13
1987	13	-	1	3	3	3	-	-	3
1986	16	-	-	2	5	1	3	4	1
1985	15	-	-	2	4	3	1	1	4
1984	9	-	-	-	2	1	2	2	2
1983	14	-	1	2	1	3	2	-	5
1982	8	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	3
1981	7	-	-	1	2	1	2	1	-
1980	11	-	-	1	1	2	4	2	1
1979	7	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1978	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1977	11	-	1	-	3	1	4	2	-
1976	4	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
1975	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
1974	3	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
1973	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
1972	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1971	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1970	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1969	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
1968	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
1967	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
1966	3	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
1965	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Before 1965	3	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2005-2006	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6
2000-2004	293	1	1	6	21	20	39	46	159
1995-1999	251	-	-	6	26	17	40	39	123
1990-1994	164	-	-	9	19	20	23	30	63
1985-1989	95	-	1	7	20	14	10	10	33
1980-1984	49	-	1	4	7	8	10	8	11
1975-1979	26	-	2	2	7	3	6	4	2
1970-1974	7	-	1	2	1	1	1	1	-
1965-1969	7	-	2	1	3	1	-	-	-
1960-1964	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
1955-1959	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1950-1954	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Before 1950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Table 4.18 - continued

Year of marriage	Age of wife at marriage								
	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over
Widowed brides									
All years	1,020	1	23	94	178	176	164	129	255
2006	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
2005	16	-	-	-	1	1	5	2	7
2004	65	-	1	2	4	7	9	11	31
2003	74	-	-	7	9	12	14	6	26
2002	70	-	1	1	8	13	11	8	28
2001	60	-	-	1	9	13	12	8	17
2000	52	-	1	3	12	8	9	5	14
1999	59	-	-	1	12	7	11	14	14
1998	58	-	-	3	8	10	14	5	18
1997	55	-	1	6	12	9	5	8	14
1996	63	1	-	5	8	14	5	16	14
1995	53	-	2	4	7	7	11	8	14
1994	41	-	-	3	8	9	8	5	8
1993	41	-	1	7	6	9	4	3	11
1992	23	-	-	2	5	5	2	7	2
1991	22	-	-	4	4	5	1	4	4
1990	22	-	-	4	3	1	3	3	8
1989	24	-	1	-	6	3	9	-	5
1988	33	-	-	2	5	10	5	5	6
1987	17	-	1	2	7	1	2	2	2
1986	19	-	-	1	3	5	6	2	2
1985	15	-	1	7	2	1	2	2	-
1984	23	-	4	3	4	8	2	1	1
1983	19	-	-	2	5	3	2	2	5
1982	13	-	1	3	4	2	3	-	-
1981	14	-	-	4	4	1	2	1	2
1980	13	-	-	1	6	3	1	-	2
1979	12	-	1	3	4	2	2	-	-
1978	4	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-
1977	10	-	2	2	-	3	3	-	-
1976	7	-	-	1	4	1	1	-	-
1975	5	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	-
1974	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1973	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
1972	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
1971	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
1970	3	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
1969	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1968	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
1967	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
1966	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1965	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Before 1965	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2005-2006	17	-	-	-	1	1	5	3	7
2000-2004	321	-	3	14	42	53	55	38	116
1995-1999	288	1	3	19	47	47	46	51	74
1990-1994	149	-	1	20	26	29	18	22	33
1985-1989	108	-	3	12	23	20	24	11	15
1980-1984	82	-	5	13	23	17	10	4	10
1975-1979	38	-	4	8	14	6	6	-	-
1970-1974	10	-	3	3	2	2	-	-	-
1965-1969	5	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-
1960-1964	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
1955-1959	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1950-1954	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Before 1950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Table 4.18 - continued

Year of marriage	Age of husband at marriage								
	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over
Divorced bridegrooms									
All years	27,330	6	478	3,743	6,941	6,498	4,326	2,767	2,571
2006	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
2005	189	-	-	4	28	42	43	22	50
2004	1,239	-	10	69	190	294	266	193	217
2003	1,594	1	7	81	285	377	349	193	301
2002	1,659	-	8	85	339	430	355	210	232
2001	1,686	-	12	112	356	448	327	215	216
2000	1,763	-	11	122	375	498	334	225	198
1999	1,744	1	13	162	407	451	288	206	216
1998	1,596	-	16	154	374	434	264	161	193
1997	1,461	-	6	172	389	354	236	169	135
1996	1,516	-	17	160	394	372	245	173	155
1995	1,360	1	16	175	371	331	191	149	126
1994	1,217	-	13	164	327	288	189	137	99
1993	1,065	-	17	129	331	245	154	120	69
1992	972	-	10	156	257	246	138	91	74
1991	900	-	16	142	272	187	158	77	48
1990	827	-	23	138	237	184	125	77	43
1989	798	1	16	167	242	157	112	69	34
1988	735	-	24	147	220	157	94	54	39
1987	668	1	25	145	203	148	88	35	23
1986	594	-	20	154	137	148	76	37	22
1985	547	1	21	119	178	125	53	28	22
1984	452	-	13	120	136	96	44	28	15
1983	429	-	22	99	128	112	40	21	7
1982	398	-	15	108	149	70	34	12	10
1981	359	-	19	115	115	67	21	15	7
1980	304	-	15	97	106	55	17	11	3
1979	278	-	17	84	90	46	24	10	7
1978	200	-	14	65	61	32	15	9	4
1977	196	-	12	66	78	25	11	3	1
1976	136	-	12	47	44	22	6	4	1
1975	120	-	6	55	29	16	10	3	1
1974	91	-	4	42	20	15	4	4	2
1973	63	-	6	26	18	8	3	1	1
1972	43	-	4	11	20	4	2	2	-
1971	37	-	7	12	9	5	3	1	-
1970	20	-	3	8	4	2	3	-	-
1969	17	-	2	6	6	2	1	-	-
1968	17	-	-	9	5	2	1	-	-
1967	11	-	1	5	4	1	-	-	-
1966	8	-	2	3	1	1	-	1	-
1965	5	-	2	2	-	-	-	1	-
Before 1965	14	-	1	5	6	1	1	-	-
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2005-2006	191	-	-	5	28	42	44	22	50
2000-2004	7,941	1	48	469	1,545	2,047	1,631	1,036	1,164
1995-1999	7,677	2	68	823	1,935	1,942	1,224	858	825
1990-1994	4,981	-	79	729	1,424	1,150	764	502	333
1985-1989	3,342	3	106	732	980	735	423	223	140
1980-1984	1,942	-	84	539	634	400	156	87	42
1975-1979	930	-	61	317	302	141	66	29	14
1970-1974	254	-	24	99	71	34	15	8	3
1965-1969	58	-	7	25	16	6	2	2	-
1960-1964	13	-	1	5	5	1	1	-	-
1955-1959	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
1950-1954	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Before 1950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Table 4.18 - continued

Year of marriage	Age of wife at marriage								
	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over
Divorced brides									
All years	26,718	15	1,485	6,046	7,436	5,515	3,333	1,776	1,112
2006	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
2005	166	-	7	21	29	29	36	11	33
2004	1,285	-	25	135	281	337	250	147	110
2003	1,610	1	42	175	364	399	332	169	128
2002	1,671	2	36	225	416	443	275	158	116
2001	1,653	-	45	211	461	410	275	135	116
2000	1,831	3	42	292	495	471	276	153	99
1999	1,672	1	48	245	514	403	232	129	100
1998	1,542	-	38	302	448	354	216	111	73
1997	1,511	-	40	300	469	343	205	98	56
1996	1,508	1	50	323	473	313	175	113	60
1995	1,408	-	56	289	456	285	177	100	45
1994	1,248	-	66	295	382	245	120	97	43
1993	1,047	-	63	264	316	209	103	62	30
1992	979	1	59	267	291	184	99	63	15
1991	834	-	63	246	248	129	92	40	16
1990	823	-	49	260	244	132	93	34	11
1989	732	1	51	237	200	112	88	31	12
1988	678	-	62	229	188	106	57	30	6
1987	569	1	63	216	141	77	50	14	7
1986	563	-	57	196	145	94	41	18	12
1985	499	-	58	194	120	80	28	14	5
1984	382	1	38	138	107	72	15	10	1
1983	394	-	48	151	111	57	13	8	6
1982	357	-	47	131	88	52	29	8	2
1981	290	-	36	117	75	45	9	5	3
1980	280	-	53	102	76	29	13	4	3
1979	254	-	49	99	69	25	10	2	-
1978	203	-	52	62	58	21	8	1	1
1977	180	-	31	79	50	9	6	4	1
1976	115	1	25	45	27	11	2	2	2
1975	97	-	21	33	27	10	4	2	-
1974	95	-	19	45	23	6	2	-	-
1973	76	-	10	42	13	9	1	1	-
1972	54	1	12	29	6	5	1	-	-
1971	25	1	9	9	2	2	-	2	-
1970	15	-	1	7	6	1	-	-	-
1969	13	-	4	5	3	1	-	-	-
1968	15	-	4	3	5	3	-	-	-
1967	13	-	-	8	4	1	-	-	-
1966	6	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
1965	5	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	-
Before 1965	18	-	4	10	3	1	-	-	-
Not stated	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
2005-2006	167	-	7	21	30	29	36	11	33
2000-2004	8,050	6	190	1,038	2,017	2,060	1,408	762	569
1995-1999	7,641	2	232	1,459	2,360	1,698	1,005	551	334
1990-1994	4,931	1	300	1,332	1,481	899	507	296	115
1985-1989	3,041	2	291	1,072	794	469	264	107	42
1980-1984	1,703	1	222	639	457	255	79	35	15
1975-1979	849	1	178	318	231	76	30	11	4
1970-1974	265	2	51	132	50	23	4	3	-
1965-1969	52	-	10	24	13	5	-	-	-
1960-1964	14	-	4	7	2	1	-	-	-
1955-1959	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
1950-1954	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Before 1950	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

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Table 4.19 Divorce rates: sex, marital status before marriage, year of marriage and age at marriage, 2006

England and Wales

Year of marriage	Age of husband at marriage						Age of wife at marriage					
	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35 and over	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35 and over
	Single bridegrooms						Single brides					
All years¹	5.6	4.3	4.5	6.7	8.0	5.6	5.6	3.9	5.1	8.2	8.2	4.0
2005-06	2.4	9.4	4.0	2.5	2.1	1.7	2.4	8.7	3.2	2.5	1.6	1.5
2000-04	27.5	62.9	43.1	28.6	23.0	20.1	27.1	57.1	38.8	24.9	19.3	16.2
1995-99	24.3	46.9	31.5	23.8	21.6	19.1	24.3	44.3	28.2	22.3	20.0	16.0
1990-94	15.8	18.4	17.6	15.6	15.0	11.9	15.8	19.0	17.0	14.9	14.1	9.8
1985-89	11.0	11.3	11.9	11.0	10.1	6.6	11.1	11.8	11.7	10.7	9.0	4.5
1980-84	7.7	7.3	8.4	7.7	6.5	3.3	7.7	7.9	8.3	7.3	5.2	2.5
1975-79	4.8	4.9	5.4	4.6	3.6	1.3	4.8	5.0	5.2	4.3	2.8	0.9
1970-74	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.4	1.5	0.6	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.2	1.1	0.3
1965-69	1.2	1.6	1.4	1.0	0.5	0.2	1.2	1.4	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.1
1960-64	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.0
1955-59	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
1950-54	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Before 1950 ²	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Widowed bridegrooms						Widowed brides					
All years¹	0.8	22.2	2.1	1.6	2.4	0.7	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.8	1.5	0.9
2005-06	1.2	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
2000-04	9.6	-	50.0	33.5	35.7	8.9	11.0	0.0	30.3	27.4	30.6	9.6
1995-99	6.9	-	0.0	21.4	29.2	6.2	8.3	250.0	22.6	23.3	25.4	6.8
1990-94	3.7	-	0.0	19.7	18.0	3.2	3.5	0.0	3.8	16.7	12.0	2.6
1985-89	1.7	0.0	10.0	11.9	15.5	1.3	2.0	0.0	6.8	7.2	8.7	1.4
1980-84	0.7	-	6.1	4.0	3.8	0.6	1.3	0.0	6.5	6.4	7.2	0.7
1975-79	0.3	0.0	6.9	1.5	3.1	0.2	0.5	0.0	3.4	2.8	3.6	0.2
1970-74	0.1	0.0	2.6	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	2.1	0.9	0.5	0.0
1965-69	0.1	0.0	2.8	0.5	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.7	1.3	0.0	0.0
1960-64	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
1955-59	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1950-54	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Before 1950 ²	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Divorced bridegrooms						Divorced brides					
All years¹	8.4	20.6	8.0	8.8	10.4	7.7	8.6	6.4	7.7	9.9	10.8	7.2
2005-06	2.8	0.0	0.0	3.3	4.0	2.6	2.5	0.0	12.1	6.0	3.0	2.1
2000-04	21.9	15.9	35.5	36.5	30.8	19.7	22.7	19.9	39.4	38.3	29.7	18.8
1995-99	20.3	25.3	26.2	30.3	27.1	17.5	20.2	4.2	26.5	29.3	26.8	15.5
1990-94	12.9	0.0	18.0	16.8	17.5	10.6	12.9	4.8	19.6	18.7	16.5	8.8
1985-89	8.0	85.7	12.4	12.1	11.1	5.9	7.6	5.4	10.8	12.4	9.1	4.5
1980-84	4.9	0.0	7.7	7.9	6.6	3.0	4.5	4.1	6.6	7.1	5.1	2.3
1975-79	2.6	0.0	4.7	4.3	3.6	1.3	2.4	3.1	4.8	3.5	2.8	0.9
1970-74	0.9	0.0	2.7	1.9	1.3	0.4	1.0	12.5	1.9	2.0	1.0	0.3
1965-69	0.4	0.0	1.7	1.0	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.1
1960-64	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.0
1955-59	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1950-54	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Before 1950 ²	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Note: Rates shown in this table are divorces per 1,000 related marriages in England and Wales by year of marriage, sex, age and previous marital status - see section 4.11.

1 Denominators used are total marriages from 1940 to 2005

2 Denominators used are total marriages from 1940 to 1949.

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Table 4.20 Decrees awarded: type, fact proven at divorce and party granted divorce, 2006

England and Wales

Fact proven	Party to whom granted			
	Total	Husband	Wife	Both ¹
Total Divorces (dissolution & annulment)	132,562	41,771	90,662	129
Annulments	144	69	75	-
Dissolutions granted	132,418	41,702	90,587	129
For petitions filed before 1 Jan 1971	-	-	-	-
For petitions filed on or after 1 Jan 1971	132,418	41,702	90,587	129
Adultery		8,828	16,108	
Behaviour		13,452	48,782	
Desertion		210	289	
Any two or all three of adultery, behaviour and desertion		59	138	
Separation (2 years and consent)		13,308	18,486	
Separation (5 years)		5,844	6,784	
Separation (2 years with consent) with any adultery, behaviour or desertion		1	-	
Separation (5 years) with any adultery, behaviour, desertion or presumed dead		-	-	
Others		-	-	

1 These are divorces granted to both husband and wife. The facts proven for these divorces were:

Fact proven against husband	Fact proven against wife						
	Total	Adultery	Behaviour	Desertion	Separation (2 years and consent)	Separation (5 years)	Others
Total	129	30	96	-	3	-	-
Adultery	19	9	9	-	1	-	-
Behaviour	105	20	85	-	-	-	-
Desertion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Separation (2 years and consent)	4	-	2	-	2	-	-
Separation (5 years)	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Table 4.21 Divorces granted to a sole party (numbers and proportions): age of party at divorce and fact proven at divorce, 2006

England and Wales

Age at date of decree absolute	Party to whom granted	Fact proven						
		Total	Adultery	Behaviour	Desertion	Separation (2 years and consent)	Separation (5 years)	Others
Numbers								
All ages ¹	Husband	41,702	8,828	13,452	210	13,308	5,844	60
	Wife	90,587	16,108	48,782	289	18,486	6,784	138
Under 20	Husband	3	1	2	-	-	-	-
	Wife	48	3	43	-	2	-	-
20-24	Husband	337	101	186	3	45	2	-
	Wife	2,302	306	1,700	9	276	7	4
25-29	Husband	2,338	577	1,055	11	630	60	5
	Wife	8,931	1,409	5,568	27	1,697	216	14
30-34	Husband	5,751	1,365	2,254	28	1,764	327	13
	Wife	14,862	2,515	8,500	54	3,171	603	19
35-39	Husband	7,986	1,830	2,719	34	2,648	740	15
	Wife	19,304	3,444	10,681	62	3,954	1,125	38
40-44	Husband	8,133	1,873	2,546	33	2,709	961	11
	Wife	18,029	3,395	9,581	49	3,723	1,251	30
45-49	Husband	6,682	1,459	1,972	31	2,154	1,059	7
	Wife	12,385	2,376	6,108	31	2,637	1,217	16
50-54	Husband	4,568	848	1,190	25	1,558	941	6
	Wife	7,227	1,383	3,265	29	1,615	928	7
55-59	Husband	3,098	455	766	17	1,040	817	3
	Wife	4,551	856	1,996	15	874	802	8
60 and over	Husband	2,800	318	760	27	759	936	-
	Wife	2,941	420	1,336	13	537	633	2
Proportions per 1,000 by fact proven								
All ages	Husband	1,000	212	323	5	319	140	1
	Wife	1,000	178	539	3	204	75	2
Under 20	Husband	1,000	333	667	-	-	-	-
	Wife	1,000	63	896	-	42	-	-
20-24	Husband	1,000	300	552	9	134	6	-
	Wife	1,000	133	738	4	120	3	2
25-29	Husband	1,000	247	451	5	269	26	2
	Wife	1,000	158	623	3	190	24	2
30-34	Husband	1,000	237	392	5	307	57	2
	Wife	1,000	169	572	4	213	41	1
35-39	Husband	1,000	229	340	4	332	93	2
	Wife	1,000	178	553	3	205	58	2
40-44	Husband	1,000	230	313	4	333	118	1
	Wife	1,000	188	531	3	207	69	2
45-49	Husband	1,000	218	295	5	322	158	1
	Wife	1,000	192	493	3	213	98	1
50-54	Husband	1,000	186	261	5	341	206	1
	Wife	1,000	191	452	4	223	128	1
55-59	Husband	1,000	147	247	5	336	264	1
	Wife	1,000	188	439	3	192	176	2
60 and over	Husband	1,000	114	271	10	271	334	-
	Wife	1,000	143	454	4	183	215	1
Proportions per 1,000 by party								
All ages	Husband	315	354	216	421	419	463	303
	Wife	685	646	784	579	581	537	697

Note: This table excludes 129 divorces granted to both parties jointly and 144 annulments.

¹ Including 'not stated'.

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Table 4.22 Decrees awarded: type, fact proven at divorce, couples with children aged under 16, and interval between petition and divorce, 2006

England and Wales

Fact proven	Interval						
	Total	Under 6 mths	6 mths and under 1 year	1 year and under 18 mths	18 mths and under 2 years	2 years and under 3 years	3 years or longer
All divorces	132,433	51,337	45,658	17,101	8,075	6,238	4,024
couples with children under 16	69,814	22,967	25,074	10,382	4,999	3,979	2,413
other couples	62,619	28,370	20,584	6,719	3,076	2,259	1,611
Annulments	144	43	55	24	7	6	9
couples with children under 16	14	4	7	1	-	1	1
other couples	130	39	48	23	7	5	8
Dissolutions	132,289	51,294	45,603	17,077	8,068	6,232	4,015
couples with children under 16	69,800	22,963	25,067	10,381	4,999	3,978	2,412
other couples	62,489	28,331	20,536	6,696	3,069	2,254	1,603
Adultery:	24,936	9,397	8,392	3,500	1,585	1,273	789
couples with children under 16	14,029	4,554	4,873	2,224	1,024	852	502
other couples	10,907	4,843	3,519	1,276	561	421	287
Behaviour:	62,234	19,374	23,169	9,576	4,591	3,471	2,053
couples with children under 16	37,317	10,146	14,093	6,245	3,030	2,429	1,374
other couples	24,917	9,228	9,076	3,331	1,561	1,042	679
Desertion:	499	200	152	63	25	29	30
couples with children under 16	130	45	37	19	10	9	10
other couples	369	155	115	44	15	20	20
Separation-2 years and consent:	31,794	16,465	9,714	2,676	1,227	982	730
couples with children under 16	14,275	6,632	4,666	1,408	687	516	366
other couples	17,519	9,833	5,048	1,268	540	466	364
Separation-5 years:	12,628	5,787	4,088	1,239	629	475	410
couples with children under 16	3,940	1,544	1,355	473	240	170	158
other couples	8,688	4,243	2,733	766	389	305	252
Others (and not stated):	198	71	88	23	11	2	3
couples with children under 16	109	42	43	12	8	2	2
other couples	89	29	45	11	3	-	1

Notes: This table excludes 129 divorces granted to both parties jointly.

Some of the time periods listed under interval between petition and divorce changed slightly from the 2000 volume onwards. The table is therefore not comparable with those in FM2 annual volumes prior to 2000.

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Table 4.23 Matrimonial suits: type of petition filed and decree nisi granted, 1996-2006**England and Wales**

Year of petition	Petitions ^{1,2} filed for:			Year of award	Decree nisi			Decrees granted
	Divorce (dissolution of marriage)	Nullity	Judicial separation		Divorce (dissolution of marriage)	Nullity	Judicial separation	
1996	177,970	702	1,584	1996	157,588	332		915
1997	163,769	485	1,078	1997	148,310	248		589
1998	165,870	505	916	1998	144,231	281		519
1999	162,137	549	882	1999	143,446	495		696
2000	157,809	452	650	2000	143,729	274		540
2001	172,341	492	1,078	2001	163,146	160		622
2002	177,224	443	1,001	2002	170,980	216		560
2003	173,265	463	826	2003	168,029	204		467
2004	167,342	495	745	2004	166,330	308		419
2005	151,844	441	700	2005	150,959	261		385
2006	148,659	406	615	2006	145,415	240		353

1 See sections 1.3 and 4.5.

2 Source: Ministry of Justice (*Judicial and Court Statistics*)

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Table 4.24 Orders¹ concerning custody of children in family proceedings: type of order by whether within divorce, 1996-2006**England and Wales**

Year of order	Orders made							
	Within divorce				Other			
	Contact	Prohibited steps	Residence	Specific issue	Contact	Prohibited steps	Residence	Specific issue
1996	13,875	1,577	8,616	846	18,715	3,711	13,477	1,275
1997	12,539	1,365	7,036	611	21,265	3,381	13,774	1,330
1998	10,825	1,118	5,764	543	21,642	2,803	13,593	1,135
1999	10,547	1,308	5,580	532	24,659	3,405	15,084	1,368
2000	7,904	977	3,919	465	29,405	3,978	15,996	1,645
2001	6,721	811	2,895	435	42,555	6,407	21,889	2,268
2002	5,612	477	2,102	236	50,861	8,202	24,396	2,527
2003	4,614	388	1,761	191	57,594	8,937	26,292	2,754
2004	3,469	245	1,127	182	61,622	9,063	26,927	3,463
2005	2,390	221	770	97	57,432	8,206	26,845	3,481
2006	1,681	194	411	93	63,682	10,279	19,081	3,322

1 Section 8 orders and other part 11 Applications made under the Children Act 1989 (covers orders made in both the High Court and County Courts; see *Judicial and Court Statistics* for further details).

Source: Ministry of Justice

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Table 5.1 New widowers and widows¹: age, 2006

England and Wales

Age	Widowers	Widows	Age	Widowers	Widows
All ages	64,035	126,333	55	561	1,331
Age not stated	2,736	4,931	56	621	1,481
All stated ages	61,299	121,402	57	763	1,728
15	-	-	58	904	2,126
16	1	1	59	1,059	2,422
17	-	1	60	954	2,158
18	-	3	61	940	2,376
19	-	5	62	1,121	2,533
20	1	8	63	1,093	2,635
21	6	15	64	1,103	2,573
22	4	12	65	1,123	2,696
23	8	29	66	1,222	3,028
24	5	29	67	1,366	3,321
25	12	46	68	1,430	3,420
26	10	44	69	1,485	3,519
27	15	64	70	1,539	3,737
28	22	73	71	1,688	3,798
29	20	80	72	1,694	3,875
30	28	105	73	1,804	4,115
31	30	122	74	1,894	4,446
32	44	109	75	2,046	4,612
33	52	130	76	2,125	4,576
34	69	180	77	2,176	4,464
35	76	190	78	2,234	4,224
36	83	206	79	2,312	4,203
37	98	247	80	2,343	4,186
38	104	271	81	2,199	3,786
39	120	330	82	2,190	3,635
40	151	306	83	2,112	3,425
41	170	403	84	2,133	3,138
42	193	437	85	1,991	2,876
43	186	427	86	1,852	2,409
44	221	449	87	1,182	1,413
45	220	557	88	929	1,047
46	245	650	89	861	916
47	328	651	90 and over	2,804	2,434
48	332	722			
49	347	716			
50	365	833			
51	420	922			
52	440	1,023			
53	485	1,128			
54	535	1,216			

Note: This table relates only to cases where the marital condition of the deceased was known.

1 Excluding those cases where both the deceased/surviving spouse formed a civil partnership.

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Table 5.2 Widowers¹: age in combination with age of deceased, 2006**England and Wales**

Deceased wife's age	New widower's age															
	Total	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85 and over	Not stated
All ages	64,035	25	79	223	481	921	1,472	2,245	3,908	5,211	6,626	8,619	10,893	10,977	9,619	2,736
Under 20	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24	36	11	11	6	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
25-29	123	3	39	39	16	11	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
30-34	277	1	14	91	96	35	11	7	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	18
35-39	636	-	3	48	210	202	67	24	13	2	2	1	-	-	-	64
40-44	1,136	2	4	20	95	412	334	111	54	14	8	1	-	1	-	80
45-49	1,772	1	1	7	26	140	654	565	183	60	20	8	9	1	1	96
50-54	2,799	1	-	5	20	68	234	997	925	260	77	27	7	1	-	177
55-59	4,834	-	2	3	4	28	111	357	1,923	1,625	395	138	40	10	4	194
60-64	6,097	-	-	1	5	17	38	106	504	2,378	2,092	551	138	31	11	225
65-69	7,453	-	1	-	3	6	14	45	178	574	2,959	2,612	603	145	36	277
70-74	9,347	1	1	2	-	-	7	16	80	166	723	3,874	3,345	670	129	333
75-79	10,850	-	2	-	1	1	1	9	25	82	225	1,008	5,033	3,423	660	380
80-84	10,324	1	-	-	1	-	1	3	12	32	99	278	1,353	5,129	3,018	397
85 and over	8,347	1	-	1	3	-	-	3	6	17	26	121	365	1,566	5,760	478

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Table 5.3 Widows¹: age in combination with age of deceased, 2006**England and Wales**

Deceased husband's age	New widow's age															
	Total	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85 and over	Not stated
All ages	126,333	103	307	646	1,244	2,022	3,296	5,122	9,088	12,275	15,984	19,971	22,079	18,170	11,095	4,931
Under 20	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24	25	19	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
25-29	150	31	68	22	4	4	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
30-34	394	20	95	174	45	14	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
35-39	780	9	68	205	315	93	20	7	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	59
40-44	1,332	5	27	98	373	501	143	36	13	5	3	-	-	-	-	128
45-49	2,195	6	16	52	202	614	852	192	67	15	1	-	-	-	1	177
50-54	3,668	-	8	30	114	341	1,042	1,443	369	67	21	7	1	1	1	223
55-59	6,660	2	8	25	86	189	615	1,813	2,850	609	125	29	8	3	3	295
60-64	9,642	1	4	18	48	130	303	807	3,187	3,982	599	150	23	10	1	379
65-69	13,161	3	-	12	28	60	165	425	1,332	4,403	5,159	865	154	38	8	509
70-74	18,279	1	5	3	18	47	84	213	668	1,821	6,254	6,991	1,279	184	41	670
75-79	23,639	2	1	4	5	17	43	114	357	801	2,510	8,346	8,894	1,518	234	793
80-84	23,996	1	2	3	2	8	19	50	162	386	907	2,621	8,707	8,804	1,527	797
85 and over	22,410	1	3	-	3	4	7	21	79	185	405	962	3,013	7,612	9,279	836

Note: These tables relate only to cases where the marital condition of the deceased was known.

1 Excluding those cases where both the deceased/surviving spouse formed a civil partnership.

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Table 6.1a Adoption orders by date of entry in Adopted Children Register: sex, and whether adopted child born within/outside marriage, 1997-2007

England and Wales

Year	All children			Children born within marriage			Children born outside marriage			Marital status not stated
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	
1997	5,307	2,610	2,697	1,965	954	1,011	3,257	1,617	1,640	85
1998 ¹	4,386	2,214	2,172	1,441	730	711	2,945	1,484	1,461	-
1999	4,317	2,115	2,202	1,012	505	507	2,451	1,190	1,261	854
2000	4,940	2,452	2,488	1,400	676	724	3,433	1,723	1,710	107
2001	5,981	3,011	2,970	1,507	758	749	4,204	2,138	2,066	270
2002	5,680	2,871	2,809	1,320	645	675	4,113	2,120	1,993	247
2003	4,818	2,339	2,479	1,066	494	572	3,488	1,738	1,750	264
2004	5,562	2,777	2,785	1,184	594	590	4,140	2,080	2,060	238
2005	5,558	2,790	2,768	1,078	546	532	4,223	2,136	2,087	257
2006	4,979	2,445	2,534	885	439	446	3,851	1,905	1,976	213
2007	4,637	2,316	2,321	800	397	403	3,608	1,813	1,795	229

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Table 6.1b Adoption orders by date of court order: sex, and whether adopted child born within/outside marriage, 1997-2007

England and Wales

Year	All children			Children born within marriage			Children born outside marriage			Marital status not stated
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	
1997	5,212	2,554	2,658	1,917	936	981	3,206	1,575	1,631	89
1998 ¹	4,617	2,314	2,303	1,490	749	741	3,127	1,565	1,562	-
1999	4,987	2,454	2,533	1,341	662	679	3,303	1,611	1,692	343
2000	5,086	2,548	2,538	1,393	677	716	3,530	1,804	1,726	163
2001	5,386	2,689	2,697	1,293	649	644	3,852	1,929	1,923	241
2002	5,486	2,773	2,713	1,295	628	667	3,947	2,036	1,911	244
2003	5,363	2,631	2,732	1,163	556	607	3,951	1,977	1,974	249
2004	5,372	2,677	2,695	1,133	557	576	3,995	2,015	1,980	244
2005	5,276	2,624	2,652	1,016	513	503	4,025	2,013	2,012	235
2006	4,765	2,375	2,390	829	417	412	3,729	1,862	1,867	207
2007	4,728	2,349	2,379	813	404	409	3,660	1,819	1,841	255

Note: Figures are subject to change - see section 5.3.

1 Where missing, marital status has been imputed - see section 5.4.

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Table 6.2a Adoptions by date of entry in Adopted Children Register (numbers and percentages): sex and age, 1997-2007 **England and Wales**

Year	All ages		Under 1		1-4		5-9		10-14		15-17	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total												
1997	5,307	100	225	4	1,606	30	1,914	36	1,265	24	297	6
1998	4,386	100	195	4	1,489	34	1,545	35	937	21	220	5
1999	4,317	100	196	5	1,627	38	1,477	34	803	19	214	5
2000	4,940	100	251	5	2,019	41	1,549	31	906	19	215	4
2001 ¹	5,981	100	246	4	2,648	44	1,845	31	983	16	257	4
2002	5,680	100	287	5	2,532	45	1,748	31	900	16	213	4
2003	4,818	100	183	4	2,260	47	1,503	31	683	14	189	4
2004	5,562	100	253	5	2,627	47	1,651	30	786	14	245	4
2005	5,558	100	222	4	2,902	52	1,552	28	683	12	199	4
2006 ²	4,979	100	197	4	2,591	52	1,406	28	585	12	200	4
2007 ³	4,637	100	151	3	2,511	54	1,206	26	575	12	194	4
Males												
1997	2,610	100	122	5	824	32	917	35	619	24	128	5
1998	2,214	100	100	5	775	35	755	34	489	22	95	4
1999	2,115	100	96	5	816	39	712	34	390	18	101	5
2000	2,452	100	127	5	1,022	42	759	31	434	18	110	4
2001 ⁴	3,011	100	124	4	1,370	45	904	30	494	16	118	4
2002	2,871	100	160	6	1,324	46	846	29	443	15	98	3
2003	2,339	100	91	4	1,115	48	737	32	301	13	95	4
2004	2,777	100	132	5	1,327	48	831	30	373	13	114	4
2005	2,790	100	112	4	1,461	52	807	29	320	11	90	3
2006 ⁴	2,445	100	95	4	1,281	52	707	29	267	11	95	4
2007 ⁵	2,316	100	77	3	1,254	54	618	27	270	12	97	4
Females												
1997	2,697	100	103	4	782	29	997	37	646	24	169	6
1998	2,172	100	95	4	714	33	790	36	448	21	125	6
1999	2,202	100	100	5	811	37	765	35	413	19	113	5
2000	2,488	100	124	5	997	40	790	32	472	19	105	4
2001 ⁴	2,970	100	122	4	1,278	43	941	32	489	16	139	5
2002	2,809	100	127	5	1,208	43	902	32	457	16	115	4
2003	2,479	100	92	4	1,145	46	766	31	382	15	94	4
2004	2,785	100	121	4	1,300	47	820	29	413	15	131	5
2005	2,768	100	110	4	1,441	52	745	27	363	13	109	4
2006 ⁶	2,534	100	102	4	1,310	52	699	28	318	13	105	4
2007 ⁷	2,321	100	74	3	1,257	54	588	25	305	13	97	4

Note: Figures are subject to change - see section 5.3.

1 Includes two cases where age was greater than 17.

2 Includes five cases where age was greater than 17.

3 Includes twenty-three cases where age was greater than 17.

4 Includes one case where age was greater than 17.

5 Includes eight cases where age was greater than 17.

6 Includes four cases where age was greater than 17.

7 Includes fifteen cases where age was greater than 17.

To link to Excel version of the table - click on the red box surrounding the table title.

Table 6.2b Adoptions by date of court order (numbers and percentages): sex and age, 1997-2007

England and Wales

Year	All ages		Under 1		1-4		5-9		10-14		15-17	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total												
1997	5,212	100	227	4	1,604	31	1,854	36	1,239	24	288	6
1998	4,617	100	214	5	1,574	34	1,640	36	963	21	226	5
1999	4,987	100	212	4	1,940	39	1,671	34	925	19	239	5
2000 ¹	5,086	100	268	5	2,101	41	1,595	31	900	18	221	4
2001 ¹	5,386	100	223	4	2,421	45	1,654	31	866	16	221	4
2002	5,486	100	272	5	2,466	45	1,657	30	877	16	214	4
2003	5,363	100	216	4	2,485	46	1,695	32	749	14	218	4
2004	5,372	100	244	5	2,638	49	1,554	29	715	13	221	4
2005	5,276	100	195	4	2,717	51	1,479	28	680	13	205	4
2006 ²	4,765	100	188	4	2,510	53	1,349	28	531	11	187	4
2007 ³	4,728	100	140	3	2,580	55	1,215	26	598	13	195	4
Males												
1997	2,554	100	122	5	831	33	876	34	604	24	121	5
1998	2,314	100	112	5	816	35	790	34	495	21	101	4
1999	2,454	100	110	4	957	39	818	33	451	18	118	5
2000	2,548	100	140	5	1,072	42	791	31	440	17	105	4
2001 ¹	2,689	100	105	4	1,273	47	789	29	417	16	104	4
2002	2,773	100	149	5	1,274	46	816	29	441	16	93	3
2003	2,631	100	109	4	1,236	47	832	32	342	13	112	4
2004	2,677	100	127	5	1,327	50	794	30	328	12	101	4
2005	2,624	100	94	4	1,358	52	755	29	314	12	103	4
2006 ⁴	2,375	100	94	4	1,262	53	691	29	247	10	81	3
2007 ⁵	2,349	100	68	3	1,277	54	623	27	284	12	97	4
Females												
1997	2,658	100	105	4	773	29	978	37	635	24	167	6
1998	2,303	100	102	4	758	33	850	37	468	20	125	5
1999	2,533	100	102	4	983	39	853	34	474	19	121	5
2000 ¹	2,538	100	128	5	1,029	41	804	32	460	18	116	5
2001	2,697	100	118	4	1,148	43	865	32	449	17	117	4
2002	2,713	100	123	5	1,192	44	841	31	436	16	121	4
2003	2,732	100	107	4	1,249	46	863	32	407	15	106	4
2004	2,695	100	117	4	1,311	49	760	28	387	14	120	4
2005	2,652	100	101	4	1,359	51	724	27	366	14	102	4
2006 ⁶	2,390	100	94	4	1,248	52	658	28	284	12	106	4
2007 ⁷	2,379	100	72	3	1,303	55	592	25	314	13	98	4

Note: Figures are subject to change - see section 5.3.

1 Includes one case where age was greater than 17.

2 Includes eleven cases where age was greater than 17.

3 Includes twenty-one cases where age was greater than 17.

4 Includes four cases where age was greater than 17.

5 Includes five cases where age was greater than 17.

6 Includes seven cases where age was greater than 17.

7 Includes sixteen cases where age was greater than 17.

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Table 6.3 Adoption applications and orders granted, 1995-2005**England and Wales**

Year of application/ order	Number of children:									
	Applications for adoption			Adoption orders granted						
	Total	Step-parent	Other	All orders	Contested			Uncontested		
					Total	Step-parent	Other	Total	Step-parent	Other
1995	4,723	2,503	2,220	4,634	1,190	463	727	3,444	1,844	1,600
1996 ¹	4,699	2,410	2,289	4,287	835	328	507	3,452	1,883	1,569
1997	3,595	1,604	1,991	3,571	769	221	548	2,802	1,391	1,411
1998 ¹	3,943	1,696	2,247	3,693	854	277	577	2,839	1,409	1,430
1999 ²	3,313	1,139	2,174	2,982	880	183	697	2,102	915	1,187
2000 ¹	3,159	995	2,164	2,889	743	152	591	2,146	708	1,438
2001 ¹	3,471	808	2,663	3,286	728	112	616	2,558	685	1,873
2002	3,262	631	2,631	3,171	708	81	627	2,463	548	1,915
2003	3,377	584	2,793	3,467	933	99	834	2,534	502	2,032
2004	3,464	544	2,920	3,288	712	85	627	2,576	462	2,114
2005	3,111	440	2,671	2,692	582	88	494	2,110	328	1,782

Note: Figures do not include information from Family Proceedings Courts - see section 1.3. Therefore the numbers of adoption orders shown in this table do not agree with those in Tables 6.1a, 6.1b, 6.2a and 6.2b which were derived from the appropriate numbers of adoption orders forwarded to the General Register Office. They are shown here because they allow a comparison with the corresponding numbers of adoption applications, obtained from the same data source. Table not updated for 2006 - see section 1.2.

1 Revised figures due to notification of amendments.

2 Revised figures due to miscalculation in original figures - compared with those published in *Judicial Statistics*.

Source: Her Majesty's Court Service

Appendix A Marriage data entry forms

Form to be used by REGISTRARS OF MARRIAGES for making Returns to THE REGISTRAR GENERAL

Registration District of

..... Marriage solemnized at..... in the

District of in the

Columns	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No.	When married	Name and surname	Age	Condition	Rank or profession	Residence at the time of marriage	Father's name and surname	Rank or profession of father
	20							

Married in the by by me,

This marriage was solemnized between us, { } in the presence of us, { }

Forms to be used by CLERKS IN HOLY ORDERS for making returns to THE REGISTRAR GENERAL

Registration District of

..... Marriage solemnized at in the Parish of

..... in the

Columns:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No.	When married	Name and surname	Age	Condition	Rank or profession	Residence at the time of marriage	Father's name and surname	Rank or profession of father
	20							

Married in the according to the rites and ceremonies of the by or after by me,

This marriage was solemnized between us, { } in the presence of us, { }

Appendix B Form used by the courts to record a divorce decree absolute (Form D 105)

FORM 105 DECREE ABSOLUTE

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OPCS CODE:

OPCS NUMBER

Court Name

11

Surname of Marriage

35

Forename(s) of Spouse obtaining Decree

39

Forename(s) of other Spouse

89

Number of Matter

119

Date Petition Filed

(insert full date: DD/MM/YY)

126

Date of Decree Absolute

(insert full date: DD/MM/YY)

131

Class(es) of Decree

(insert A,B,C,D,E or combinations as appropriate if nullity enter "N")

Husband

136

Wife

140

Please enter Y (for Yes) or N (for No)

as appropriate, for each question

On Answer

144

Cross Decrees

145

Section 3 Proceedings

146

Date of Marriage

(insert full date: DD/MM/YY)

147

Age at Marriage in years

Husband

152

Wife

154

Status at Marriage

(insert B,S,D, or W as appropriate)

Husband

156

Wife

157

Date of Birth of Children under 18

(eldest first)

158

178

Number of Children aged 18 or over

198

Alternative or present Surname of Spouse obtaining Decree

199

Alternative Forename(s) of Spouse obtaining Decree

233

Alternative or present Surname of other Spouse

253

Alternative Forename(s) of other Spouse

277

Husband's occupation

Wife's occupation

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ONS USE (W)

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Appendix C Draft entry form used in the current system for registering deaths (Form 310(Rev))

DEATH		Register No .	Entry No .
Registration district		District & S Dist. Nos.	Administrative area
Sub-district			
1. Date and place of death (date)			
2. Name and surname		3. Sex	4. Maiden surname of woman who has married
5. Date and place of birth (date)			
6. Occupation and usual address			
7. (a) Name and surname of informant		(b) Qualification	
(c) Usual address			
8. Cause of death It (a) (b) (c) II			
Certified by			
9. I certify that the particulars given by me above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief Signature of Informant			
10. Date of registration		11. Signature of registrar	
O NHS No.		Q (age)	

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DEATH		District & SD Nos.	Register No.
D			
E	* 6 months or over	* Under 6 months	Entry No.
(ii)	(i)	(i)	
Z			
CONFIDENTIAL PARTICULARS The particulars below, required under the Population (Statistics) Acts, will not be entered in the register. This confidential information will be used only for the preparation and supply of statistical information by the Registrar General. At date of death deceased was* Single 1 Married 2 Widowed 3 Divorced 4 Not known 5 (If married insert date of birth of spouse) Day Month Year			
G(a) Deceased or Mother	POSTCODE		
H(a)* 1 2 3 4 5			
G(b) Husband or Father			
H(b)* 1 2 3 4 5	F* title		
J	(vi)		
J			
J			
U	1 (v)	(vi)	
N	(ix) a b c z e		
* Post Mortem			
Yes			
No			
M	W	Employment	Exit control
FORM 310(Rev)			

* If deceased is under 16 years of age
* Tick as appropriate

Appendix D Form of entry in the Adopted Children Register (England)

1. No. of entry	
2. Date <i>Registration District</i>
and <i>Sub-district</i>
country of birth of child
3. Name and surname of child	
4. Sex of child	
5. Name and surname, address and occupation of adopter or adopters	
6. Date of adoption order and description of court by which made	
7. Date of entry	
8. Signature of officer deputed by Registrar General to attest the entry	

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Appendix E Form of entry in the Adopted Children Register (Wales)

1. No. of entry Rhif y gofnod		
2. Date and	Registration District	Dosbarth Cofrestru
Dyddiad a'r	
country of birth of child	Sub-district	Is-ddosbarth
wlad lle ganwyd y plentyn	
3. Name and surname of child Enw a chyfenw y plentyn		
4. Sex of child Rhyw y plentyn		
5. Name and surname, Enw a chyfenw, address and cyfeiriad a occupation of adopter or adopters gwaith y mabwysiadwr neu'r mabwysiadwyr.		
6. Date of adoption order Dyddiad y gorchymyn mabwysiadu and description or court by which made a disgrifiad o'r llys a'i gwnaeth		
7. Date of entry Dyddiad y gofnod		
8. Signature of officer deputed by Registrar General to attest the entry Llofnod y swyddog a-benodwyd gan y Cofrestrydd Cyffredinol i ardystio'r gofnod		

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