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1 Introduction

Marriage, divorce and adoption statistics 2003 provides statistics on marriages solemnised, and dissolutions and annulments of marriages granted, in England and Wales during 2003, as well as adoption orders in England and Wales during 2004. Summary statistics are also given in many tables for the 11 years 1993-2003, or other recent periods.

This volume updates the provisional data provided in the Report on marriages for 2003 that were published in *Population Trends* 119.

The annual update on marriages and divorces in 2003 and adoptions in 2004 was published in *Population Trends* 123, in March 2006.

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1.1 Tables in this volume

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

A summary of marriages and divorces between 1993 and 2003 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 and Adoptions.

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.

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 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**.

Of the six tables concerning adoptions, three (**Tables 6.1 to 6.3**) analyse the numbers of adoption applications made and orders granted/registered each year since 1994. **Tables 6.1** and **6.2** 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 last three tables (**6.4 to 6.6**) summarise the number of adopted persons being counselled, and their intentions after counselling.

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

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	1993–2003	E&W	NR	Q					
3.2	1993–2003	E&W	N	M					
3.3	2003	E&W	N/P	D/M	R/C				
3.4	2003	E&W	N/P	D	R/C	*		*	
3.5	2003	E&W	N	D	R/C				B/G
3.6	2003	E&W	N	D	R/C				
Previous marital status									
3.7	1993–2003	E&W	N						B/G
3.8	1993–2003	E&W	N						B/G
3.9	1993–2003	E&W	N/P						B/G
3.10	1993–2003	E&W	R						B/G
3.11	1993–2003	E&W	R						B/G
3.12	1993–2003	E&W	R						B/G
3.13	1993–2003	E&W	N						G
3.14	1993–2003	E&W	N						B
Age at marriage									
3.15	1993–2003	E&W	Median						B/G
3.16	1993–2003	E&W	Mean						G
3.17	1993–2003	E&W	Mean						B
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Area of occurrence									
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3.24	2003	E&W+	N						
3.25	2003	E&W+	N						G
3.26	2003	E&W+	N						B
3.27	2003	E&W+	N/P		R/C				B/G
3.28	2003	E&W+	N		R/C	*		*	
Type of ceremony and denomination									
3.29	1993–2003	E&W	N/P		R/C	*		*	
3.30	2003	E&W	N	Q	R/C			*	B/G
3.31	2003	E&W	N		R/C	*		*	B/G
3.32	2003	E&W	N		R/C	*		*	
3.33	2003	E&W+	N/P		R/C	*		*	
3.34	2003	E&W+	N		R/C		*	*	
3.35	2003	E&W+	N		R/C			*	
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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							
						1993–2003	3.1
						1993–2003	3.2
						2003	3.3
						2003	3.4
						2003	3.5
B/G	G					2003	3.6
Previous marital status							
						1993–2003	3.7
						1993–2003	3.8
						1993–2003	3.9
B/G	G	F				1993–2003	3.10
B/G	S	F				1993–2003	3.11
B/G	G	R				1993–2003	3.12
G	G					1993–2003	3.13
B	G					1993–2003	3.14
Age at marriage							
B/G						1993–2003	3.15
G						1993–2003	3.16
B						1993–2003	3.17
G	S/G					2003	3.18
B	S/G					2003	3.19
B/G	S/G	F/R				2003	3.20
Nuptiality tables							
B/G	S	F				2003	3.21
B/G	S	F				2003	3.22
Area of occurrence							
G	G					2003	3.23
B	G					2003	3.24
G	G					2003	3.25
B	G					2003	3.26
						2003	3.27
						2003	3.28
Type of ceremony and denomination							
						1993–2003	3.29
B	G					2003	3.30
						2003	3.31
B/G	G					2003	3.32
						2003	3.33
						2003	3.34
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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	2003	E&W	N/P		R/C				
3.39	2003	E&W	N/P		R/C	*			B/G
3.40	2003	E&W	N/P		R/C			*	
3.41	2003	E&W	N/P	M	R/C				
Types of registered buildings									
3.42	2003	E&W+	N					*	
3.43	2003	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	1993–2003	E&W	N/R/Mean/ Median	H/W					
4.2	2003	E&W	N	H/W					
4.3	2003	E&W	N	H	*				
4.4	2003	E&W	N	W	*				
Age at marriage									
4.5	1993–2003	E&W	N			H/W			
4.6	2003	E&W	N			H/W			
4.7	2003	E&W	N			H/W	*		
Year of birth (cohort) analyses									
4.8	cohort	E&W	P	H/W					
Duration of marriage									
4.9	1993-2003, 2003	E&W	N/Median			H/W		*	
Children in families of couples divorced									
4.10	1993–2003	E&W	N/P/Mean						*
4.11	1993–2003	E&W	N/P						*
4.12	2003	E&W	N						*
4.13	2003	E&W	N	W					*
4.14	2003	E&W	N			W			*
4.15	2003	E&W	N			W		*	*
Marital status before marriage of persons divorced									
4.16	1993–2003	E&W	N		*				
4.17	2003	E&W	N		*	W			
4.18	2003	E&W	N		*	H/W	*		
4.19	2003	E&W	R		*	H/W	*		
Facts proven at divorce									
4.20	2003	E&W	N						
4.21	2003	E&W	NP	H/W					
4.22	2003	E&W	N						
Other									
4.23	1993-2003	E&W	N						
4.24	1993-2003	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 building	Cohabiting before marriage	Year(s)	Table number
Identical residential addresses of couple before marriage							
B/G	G				*	2003	3.38
					*	2003	3.39
					*	2003	3.40
					*	2003	3.41
Types of registered buildings							
				*		2003	3.42
				*		2003	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								
							1993–2003	4.1
							2003	4.2
							2003	4.3
							2003	4.4
Age at marriage								
							1993–2003	4.5
							2003	4.6
							2003	4.7
Year of birth (cohort) analyses								
							cohort	4.8
Duration of marriage								
							1993-2003, 2003	4.9
Children in families of couples divorced								
*							1993–2003	4.10
*							1993–2003	4.11
*							2003	4.12
*							2003	4.13
*							2003	4.14
*							2003	4.15
Marital status before marriage of persons divorced								
							1993–2003	4.16
							2003	4.17
							2003	4.18
							2003	4.19
Facts proven at divorce								
	H/W	*					2003	4.20
	H/W	*					2003	4.21
*		*	*				2003	4.22
Other								
				*	*		1993-2003	4.23
						*	1993-2003	4.24

1.2 Changes in this volume

Tables 3.27 and **3.28** show marriages by area of occurrence and include registration scheme changes which cover both boundary and name changes of the registration districts – see section **2.3**.

Table 3.34 shows type of preliminaries in marriage. The Marriage Act 1949 was amended on 1 January 2001 to introduce a revised system of civil preliminaries to marriage in England and Wales. This system abolished the provision to give notice, and subsequently marry, by certificate and licence. As a result of this, the licence column under civil marriages and the licence column under marriages with religious ceremonies other than the Church of England and the Church in Wales have been omitted from this volume.

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 or an Authorised Person for a religious marriage, or a civil registrar. Copies of the marriage 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* on 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 on the marriage entry, but are not collected 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 on the marriage certificate, but not all are collected and they are not tabulated in this volume.

Supplied by the person/s conducting and registering the marriage

These details may be summarised as *date of marriage*, *place of marriage*, *area of occurrence*, *identification of person conducting the marriage*, and *preliminaries to marriage*.

The *place of marriage* is recorded exactly, as where the marriage took place. In the case of a deathbed marriage this could be the name of a hospital or hospice, or possibly a private address. For a marriage of those who are house-bound or detained the exact venue is shown, although this would not indicate a prison or mental hospital. In the case of marriage in approved premises, the standard name of the place 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. 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;
- surrogates, ecclesiastical or common licence;
- special or archbishop's 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 in June 2003 when the DCA replaced the Lord Chancellor's Department and has administrative responsibility for the Supreme Court, the Crown Court and the County Courts of England and Wales. The Department of Constitutional Affairs 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 Department of Constitutional Affairs.

Most information is supplied by the petitioner but some is also provided by the respondent to the Court, and other items are forwarded 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 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 Her Majesty's Court Service for:

- *Petitions for and decree nisi granted for divorce, nullity and judicial separation* - used in **Tables 2.1 and 4.23**.
- *Custody orders* - used in **Table 4.24**.
- *Orders made concerning children in family proceedings* - used in **Table 4.24**.

The information on petitions provided by Her Majesty's Court Service in **Table 4.23** has been produced using the Management Information System (MIS), a new data warehousing facility drawing directly from court-based information systems. The new facility, implemented in June 2002, enables the Department of Constitutional Affairs access to more complete data than was 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 one or other of 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 adoption order was made;
- date adoption order was registered.

These details are used in **Tables 6.1 and 6.2**.

Summary information is supplied by Her Majesty's Court Service for:

- adoption applications;
- adoption orders granted.

These details are used in **Table 6.3**.

In **Table 6.3** the number of applications and orders granted for adoptions were provided by HM Court Service, for the High Court and County Courts only. Data from Family Proceedings Courts, which are those parts of Magistrates' Courts having a family jurisdiction have not been included. Before 1992 these courts were under the jurisdiction of the Home Office and data are not available. Since 1992 data have been collected by HM Court Service but coverage is incomplete. Estimates of these figures are available in *Judicial Statistics*, the annual report from the Department of Constitutional Affairs.

Information about the outcomes of counselling interviews is derived from the Report of Interview Form (Form CA7) (shown in **Appendix F**) sent to the General Register Office. Every person adopted before 12 November 1975 who applies to the General Register Office for information about their original birth entry is required to have a counselling interview. Form CA7 completed by approved adoption advisors indicates whether the adopted person intended to:

- apply for a birth certificate;
- obtain information from court records;
- try to trace natural parents.

More than one of these options could be recorded, and the details of the interviews notified to ONS are summarised in **Tables 6.5** and **6.6**.

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

1.4 Other publications

Some other recent 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. - Cohabitation 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.

Population estimates

ONS, Report: Marital status estimates for England and Wales, 1991-2003. *Population Trends* 118, pp 70-71, Winter 2004.

Other

Ní 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.

Ní 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, pp18-22, 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 National Statistics website (www.statistics.gov.uk) provides a comprehensive source of freely available vital statistics and ONS products. More information on the National Statistics 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*.

Northern Ireland: in the *Annual Report of the Registrar General for Northern Ireland*.

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*³ (series FM1) - providing figures on live births and stillbirths, and also includes conceptions. 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 DH1) - 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 Statistics* (Department of Constitutional Affairs) - 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 Social Focus On series brings together relevant information on different groups of the population, with the editions on Families (2005), Gender (2004), and the 2001 edition on men, of particular interest here².

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 1993 to 2003, 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 is those who have never been married, and persons who are separated but not divorced are included in the married population.

In this volume, the population estimates used for the calculation of rates are the latest estimates available at the time of its production. The mid-2003 marital status estimates were published on 4 November 2004.

These estimates incorporate the results of the local authority population studies (carried out after the Census), some other corrections and unattributable population change. Further details about the revisions to population estimates can be found at the National Statistics website (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 2003, but received by ONS after 20 October 2005 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 2003 but received by ONS after 9 July 2004 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 2003, that were registered and fully coded by ONS before 9 September 2004. Data received and coded after this time

are not included in these tables, but are retained on the ONS database.

The tabulated *adoptions* statistics are either the number of applications for adoption, or orders granted and registered, in England and Wales in the calendar year, or cases of counselling notified in England and Wales during the same calendar year.

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.

There was some reorganisation of registration districts in 2003. Registration scheme changes including both name and boundary changes occurred in the following areas during 2003:

- County district:
 - Dudley
 - Durham Central
 - South Somerset

Registration districts were amalgamated in Kent, Lincolnshire and Pembrokeshire in 2003 each forming one district covering the whole county.

The result of these reorganisations is that data for registration districts are not always comparable between years.

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 is 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 **xxiii** 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/not available

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 813758; Fax: 01329 813548
email: vsob@ons.gsi.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
Office for National Statistics
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@dfes.gsi.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, age groups from 16-19	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	Related 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 depending on the manner of solemnisation. These are discussed in the section on legal preliminaries below. The ‘manner of solemnisation’ will also 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. Legally they have always been known as ‘bachelors’ and ‘spinsters’.

However, the Register General has amended the Registration of Marriages Regulations 1986, to coincide with the coming into effect of the Civil Partnership Act 2004. From 5 December 2005 the terms ‘bachelor’ and ‘spinster’ are no longer to be used in marriage registers. After that date, the term ‘single’ replaces ‘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 Marriage Acts

Marriage legislation is complex and is governed by the Marriage Acts 1949 to 1994 (the 1949 Act consolidated the Acts of 1836 and 1898, repealing them):

The Family Law Reform Act 1969 (which came into effect on 1 January 1970) reduced the age of majority from 21 to 18, and accordingly lowered the age at which men and women were able to marry without parental consent. The Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 stipulates that any marriage between persons either of whom is under 16 is void.

The Marriage Act 1983 enables marriages of house-bound and detained persons to be solemnised at the place where they reside.

The Marriage Act 1994 made provision for civil marriages to be solemnised in approved premises (with effect from 1 April 1995), that is, in addition to those in register

offices. 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 accommodation available for civil marriage as approved premises in place of register offices. 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.

The Marriage Act 1994 (with effect from 1 October 1995) allowed a superintendent registrar to issue a certificate for a marriage to be solemnised by civil ceremony in a different registration district. A certificate can be issued for a marriage in a registered building in a different registration district only if one or both parties can show that it is their usual place of worship, or there is no building in the area they live in where persons of their faith can marry.

The Immigration Acts

The Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, which came into effect on 1 January 2001, amended the Marriage Act 1949 in three ways. First, it provided for notice of marriage 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 the other. Secondly, the former procedures for giving notice for marriage by superintendent registrar’s certificate and licence and superintendent registrar’s certificate without licence have been replaced by a standard 15-day notice period before the marriage can take place. Thirdly, it gave 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 places 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, they 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. Most marriages after civil preliminaries take place in a district register office, or in approved premises, or in a building

registered for the purpose (usually a church or chapel of a non-conformist denomination). Under the provisions of the Marriage (Registrar General's Licence) Act 1970, it is possible in certain circumstances for the Registrar General to issue a licence for a marriage to take place anywhere without delay.

The Civil Partnership Act

The Civil Partnership Act 2004 received Royal Assent on 18 November 2004. It was implemented on 5 December 2005 and allowed the first civil partnership under standard procedure to be formed on 21 December 2005. The Act creates a new legal relationship of civil partnership, which two people of the same sex can form by signing a registration document.

The change to marriage regulations and the Civil Partnership Act 2004 do not affect the data contained within this volume for marriages and divorces in 2003.

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 before 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. A marriage in any other building 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 civil ceremony or religious ceremony other than in the Church of England or Church in Wales, 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 at the district register office their own notice of intention to marry. If both parties live in the same registration district they should attend the register office in that district to give their notices of marriage. If the parties live in different registration districts then each will need to give their own notice in the district where they reside. 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.

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 and those professing the Jewish religion, and marriages by the Registrar General's licence, must be solemnised in buildings registered for the purpose.

In every case the marriage is registered immediately after the ceremony. In churches and other buildings of the Church of England or the Church in Wales, either the incumbent of the church or their representative registers the marriage in duplicate registers. This is not necessarily the person who conducts the ceremony. 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. In register offices and

approved premises, the superintendent registrar will conduct the marriage ceremony and the registrar will carry out the registration.

As noted above, religious marriages other than those solemnised according to the rites of the Society of Friends or of the Jewish religion must 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, except for those in the Church of England or the Church in Wales (as the established church in England and Wales these do not need to be certified). 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 use.

3.3 Information collected

A copy of the entry as it appears in the marriage register is 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 marriages of persons usually resident in England and Wales that are 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 2003 there were 60 marriages registered with UK Consuls, 107 marriages registered by Forces Registering Officers and 845 overseas marriages registered in the overseas section of the GRO. These 1,012 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 accurate statistics available for the total number of marriages of residents of England and Wales solemnised overseas.

3.4 Accuracy of the information

The information in the 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 in religious ceremonies where register offices rely on the clergy or their representatives for Church of England and Church in Wales marriages, or authorised persons for other religious marriages, to supply 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.

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 2003 only 18 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

Table B Marriages not included in the published data, 1994-2003

Year of marriage	Database ¹	FM2	Differences
1994	291,517	291,069	448
1995	283,245	283,012	233
1996	280,069	278,975	1,094
1997	272,897	272,536	361
1998	267,911	267,303	608
1999	264,317	263,515	802
2000	268,770	267,961	809
2001	250,557	249,227	1,330
2002	256,039	255,596	443
2003	270,285	270,109	176

¹ Counts taken on 21 February 2006

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 2003

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 2003 - and the mortality rates for 2003 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.

More technical details for these tables are given below.

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 15.6 years and so the mean age at first marriage is 31.6 (= 15.6 + 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 births³ 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, 1960.

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 1993 to 2003. 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 1993, just over half (56 per cent) of deaths were registered at offices which had been computerised; by 2003 this figure was 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 much lower for those registered at computerised offices than at offices not yet computerised (**Table C**). This is consistent over all years from 1993. As more registration offices have become computerised, so the overall proportion of deaths with unknown marital status has fallen, although there were rises in 1999. There is still room for improvement in the reporting of marital status, particularly for males, but, overall, the quality of these data are markedly better than in 1993.

Table C Deaths¹ by whether marital status of the deceased was known, and source of registration, 1993-2003

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									
1993	279,561	156,174	123,387	4,709	1,259	3,450	1.68	0.81	2.80
1994	267,555	180,711	86,844	3,560	1,501	2,059	1.33	0.83	2.37
1995	274,449	216,249	58,200	3,561	1,712	1,849	1.30	0.79	3.18
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	1.31	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
Females									
1993	299,238	166,689	132,549	4,320	608	3,712	1.44	0.36	2.80
1994	285,639	192,246	93,393	2,734	681	2,053	0.96	0.35	2.20
1995	295,234	231,436	63,798	1,574	460	1,114	0.53	0.20	1.75
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

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, or
- *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 750 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 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 offence retained with minimal changes as conditions which establish the irretrievable breakdown of marriage. On the other hand, the two separation criteria - which allow divorce either by mutual consent or by the sole wish of the petitioner - were introduced for the first time by the Act and so have no analogues amongst 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. There were 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 to have 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 **1.2**.

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, 1994-2003

Year of decree absolute	Database ¹	FM2	Differences
1994	158,243	158,175	68
1995	155,582	155,499	83
1996	157,136	157,107	29
1997	146,756	146,689	67
1998	145,270	145,214	56
1999	144,590	144,556	34
2000	141,211	141,135	76
2001	143,839	143,818	21
2002	147,772	147,735	37
2003	153,529	153,490	39

¹ Counts taken on 21 February 2006

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 Her Majesty's Court Service, as noted in Section 1.2. These data were supplied to ONS on 14 February 2006 and are shown in **Tables 2.1** and **4.23**. Analyses of petitions filed are also published in the volume *Judicial 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 2003 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 4.9 per cent of records in 2003.
- *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 retained with minimal changes as conditions which establish the irretrievable breakdown of marriage.

On the other hand, the two other parts (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

Under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989 orders and other applications, which can be made in either the High Court or County Courts, include cases both within divorce and without. The four orders which can be made are:

- *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 looking after the child 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 changing a child’s surname.
- *Residence order*: settles the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom (and hence where) a child is to live.
- *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 2003 by certain stated years married per 1,000 marriages in the same years. For example, 47 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 2003. The corresponding rate for men marrying between 1970 and 1974 was 4. The denominator for ‘All years’ is the total number of marriages between 1940 and 2002.

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, 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

Data in published tables are collected under the provisions of the Adoption Act 1976. Adoption orders are granted to applicants by the High Court, County Courts and Magistrates' Courts. The order granting an adoption contains a direction to the General Register Office, which is part of the Office for National Statistics (ONS), 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 General Register Office has a statutory obligation under the 1976 Act to maintain the confidentiality of adoption records by prohibiting access to the information, except in accordance with Section 51 of the 1976 Act or by order of a court.

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. Section 2 of the Registration of Foreign Adoptions Regulations 2003 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 1976 Act makes provision, under Section 51, for adopted people aged 18 years or over to apply to the General Register Office to be supplied with information to enable them to identify their original birth entry. This provision was introduced by the Children Act 1975, which amended the Adoption Act 1958 (later the Adoption Act 1976) and came into force on 12 November 1975.

The Act requires people adopted before that date to attend an informal interview with an approved adoption advisor, in order to be given the information to obtain a copy of their birth record. For those adopted after that date there is no requirement to see an adoption advisor. More information about counselling services is given in section 5.6.

On 30 December 2005 the Adoption and Children Act 2002 was implemented, making significant changes to the legal framework for adoption in England and Wales. It allows for the introduction of new roles for Adoption Agencies and the General Register Office. A birth relative can apply to a registered Intermediary Agency, whose role is to help facilitate contact between relatives and adopted people. The Intermediary Agency can apply to the General Register Office for certain details concerning the adopted person.

Also, a person adopted on or after this date, on reaching 18 years old, will need to apply for access to their birth records from the agency that dealt with the adoption. The General Register Office will hold the agency name on the Adopted Children Register and will supply this to an appropriate agency on request.

5.2 Information collected

Information on adoption analysed in this volume is collected under the 1976 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. HM Court Service is an alternative source of data on adoption applications and orders, which is used in **Table 6.3**. Information about counselling conducted by approved adoption advisors is derived from the Report of Interview Form (Form CA7) which adoption advisors are asked to complete and return to the General Register Office after every Section 51 interview. More information about Form CA7 is given in section 5.6.

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 adoptions granted in England and Wales as well as some overseas adoptions. Historically, the data have related to those cases notified by the courts to the General Register Office 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.

5.6 Counselling of adopted persons

Counselling services are provided by an approved adoption advisor who is able to offer practical advice and guidance. They help adopted people appreciate some of the possible effects on themselves and others and of any further enquiries they may wish to make about their birth families.

Table 6.5 shows, for England and Wales, the intentions of the adopted person at the time of their interview with an adoption advisor: to apply for their birth certificate; to obtain information from their court record; and/or to trace their natural parents. Any person adopted before 12 November 1975 must, under Section 51 of the Adoption Act 1976, attend a meeting with an approved adoption advisor before information about their original birth entry can be disclosed. Adoption counselling services are provided through adoption advisors based at the General Register Office in Southport, by local authorities or, if the applicant's adoption was arranged by an approved adoption society, by that society. This is summarised in **Table 6.4**.

Persons adopted after 12 November 1975 are not required to attend a meeting with an adoption advisor. They may choose whether to receive such services before being given the information about their birth entry or for the information to be sent direct from the General Register Office. If they choose the latter, then no information about their intentions is obtained.

All adoption advisors are requested to complete Form CA7 about the outcome of the interview for return to the General Register Office. This form indicates the date of the interview and includes information about the intentions of the adopted person: to apply for their birth certificate, to obtain information from court records or to trace natural parents. Adoption advisors are asked to indicate all those

that apply. It should be noted that not all forms are returned to the General Register Office.

Under Section 51(8) of the Adoption Act 1976, inserted by the Children Act 1989 and which came into force on 14 October 1991, people adopted in England and Wales who are resident overseas have been able to receive information about their birth record from approved adoption organisations in the country where they live. The Department for Education and Skills (DfES) will approve an overseas adoption organisation, once it is satisfied the organisation is suitable to provide adopted people with information in accordance with Section 51 of the 1976 Act. Approved overseas adoption organisations are requested to complete the same Form CA7 about the outcome of the interview for return to the General Register Office. Again, it should be noted that not all forms are returned. **Table 6.6** shows the number of applications made by adopted people who were resident overseas (not in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland). For more background information about the content of these tables, contact ONS at the address given in section 2.6.

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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.
Approved Premises	Under the Marriage Act 1994, civil marriages can be solemnised in approved premises (other than register offices). Premises must be approved by the local authority and 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. See Decree of Nullity.
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 marriage to the superintendent registrar of the district(s) where they live.
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	Following constitutional reforms, the DCA was created on 12 June 2003 replacing the Lord Chancellor's Department and is 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. 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.
General Register Office (GRO)	The GRO is responsible for ensuring the registration of all births, adoptions, marriages and deaths that have occurred in England and Wales since 1837 and for maintaining a central archive.
Her Majesty's Court Service	Her Majesty's Court Service is an executive agency of the Department of Constitutional Affairs 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 Statistics	This Annual Report of the Department of Constitutional Affairs 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.
National Statistics Code of Practice	The principles and protocols followed and upheld by all those involved in producing National Statistics.
News Release	After the annual dataset on a particular subject, such as marriages, has been quality assured, its first publication is a press, or news release, which details the main findings.
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	Office for National Statistics.
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	Statutory officer 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. Legally they are known as bachelors and spinsters.
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	Statutory officer with responsibilities relating to marriage and other registration functions, as specified in the relevant legislation.
VSOB	Vital Statistics Output Branch (at ONS).

**Table 1.1 Estimated population:
sex, age and marital status¹, 1993-2003**

England and Wales
thousands

Age group	Marital status	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Males												
All ages	Total	24,792.6	24,853.0	24,946.3	25,029.8	25,113.2	25,200.7	25,323.4	25,438.0	25,574.3	25,702.4	25,840.6
	Single	11,311.5	11,410.3	11,527.5	11,640.3	11,761.0	11,878.3	12,015.7	12,137.0	12,270.2	12,421.9	12,581.7
	Married	11,505.5	11,432.5	11,371.1	11,309.9	11,239.8	11,183.2	11,142.7	11,113.4	11,089.6	11,014.7	10,940.3
	Widowed	733.0	732.7	733.3	733.4	733.7	734.6	732.2	731.5	732.8	730.9	728.4
	Divorced	1,242.5	1,277.6	1,314.4	1,346.2	1,378.7	1,404.7	1,432.9	1,456.2	1,481.6	1,534.9	1,590.3
Age groups												
0-14	Single	5,050.4	5,076.3	5,082.4	5,087.9	5,100.2	5,105.0	5,106.7	5,075.2	5,035.7	4,998.9	4,963.0
	Single	293.6	318.9	330.5	327.7	323.5	323.1	326.9	341.1	340.4	346.7	357.2
Under 20	Total	6,564.0	6,579.5	6,601.2	6,631.5	6,676.9	6,709.1	6,721.2	6,699.3	6,687.8	6,698.6	6,711.3
	Single	6,557.2	6,573.1	6,594.7	6,624.9	6,670.0	6,702.1	6,713.8	6,691.9	6,680.5	6,692.8	6,706.5
	Married	6.6	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.3	5.9	5.5	4.4	3.8
	Widowed	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.5
	Divorced	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.5
20-24	Total	1,874.6	1,801.3	1,737.3	1,658.3	1,580.2	1,530.3	1,530.0	1,547.8	1,579.2	1,606.9	1,645.9
	Single	1,682.4	1,637.0	1,596.7	1,538.5	1,478.6	1,441.5	1,448.7	1,470.3	1,501.4	1,533.7	1,573.4
	Married	187.2	160.3	137.0	116.5	98.6	86.0	78.5	74.4	74.3	69.5	68.5
	Widowed	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.8
	Divorced	4.8	3.8	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.2
25-29	Total	2,051.4	2,024.0	1,994.3	1,969.9	1,931.9	1,886.6	1,836.1	1,795.6	1,741.9	1,674.4	1,634.1
	Single	1,196.4	1,219.1	1,243.5	1,273.4	1,294.2	1,303.8	1,303.6	1,304.9	1,293.1	1,276.4	1,271.3
	Married	791.0	747.6	699.4	650.1	595.3	544.1	497.2	458.7	419.8	371.4	337.4
	Widowed	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9
	Divorced	63.3	56.5	50.6	45.5	41.5	37.7	34.4	31.0	27.9	25.7	24.5
30-34	Total	1,940.3	1,985.6	2,027.9	2,050.2	2,063.5	2,055.7	2,044.2	2,027.1	2,016.1	1,990.0	1,953.9
	Single	627.7	681.1	732.4	775.6	817.3	848.0	877.5	904.0	933.8	961.3	981.5
	Married	1,162.8	1,157.4	1,150.7	1,134.8	1,110.6	1,078.3	1,043.4	1,006.5	971.5	921.4	868.4
	Widowed	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1
	Divorced	147.9	145.2	142.7	137.6	133.1	126.7	120.7	114.1	108.4	105.1	102.0
35-39	Total	1,706.1	1,736.0	1,781.9	1,833.7	1,879.9	1,924.2	1,974.0	2,019.1	2,049.7	2,073.5	2,078.2
	Single	310.9	338.5	372.2	409.4	447.5	487.0	527.8	567.4	603.9	642.4	670.9
	Married	1,206.1	1,205.5	1,215.0	1,227.8	1,234.5	1,239.6	1,248.7	1,254.8	1,250.9	1,233.6	1,207.8
	Widowed	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.4
	Divorced	185.1	187.9	190.3	192.2	193.3	192.7	192.7	192.2	190.3	193.0	195.1
40-44	Total	1,690.2	1,665.4	1,650.8	1,655.4	1,675.7	1,703.2	1,737.4	1,782.7	1,831.2	1,881.3	1,927.8
	Single	212.5	221.0	230.3	244.0	260.5	280.7	304.3	331.4	359.4	388.3	418.2
	Married	1,270.5	1,234.9	1,208.7	1,198.1	1,198.2	1,202.8	1,210.6	1,226.2	1,243.1	1,255.1	1,262.8
	Widowed	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.4	7.3
	Divorced	199.9	202.0	204.2	205.7	209.3	211.8	214.8	217.4	221.0	230.6	239.5
45-49	Total	1,762.7	1,791.8	1,808.5	1,809.8	1,723.4	1,671.4	1,649.7	1,636.9	1,643.9	1,662.1	1,689.6
	Single	168.8	178.0	187.2	195.5	196.1	200.9	209.4	219.4	232.6	245.8	261.9
	Married	1,379.7	1,388.5	1,386.3	1,372.6	1,290.5	1,237.4	1,207.8	1,186.6	1,179.8	1,176.9	1,178.1
	Widowed	13.5	13.9	14.2	14.6	13.9	13.7	13.4	13.0	12.7	12.3	12.1
	Divorced	200.7	211.5	220.7	227.0	222.8	219.4	219.1	217.9	218.8	227.1	237.5
50-54	Total	1,386.3	1,426.9	1,471.1	1,534.2	1,659.9	1,729.0	1,760.5	1,775.9	1,770.9	1,694.1	1,640.7
	Single	116.1	121.5	127.6	135.4	149.9	160.8	170.0	178.9	186.5	187.2	189.6
	Married	1,109.5	1,133.2	1,158.8	1,199.7	1,290.6	1,334.3	1,347.2	1,347.0	1,330.8	1,256.2	1,200.7
	Widowed	19.5	19.8	20.3	21.1	22.6	23.5	23.9	24.4	24.5	23.2	21.9
	Divorced	141.2	152.4	164.4	178.1	196.7	210.4	219.3	225.7	229.0	227.5	228.5
55-59	Total	1,299.3	1,316.7	1,324.3	1,314.8	1,317.8	1,343.5	1,383.0	1,428.7	1,492.0	1,611.2	1,677.9
	Single	101.3	102.5	103.5	103.9	105.7	109.7	114.8	120.8	128.4	141.2	150.8
	Married	1,056.2	1,064.5	1,064.1	1,049.4	1,044.0	1,057.6	1,082.5	1,112.4	1,156.0	1,239.7	1,279.9
	Widowed	33.0	33.2	33.1	32.6	32.1	31.9	32.0	32.4	33.6	35.7	36.8
	Divorced	108.8	116.6	123.6	128.9	136.0	144.3	153.7	163.1	174.1	194.7	210.5
60-64	Total	1,219.1	1,210.4	1,206.7	1,205.0	1,212.5	1,230.5	1,249.9	1,259.2	1,251.7	1,252.7	1,274.4
	Single	99.8	97.3	95.0	93.1	92.9	93.7	95.0	96.1	96.6	97.2	99.9
	Married	982.2	973.9	969.0	965.1	967.8	978.3	989.3	991.5	979.9	976.1	988.6
	Widowed	57.9	55.7	54.1	52.7	51.7	51.4	51.3	51.2	50.0	48.6	47.8
	Divorced	79.1	83.4	88.7	94.0	100.1	107.0	114.2	120.3	125.2	130.8	138.2
65-69	Total	1,117.5	1,109.8	1,107.1	1,105.6	1,104.4	1,102.6	1,098.8	1,099.7	1,104.9	1,116.9	1,134.7
	Single	91.1	90.8	90.4	89.8	88.4	87.1	85.2	83.7	82.7	82.3	82.5
	Married	875.4	868.4	866.0	864.6	863.5	861.7	858.2	857.8	860.5	868.5	880.5
	Widowed	98.6	94.8	91.3	87.6	84.4	81.7	79.3	77.5	75.8	74.2	73.3
	Divorced	52.6	55.8	59.4	63.7	68.0	72.0	76.2	80.8	85.9	91.8	98.4
70-74	Total	965.4	998.7	971.3	953.6	942.8	938.6	937.5	940.5	946.8	952.1	957.3
	Single	67.7	71.7	71.3	72.0	72.2	72.2	72.1	72.2	72.6	72.1	71.4
	Married	728.2	749.7	726.5	711.1	702.7	700.0	699.8	702.8	708.6	713.7	719.0
	Widowed	136.9	142.4	137.2	132.4	128.0	123.7	119.9	116.3	112.3	109.3	106.1
	Divorced	32.5	35.0	36.3	38.1	40.0	42.7	45.7	49.2	53.2	57.1	60.7
75 and over	Total	1,215.7	1,206.9	1,264.0	1,307.7	1,344.3	1,376.0	1,401.0	1,425.4	1,458.3	1,488.4	1,514.8
	Single	79.7	78.8	82.6	84.8	87.6	90.7	93.5	96.0	98.7	101.4	103.8
	Married	750.2	742.5	783.7	814.2	837.4	856.8	873.2	888.6	908.8	928.3	944.7
	Widowed	359.3	358.2	367.9	376.6	384.5	391.6	395.3	399.7	406.7	411.0	414.7
	Divorced	26.6	27.3	29.8	32.2	34.7	36.9	39.0	41.2	44.1	47.7	51.5

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.

Table 1.1 - continued

Age group	Marital status	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Females												
All ages	Total	26,193.2	26,263.2	26,325.6	26,380.7	26,446.5	26,519.4	26,610.0	26,702.1	26,785.7	26,867.8	26,953.1
	Single	10,016.0	10,116.4	10,231.2	10,335.9	10,457.8	10,577.1	10,700.4	10,804.7	10,916.7	11,050.7	11,188.3
	Married	11,671.5	11,600.2	11,510.1	11,432.8	11,352.9	11,284.2	11,234.5	11,198.7	11,149.9	11,073.2	11,000.4
	Widowed	2,937.5	2,921.7	2,904.0	2,881.5	2,855.0	2,831.5	2,799.8	2,771.9	2,744.6	2,709.1	2,668.1
	Divorced	1,568.2	1,624.9	1,680.4	1,730.5	1,780.9	1,826.6	1,875.3	1,926.8	1,974.5	2,034.9	2,096.3
Age groups												
0-14	Single	4,830.6	4,853.7	4,855.6	4,852.8	4,860.6	4,861.1	4,863.6	4,832.9	4,795.7	4,760.3	4,722.3
15	Single	280.0	304.4	317.2	315.4	309.5	309.5	311.1	322.4	323.4	329.4	338.3
Under 20	Total	6,289.5	6,307.7	6,329.4	6,354.2	6,394.9	6,421.8	6,430.2	6,395.6	6,374.1	6,369.6	6,372.0
	Single	6,265.4	6,285.7	6,308.0	6,332.6	6,373.5	6,400.4	6,408.9	6,376.2	6,356.0	6,355.2	6,359.3
	Married	23.7	21.5	20.8	20.7	20.3	20.3	19.8	17.6	16.2	13.0	11.7
	Widowed	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.5
	Divorced	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.4
20-24	Total	1,842.6	1,774.3	1,712.0	1,633.0	1,560.6	1,516.7	1,516.9	1,540.0	1,577.7	1,604.4	1,636.8
	Single	1,430.6	1,412.6	1,397.7	1,361.2	1,325.4	1,306.5	1,320.2	1,351.6	1,390.1	1,428.5	1,466.1
	Married	392.0	345.0	300.0	259.6	224.9	201.1	187.7	179.6	178.0	166.1	160.8
	Widowed	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.5
	Divorced	19.1	15.7	13.4	11.3	9.4	8.3	8.0	7.8	8.2	8.3	8.4
25-29	Total	2,062.9	2,041.3	2,004.9	1,979.7	1,945.2	1,902.3	1,850.9	1,809.9	1,744.7	1,674.0	1,627.5
	Single	1,977.2	1,957.0	1,917.7	1,888.3	1,853.3	1,809.1	1,764.6	1,721.6	1,658.9	1,588.9	1,543.4
	Married	1,068.1	1,022.3	962.7	906.3	844.3	782.8	725.1	677.2	625.4	567.4	523.5
	Widowed	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.3
	Divorced	114.1	108.3	100.9	92.7	85.3	77.2	71.7	65.2	57.7	51.9	48.7
30-34	Total	1,956.2	2,008.0	2,051.0	2,075.8	2,087.9	2,080.7	2,069.2	2,049.3	2,033.4	2,010.3	1,974.5
	Single	418.0	463.6	510.5	551.1	588.9	621.3	651.2	678.6	710.7	742.7	766.6
	Married	1,334.3	1,336.4	1,330.4	1,315.8	1,293.1	1,259.4	1,222.8	1,182.2	1,142.4	1,094.5	1,042.6
	Widowed	6.6	7.0	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.1	6.8	6.3	5.9
	Divorced	197.4	201.0	202.8	201.5	198.4	192.6	187.7	181.3	173.5	166.8	159.4
35-39	Total	1,723.7	1,760.0	1,802.5	1,853.9	1,903.4	1,951.9	2,004.0	2,053.7	2,082.0	2,102.5	2,101.0
	Single	1,977.6	2,195.5	2,445.2	2,737.7	3,051.1	3,388.5	3,744.0	4,111.0	4,444.4	4,777.4	5,044.4
	Married	1,290.9	1,297.1	1,305.4	1,319.9	1,331.5	1,342.0	1,354.1	1,362.1	1,356.3	1,342.4	1,314.6
	Widowed	12.0	12.5	12.9	13.2	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.5	13.2	12.7	12.0
	Divorced	223.3	231.0	239.5	247.1	253.4	258.0	262.4	267.1	268.1	270.0	270.0
40-44	Total	1,704.6	1,683.3	1,667.7	1,673.8	1,695.6	1,725.0	1,759.1	1,805.2	1,853.3	1,904.8	1,954.6
	Single	124.9	132.9	141.7	153.0	166.8	183.4	202.7	223.8	247.6	273.5	301.0
	Married	1,320.4	1,287.0	1,258.7	1,248.1	1,248.4	1,253.9	1,262.5	1,277.9	1,292.9	1,307.4	1,319.1
	Widowed	22.8	22.7	22.5	22.6	22.9	23.0	23.1	23.3	23.2	22.4	21.6
	Divorced	236.5	240.8	244.8	250.0	257.5	264.7	270.8	280.2	289.7	301.5	312.9
45-49	Total	1,768.9	1,802.5	1,821.8	1,825.4	1,744.4	1,693.2	1,673.9	1,664.6	1,670.1	1,689.7	1,719.9
	Single	92.6	98.7	105.5	112.1	115.3	120.7	128.1	136.8	147.9	159.9	173.9
	Married	1,399.0	1,412.8	1,413.5	1,402.1	1,323.0	1,268.4	1,239.3	1,218.7	1,208.1	1,206.0	1,211.8
	Widowed	44.4	44.4	44.2	44.2	41.5	39.9	39.3	38.7	38.3	37.6	36.6
	Divorced	232.9	246.7	258.5	267.0	264.6	264.2	267.2	270.4	275.9	286.2	297.6
50-54	Total	1,390.8	1,432.7	1,479.2	1,544.4	1,672.6	1,747.0	1,781.9	1,803.4	1,801.3	1,727.5	1,673.4
	Single	67.0	68.7	71.6	75.8	83.6	90.1	96.0	102.3	108.3	111.1	115.2
	Married	1,090.2	1,118.2	1,148.1	1,191.5	1,285.0	1,333.9	1,350.3	1,354.2	1,339.5	1,269.3	1,214.8
	Widowed	72.8	71.7	70.7	71.2	73.7	74.4	73.6	73.3	72.3	67.1	62.8
	Divorced	160.8	174.0	188.8	205.9	230.4	248.7	262.0	273.6	281.3	280.0	280.6
55-59	Total	1,312.3	1,332.0	1,341.8	1,333.9	1,340.1	1,367.5	1,407.0	1,454.5	1,520.0	1,642.2	1,714.6
	Single	66.4	66.2	65.6	64.4	64.1	65.2	66.9	69.4	73.6	80.8	86.6
	Married	992.1	1,004.1	1,008.2	999.2	1,001.1	1,019.9	1,048.0	1,080.1	1,124.8	1,211.3	1,257.9
	Widowed	129.5	127.9	125.7	121.5	118.1	115.2	113.4	112.1	112.1	114.6	114.5
	Divorced	124.2	133.7	142.3	148.7	156.8	167.2	178.8	192.8	209.5	235.4	255.6
60-64	Total	1,291.2	1,273.2	1,258.9	1,252.2	1,256.6	1,272.4	1,292.1	1,304.4	1,297.3	1,300.0	1,324.9
	Single	74.5	71.4	68.5	66.1	64.8	64.0	63.6	63.1	61.8	61.0	61.6
	Married	892.8	882.6	875.5	872.9	877.2	889.3	903.3	910.8	906.0	908.9	928.4
	Widowed	231.5	221.7	211.7	203.3	196.8	192.1	189.0	185.8	178.5	171.8	166.5
	Divorced	92.5	97.5	103.2	109.9	117.9	127.0	136.1	144.7	151.1	158.2	168.3
65-69	Total	1,271.0	1,255.7	1,247.9	1,240.2	1,230.3	1,220.5	1,206.7	1,198.1	1,194.0	1,199.6	1,213.0
	Single	83.7	80.3	77.8	74.9	72.3	69.9	67.2	64.7	62.7	61.2	60.1
	Married	754.9	748.8	748.4	749.2	747.9	746.7	743.2	743.5	746.5	755.2	768.5
	Widowed	366.0	356.9	347.6	337.6	326.4	315.2	302.5	290.5	278.7	269.2	261.7
	Divorced	66.4	69.7	74.1	78.6	83.7	88.8	93.8	99.4	106.2	114.0	122.7
70-74	Total	1,247.3	1,282.9	1,235.3	1,196.5	1,168.6	1,149.6	1,138.0	1,134.0	1,131.8	1,126.9	1,121.7
	Single	87.3	88.4	83.9	80.4	77.1	74.1	71.7	69.7	67.5	65.1	63.0
	Married	589.2	608.0	592.1	578.6	570.7	566.2	565.0	568.5	575.1	580.4	585.5
	Widowed	520.0	532.6	505.6	482.8	465.0	450.9	439.4	429.4	418.1	405.4	392.1
	Divorced	50.8	53.9	53.8	54.7	55.9	58.3	61.9	66.4	71.0	76.1	81.1
75 and over	Total	2,332.2	2,309.6	2,373.2	2,417.7	2,446.2	2,470.8	2,480.2	2,489.4	2,505.9	2,516.4	2,519.2
	Single	230.9	221.4	218.4	213.4	208.5	204.0	198.7	192.9	187.6	182.1	177.5
	Married	523.9	516.6	546.3	568.9	585.4	600.3	613.4	626.1	638.8	651.2	661.1
	Widowed	1,527.2	1,519.2	1,550.7	1,572.8	1,585.2	1,595.6	1,594.0	1,593.3	1,598.2	1,597.4	1,590.0
	Divorced	50.2	52.5	57.8	62.7	67.0	70.9	74.2	77.1	81.3	85.7	90.5

**Table 1.2 Estimated population (proportions per thousand):
sex, age and marital status¹, 1993-2003****England and Wales**

Age group	Marital status	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Males												
All ages	Single	456	459	462	465	468	471	474	477	480	483	487
	Married	464	460	456	452	448	444	440	437	434	429	423
	Widowed	30	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	28	28
	Divorced	50	51	53	54	55	56	57	57	58	60	62
Age groups												
Under 20	Single	999	999	999	999	999	999	999	999	999	999	999
	Married	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	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	897	909	919	928	936	942	947	950	951	954	956
	Married	100	89	79	70	62	56	51	48	47	43	42
	Widowed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Divorced	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
25-29	Single	583	602	624	646	670	691	710	727	742	762	778
	Married	386	369	351	330	308	288	271	255	241	222	206
	Widowed	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Divorced	31	28	25	23	21	20	19	17	16	15	15
30-34	Single	324	343	361	378	396	413	429	446	463	483	502
	Married	599	583	567	553	538	525	510	497	482	463	444
	Widowed	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Divorced	76	73	70	67	65	62	59	56	54	53	52
35-39	Single	182	195	209	223	238	253	267	281	295	310	323
	Married	707	694	682	670	657	644	633	621	610	595	581
	Widowed	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2
	Divorced	109	108	107	105	103	100	98	95	93	93	94
40-44	Single	126	133	140	147	155	165	175	186	196	206	217
	Married	752	742	732	724	715	706	697	688	679	667	655
	Widowed	4	4	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4
	Divorced	118	121	124	124	125	124	124	122	121	123	124
45-49	Single	96	99	104	108	114	120	127	134	141	148	155
	Married	783	775	767	758	749	740	732	725	718	708	697
	Widowed	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7
	Divorced	114	118	122	125	129	131	133	133	133	137	141
50-54	Single	84	85	87	88	90	93	97	101	105	110	116
	Married	800	794	788	782	778	772	765	758	752	742	732
	Widowed	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	13
	Divorced	102	107	112	116	119	122	125	127	129	134	139
55-59	Single	78	78	78	79	80	82	83	85	86	88	90
	Married	813	808	804	798	792	787	783	779	775	769	763
	Widowed	25	25	25	25	24	24	23	23	23	22	22
	Divorced	84	89	93	98	103	107	111	114	117	121	125
60-64	Single	82	80	79	77	77	76	76	76	77	78	78
	Married	806	805	803	801	798	795	792	787	783	779	776
	Widowed	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	41	40	39	37
	Divorced	65	69	73	78	83	87	91	96	100	104	108
65-69	Single	81	82	82	81	80	79	78	76	75	74	73
	Married	783	783	782	782	782	782	781	780	779	778	776
	Widowed	88	85	82	79	76	74	72	70	69	66	65
	Divorced	47	50	54	58	62	65	69	74	78	82	87
70-74	Single	70	72	73	76	77	77	77	77	77	76	75
	Married	754	751	748	746	745	746	746	747	748	750	751
	Widowed	142	143	141	139	136	132	128	124	119	115	111
	Divorced	34	35	37	40	42	46	49	52	56	60	63
75 and over	Single	66	65	65	65	65	66	67	67	68	68	69
	Married	617	615	620	623	623	623	623	623	623	624	624
	Widowed	296	297	291	288	286	285	282	280	279	276	274
	Divorced	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	32	34

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	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Females												
All ages	Single	382	385	389	392	395	399	402	405	408	411	415
	Married	446	442	437	433	429	426	422	419	416	412	408
	Widowed	112	111	110	109	108	107	105	104	102	101	99
	Divorced	60	62	64	66	67	69	70	72	74	76	78
Age groups												
Under 20	Single	996	997	997	997	997	997	997	997	997	998	998
	Married	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2
	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	776	796	816	834	849	861	870	878	881	890	896
	Married	213	194	175	159	144	133	124	117	113	104	98
	Widowed	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Divorced	10	9	8	7	6	5	5	5	5	5	5
25-29	Single	425	444	468	494	520	546	568	588	607	629	647
	Married	518	501	480	458	434	412	392	374	358	339	322
	Widowed	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
	Divorced	55	53	50	47	44	41	39	36	33	31	30
30-34	Single	214	231	249	265	282	299	315	331	349	369	388
	Married	682	666	649	634	619	605	591	577	562	544	528
	Widowed	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3
	Divorced	101	100	99	97	95	93	91	88	85	83	81
35-39	Single	115	125	136	148	160	173	187	200	213	227	240
	Married	749	737	724	712	700	688	676	663	651	639	626
	Widowed	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	6
	Divorced	130	131	133	133	133	132	131	130	129	128	129
40-44	Single	73	79	85	91	98	106	115	124	134	144	154
	Married	775	765	755	746	736	727	718	708	698	686	675
	Widowed	13	13	13	14	14	13	13	13	13	12	11
	Divorced	139	143	147	149	152	153	154	155	156	158	160
45-49	Single	52	55	58	61	66	71	77	82	89	95	101
	Married	791	784	776	768	758	749	740	732	723	714	705
	Widowed	25	25	24	24	24	24	23	23	23	22	21
	Divorced	132	137	142	146	152	156	160	162	165	169	173
50-54	Single	48	48	48	49	50	52	54	57	60	64	69
	Married	784	781	776	771	768	764	758	751	744	735	726
	Widowed	52	50	48	46	44	43	41	41	40	39	38
	Divorced	116	121	128	133	138	142	147	152	156	162	168
55-59	Single	51	50	49	48	48	48	48	48	48	49	50
	Married	756	754	751	749	747	746	745	743	740	738	734
	Widowed	99	96	94	91	88	84	81	77	74	70	67
	Divorced	95	100	106	111	117	122	127	133	138	143	149
60-64	Single	58	56	54	53	52	50	49	48	48	47	47
	Married	691	693	695	697	698	699	699	698	698	699	701
	Widowed	179	174	168	162	157	151	146	142	138	132	126
	Divorced	72	77	82	88	94	100	105	111	116	122	127
65-69	Single	66	64	62	60	59	57	56	54	52	51	50
	Married	594	596	600	604	608	612	616	621	625	630	634
	Widowed	288	284	279	272	265	258	251	242	233	224	216
	Divorced	52	55	59	63	68	73	78	83	89	95	101
70-74	Single	70	69	68	67	66	64	63	61	60	58	56
	Married	472	474	479	484	488	493	497	501	508	515	522
	Widowed	417	415	409	404	398	392	386	379	369	360	350
	Divorced	41	42	44	46	48	51	54	59	63	67	72
75 and over	Single	99	96	92	88	85	83	80	77	75	72	70
	Married	225	224	230	235	239	243	247	252	255	259	262
	Widowed	655	658	653	651	648	646	643	640	638	635	631
	Divorced	22	23	24	26	27	29	30	31	32	34	36

Table 2.1 Marriages and divorces, 1993-2003

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Year	Marriages				Divorces					
	Total	First marriage of both parties	First marriage of one party only	Remarriage of both parties	New petitions filed ¹	Decrees made absolute ²				
						Total	First marriage of both parties	One party previously divorced	Both parties previously divorced	Other combinations
1993	299,197	181,956	64,551	52,690	185,105	165,018	119,911	29,173	14,773	1,161
1994	291,069	174,200	64,009	52,860	176,523	158,175	114,174	28,641	14,265	1,095
1995	283,012	166,418	63,975	52,619	174,893	155,499	111,485	28,708	14,211	1,095
1996	278,975	160,680	64,653	53,642	178,819	157,107	111,977	29,413	14,630	1,087
1997	272,536	156,907	62,911	52,718	164,272	146,689	104,205	27,653	13,794	1,037
1998	267,303	156,539	60,642	50,122	166,349	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	173,726	153,490	106,444	30,960	15,266	820

1 Including petitions for annulments; there were 463 in 2003. Series revised following the introduction of HM Court Service's Management Information System (MIS) - see section 1.3. Source: *Her Majesty's Court Service*.

2 Including decrees of divorce and nullity.

Table 2.2 Marriage and divorce rates, 1993-2003

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		
				Men	Women	Men	Women	
1993	11.7	37.7	31.8	35.8	43.8	43.4	18.7	14.2
1994	11.4	36.3	30.6	34.3	41.6	42.3	18.6	13.7
1995	11.0	34.7	29.3	32.4	39.3	41.4	18.4	13.6
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	27.4	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

Table 3.1 Marriages (numbers and rates): quarter of occurrence, 1993-2003

England and Wales

Year	Quarter of occurrence							
	Marriages				Persons marrying per 1,000 population of all ages			
	March	June	September	December	March	June	September	December
1993	36,506	88,221	121,553	52,917	5.8	13.9	18.9	8.2
1994	36,776	83,850	118,385	52,058	5.8	13.2	18.4	8.1
1995	34,011	81,412	119,768	47,821	5.4	12.7	18.5	7.4
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

Table 3.2 Marriages: month of occurrence, 1993-2003

England and Wales

Year	Total	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1993	299,197	9,245 ¹	11,850	15,411	22,327	32,769 ¹	33,125	41,855 ¹	40,151	39,547	25,248 ¹	13,459	14,210
1994	291,069	8,507 ¹	12,013	16,256	23,323 ¹	28,410	32,117	39,809 ¹	39,228	39,348	24,126 ¹	13,399	14,533
1995	283,012	8,032	11,241	14,738	22,627 ¹	26,550	32,235	39,599 ¹	38,757	41,412 ¹	20,098	12,741	14,982 ¹
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

¹ These months contain five Saturdays.

**Table 3.3 Marriages (numbers and percentages):
type of ceremony, day and month of occurrence, 2003****England and Wales**

	Total	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Numbers													
All marriages													
Total	270,109	7,998	11,861	14,166	18,066	28,994	28,092	32,860	46,086	32,923	20,432	14,685	13,946
Sunday	11,737	130	214	376 ¹	607	1,614	1,213 ¹	1,341	2,800 ¹	1,427	710	488 ¹	817
Monday	11,728	502	665	988 ¹	800	588	1,214 ¹	1,220	1,213	1,504 ¹	822	657	1,555 ¹
Tuesday	9,078	389	473	516	923 ¹	744	717	966 ¹	1,112	1,004 ¹	653	513	1,068 ¹
Wednesday	11,489	531 ¹	588	636	1,099 ¹	840	859	1,202 ¹	1,268	981	932 ¹	749	1,804 ¹
Thursday	13,782	701 ¹	727	711	1,305	1,458 ¹	1,230	1,786 ¹	1,928	1,370	1,185 ¹	749	632
Friday	47,995	1,658 ¹	3,476	2,222	2,523	5,080 ¹	4,213	5,513	8,999 ¹	6,034	4,138 ¹	2,357	1,782
Saturday	164,300	4,087	5,718	8,717 ¹	10,809	18,670 ¹	18,646	20,832	28,766 ¹	20,603	11,992	9,172 ¹	6,288
Civil marriages													
Total	183,124	6,819	10,081	11,253	13,502	18,906	17,423	19,733	26,806	20,654	15,257	11,723	10,967
Sunday	7,518	76	131	211 ¹	399	1,040	787 ¹	816	1,758 ¹	973	475	317 ¹	535
Monday	10,893	479	636	946 ¹	685	506	1,171 ¹	1,152	1,068	1,442 ¹	790	640	1,378 ¹
Tuesday	8,463	367	444	486	869 ¹	695	656	894 ¹	1,049	940 ¹	614	488	961 ¹
Wednesday	10,849	498 ¹	570	606	1,050 ¹	798	821	1,147 ¹	1,169	931	883 ¹	714	1,662 ¹
Thursday	12,976	670 ¹	706	676	1,248	1,367 ¹	1,161	1,643 ¹	1,777	1,286	1,135 ¹	718	589
Friday	40,685	1,554 ¹	3,206	2,066	2,239	4,313 ¹	3,550	4,461	6,929 ¹	4,912	3,691 ¹	2,180	1,584
Saturday	91,740	3,175	4,388	6,262 ¹	7,012	10,187 ¹	9,277	9,620	13,056 ¹	10,170	7,669	6,666 ¹	4,258
Religious marriages													
Total	86,985	1,179	1,780	2,913	4,564	10,088	10,669	13,127	19,280	12,269	5,175	2,962	2,979
Sunday	4,219	54	83	165 ¹	208	574	426 ¹	525	1,042 ¹	454	235	171 ¹	282
Monday	835	23	29	42 ¹	115	82	43 ¹	68	145	62 ¹	32	17	177 ¹
Tuesday	615	22	29	30	54 ¹	49	61	72 ¹	63	64 ¹	39	25	107 ¹
Wednesday	640	33 ¹	18	30	49 ¹	42	38	55 ¹	99	50	49 ¹	35	142 ¹
Thursday	806	31 ¹	21	35	57	91 ¹	69	143 ¹	151	84	50 ¹	31	43
Friday	7,310	104 ¹	270	156	284	767 ¹	663	1,052	2,070 ¹	1,122	447 ¹	177	198
Saturday	72,560	912	1,330	2,455 ¹	3,797	8,483 ¹	9,369	11,212	15,710 ¹	10,433	4,323	2,506 ¹	2,030
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	4.3	1.6	1.8	2.7	3.4	5.6	4.3	4.1	6.1	4.3	3.5	3.3	5.9
Monday	4.3	6.3	5.6	7.0	4.4	2.0	4.3	3.7	2.6	4.6	4.0	4.5	11.2
Tuesday	3.4	4.9	4.0	3.6	5.1	2.6	2.6	2.9	2.4	3.0	3.2	3.5	7.7
Wednesday	4.3	6.6	5.0	4.5	6.1	2.9	3.1	3.7	2.8	3.0	4.6	5.1	12.9
Thursday	5.1	8.8	6.1	5.0	7.2	5.0	4.4	5.4	4.2	4.2	5.8	5.1	4.5
Friday	17.8	20.7	29.3	15.7	14.0	17.5	15.0	16.8	19.5	18.3	20.3	16.1	12.8
Saturday	60.8	51.1	48.2	61.5	59.8	64.4	66.4	63.4	62.4	62.6	58.7	62.5	45.1

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.

Table 3.4 Marriages (numbers and percentages): type of ceremony, denomination, and day of occurrence, 2003 **England and Wales**

	Total	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Numbers								
All marriages	270,109	11,737	11,728	9,078	11,489	13,782	47,995	164,300
All civil marriages	183,124	7,518	10,893	8,463	10,849	12,976	40,685	91,740
Register Office and others	109,340	136	8,417	6,619	8,638	9,615	24,760	51,155
Approved Premises	73,784	7,382	2,476	1,844	2,211	3,361	15,925	40,585
All religious marriages	86,985	4,219	835	615	640	806	7,310	72,560
Church of England	56,250	1,731	365	193	316	393	4,334	48,918
Church in Wales	4,135	156	62	23	24	47	484	3,339
Roman Catholic	9,858	340	122	78	97	124	1,283	7,814
Methodist	5,742	190	43	35	52	61	437	4,924
United Reformed Church	1,959	64	19	8	10	18	156	1,684
Congregationalist (Independent)	364	11	10	3	6	10	41	283
Baptist	1,768	62	11	11	13	22	149	1,500
Presbyterian	195	5	5	2	-	1	27	155
Calvinistic Methodist	109	1	2	-	2	2	13	89
Society of Friends (Quakers)	56	5	2	-	-	-	2	47
Jews	751	499	55	88	50	52	-	7
Salvation Army	169	3	3	2	1	5	7	148
Brethren	169	3	-	34	3	2	16	111
Jehovah's Witness	600	7	10	1	6	-	54	522
Unitarian	486	16	9	4	3	3	66	385
Muslim	198	30	21	12	20	11	21	83
Sikh	1,114	611	39	2	10	4	16	432
Other Christian body (including Mormon)	2,571	403	47	110	19	38	157	1,797
Other unattached body	490	82	10	9	8	13	47	321
Not civil marriage and not stated	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Percentages								
All marriages	100	4.3	4.3	3.4	4.3	5.1	17.8	60.8
All civil marriages	100	4.1	5.9	4.6	5.9	7.1	22.2	50.1
Register Office and others	100	0.1	7.7	6.1	7.9	8.8	22.6	46.8
Approved Premises	100	10.0	3.4	2.5	3.0	4.6	21.6	55.0
All religious marriages	100	4.9	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.9	8.4	83.4
Church of England	100	3.1	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.7	7.7	87.0
Church in Wales	100	3.8	1.5	0.6	0.6	1.1	11.7	80.7
Roman Catholic	100	3.4	1.2	0.8	1.0	1.3	13.0	79.3
Methodist	100	3.3	0.7	0.6	0.9	1.1	7.6	85.8
United Reformed Church	100	3.3	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.9	8.0	86.0
Congregationalist (Independent)	100	3.0	2.7	0.8	1.6	2.7	11.3	77.7
Baptist	100	3.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.2	8.4	84.8
Presbyterian	100	2.6	2.6	1.0	-	0.5	13.8	79.5
Calvinistic Methodist	100	0.9	1.8	-	1.8	1.8	11.9	81.7
Society of Friends (Quakers)	100	8.9	3.6	-	-	-	3.6	83.9
Jews	100	66.4	7.3	11.7	6.7	6.9	-	0.9
Salvation Army	100	1.8	1.8	1.2	0.6	3.0	4.1	87.6
Brethren	100	1.8	-	20.1	1.8	1.2	9.5	65.7
Jehovah's Witness	100	1.2	1.7	0.2	1.0	-	9.0	87.0
Unitarian	100	3.3	1.9	0.8	0.6	0.6	13.6	79.2
Muslim	100	15.2	10.6	6.1	10.1	5.6	10.6	41.9
Sikh	100	54.8	3.5	0.2	0.9	0.4	1.4	38.8
Other Christian body (including Mormon)	100	15.7	1.8	4.3	0.7	1.5	6.1	69.9
Other unattached body	100	16.7	2.0	1.8	1.6	2.7	9.6	65.5
Not civil marriage and not stated	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0

Table 3.5 Marriages: type of ceremony, previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom and day of occurrence, 2003

England and Wales

		Total	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All marriages									
All bridegrooms	All brides	270,109	11,737	11,728	9,078	11,489	13,782	47,995	164,300
	Single women	191,170	8,931	7,604	5,975	7,130	8,736	31,065	121,729
	Divorced women	73,071	2,603	3,789	2,850	3,958	4,641	15,866	39,364
	Widows	5,868	203	335	253	401	405	1,064	3,207
Single men	All brides	189,470	8,643	7,617	5,954	7,118	8,825	31,099	120,214
	Single women	160,283	7,556	6,186	4,898	5,705	7,038	25,010	103,890
	Divorced women	27,951	1,049	1,351	1,003	1,322	1,692	5,856	15,678
	Widows	1,236	38	80	53	91	95	233	646
Divorced men	All brides	74,397	2,871	3,759	2,827	3,965	4,522	15,720	40,733
	Single women	29,743	1,338	1,345	1,023	1,352	1,627	5,839	17,219
	Divorced women	41,882	1,426	2,258	1,689	2,444	2,719	9,345	22,001
	Widows	2,772	107	156	115	169	176	536	1,513
Widowers	All brides	6,242	223	352	297	406	435	1,176	3,353
	Single women	1,144	37	73	54	73	71	216	620
	Divorced women	3,238	128	180	158	192	230	665	1,685
	Widows	1,860	58	99	85	141	134	295	1,048
Civil marriages									
All bridegrooms	All brides	183,124	7,518	10,893	8,463	10,849	12,976	40,685	91,740
	Single women	115,896	5,272	6,928	5,494	6,690	8,117	24,802	58,593
	Divorced women	62,968	2,100	3,664	2,742	3,803	4,504	14,962	31,193
	Widows	4,260	146	301	227	356	355	921	1,954
Single men	All brides	116,353	5,060	6,956	5,469	6,687	8,229	24,975	58,977
	Single women	92,086	4,204	5,581	4,454	5,328	6,503	19,340	46,676
	Divorced women	23,372	829	1,299	966	1,273	1,639	5,438	11,928
	Widows	895	27	76	49	86	87	197	373
Divorced men	All brides	62,292	2,304	3,629	2,731	3,806	4,359	14,705	30,758
	Single women	23,043	1,047	1,284	991	1,297	1,547	5,281	11,596
	Divorced women	36,962	1,176	2,197	1,632	2,351	2,648	8,917	18,041
	Widows	2,287	81	148	108	158	164	507	1,121
Widowers	All brides	4,479	154	308	263	356	388	1,005	2,005
	Single women	767	21	63	49	65	67	181	321
	Divorced women	2,634	95	168	144	179	217	607	1,224
	Widows	1,078	38	77	70	112	104	217	460
Religious marriages									
All bridegrooms	All brides	86,985	4,219	835	615	640	806	7,310	72,560
	Single women	75,274	3,659	676	481	440	619	6,263	63,136
	Divorced women	10,103	503	125	108	155	137	904	8,171
	Widows	1,608	57	34	26	45	50	143	1,253
Single men	All brides	73,117	3,583	661	485	431	596	6,124	61,237
	Single women	68,197	3,352	605	444	377	535	5,670	57,214
	Divorced women	4,579	220	52	37	49	53	418	3,750
	Widows	341	11	4	4	5	8	36	273
Divorced men	All brides	12,105	567	130	96	159	163	1,015	9,975
	Single women	6,700	291	61	32	55	80	558	5,623
	Divorced women	4,920	250	61	57	93	71	428	3,960
	Widows	485	26	8	7	11	12	29	392
Widowers	All brides	1,763	69	44	34	50	47	171	1,348
	Single women	377	16	10	5	8	4	35	299
	Divorced women	604	33	12	14	13	13	58	461
	Widows	782	20	22	15	29	30	78	588

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

Table 3.6 Marriages: type of ceremony, sex, age and day of occurrence, 2003

England and Wales

	Total	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All marriages								
Age of bridegroom								
All ages	270,109	11,737	11,728	9,078	11,489	13,782	47,995	164,300
Under 20	1,837	25	162	128	163	158	294	907
20-24	25,850	894	1,335	1,085	1,180	1,413	3,675	16,268
25-29	65,568	3,398	2,375	1,838	2,257	2,669	9,506	43,525
30-34	66,060	3,233	2,338	1,704	2,119	2,705	11,740	42,221
35-39	41,191	1,779	1,653	1,271	1,685	2,153	8,135	24,515
40-44	25,173	964	1,165	901	1,210	1,468	5,283	14,182
45-49	15,471	537	794	598	864	980	3,320	8,378
50-54	11,314	356	663	533	634	750	2,428	5,950
55-59	8,314	287	519	406	527	616	1,758	4,201
60-64	4,366	133	298	258	353	340	924	2,060
65-69	2,463	71	203	154	219	235	505	1,076
70-74	1,355	38	104	110	151	150	231	571
75 and over	1,147	22	119	92	127	145	196	446
Age of bride								
All ages	270,109	11,737	11,728	9,078	11,489	13,782	47,995	164,300
Under 20	6,987	106	648	542	591	681	1,107	3,312
20-24	46,850	1,850	2,186	1,766	2,029	2,242	6,315	30,462
25-29	72,790	3,827	2,328	1,817	2,190	2,746	11,196	48,686
30-34	57,348	2,829	2,026	1,468	1,943	2,540	11,030	35,512
35-39	33,668	1,416	1,496	1,130	1,539	1,946	7,192	18,949
40-44	20,435	676	1,072	792	1,115	1,283	4,460	11,037
45-49	13,078	427	712	558	693	877	2,822	6,989
50-54	8,780	288	512	406	533	597	1,894	4,550
55-59	5,214	157	374	281	386	398	1,068	2,550
60-64	2,560	105	193	148	213	204	498	1,199
65-69	1,277	38	94	81	127	122	230	585
70-74	660	15	45	51	78	74	114	283
75 and over	462	3	42	38	52	72	69	186
Civil marriages								
Age of bridegroom								
All ages	183,124	7,518	10,893	8,463	10,849	12,976	40,685	91,740
Under 20	1,354	12	144	112	128	143	257	558
20-24	15,199	410	1,199	902	1,105	1,307	3,012	7,264
25-29	37,026	1,805	2,169	1,711	2,120	2,514	7,390	19,317
30-34	41,936	2,128	2,142	1,619	2,006	2,527	9,410	22,104
35-39	30,151	1,305	1,547	1,213	1,614	2,019	7,104	15,349
40-44	20,096	746	1,116	866	1,162	1,400	4,802	10,004
45-49	12,956	405	770	581	823	948	3,086	6,343
50-54	9,746	292	635	506	607	723	2,292	4,691
55-59	7,124	230	492	385	500	589	1,647	3,281
60-64	3,685	94	287	243	331	318	867	1,545
65-69	1,967	52	188	139	204	224	446	714
70-74	1,041	24	96	106	141	137	201	336
75 and over	843	15	108	80	108	127	171	234

Table 3.6 - continued

	Total	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Civil marriages - continued								
Age of bride								
All ages	183,124	7,518	10,893	8,463	10,849	12,976	40,685	91,740
Under 20	5,372	38	584	504	535	643	1,004	2,064
20-24	27,157	845	2,031	1,563	1,912	2,096	5,200	13,510
25-29	41,641	2,248	2,091	1,700	2,069	2,560	8,632	22,341
30-34	38,726	2,015	1,882	1,374	1,840	2,373	9,083	20,159
35-39	26,203	1,047	1,404	1,075	1,469	1,840	6,401	12,967
40-44	17,094	521	1,025	765	1,066	1,231	4,138	8,348
45-49	11,183	326	685	539	666	848	2,661	5,458
50-54	7,531	237	493	389	505	574	1,773	3,560
55-59	4,425	127	352	268	367	380	986	1,945
60-64	2,040	77	183	133	197	195	452	803
65-69	946	26	87	74	108	111	202	338
70-74	491	9	41	46	71	63	98	163
75 and over	315	2	35	33	44	62	55	84
Religious marriages								
Age of bridegroom								
All ages	86,985	4,219	835	615	640	806	7,310	72,560
Under 20	483	13	18	16	35	15	37	349
20-24	10,651	484	136	183	75	106	663	9,004
25-29	28,542	1,593	206	127	137	155	2,116	24,208
30-34	24,124	1,105	196	85	113	178	2,330	20,117
35-39	11,040	474	106	58	71	134	1,031	9,166
40-44	5,077	218	49	35	48	68	481	4,178
45-49	2,515	132	24	17	41	32	234	2,035
50-54	1,568	64	28	27	27	27	136	1,259
55-59	1,190	57	27	21	27	27	111	920
60-64	681	39	11	15	22	22	57	515
65-69	496	19	15	15	15	11	59	362
70-74	314	14	8	4	10	13	30	235
75 and over	304	7	11	12	19	18	25	212
Age of bride								
All ages	86,985	4,219	835	615	640	806	7,310	72,560
Under 20	1,615	68	64	38	56	38	103	1,248
20-24	19,693	1,005	155	203	117	146	1,115	16,952
25-29	31,149	1,579	237	117	121	186	2,564	26,345
30-34	18,622	814	144	94	103	167	1,947	15,353
35-39	7,465	369	92	55	70	106	791	5,982
40-44	3,341	155	47	27	49	52	322	2,689
45-49	1,895	101	27	19	27	29	161	1,531
50-54	1,249	51	19	17	28	23	121	990
55-59	789	30	22	13	19	18	82	605
60-64	520	28	10	15	16	9	46	396
65-69	331	12	7	7	19	11	28	247
70-74	169	6	4	5	7	11	16	120
75 and over	147	1	7	5	8	10	14	102

Table 3.7 Men marrying: previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, 1993-2003 **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
1993	299,197	213,476	8,735	76,986	181,956	1,461	30,059	1,382	3,603	3,750	31,649	3,242	42,095
1994	291,069	206,077	8,359	76,633	174,200	1,472	30,405	1,387	3,278	3,694	30,745	3,130	42,758
1995	283,012	198,208	7,837	76,967	166,418	1,437	30,353	1,276	3,082	3,479	30,909	3,021	43,037
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

Table 3.8 Women marrying: previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, 1993-2003 **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
1993	299,197	214,987	8,306	75,904	181,956	1,382	31,649	1,461	3,603	3,242	30,059	3,750	42,095
1994	291,069	206,332	7,880	76,857	174,200	1,387	30,745	1,472	3,278	3,130	30,405	3,694	42,758
1995	283,012	198,603	7,540	76,869	166,418	1,276	30,909	1,437	3,082	3,021	30,353	3,479	43,037
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

Table 3.9 Marriages (numbers and proportions): previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, 1993-2003 **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									
1993	299,197	181,956	64,551	61,708	2,843	52,690	42,095	3,603	6,992
1994	291,069	174,200	64,009	61,150	2,859	52,860	42,758	3,278	6,824
1995	283,012	166,418	63,975	61,262	2,713	52,619	43,037	3,082	6,500
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
Proportions									
1993	1,000	608	216	206	10	176	141	12	23
1994	1,000	598	220	210	10	182	147	11	23
1995	1,000	588	226	216	10	186	152	11	23
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

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

Table 3.10 First marriage rates¹: sex and age, 1993-2003

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										
1993	35.8	2.6	35.4	76.3	63.2	38.2	19.4	11.1	7.1	2.4
1994	34.3	2.2	31.7	73.3	61.1	37.3	19.3	10.7	6.6	2.3
1995	32.4	2.0	28.3	68.2	59.9	36.8	19.5	10.6	6.2	2.2
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	36.6	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	48.8	55.1	36.4	21.7	11.9	7.2	2.4
2003	26.1	1.3	16.3	49.8	57.6	38.4	23.6	13.3	8.5	3.0
Single women²										
1993	43.8	10.7	62.2	88.4	59.8	34.9	17.4	10.8	7.2	1.1
1994	41.6	9.6	56.4	84.5	58.9	34.0	17.4	10.8	6.5	1.1
1995	39.3	9.0	50.8	80.5	57.1	33.5	17.4	10.6	6.3	1.2
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	5.3	30.9	63.0	54.3	31.6	18.3	10.9	7.1	1.3
2003	31.2	5.3	31.3	64.4	57.3	33.6	19.6	12.4	7.8	1.8

Table 3.11 First marriage rates¹: sex and single years of age (22-35), 1993-2003

England and Wales

Year	Age													
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Single men²														
1993	35.4	49.2	60.5	70.7	76.7	79.4	79.4	77.1	72.8	67.5	61.3	56.4	48.9	47.2
1994	29.7	43.9	55.1	66.2	72.8	76.2	77.9	75.6	71.3	64.9	59.4	53.6	48.3	44.0
1995	26.4	37.5	49.1	60.0	68.0	70.2	72.6	73.0	69.8	63.3	58.4	52.9	48.2	44.4
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	36.5	43.6	50.3	56.1	59.2	59.3	58.7	55.9	51.1	47.8	42.2
2003	15.1	21.5	28.7	37.0	45.3	50.9	56.7	61.5	61.3	60.0	59.4	55.1	49.9	45.4
Single women²														
1993	66.3	78.2	86.9	92.6	92.3	89.7	82.8	80.9	72.4	62.4	55.4	51.9	46.5	41.5
1994	57.5	71.6	81.1	86.4	87.6	86.2	81.8	78.1	71.1	61.7	56.3	50.4	45.0	40.9
1995	51.3	63.1	74.1	79.5	85.0	82.0	79.2	75.2	68.2	61.3	54.8	48.4	43.8	41.3
1996	45.9	57.7	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	38.5
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	30.6	39.7	47.1	54.7	61.8	64.9	68.5	66.7	62.7	59.9	53.0	48.0	42.8	37.5
2003	30.6	39.1	47.2	56.1	61.6	66.6	69.8	70.0	66.0	62.0	57.2	51.3	45.7	40.0

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.

Table 3.12 Remarriage rates¹: sex and age, 1993-2003

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						
1993	11.9	39.7	155.0	106.0	66.2	48.8	8.8	2.8	41.0	65.8	66.4	34.1	18.0	1.6
1994	11.4	39.7	108.3	108.6	64.2	46.2	8.4	2.7	44.0	59.7	59.4	34.6	17.1	1.4
1995	10.7	66.9	105.7	105.7	55.2	45.5	7.7	2.6	43.8	61.4	58.9	32.8	17.0	1.4
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	1.3	31.5	47.9	44.8	32.3	6.1	2.1	15.7	36.8	44.3	28.1	13.7	1.1
2003	8.6	6.4	56.6	65.3	49.3	33.4	6.4	2.2	15.5	42.5	47.0	28.1	15.1	1.2
	Divorced men							Divorced women						
1993	62.0	158.0	124.4	110.1	73.0	50.1	22.8	48.4	137.0	116.9	91.8	55.3	34.0	7.8
1994	60.0	183.6	131.7	110.2	71.5	48.2	22.2	47.3	164.1	121.0	91.4	54.4	33.0	7.8
1995	58.6	199.9	132.1	111.4	72.2	46.7	21.3	45.7	163.6	118.8	91.9	54.8	31.9	7.3
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	45.9	82.2	91.8	94.5	68.1	41.6	19.6	34.0	111.2	99.5	80.2	50.6	27.5	7.8
2003	46.8	85.2	90.5	92.4	69.4	44.1	21.1	34.9	116.4	101.0	82.4	52.0	29.9	8.8
	Widowed and divorced men							Widowed and divorced women						
1993	43.4	152.1	124.8	110.1	72.8	50.0	13.1	18.7	132.2	115.4	91.0	53.8	30.3	2.3
1994	42.3	173.8	131.4	110.2	71.3	48.0	12.8	18.6	156.9	119.0	90.3	53.0	29.6	2.3
1995	41.4	190.6	131.8	111.3	71.7	46.6	12.2	18.4	155.9	116.8	90.7	53.3	28.8	2.2
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	66.1	89.7	93.5	67.4	40.9	12.0	15.8	96.9	96.6	78.9	49.3	25.3	2.5
2003	34.8	69.9	89.3	91.8	68.8	43.4	13.0	16.6	101.3	98.4	81.1	50.7	27.8	2.9

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.

Table 3.13 Men marrying: age and marital status, 1993-2003

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										
1993	299,197	3,136	60,367	99,314	56,129	27,465	17,398	13,562	7,878	13,948
1994	291,069	2,656	52,592	96,862	57,848	28,183	17,331	13,559	8,235	13,803
1995	283,012	2,426	45,805	91,607	60,014	29,876	17,454	13,932	8,417	13,481
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
Single men¹										
1993	213,476	3,133	59,594	91,338	39,639	11,883	4,122	1,878	822	1,067
1994	206,077	2,638	51,884	89,333	41,635	12,615	4,271	1,908	800	993
1995	198,208	2,411	45,116	84,832	43,891	13,714	4,482	1,988	787	987
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
Widowers										
1993	8,735	-	10	104	202	328	430	748	864	6,049
1994	8,359	-	11	80	211	319	426	706	848	5,758
1995	7,837	-	17	82	220	290	368	707	863	5,290
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
Divorced men										
1993	76,986	3	763	7,872	16,288	15,254	12,846	10,936	6,192	6,832
1994	76,633	18	697	7,449	16,002	15,249	12,634	10,945	6,587	7,052
1995	76,967	15	672	6,693	15,903	15,872	12,604	11,237	6,767	7,204
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

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

Table 3.14 Women marrying: age and marital status, 1993-2003

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										
1993	299,197	12,326	91,613	91,134	43,559	21,636	14,026	11,113	5,856	7,934
1994	291,069	10,866	82,321	89,941	46,119	22,667	13,984	11,339	6,070	7,762
1995	283,012	10,257	73,212	87,680	48,216	24,015	14,352	11,507	6,284	7,489
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
Single women¹										
1993	214,987	12,302	88,961	77,571	24,994	6,892	2,171	1,000	480	616
1994	206,332	10,784	79,699	76,621	27,326	7,471	2,307	1,070	449	605
1995	198,603	10,169	70,981	75,470	29,158	8,196	2,461	1,123	449	596
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
Widows										
1993	8,306	2	41	229	435	494	693	1,101	1,003	4,308
1994	7,880	1	44	217	418	544	672	1,004	985	3,995
1995	7,540	-	40	220	433	545	619	961	994	3,728
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
Divorced women										
1993	75,904	22	2,611	13,334	18,130	14,250	11,162	9,012	4,373	3,010
1994	76,857	81	2,578	13,103	18,375	14,652	11,005	9,265	4,636	3,162
1995	76,869	88	2,191	11,990	18,625	15,274	11,272	9,423	4,841	3,165
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

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

Table 3.15 Median age at marriage: sex and previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, 1993-2003**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
1993	29.2	27.2	62.4	39.4	27.2	25.3	55.9	36.2
1994	29.6	27.5	62.3	39.6	27.6	25.7	55.3	36.3
1995	30.1	27.9	61.7	39.8	28.1	26.0	54.8	36.6
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

Table 3.16 Mean age of men at marriage: previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, 1993-2003**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
1993	32.4	28.2	60.9	40.8	27.5	42.0	31.6	53.8	67.9	56.7	36.9	52.2	42.9
1994	32.7	28.5	60.9	41.1	27.8	41.5	31.8	53.3	68.2	57.3	37.3	52.2	43.0
1995	33.1	28.9	60.6	41.3	28.2	41.5	32.1	53.4	67.9	56.7	37.5	51.8	43.3
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

Table 3.17 Mean age of women at marriage: previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, 1993-2003**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	Widow-ers	Divorced men	Single men	Widow-ers	Divorced men	Single men	Widow-ers	Divorced men
1993	29.9	26.2	55.5	37.7	25.5	42.2	29.2	45.0	64.1	50.6	33.8	49.2	39.5
1994	30.3	26.5	55.1	37.9	25.9	41.5	29.5	44.6	64.4	50.3	34.0	49.6	39.6
1995	30.7	26.8	54.7	38.1	26.2	41.6	29.8	44.2	64.0	50.3	34.3	49.5	39.9
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

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.

Table 3.18 Men marrying: age and previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, 2003

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	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
16	21	21	-	-	20	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	87	87	-	-	84	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	524	523	-	1	489	1	33	-	-	-	-	-	1
19	1,205	1,194	-	11	1,126	4	64	-	-	-	2	-	9
Under 20	1,837	1,825	-	12	1,719	6	100	-	-	-	2	-	10
20	2,048	2,042	-	6	1,923	6	113	-	-	-	-	-	6
21	3,381	3,355	-	26	3,164	5	186	-	-	-	7	-	19
22	4,874	4,835	2	37	4,558	10	267	1	-	1	14	-	23
23	6,876	6,797	1	78	6,368	8	421	-	-	1	39	-	39
24	8,671	8,541	2	128	8,019	11	511	-	1	1	69	1	58
20-24	25,850	25,570	5	275	24,032	40	1,498	1	1	3	129	1	145
25	10,323	10,147	3	173	9,473	13	661	2	-	1	95	-	78
26	12,047	11,816	5	226	10,989	15	812	4	-	1	151	1	74
27	13,386	12,997	2	387	11,953	28	1,016	2	-	-	269	2	116
28	14,577	14,001	17	559	12,804	34	1,163	14	1	2	401	6	152
29	15,235	14,340	23	872	12,927	30	1,383	16	2	5	617	4	251
25-29	65,568	63,301	50	2,217	58,146	120	5,035	38	3	9	1,533	13	671
30	14,971	13,802	23	1,146	12,274	47	1,481	16	-	7	798	7	341
31	14,437	12,851	24	1,562	11,128	38	1,685	17	-	7	1,039	9	514
32	13,759	11,783	22	1,954	10,042	43	1,698	8	4	10	1,256	12	686
33	12,035	9,796	30	2,209	8,091	43	1,662	19	2	9	1,388	13	808
34	10,858	8,273	36	2,549	6,634	43	1,596	25	3	8	1,535	24	990
30-34	66,060	56,505	135	9,420	48,169	214	8,122	85	9	41	6,016	65	3,339
35	9,657	6,975	43	2,639	5,449	51	1,475	22	-	21	1,566	18	1,055
36	9,123	5,995	49	3,079	4,551	43	1,401	28	1	20	1,755	20	1,304
37	8,088	4,938	42	3,108	3,580	49	1,309	28	1	13	1,704	43	1,361
38	7,387	4,287	49	3,051	3,077	45	1,165	27	-	22	1,606	44	1,401
39	6,936	3,597	57	3,282	2,424	38	1,135	36	2	19	1,599	41	1,642
35-39	41,191	25,792	240	15,159	19,081	226	6,485	141	4	95	8,230	166	6,763
40	6,088	2,938	48	3,102	1,911	40	987	17	2	29	1,404	54	1,644
41	5,469	2,284	69	3,116	1,426	39	819	30	3	36	1,345	55	1,716
42	5,014	1,888	56	3,070	1,162	31	695	27	2	27	1,255	54	1,761
43	4,473	1,545	65	2,863	902	35	608	25	1	39	1,098	56	1,709
44	4,129	1,196	97	2,836	646	31	519	34	5	58	1,046	77	1,713
40-44	25,173	9,851	335	14,987	6,047	176	3,628	133	13	189	6,148	296	8,543
45	3,681	983	84	2,614	534	19	430	29	5	50	890	75	1,649
46	3,230	746	73	2,411	392	21	333	20	4	49	768	55	1,588
47	2,989	682	85	2,222	362	22	298	21	4	60	668	75	1,479
48	2,830	570	111	2,149	292	23	255	22	12	77	627	73	1,449
49	2,741	513	112	2,116	242	21	250	21	8	83	588	90	1,438
45-49	15,471	3,494	465	11,512	1,822	106	1,566	113	33	319	3,541	368	7,603
50	2,612	435	100	2,077	185	15	235	18	11	71	482	109	1,486
51	2,278	355	108	1,815	144	25	186	24	12	72	400	83	1,332
52	2,223	297	125	1,801	136	18	143	18	9	98	398	97	1,306
53	2,126	293	157	1,676	118	28	147	29	20	108	333	98	1,245
54	2,075	229	179	1,667	105	22	102	40	34	105	356	106	1,205
50-54	11,314	1,609	669	9,036	688	108	813	129	86	454	1,969	493	6,574

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

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	2,043	223	210	1,610	95	19	109	25	41	144	335	115	1,160
56	2,045	209	239	1,597	78	25	106	41	41	157	300	119	1,178
57	1,604	128	208	1,268	50	14	64	19	48	141	248	111	909
58	1,328	129	164	1,035	45	12	72	23	32	109	160	111	764
59	1,294	134	182	978	53	14	67	20	48	114	177	104	697
55-59	8,314	823	1,003	6,488	321	84	418	128	210	665	1,220	560	4,708
60	1,190	99	199	892	40	14	45	23	46	130	158	92	642
61	935	93	195	647	36	18	39	22	53	120	120	77	450
62	763	61	168	534	18	9	34	21	49	98	96	65	373
63	710	54	178	478	24	14	16	24	53	101	97	52	329
64	768	61	201	506	28	8	25	17	63	121	87	83	336
60-64	4,366	368	941	3,057	146	63	159	107	264	570	558	369	2,130
65	671	50	188	433	15	12	23	30	54	104	71	80	282
66	527	45	181	301	16	11	18	15	76	90	53	56	192
67	473	32	184	257	9	4	19	23	74	87	42	44	171
68	422	31	155	236	8	10	13	14	81	60	37	53	146
69	370	28	157	185	8	7	13	18	69	70	31	25	129
65-69	2,463	186	865	1,412	56	44	86	100	354	411	234	258	920
70	333	28	148	157	14	7	7	19	80	49	32	26	99
71	298	18	153	127	6	5	7	14	71	68	23	29	75
72	274	17	144	113	5	8	4	15	68	61	19	25	69
73	225	10	125	90	4	4	2	11	68	46	22	17	51
74	225	17	135	73	6	6	5	9	85	41	17	15	41
70-74	1,355	90	705	560	35	30	25	68	372	265	113	112	335
75	172	9	108	55	4	4	1	7	69	32	10	15	30
76	166	11	114	41	4	3	4	11	59	44	9	13	19
77	123	7	86	30	4	1	2	7	54	25	4	3	23
78	111	3	74	34	-	1	2	13	41	20	10	11	13
79	110	2	86	22	-	2	-	6	63	17	2	7	13
75-79	682	32	468	182	12	11	9	44	286	138	35	49	98
80	90	5	61	24	-	3	2	5	39	17	2	7	15
81	79	4	53	22	-	3	1	6	38	9	7	4	11
82	79	5	67	7	3	1	1	7	43	17	1	3	3
83	54	1	45	8	-	-	1	9	32	4	3	2	3
84	28	1	21	6	-	-	1	6	10	5	-	2	4
80-84	330	16	247	67	3	7	6	33	162	52	13	18	36
85	34	1	29	4	-	1	-	3	17	9	1	1	2
86	25	3	20	2	3	-	-	5	12	3	-	-	2
87	25	-	22	3	-	-	-	3	13	6	1	1	1
88	14	-	13	1	-	-	-	3	8	2	-	1	-
89	12	1	10	1	1	-	-	2	5	3	-	-	1
85-89	110	5	94	11	4	1	-	16	55	23	2	3	6
90 and over	25	3	20	2	2	-	1	8	8	4	-	1	1

Table 3.19 Women marrying: age and previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, 2003

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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	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
16	208	208	-	-	201	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	562	561	-	1	544	1	16	-	-	-	-	-	1
18	2,573	2,550	1	22	2,411	10	129	1	-	-	-	-	22
19	3,644	3,610	-	34	3,413	4	193	-	-	-	6	-	28
Under 20	6,987	6,929	1	57	6,569	15	345	1	-	-	6	-	51
20	5,283	5,225	-	58	4,910	13	302	-	-	-	18	-	40
21	7,268	7,154	-	114	6,597	21	536	-	-	-	52	2	60
22	9,455	9,287	3	165	8,543	17	727	-	1	2	91	-	74
23	11,722	11,446	8	268	10,486	20	940	7	-	1	178	3	87
24	13,122	12,733	12	377	11,635	24	1,074	8	1	3	250	1	126
20-24	46,850	45,845	23	982	42,171	95	3,579	15	2	6	589	6	387
25	13,934	13,443	9	482	12,177	16	1,250	5	2	2	329	3	150
26	14,289	13,605	11	673	12,220	18	1,367	7	1	3	452	6	215
27	14,857	13,912	19	926	12,371	25	1,516	17	-	2	634	8	284
28	15,125	13,847	27	1,251	12,101	35	1,711	20	3	4	848	2	401
29	14,585	12,968	31	1,586	11,165	30	1,773	18	2	11	1,033	15	538
25-29	72,790	67,775	97	4,918	60,034	124	7,617	67	8	22	3,296	34	1,588
30	13,699	11,718	38	1,943	9,907	40	1,771	30	1	7	1,250	10	683
31	12,904	10,460	54	2,390	8,610	42	1,808	32	2	20	1,465	13	912
32	11,697	8,879	58	2,760	7,030	42	1,807	27	1	30	1,641	21	1,098
33	10,067	7,055	60	2,952	5,482	32	1,541	40	1	19	1,629	31	1,292
34	8,981	5,828	67	3,086	4,338	37	1,453	43	-	24	1,638	22	1,426
30-34	57,348	43,940	277	13,131	35,367	193	8,380	172	5	100	7,623	97	5,411
35	7,948	4,688	79	3,181	3,377	41	1,270	43	3	33	1,634	31	1,516
36	7,900	4,062	83	3,245	2,785	38	1,239	44	3	36	1,552	40	1,653
37	6,410	3,160	82	3,168	2,108	29	1,023	43	-	39	1,394	54	1,720
38	6,153	2,669	79	3,405	1,679	34	956	33	3	43	1,464	49	1,892
39	5,767	2,355	87	3,325	1,427	29	899	32	2	53	1,281	63	1,981
35-39	33,668	16,934	410	16,324	11,376	171	5,387	195	11	204	7,325	237	8,762
40	5,168	1,827	107	3,234	1,078	35	714	46	6	55	1,228	75	1,931
41	4,345	1,326	101	2,918	736	29	561	34	6	61	1,011	82	1,825
42	3,990	1,099	87	2,804	584	26	489	35	4	48	933	71	1,800
43	3,646	910	123	2,613	464	29	417	36	8	79	776	81	1,756
44	3,286	746	118	2,422	352	35	359	40	12	66	697	93	1,632
40-44	20,435	5,908	536	13,991	3,214	154	2,540	191	36	309	4,645	402	8,944
45	2,937	619	121	2,197	299	24	296	29	10	82	597	84	1,516
46	2,902	485	145	2,272	206	20	259	35	17	93	554	111	1,607
47	2,621	414	135	2,072	188	15	211	32	14	89	505	103	1,464
48	2,314	318	162	1,834	137	14	167	32	19	111	403	113	1,318
49	2,304	312	156	1,836	117	17	178	36	18	102	401	100	1,335
45-49	13,078	2,148	719	10,211	947	90	1,111	164	78	477	2,460	511	7,240
50	2,152	236	156	1,760	96	17	123	27	27	102	359	131	1,270
51	1,837	202	151	1,484	75	24	103	26	28	97	262	131	1,091
52	1,674	170	163	1,341	56	20	94	31	36	96	202	129	1,010
53	1,650	153	162	1,335	52	21	80	28	38	96	176	163	996
54	1,467	139	147	1,181	60	20	59	22	29	96	181	150	850
50-54	8,780	900	779	7,101	339	102	459	134	158	487	1,180	704	5,217

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

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	1,494	150	192	1,152	61	22	67	25	39	128	158	143	851
56	1,321	107	190	1,024	38	20	49	21	63	106	151	148	725
57	965	74	159	732	22	15	37	20	57	82	98	123	511
58	772	73	142	557	21	21	31	9	54	79	75	98	384
59	662	51	148	463	24	7	20	20	53	75	48	90	325
55-59	5,214	455	831	3,928	166	85	204	95	266	470	530	602	2,796
60	791	44	245	502	15	6	23	25	95	125	50	88	364
61	545	36	160	349	11	8	17	17	66	77	53	79	217
62	466	36	150	280	11	10	15	19	69	62	35	75	170
63	395	25	141	229	4	8	13	16	71	54	27	60	142
64	363	29	138	196	13	5	11	15	57	66	28	50	118
60-64	2,560	170	834	1,556	54	37	79	92	358	384	193	352	1,011
65	349	25	148	176	8	8	9	13	82	53	18	55	103
66	289	21	134	134	7	7	7	10	84	40	16	49	69
67	245	13	123	109	3	7	3	10	81	32	11	34	64
68	196	6	107	83	1	4	1	7	75	25	9	18	56
69	198	13	107	78	4	6	3	8	76	23	8	30	40
65-69	1,277	78	619	580	23	32	23	48	398	173	62	186	332
70	178	8	105	65	3	1	4	9	74	22	11	19	35
71	133	12	79	42	4	4	4	8	48	23	4	17	21
72	129	10	79	40	-	5	5	5	57	17	6	21	13
73	113	9	72	32	4	4	1	7	49	16	3	10	19
74	107	4	70	33	1	1	2	5	49	16	3	15	15
70-74	660	43	405	212	12	15	16	34	277	94	27	82	103
75	88	6	63	19	2	4	-	7	48	8	4	5	10
76	66	11	42	13	5	6	-	2	33	7	3	5	5
77	69	10	50	9	1	8	1	4	39	7	1	3	5
78	43	3	34	6	-	3	-	3	28	3	2	1	3
79	35	-	28	7	-	-	-	3	17	8	-	2	5
75-79	301	30	217	54	8	21	1	19	165	33	10	16	28
80	37	3	28	6	-	3	-	3	21	4	2	-	4
81	26	1	23	2	-	1	-	1	21	1	-	2	-
82	23	1	17	5	-	-	1	2	13	2	1	3	1
83	23	3	13	7	-	2	1	1	12	-	-	2	5
84	7	2	1	4	1	1	-	-	1	-	2	2	-
80-84	116	10	82	24	1	7	2	7	68	7	5	9	10
85	7	1	6	-	-	1	-	1	4	1	-	-	-
86	10	1	9	-	1	-	-	-	8	1	-	-	-
87	11	1	10	-	1	-	-	1	8	1	-	-	-
88	5	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	1
89	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
85-89	34	3	30	1	2	1	-	2	24	4	-	-	1
90 and over	11	2	8	1	-	2	-	-	6	2	-	-	1

Table 3.20 Marriages: previous marital statuses¹ and ages in combination of bride and bridegroom, 2003

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	21	87	524	1,205	2,048	3,381	4,874	6,876	8,671	1,837	25,850	65,568	66,060
16	5	11	21	20	22	15	23	22	13	57	95	39	15
17	7	21	56	66	62	48	49	50	40	150	249	108	40
18	2	20	135	214	257	237	217	220	178	371	1,109	706	255
19	3	13	79	218	325	432	387	318	287	313	1,749	924	441
20	2	5	50	185	356	524	573	557	447	242	2,457	1,587	664
21	-	5	28	101	250	597	688	791	763	134	3,089	2,529	982
22	-	4	22	78	178	385	857	1,011	1,046	104	3,477	3,677	1,477
23	-	1	22	80	131	259	540	1,185	1,323	103	3,438	5,094	2,062
24	1	1	21	48	86	190	350	717	1,504	71	2,847	6,228	2,678
Under 20	17	65	291	518	666	732	676	610	518	891	3,202	1,777	751
20-24	3	16	143	492	1,001	1,955	3,008	4,261	5,083	654	15,308	19,115	7,863
25-29	1	3	44	116	248	450	819	1,390	2,228	164	5,135	31,897	23,810
30-34	-	1	29	48	86	159	250	420	583	78	1,498	9,414	24,085
35-39	-	1	8	22	35	70	88	141	186	31	520	2,372	6,886
40-44	-	-	5	6	7	12	28	36	46	11	129	704	1,920
45-49	-	-	4	-	3	1	3	13	17	4	37	217	574
50-54	-	1	-	3	1	2	2	3	7	4	15	59	133
55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	4	12	28
60-64	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	7
65-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
70-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
80-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
85 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
First marriage for both parties													
All ages	20	84	489	1,126	1,923	3,164	4,558	6,368	8,019	1,719	24,032	58,146	48,169
16	5	11	21	20	22	15	22	22	13	57	94	36	14
17	7	21	56	66	62	48	49	50	39	150	248	105	33
18	2	20	135	210	256	235	211	215	172	367	1,089	671	213
19	3	13	77	217	322	428	379	311	283	310	1,723	866	378
20	2	5	49	181	354	518	570	552	440	237	2,434	1,503	559
21	-	5	26	97	246	593	680	775	740	128	3,034	2,393	806
22	-	4	22	76	170	376	848	996	1,017	102	3,407	3,501	1,185
23	-	1	22	76	126	252	529	1,160	1,297	99	3,364	4,850	1,676
24	-	1	20	46	81	175	326	694	1,478	67	2,754	5,977	2,181
Under 20	17	65	289	513	662	726	661	598	507	884	3,154	1,678	638
20-24	2	16	139	476	977	1,914	2,953	4,177	4,972	633	14,993	18,224	6,407
25-29	1	2	39	99	213	389	730	1,251	2,038	141	4,621	29,801	19,694
30-34	-	-	20	30	53	97	165	268	399	50	982	7,073	17,730
35-39	-	1	2	7	16	34	40	62	77	10	229	1,118	3,156
40-44	-	-	-	1	2	4	8	8	21	1	43	200	447
45-49	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	4	-	9	40	83
50-54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	10	11
55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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.

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												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		
41,191	25,173	15,471	11,314	8,314	4,366	2,463	1,355	682	330	135	270,109	All ages	
1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	208	16	
9	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	562	17	
78	31	10	5	3	4	1	-	-	-	-	2,573	18	
148	44	16	5	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	3,644	19	
213	68	27	13	10	-	2	-	-	-	-	5,283	20	
348	104	50	16	10	2	1	2	1	-	-	7,268	21	
473	168	56	13	8	1	1	-	-	-	-	9,455	22	
660	220	92	31	17	3	2	-	-	-	-	11,722	23	
876	269	87	38	18	4	4	2	-	-	-	13,122	24	
236	79	26	12	6	5	2	-	-	-	-	6,987	Under 20	
2,570	829	312	111	63	10	10	4	1	-	-	46,850	20-24	
7,935	2,492	816	305	143	58	21	9	2	2	1	72,790	25-29	
13,903	5,377	1,856	684	296	93	42	17	5	-	-	57,348	30-34	
10,916	7,454	3,149	1,413	622	198	72	24	8	2	1	33,668	35-39	
4,002	5,698	4,093	2,205	1,089	391	129	47	12	4	1	20,435	40-44	
1,196	2,256	3,314	2,972	1,644	602	167	73	13	7	2	13,078	45-49	
326	743	1,394	2,448	2,127	974	365	120	43	21	8	8,780	50-54	
78	205	398	888	1,684	1,081	512	224	65	28	7	5,214	55-59	
21	28	84	223	496	673	611	287	89	25	13	2,560	60-64	
6	5	18	39	112	196	389	286	154	44	26	1,277	65-69	
1	5	7	10	26	61	109	204	155	66	16	660	70-74	
-	1	4	3	4	18	28	39	102	76	25	301	75-79	
-	1	-	-	2	4	6	14	25	41	23	116	80-84	
1	-	-	1	-	2	-	7	8	14	12	45	85 and over	
19,081	6,047	1,822	688	321	146	56	35	12	3	6	160,283	All ages	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	201	16	
7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	544	17	
52	14	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,411	18	
108	22	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,413	19	
135	34	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,910	20	
189	30	16	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,597	21	
264	69	13	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	8,543	22	
383	71	31	8	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,486	23	
519	102	24	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,635	24	
167	37	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,569	Under 20	
1,490	306	90	17	10	-	1	-	-	-	-	42,171	20-24	
4,607	876	210	50	18	9	5	2	-	-	-	60,034	25-29	
7,431	1,657	326	76	26	11	2	2	1	-	-	35,367	30-34	
4,361	1,905	433	106	31	17	8	-	2	-	-	11,376	35-39	
854	1,029	424	138	50	19	5	3	-	-	1	3,214	40-44	
140	194	245	151	56	22	4	2	-	1	-	947	45-49	
27	29	62	103	61	24	6	4	-	1	-	339	50-54	
2	11	19	32	54	24	12	6	1	-	-	166	55-59	
-	1	3	11	9	13	7	8	2	-	-	54	60-64	
1	-	-	2	4	5	3	6	1	-	1	23	65-69	
-	2	1	-	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	12	70-74	
-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	2	-	2	8	75-79	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	80-84	
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	85 and over	

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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	100	1,498	5,035	8,122	6,485	3,628	1,566	813	418	159	86	25	9	6	1	27,951
Under 20	1	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
20-24	14	171	225	131	36	9	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	589
25-29	22	453	1,280	1,098	322	97	18	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,296
30-34	26	476	1,836	3,106	1,630	434	87	20	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	7,623
35-39	21	270	1,058	2,315	2,343	1,022	229	54	10	2	1	-	-	-	-	7,325
40-44	10	80	434	1,005	1,397	1,130	413	126	33	13	2	1	-	1	-	4,645
45-49	3	27	151	361	535	596	449	235	70	24	6	3	-	-	-	2,460
50-54	3	12	40	81	161	251	243	216	112	35	16	6	2	2	-	1,180
55-59	-	4	9	19	48	73	87	114	117	35	15	7	1	1	-	530
60-64	-	1	1	3	12	14	33	32	48	27	19	2	1	-	-	193
65-69	-	-	-	2	1	1	6	7	16	11	15	3	-	-	-	62
70-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	9	9	2	2	-	-	27
75-79	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	3	1	-	10
80-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	5
85 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marriages of divorced men and single women																
All ages	2	129	1,533	6,016	8,230	6,148	3,541	1,969	1,220	558	234	113	35	13	2	29,743
Under 20	-	18	78	105	67	40	15	10	5	5	2	-	-	-	-	345
20-24	1	64	529	1,204	963	470	202	82	45	8	8	2	1	-	-	3,579
25-29	1	30	595	2,404	2,500	1,270	475	193	94	41	8	4	2	-	-	7,617
30-34	-	15	264	1,784	2,897	1,963	866	337	161	56	27	10	-	-	-	8,380
35-39	-	2	58	447	1,457	1,597	978	482	251	72	30	8	5	-	-	5,387
40-44	-	-	9	64	298	651	659	434	266	104	36	14	5	-	-	2,540
45-49	-	-	-	7	40	136	275	286	209	110	27	15	4	2	-	1,111
50-54	-	-	-	1	4	18	59	118	126	86	32	12	2	1	-	459
55-59	-	-	-	-	3	2	11	23	50	53	35	17	6	4	-	204
60-64	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	10	19	17	19	6	3	-	79
65-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	6	7	3	-	1	23
70-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	6	3	1	3	1	16
75-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
80-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
85 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marriages of divorced men and divorced women																
All ages	10	145	671	3,339	6,763	8,543	7,603	6,574	4,708	2,130	920	335	98	36	7	41,882
Under 20	5	25	15	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
20-24	5	75	111	92	56	29	12	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	387
25-29	-	22	182	562	442	218	94	45	18	3	2	-	-	-	-	1,588
30-34	-	12	195	1,322	1,807	1,225	525	218	80	16	8	3	-	-	-	5,411
35-39	-	8	103	879	2,584	2,730	1,405	679	276	76	14	6	1	1	-	8,762
40-44	-	1	43	352	1,326	2,677	2,365	1,335	591	186	53	10	3	2	-	8,944
45-49	-	1	15	100	413	1,196	2,067	1,957	1,047	342	74	25	2	1	-	7,240
50-54	-	1	6	25	108	362	870	1,670	1,401	542	177	39	9	7	-	5,217
55-59	-	-	1	3	20	96	224	540	998	587	228	78	18	3	-	2,796
60-64	-	-	-	-	5	8	34	110	243	293	221	79	15	2	1	1,011
65-69	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	14	46	67	111	57	23	6	2	332
70-74	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	5	14	25	35	15	5	-	103
75-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	6	1	11	6	1	28
80-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	10
85 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2

Table 3.21 First marriage rates (gross nuptiality)¹: derived summary, 2003**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	15.6	0	13.7
17	0	14.6	1	12.7
18	0	13.6	2	11.7
19	2	12.7	10	10.9
20	5	11.7	21	10.0
21	12	10.8	38	9.3
22	22	10.0	61	8.6
23	37	9.3	89	8.0
24	57	8.6	124	7.5
25	84	8.0	165	7.1
26	117	7.4	210	6.7
27	156	7.0	257	6.4
28	198	6.7	305	6.2
29	242	6.4	352	6.0
30	287	6.1	396	5.9
35	465	5.2	545	5.3
40	557	4.0	614	4.1
45	605	2.3	649	2.3
50	630	0.0	670	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.

Table 3.22 First marriage rates (net nuptiality)¹: derived summary, 2003**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	0.00006	0.00031	8	0	992	15.6	0.00063	0.00018	7	0	993	13.6
17	0.00025	0.00048	9	0	991	14.6	0.00171	0.00020	7	1	992	12.7
18	0.00149	0.00068	9	0	990	13.6	0.00778	0.00024	7	2	990	11.7
19	0.00352	0.00058	10	2	988	12.6	0.01144	0.00032	8	10	982	10.8
20	0.00626	0.00076	10	5	984	11.7	0.01708	0.00027	8	21	971	10.0
21	0.01067	0.00067	11	11	977	10.8	0.02379	0.00025	8	38	954	9.3
22	0.01496	0.00072	12	22	966	10.0	0.03018	0.00027	8	61	931	8.6
23	0.02123	0.00079	13	36	951	9.2	0.03832	0.00028	9	89	903	8.0
24	0.02828	0.00074	13	56	930	8.5	0.04615	0.00029	9	123	868	7.5
25	0.03630	0.00082	14	83	903	7.9	0.05458	0.00028	9	163	828	7.0
26	0.04428	0.00087	15	116	870	7.4	0.05974	0.00037	9	208	782	6.7
27	0.04961	0.00073	15	154	830	7.0	0.06444	0.00033	10	255	735	6.4
28	0.05510	0.00093	16	195	789	6.6	0.06744	0.00046	10	303	688	6.2
29	0.05964	0.00096	17	239	744	6.3	0.06768	0.00061	10	349	641	6.0
30	0.05947	0.00101	18	283	699	6.1	0.06387	0.00057	11	392	597	5.9
35	0.04443	0.00179	22	457	522	5.2	0.03922	0.00098	12	539	449	5.3
40	0.02844	0.00271	26	546	427	3.9	0.02403	0.00157	14	607	378	4.1
45	0.01557	0.00403	33	593	374	2.3	0.01442	0.00227	18	642	340	2.3
50	0.01037	0.00783	43	616	341	0.0	0.00896	0.00411	23	662	315	0.0

1 In this table marriage rates are analysed with an allowance for mortality. For example, it is estimated that 50 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.

Table 3.23 Men marrying: area of occurrence and age, 2003

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	270,109	1,837	25,850	65,568	66,060	66,364	26,785	17,645
ENGLAND	255,577	1,744	24,425	62,086	62,596	62,784	25,253	16,689
NORTH EAST	11,274	80	1,169	2,753	2,604	2,792	1,244	632
Darlington UA	542	8	60	135	125	133	55	26
Hartlepool UA	386	2	34	93	83	111	44	19
Middlesbrough UA	603	8	64	126	136	183	53	33
Redcar and Cleveland UA	571	4	46	160	151	129	55	26
Stockton-on-Tees UA	710	7	88	169	153	166	90	37
Durham	2,249	12	259	552	540	541	222	123
Northumberland	1,841	7	150	434	462	479	201	108
Tyne and Wear (Met County)	4,372	32	468	1,084	954	1,050	524	260
NORTH WEST	30,974	190	2,733	7,259	7,843	7,833	3,133	1,983
Blackburn with Darwen UA	511	6	73	146	101	106	49	30
Blackpool UA	654	4	64	116	123	169	103	75
Halton UA	512	2	42	135	122	128	50	33
Warrington UA	926	7	85	222	229	259	72	52
Cheshire	4,221	21	256	985	1,223	1,064	386	286
Cumbria	3,361	11	262	763	886	910	329	200
Greater Manchester (Met County)	10,224	78	1,018	2,386	2,464	2,583	1,040	655
Lancashire	5,424	35	513	1,324	1,349	1,310	544	349
Merseyside (Met County)	5,141	26	420	1,182	1,346	1,304	560	303
YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER	23,862	165	2,277	5,769	5,661	5,952	2,530	1,508
East Riding of Yorkshire UA	1,634	8	149	412	377	388	192	108
Kingston upon Hull, City of UA	1,052	13	129	238	208	249	136	79
North East Lincolnshire UA	808	9	78	146	186	231	96	62
North Lincolnshire UA	737	4	79	181	165	180	80	48
York UA	1,204	8	94	268	306	324	137	67
North Yorkshire	4,097	13	296	951	1,053	1,031	441	312
South Yorkshire (Met County)	5,556	46	589	1,384	1,294	1,413	546	284
West Yorkshire (Met County)	8,774	64	863	2,189	2,072	2,136	902	548
EAST MIDLANDS	21,265	144	2,039	5,124	5,047	5,261	2,204	1,446
Derby UA	855	14	99	234	197	173	88	50
Leicester UA	1,231	16	191	397	271	220	92	44
Nottingham UA	916	13	112	210	204	217	95	65
Rutland UA	453	-	26	94	126	120	46	41
Derbyshire	3,968	20	327	912	1,006	1,062	389	252
Leicestershire	3,067	11	258	800	760	700	319	219
Lincolnshire	3,527	24	342	764	818	910	390	279
Northamptonshire	3,337	19	312	834	731	867	367	207
Nottinghamshire	3,911	27	372	879	934	992	418	289
WEST MIDLANDS	25,281	163	2,465	6,337	6,157	6,170	2,403	1,586
Herefordshire, County of UA	967	3	74	204	270	230	108	78
Stoke-on-Trent UA	847	11	119	203	162	215	87	50
Telford and Wrekin UA	826	5	80	208	174	226	87	46
Shropshire	1,754	9	119	402	472	444	178	130
Staffordshire	4,515	15	387	1,053	1,199	1,094	484	283
Warwickshire	3,395	10	265	815	890	878	339	198
West Midlands (Met County)	9,887	96	1,206	2,720	2,200	2,296	810	559
Worcestershire	3,090	14	215	732	790	787	310	242
EAST	28,773	181	2,715	6,878	7,120	6,969	2,910	2,000
Luton UA	751	12	84	169	185	190	70	41
Peterborough UA	986	11	149	216	225	244	95	46
Southend-on-Sea UA	753	5	75	165	154	190	92	72
Thurrock UA	671	7	68	181	189	147	44	35

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	2,108	11	197	498	522	533	209	138
Cambridgeshire	2,808	15	298	716	679	619	290	191
Essex	6,909	42	591	1,733	1,748	1,656	663	476
Hertfordshire	5,631	30	417	1,392	1,513	1,414	520	345
Norfolk	4,404	26	431	950	1,018	1,099	500	380
Suffolk	3,752	22	405	858	887	877	427	276
LONDON	41,364	427	4,804	11,234	10,212	9,613	3,100	1,974
Inner London	19,194	217	2,320	5,073	4,820	4,532	1,356	876
Outer London	22,170	210	2,484	6,161	5,392	5,081	1,744	1,098
SOUTH EAST	44,461	245	3,773	10,363	11,245	11,006	4,593	3,236
Bracknell Forest UA	454	2	39	125	127	92	41	28
Brighton and Hove UA	1,479	2	125	317	376	419	158	82
Isle of Wight UA	797	5	83	155	178	186	98	92
Medway UA	1,007	13	123	258	218	228	99	68
Milton Keynes UA	1,079	7	117	288	232	261	105	69
Portsmouth UA	1,391	13	148	307	340	364	140	79
Reading UA	947	6	102	229	211	251	86	62
Slough UA	614	7	81	227	115	112	46	26
Southampton UA	1,109	12	120	246	214	280	134	103
West Berkshire UA	905	8	68	207	277	224	79	42
Windsor and Maidenhead UA	1,058	4	73	227	312	255	114	73
Wokingham UA	592	3	33	163	174	136	51	32
Buckinghamshire	2,355	7	154	591	612	611	224	156
East Sussex	2,953	20	227	586	706	753	370	291
Hampshire	6,434	39	596	1,553	1,616	1,505	673	452
Kent	7,791	34	682	1,837	1,931	1,909	812	586
Oxfordshire	3,532	19	309	816	912	906	341	229
Surrey	5,873	29	349	1,345	1,628	1,522	606	394
West Sussex	4,091	15	344	886	1,066	992	416	372
SOUTH WEST	28,323	149	2,450	6,369	6,707	7,188	3,136	2,324
Bath and North East Somerset UA	1,284	-	79	293	342	347	137	86
Bournemouth UA	1,015	10	110	235	233	232	116	79
Bristol, City of UA	1,751	13	170	428	386	478	168	108
North Somerset UA	908	1	66	212	225	234	99	71
Plymouth UA	1,297	14	173	261	273	321	156	99
Poole UA	767	5	68	147	159	211	101	76
South Gloucestershire UA	1,241	5	108	338	283	317	125	65
Swindon UA	859	10	108	204	202	203	82	50
Torbay UA	889	5	80	174	170	238	122	100
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	3,464	14	284	700	813	926	408	319
Devon	4,197	19	324	948	972	1,013	511	410
Dorset	2,054	11	154	479	476	496	234	204
Gloucestershire	3,387	18	261	762	880	863	331	272
Somerset	2,751	9	257	635	676	664	283	227
Wiltshire	2,459	15	208	553	617	645	263	158
WALES	14,532	93	1,425	3,482	3,464	3,580	1,532	956
Isle of Anglesey	342	2	40	72	80	97	26	25
Gwynedd	633	4	38	146	157	169	65	54
Conwy	542	6	48	108	127	115	86	52
Denbighshire	543	5	40	126	139	135	51	47
Flintshire	868	5	66	225	207	203	100	62
Wrexham	565	3	59	141	129	145	57	31
Powys	736	7	70	169	173	182	88	47
Ceredigion	312	2	34	71	69	77	30	29
Pembrokeshire	673	5	66	164	160	145	82	51
Carmarthenshire	795	4	80	194	173	200	84	60

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	1,150	4	104	293	288	272	117	72
Neath Port Talbot	592	3	69	140	163	115	70	32
Bridgend	697	8	64	178	157	187	70	33
The Vale of Glamorgan	647	1	64	156	157	171	64	34
Cardiff	1,594	10	168	389	386	418	139	84
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	842	4	107	214	190	190	84	53
Merthyr Tydfil	232	3	36	43	47	61	26	16
Caerphilly	738	-	72	191	173	171	83	48
Blaenau Gwent	319	6	45	59	71	84	36	18
Torfaen	357	3	48	90	86	73	32	25
Monmouthshire	687	3	36	146	176	198	78	50
Newport	668	5	71	167	156	172	64	33

Table 3.24 Women marrying: area of occurrence and age, 2003

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	270,109	6,987	46,850	72,790	57,348	54,103	21,858	10,173
ENGLAND	255,577	6,666	44,325	68,853	54,324	51,171	20,607	9,631
NORTH EAST	11,274	238	2,027	3,005	2,283	2,354	988	379
Darlington UA	542	23	89	150	111	110	41	18
Hartlepool UA	386	6	63	102	67	104	32	12
Middlesbrough UA	603	24	107	155	100	143	53	21
Redcar and Cleveland UA	571	9	118	155	135	87	47	20
Stockton-on-Tees UA	710	20	151	158	142	160	57	22
Durham	2,249	34	436	634	443	440	188	74
Northumberland	1,841	21	295	497	438	385	138	67
Tyne and Wear (Met County)	4,372	101	768	1,154	847	925	432	145
NORTH WEST	30,974	680	4,975	8,446	6,741	6,459	2,559	1,114
Blackburn with Darwen UA	511	31	116	125	94	91	40	14
Blackpool UA	654	21	105	120	110	174	74	50
Halton UA	512	8	76	144	108	110	48	18
Warrington UA	926	12	156	272	208	179	66	33
Cheshire	4,221	54	552	1,264	1,067	814	331	139
Cumbria	3,361	48	482	902	844	714	262	109
Greater Manchester (Met County)	10,224	306	1,772	2,676	2,037	2,190	857	386
Lancashire	5,424	116	985	1,459	1,132	1,081	461	190
Merseyside (Met County)	5,141	84	731	1,484	1,141	1,106	420	175
YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER	23,862	613	4,156	6,159	5,082	4,936	2,057	859
East Riding of Yorkshire UA	1,634	30	297	428	351	309	148	71
Kingston upon Hull, City of UA	1,052	45	208	222	186	215	131	45
North East Lincolnshire UA	808	24	141	173	143	208	92	27
North Lincolnshire UA	737	20	162	186	131	150	54	34
York UA	1,204	19	154	327	297	262	102	43
North Yorkshire	4,097	55	551	1,118	986	845	372	170
South Yorkshire (Met County)	5,556	173	1,057	1,404	1,156	1,192	424	150
West Yorkshire (Met County)	8,774	247	1,586	2,301	1,832	1,755	734	319
EAST MIDLANDS	21,265	492	3,739	5,490	4,375	4,485	1,867	817
Derby UA	855	31	183	212	146	182	75	26
Leicester UA	1,231	76	347	338	223	168	54	25
Nottingham UA	916	35	162	238	166	196	85	34
Rutland UA	453	1	53	109	122	97	58	13
Derbyshire	3,968	72	616	1,050	876	870	336	148
Leicestershire	3,067	48	507	882	620	617	284	109
Lincolnshire	3,527	87	594	836	751	787	304	168
Northamptonshire	3,337	60	605	869	664	711	287	141
Nottinghamshire	3,911	82	672	956	807	857	384	153
WEST MIDLANDS	25,281	627	4,563	6,807	5,338	4,997	2,005	944
Herefordshire, County of UA	967	10	158	273	205	186	94	41
Stoke-on-Trent UA	847	37	182	209	134	186	75	24
Telford and Wrekin UA	826	27	151	194	175	169	81	29
Shropshire	1,754	29	218	510	421	345	144	87
Staffordshire	4,515	71	742	1,238	951	942	376	195
Warwickshire	3,395	59	531	954	859	602	277	113
West Midlands (Met County)	9,887	349	2,121	2,570	1,911	1,928	693	315
Worcestershire	3,090	45	460	859	682	639	265	140
EAST	28,773	593	4,890	7,972	6,170	5,528	2,410	1,210
Luton UA	751	36	170	179	136	153	53	24
Peterborough UA	986	39	217	228	193	205	82	22
Southend-on-Sea UA	753	23	146	158	145	153	85	43
Thurrock UA	671	13	145	229	122	102	36	24

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	2,108	54	326	599	474	402	177	76
Cambridgeshire	2,808	42	511	798	581	530	223	123
Essex	6,909	108	1,094	2,040	1,561	1,264	551	291
Hertfordshire	5,631	91	798	1,669	1,337	1,095	444	197
Norfolk	4,404	103	777	1,103	893	878	413	237
Suffolk	3,752	84	706	969	728	746	346	173
LONDON	41,364	2,061	8,574	11,517	8,312	7,583	2,326	991
Inner London	19,194	1,108	3,955	5,189	4,029	3,555	980	378
Outer London	22,170	953	4,619	6,328	4,283	4,028	1,346	613
SOUTH EAST	44,461	844	6,939	12,051	10,020	8,910	3,753	1,944
Bracknell Forest UA	454	7	79	139	104	67	46	12
Brighton and Hove UA	1,479	34	206	366	365	348	122	38
Isle of Wight UA	797	20	125	187	141	175	88	61
Medway UA	1,007	26	229	263	156	214	73	46
Milton Keynes UA	1,079	27	204	302	203	210	91	42
Portsmouth UA	1,391	42	251	341	304	282	130	41
Reading UA	947	37	198	227	178	191	81	35
Slough UA	614	37	172	183	83	93	33	13
Southampton UA	1,109	43	189	267	207	220	113	70
West Berkshire UA	905	9	131	276	214	194	56	25
Windsor and Maidenhead UA	1,058	10	131	262	308	219	83	45
Wokingham UA	592	7	86	187	145	104	41	22
Buckinghamshire	2,355	33	302	701	595	465	162	97
East Sussex	2,953	63	395	728	676	612	290	189
Hampshire	6,434	110	1,060	1,792	1,417	1,249	537	269
Kent	7,791	132	1,250	2,146	1,677	1,558	684	344
Oxfordshire	3,532	68	526	935	856	737	280	130
Surrey	5,873	79	765	1,644	1,480	1,202	468	235
West Sussex	4,091	60	640	1,105	911	770	375	230
SOUTH WEST	28,323	518	4,462	7,406	6,003	5,919	2,642	1,373
Bath and North East Somerset UA	1,284	11	153	363	330	266	109	52
Bournemouth UA	1,015	23	171	270	216	187	100	48
Bristol, City of UA	1,751	51	299	440	374	382	156	49
North Somerset UA	908	16	136	248	186	191	84	47
Plymouth UA	1,297	45	253	295	229	286	137	52
Poole UA	767	13	121	171	157	177	85	43
South Gloucestershire UA	1,241	26	207	365	254	248	100	41
Swindon UA	859	32	185	218	156	171	63	34
Torbay UA	889	17	143	214	155	201	96	63
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	3,464	58	521	850	746	766	341	182
Devon	4,197	62	634	1,069	889	878	421	244
Dorset	2,054	22	321	564	433	378	205	131
Gloucestershire	3,387	51	472	938	791	685	296	154
Somerset	2,751	48	465	739	558	567	243	131
Wiltshire	2,459	43	381	662	529	536	206	102
WALES	14,532	321	2,525	3,937	3,024	2,932	1,251	542
Isle of Anglesey	342	5	70	85	80	63	24	15
Gwynedd	633	10	80	183	141	129	61	29
Conwy	542	12	80	122	120	119	54	35
Denbighshire	543	11	79	157	121	104	46	25
Flintshire	868	12	160	226	184	167	88	31
Wrexham	565	12	102	156	120	109	49	17
Powys	736	13	116	200	155	167	56	29
Ceredigion	312	4	60	89	61	53	28	17
Pembrokeshire	673	19	127	165	136	128	67	31
Carmarthenshire	795	24	137	200	161	163	71	39

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	1,150	23	215	322	237	217	99	37
Neath Port Talbot	592	11	114	179	106	119	48	15
Bridgend	697	18	121	191	141	151	55	20
The Vale of Glamorgan	647	9	102	172	158	140	46	20
Cardiff	1,594	35	262	463	334	333	123	44
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	842	19	163	243	142	176	72	27
Merthyr Tydfil	232	11	37	58	44	48	26	8
Caerphilly	738	22	141	209	147	131	67	21
Blaenau Gwent	319	8	62	71	63	69	32	14
Torfaen	357	13	68	108	60	66	27	15
Monmouthshire	687	11	95	187	165	135	61	33
Newport	668	19	134	151	148	145	51	20

Table 3.25 Men marrying: area of occurrence, previous marital status¹ and age, 2003 **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	270,109	1,837	25,850	65,568	66,060	66,364	26,785	17,645
	Single	189,470	1,825	25,570	63,301	56,505	35,643	5,103	1,523
	Widowed	6,242	-	5	50	135	575	1,134	4,343
	Divorced	74,397	12	275	2,217	9,420	30,146	20,548	11,779
ENGLAND	All	255,577	1,744	24,425	62,086	62,596	62,784	25,253	16,689
	Single	179,707	1,732	24,161	59,947	53,601	33,917	4,892	1,457
	Widowed	5,872	-	5	46	129	543	1,063	4,086
	Divorced	69,998	12	259	2,093	8,866	28,324	19,298	11,146
North East	All	11,274	80	1,169	2,753	2,604	2,792	1,244	632
	Single	7,638	80	1,162	2,635	2,169	1,346	202	44
	Widowed	262	-	-	1	10	21	58	172
	Divorced	3,374	-	7	117	425	1,425	984	416
North West	All	30,974	190	2,733	7,259	7,843	7,833	3,133	1,983
	Single	21,502	186	2,691	7,032	6,766	4,137	533	157
	Widowed	746	-	3	3	14	65	145	516
	Divorced	8,726	4	39	224	1,063	3,631	2,455	1,310
Yorkshire and The Humber	All	23,862	165	2,277	5,769	5,661	5,952	2,530	1,508
	Single	15,991	164	2,251	5,539	4,680	2,856	401	100
	Widowed	561	-	-	7	14	59	104	377
	Divorced	7,310	1	26	223	967	3,037	2,025	1,031
East Midlands	All	21,265	144	2,039	5,124	5,047	5,261	2,204	1,446
	Single	14,288	142	2,018	4,925	4,200	2,583	307	113
	Widowed	548	-	-	2	9	40	112	385
	Divorced	6,429	2	21	197	838	2,638	1,785	948
West Midlands	All	25,281	163	2,465	6,337	6,157	6,170	2,403	1,586
	Single	17,745	163	2,445	6,117	5,243	3,224	427	126
	Widowed	610	-	-	14	13	45	108	430
	Divorced	6,926	-	20	206	901	2,901	1,868	1,030
East	All	28,773	181	2,715	6,878	7,120	6,969	2,910	2,000
	Single	19,830	181	2,680	6,661	6,070	3,591	496	151
	Widowed	707	-	-	2	8	64	131	502
	Divorced	8,236	-	35	215	1,042	3,314	2,283	1,347
London	All	41,364	427	4,804	11,234	10,212	9,613	3,100	1,974
	Single	33,046	424	4,740	10,867	9,080	6,513	1,072	350
	Widowed	598	-	1	13	36	93	103	352
	Divorced	7,720	3	63	354	1,096	3,007	1,925	1,272
South East	All	44,461	245	3,773	10,363	11,245	11,006	4,593	3,236
	Single	30,884	243	3,741	10,030	9,726	5,994	913	237
	Widowed	1,080	-	1	1	15	93	184	786
	Divorced	12,497	2	31	332	1,504	4,919	3,496	2,213
South West	All	28,323	149	2,450	6,369	6,707	7,188	3,136	2,324
	Single	18,783	149	2,433	6,141	5,667	3,673	541	179
	Widowed	760	-	-	3	10	63	118	566
	Divorced	8,780	-	17	225	1,030	3,452	2,477	1,579
WALES	All	14,532	93	1,425	3,482	3,464	3,580	1,532	956
	Single	9,763	93	1,409	3,354	2,904	1,726	211	66
	Widowed	370	-	-	4	6	32	71	257
	Divorced	4,399	-	16	124	554	1,822	1,250	633

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

Table 3.26 Women marrying: area of occurrence, previous marital status¹ and age, 2003

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	270,109	6,987	46,850	72,790	57,348	54,103	21,858	10,173
	Single	191,170	6,929	45,845	67,775	43,940	22,842	3,048	791
	Widowed	5,868	1	23	97	277	946	1,498	3,026
	Divorced	73,071	57	982	4,918	13,131	30,315	17,312	6,356
ENGLAND	All	255,577	6,666	44,325	68,853	54,324	51,171	20,607	9,631
	Single	181,220	6,609	43,376	64,083	41,700	21,769	2,927	756
	Widowed	5,522	1	22	88	255	896	1,410	2,850
	Divorced	68,835	56	927	4,682	12,369	28,506	16,270	6,025
North East	All	11,274	238	2,027	3,005	2,283	2,354	988	379
	Single	7,738	237	1,985	2,801	1,736	853	111	15
	Widowed	248	-	-	3	7	46	62	130
	Divorced	3,288	1	42	201	540	1,455	815	234
North West	All	30,974	680	4,975	8,446	6,741	6,459	2,559	1,114
	Single	21,672	667	4,865	7,930	5,206	2,628	310	66
	Widowed	687	-	2	10	22	111	171	371
	Divorced	8,615	13	108	506	1,513	3,720	2,078	677
Yorkshire and The Humber	All	23,862	613	4,156	6,159	5,082	4,936	2,057	859
	Single	16,102	608	4,073	5,695	3,683	1,762	221	60
	Widowed	536	-	1	9	26	89	145	266
	Divorced	7,224	5	82	455	1,373	3,085	1,691	533
East Midlands	All	21,265	492	3,739	5,490	4,375	4,485	1,867	817
	Single	14,128	485	3,660	5,050	3,133	1,585	167	48
	Widowed	535	-	3	8	24	92	160	248
	Divorced	6,602	7	76	432	1,218	2,808	1,540	521
West Midlands	All	25,281	627	4,563	6,807	5,338	4,997	2,005	944
	Single	17,703	624	4,481	6,332	3,987	1,976	237	66
	Widowed	577	-	1	7	23	75	151	320
	Divorced	7,001	3	81	468	1,328	2,946	1,617	558
East	All	28,773	593	4,890	7,972	6,170	5,528	2,410	1,210
	Single	20,057	589	4,792	7,410	4,699	2,207	284	76
	Widowed	630	-	3	5	29	96	169	328
	Divorced	8,086	4	95	557	1,442	3,225	1,957	806
London	All	41,364	2,061	8,574	11,517	8,312	7,583	2,326	991
	Single	33,408	2,045	8,317	10,712	6,863	4,552	744	175
	Widowed	578	1	4	26	55	150	125	217
	Divorced	7,378	15	253	779	1,394	2,881	1,457	599
South East	All	44,461	844	6,939	12,051	10,020	8,910	3,753	1,944
	Single	31,378	838	6,818	11,285	7,881	3,894	502	160
	Widowed	999	-	5	6	44	141	266	537
	Divorced	12,084	6	116	760	2,095	4,875	2,985	1,247
South West	All	28,323	518	4,462	7,406	6,003	5,919	2,642	1,373
	Single	19,034	516	4,385	6,868	4,512	2,312	351	90
	Widowed	732	-	3	14	25	96	161	433
	Divorced	8,557	2	74	524	1,466	3,511	2,130	850
WALES	All	14,532	321	2,525	3,937	3,024	2,932	1,251	542
	Single	9,950	320	2,469	3,692	2,240	1,073	121	35
	Widowed	346	-	1	9	22	50	88	176
	Divorced	4,236	1	55	236	762	1,809	1,042	331

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

Table 3.27 Marriages (numbers and percentages): area of occurrence, previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom and type of ceremony, 2003

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	270,109	160,283	189,470	191,170	74,397	73,071	183,124	68
ENGLAND	255,577	152,078	179,707	181,220	69,998	68,835	174,466	68
NORTH EAST	11,274	6,323	7,638	7,738	3,374	3,288	7,470	66
Darlington UA	542	294	359	356	173	174	400	74
Hartlepool UA	386	203	254	251	126	124	251	65
Middlesbrough UA	603	341	411	419	172	172	405	67
Redcar and Cleveland UA	571	339	397	408	163	151	336	59
Stockton-on-Tees UA	710	399	466	501	223	197	406	57
Durham²	2,249	1,257	1,514	1,543	688	652	1,385	62
Durham Central	1,058	573	697	703	334	326	678	64
Durham Eastern	345	199	230	254	108	84	211	61
Durham Western	846	485	587	586	246	242	496	59
Northumberland	1,841	1,018	1,253	1,256	541	537	1,311	71
Northumberland Central	994	562	695	680	278	289	690	69
Northumberland North First	205	108	133	140	64	57	153	75
Northumberland North Second	137	78	94	93	38	42	90	66
Northumberland West	505	270	331	343	161	149	378	75
Tyne and Wear (Met County)	4,372	2,472	2,984	3,004	1,288	1,281	2,976	68
Gateshead	759	432	537	511	203	240	459	60
Newcastle upon Tyne	1,153	682	818	823	307	306	889	77
North Tyneside	775	390	472	499	277	258	544	70
South Tyneside	609	336	404	420	195	175	417	68
Sunderland	1,076	632	753	751	306	302	667	62
NORTH WEST	30,974	18,079	21,502	21,672	8,726	8,615	19,796	64
Blackburn with Darwen UA	511	291	349	350	153	150	374	73
Blackpool UA	654	293	381	370	254	261	483	74
Halton UA	512	285	347	346	152	156	323	63
Warrington UA	926	560	648	669	250	241	559	60
Cheshire	4,221	2,499	2,916	3,043	1,202	1,092	2,803	66
Cheshire Central	1,420	843	984	1,041	401	346	943	66
Cheshire East	1,558	967	1,106	1,153	416	372	950	61
Cheshire West	1,243	689	826	849	385	374	910	73
Cumbria	3,361	1,918	2,275	2,326	1,008	967	2,257	67
Barrow-in-Furness	343	190	222	229	108	108	225	66
Carlisle	461	260	310	304	141	143	301	65
Cockermouth	479	271	330	327	143	145	318	66
Kendal	893	521	625	623	248	250	660	74
Millom	18	14	14	17	4	1	6	33
Penrith	440	238	281	305	150	126	304	69
Ulverston	318	191	219	238	90	76	224	70
Whitehaven	299	167	198	205	92	88	163	55
Wigton	110	66	76	78	32	30	56	51
Greater Manchester (Met County)	10,224	5,919	7,165	7,064	2,806	2,924	6,643	65
Bolton	1,232	655	816	795	368	407	928	75
Bury	668	375	464	452	189	200	374	56
Manchester	1,713	1,134	1,331	1,293	349	381	1,316	77
Oldham	836	455	556	554	256	260	539	64
Rochdale	950	503	630	611	295	320	640	67
Salford	870	544	638	638	220	217	492	57
Stockport	1,045	602	730	725	288	294	663	63
Tameside	758	423	507	519	229	220	414	55
Trafford	886	517	611	623	252	242	535	60
Wigan and Leigh	1,266	711	882	854	360	383	742	59

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

2 Registration scheme changes occurred in this area during 2003.

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	5,424	3,123	3,715	3,724	1,580	1,568	3,297	61
Burnley and Pendle	605	341	408	401	182	191	330	55
Chorley	569	350	424	389	133	166	313	55
Fleetwood and Fylde	622	336	406	418	193	192	321	52
Hyndburn and Rossendale	545	306	369	374	163	155	332	61
Lancaster	820	457	532	562	264	236	550	67
Preston and South Ribble	1,143	697	821	809	303	310	712	62
Ribble Valley	668	352	435	437	219	214	514	77
West Lancashire	452	284	320	334	123	104	225	50
Merseyside (Met County)	5,141	3,191	3,706	3,780	1,321	1,256	3,057	59
Knowsley	500	322	371	369	117	124	330	66
Liverpool	1,624	1,080	1,245	1,258	350	337	1,027	63
Sefton North	580	311	366	390	188	169	370	64
Sefton South	492	333	379	383	107	100	238	48
St Helens	604	359	424	422	166	171	329	54
Wirral	1,341	786	921	958	393	355	763	57
YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER	23,862	13,279	15,991	16,102	7,310	7,224	15,840	66
East Riding of Yorkshire UA	1,634	913	1,096	1,083	495	512	934	57
Kingston upon Hull, City of UA	1,052	534	648	679	377	353	822	78
North East Lincolnshire UA	808	359	482	464	307	321	521	64
North Lincolnshire UA	737	367	465	454	253	259	455	62
York UA	1,204	664	805	819	373	366	897	75
North Yorkshire	4,097	2,276	2,725	2,766	1,280	1,238	2,763	67
South Yorkshire (Met County)	5,556	3,153	3,793	3,805	1,656	1,632	3,621	65
Barnsley	1,025	558	697	680	308	323	669	65
Doncaster	1,446	776	950	945	467	474	946	65
Rotherham	1,029	572	681	710	319	286	606	59
Sheffield	2,056	1,247	1,465	1,470	562	549	1,400	68
West Yorkshire (Met County)	8,774	5,013	5,977	6,032	2,569	2,543	5,827	66
Bradford	1,507	886	1,059	1,059	410	422	1,053	70
Calderdale	941	508	610	630	307	292	649	69
Dewsbury	660	419	476	484	165	159	437	66
Huddersfield	1,049	574	701	692	307	321	657	63
Keighley	274	150	185	187	86	79	174	64
Leeds	2,654	1,601	1,886	1,901	710	701	1,635	62
Pontefract	694	359	438	445	239	231	462	67
Wakefield	995	516	622	634	345	338	760	76
EAST MIDLANDS	21,265	11,670	14,288	14,128	6,429	6,602	13,639	64
Derby UA	855	508	612	584	225	250	547	64
Leicester UA	1,231	842	985	946	222	261	889	72
Nottingham UA	916	557	661	645	230	247	627	68
Rutland UA	453	235	290	291	153	151	372	82
Derbyshire	3,968	2,144	2,641	2,642	1,225	1,219	2,451	62
Amber Valley	585	311	382	392	186	177	361	62
Ashbourne	150	74	101	91	43	56	97	65
Bakewell	655	344	419	429	225	206	494	75
Chesterfield	1,109	581	729	719	348	354	618	56
Erewash	762	416	510	515	229	225	545	72
High Peak	394	205	258	257	127	131	214	54
South Derbyshire	313	213	242	239	67	70	122	39
Leicestershire	3,067	1,737	2,082	2,068	907	933	1,894	62
Lincolnshire ²	3,527	1,737	2,232	2,140	1,186	1,281	2,179	62

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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
Northamptonshire	3,337	1,833	2,224	2,255	1,045	1,006	2,204	66
Corby	234	123	160	156	71	76	171	73
Daventry	270	150	173	188	92	73	166	61
Kettering	375	203	245	246	119	119	226	60
Northampton	1,311	779	924	914	370	368	875	67
Oundle and Thrapston	196	95	123	128	66	62	134	68
Towcester and Brackley	346	193	238	233	99	109	237	68
Wellingborough	605	290	361	390	228	199	395	65
Nottinghamshire	3,911	2,077	2,561	2,557	1,236	1,254	2,476	63
Basford	1,104	635	750	769	319	301	600	54
East Retford	255	133	172	161	78	91	169	66
Mansfield	870	427	544	528	304	320	553	64
Newark	494	260	327	321	146	160	256	52
Rushcliffe	943	503	621	626	295	298	738	78
Worksop	245	119	147	152	94	84	160	65
WEST MIDLANDS	25,281	14,940	17,745	17,703	6,926	7,001	16,089	64
Herefordshire, County of UA	967	554	644	679	301	261	546	56
Bromyard	50	28	34	34	14	15	16	32
Hereford	444	251	289	308	150	125	259	58
Kington	51	34	40	37	11	12	35	69
Ledbury	127	71	83	89	40	34	74	58
Leominster	127	82	93	97	31	27	61	48
Ross	168	88	105	114	55	48	101	60
Stoke-on-Trent UA	847	458	565	546	262	283	585	69
Telford and Wrekin UA	826	432	539	521	264	292	583	71
Shropshire	1,754	1,017	1,200	1,209	511	505	1,129	64
Bridgnorth	346	218	252	248	86	87	195	56
Clun	62	41	46	48	15	12	33	53
Ludlow	185	102	126	119	53	59	118	64
North Shropshire	244	131	157	159	83	84	146	60
Oswestry	209	115	138	139	61	61	105	50
Shrewsbury	708	410	481	496	213	202	532	75
Staffordshire	4,515	2,485	3,037	2,966	1,350	1,413	2,889	64
Cannock Chase	374	191	235	238	123	122	205	55
East Staffordshire	570	271	349	334	208	215	395	69
Lichfield	993	527	646	629	315	328	638	64
Newcastle-under-Lyme	702	364	462	444	221	238	481	69
South Staffordshire	748	470	554	544	173	188	509	68
Stafford	692	405	484	479	193	196	446	64
Staffordshire Moorlands	436	257	307	298	117	126	215	49
Warwickshire	3,395	1,979	2,314	2,394	1,020	933	2,224	66
Mid Warwickshire	847	533	604	628	230	204	474	56
North Warwickshire	435	265	304	314	122	115	270	62
Nuneaton and Bedworth	567	287	356	351	199	206	386	68
Rugby	727	430	493	537	223	173	553	76
South Warwickshire	819	464	557	564	246	235	541	66
West Midlands (Met County)	9,887	6,263	7,369	7,264	2,294	2,421	6,227	63
Birmingham	3,676	2,527	2,882	2,926	717	685	2,360	64
Coventry	1,196	754	901	855	267	315	747	62
Dudley ²	1,203	700	842	816	339	358	771	64
Sandwell	1,076	612	775	728	273	326	738	69
Solihull	917	543	638	644	249	253	593	65
Walsall	908	559	653	639	231	246	503	55
Wolverhampton	911	568	678	656	218	238	515	57

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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
Worcestershire	3,090	1,752	2,077	2,124	924	893	1,906	62
Bromsgrove	625	366	432	450	182	160	336	54
Droitwich	188	118	141	137	43	46	102	54
Evesham	282	165	182	206	88	74	150	53
Kidderminster	595	348	411	408	164	178	385	65
Malvern	542	293	366	366	155	160	396	73
Pershore	158	83	101	98	54	57	90	57
Redditch	298	162	187	194	101	94	193	65
Tenbury	48	29	31	31	15	15	25	52
Worcester	354	188	226	234	122	109	229	65
EAST	28,773	16,797	19,830	20,057	8,236	8,086	19,195	67
Luton UA	751	487	550	572	186	166	584	78
Peterborough UA	986	544	665	646	300	317	743	75
Southend-on-Sea UA	753	389	493	463	236	270	518	69
Thurrock UA	671	443	502	516	158	139	457	68
Bedfordshire	2,108	1,211	1,445	1,466	615	591	1,341	64
Cambridgeshire	2,808	1,703	1,960	2,001	790	747	1,711	61
Cambridge	1,467	962	1,082	1,116	355	322	944	64
Ely	267	140	170	169	93	94	154	58
Fenland	348	176	209	214	129	125	209	60
Huntingdon	726	425	499	502	213	206	404	56
Essex	6,909	4,113	4,844	4,878	1,905	1,900	4,599	67
Braintree	881	551	643	632	223	234	607	69
Brentwood	1,336	790	938	935	372	385	983	74
Castle Point and Rochford	626	362	420	426	182	186	397	63
Chelmsford	1,389	884	1,012	1,044	353	324	945	68
Colchester	1,401	746	921	913	439	448	906	65
Epping Forest	577	363	416	430	145	135	323	56
Harlow	272	144	176	181	87	84	173	64
Uttlesford	427	273	318	317	104	104	265	62
Hertfordshire	5,631	3,521	4,075	4,163	1,436	1,360	3,884	69
Bishop's Stortford	397	209	263	254	122	134	277	70
Broxbourne	441	270	308	316	123	117	323	73
Dacorum	823	489	569	587	233	223	577	70
Hatfield	615	420	465	478	140	131	419	68
Hertford and Ware	785	507	582	594	192	174	663	84
Hitchin and Stevenage	1,044	628	734	772	282	247	715	68
St Albans	657	417	486	477	157	166	424	65
Watford	869	581	668	685	187	168	486	56
Norfolk	4,404	2,334	2,821	2,868	1,435	1,410	2,883	65
Depwade	186	109	132	122	51	56	91	49
Downham	133	69	83	81	43	49	71	53
East Dereham	224	109	127	140	90	78	133	59
Fakenham	172	81	104	101	61	65	112	65
Great Yarmouth	481	212	283	278	176	185	355	74
King's Lynn	607	329	389	400	197	180	378	62
North Walsham	314	159	190	204	109	97	177	56
Norwich	1,932	1,080	1,293	1,310	587	589	1,345	70
Wayland	355	186	220	232	121	111	221	62
Suffolk	3,752	2,052	2,475	2,484	1,175	1,186	2,475	66
Bury St Edmunds	936	511	617	635	298	282	663	71
Deben	478	251	317	291	141	179	329	69
Gipping and Hartismere	350	188	221	226	120	115	214	61
Ipswich	971	578	675	682	272	270	646	67
Sudbury	452	259	317	310	128	134	262	58
Waveney	565	265	328	340	216	206	361	64

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			Single man	Single woman	Divorced man	Divorced woman	Number	Percentage of all marriages
LONDON	41,364	29,088	33,046	33,408	7,720	7,378	34,020	82
Inner London	19,194	13,982	15,741	16,020	3,218	2,961	16,329	85
Camden	1,373	1,033	1,154	1,164	205	195	1,066	78
City of London	209	179	187	191	18	17	56	27
Hackney	1,157	836	941	966	208	174	955	83
Hammersmith and Fulham	731	535	595	609	128	115	630	86
Haringey	1,687	1,310	1,450	1,452	222	216	1,481	88
Islington	1,067	768	879	888	173	171	931	87
Kensington and Chelsea	2,118	1,407	1,631	1,684	464	412	1,834	87
Lambeth	1,355	1,032	1,137	1,170	198	169	1,176	87
Lewisham	1,157	797	928	934	203	210	957	83
Newham	1,343	976	1,090	1,128	235	202	1,333	99
Southwark	1,287	842	1,002	1,006	266	251	1,000	78
Tower Hamlets	989	770	858	836	122	149	885	89
Wandsworth	1,975	1,505	1,663	1,705	290	247	1,829	93
Westminster	2,746	1,992	2,226	2,287	486	433	2,196	80
Outer London	22,170	15,106	17,305	17,388	4,502	4,417	17,691	80
Barking and Dagenham	863	596	689	686	158	164	742	86
Barnet	1,685	1,174	1,323	1,360	336	299	1,295	77
Bexley	1,434	845	1,007	999	395	403	1,196	83
Brent	1,798	1,397	1,515	1,556	264	229	1,580	88
Bromley	1,280	846	966	982	285	269	857	67
Croydon	1,380	923	1,060	1,082	297	273	947	69
Ealing	1,539	1,126	1,275	1,272	248	248	1,279	83
Enfield	1,348	877	1,033	1,028	287	290	1,217	90
Greenwich	836	545	632	655	193	171	683	82
Harrow	784	570	640	649	125	122	547	70
Havering	1,193	682	823	808	340	360	904	76
Hillingdon	1,073	697	813	808	233	248	781	73
Hounslow	917	668	748	751	156	152	748	82
Kingston upon Thames	593	420	471	472	113	109	441	74
Merton	1,088	779	880	875	192	199	903	83
Redbridge	986	652	760	745	213	216	814	83
Richmond upon Thames	1,319	882	1,030	1,037	278	266	1,082	82
Sutton	798	522	601	608	185	175	586	73
Waltham Forest	1,256	905	1,039	1,015	204	224	1,089	87
SOUTH EAST	44,461	26,237	30,884	31,378	12,497	12,084	29,798	67
Bracknell Forest UA	454	296	335	337	112	111	238	52
Brighton and Hove UA	1,479	936	1,103	1,103	357	353	1,208	82
Isle of Wight UA	797	398	516	487	249	280	499	63
Medway UA	1,007	580	696	683	286	302	769	76
Milton Keynes UA	1,079	630	754	748	309	309	745	69
Portsmouth UA	1,391	739	932	919	437	451	1,084	78
Reading UA	947	585	689	699	234	228	738	78
Slough UA	614	426	499	466	106	138	441	72
Southampton UA	1,109	570	694	691	387	385	858	77
West Berkshire UA	905	546	642	651	251	232	609	67
Windsor and Maidenhead UA	1,058	624	740	748	301	291	789	75
Wokingham UA	592	394	451	452	122	126	315	53
Buckinghamshire	2,355	1,506	1,710	1,748	585	555	1,410	60
Aylesbury Vale	786	466	544	541	225	230	490	62
Chiltern Hills	1,569	1,040	1,166	1,207	360	325	920	59
East Sussex	2,953	1,589	1,889	1,994	960	865	2,155	73
Crowborough	514	312	359	371	142	130	312	61
Eastbourne	876	473	565	577	273	258	675	77
Hastings and Rother	851	429	524	575	295	248	609	72
Lewes	712	375	441	471	250	229	559	79

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			Single man	Single woman	Divorced man	Divorced woman	Number	Percentage of all marriages
Hampshire	6,434	3,760	4,413	4,492	1,854	1,804	3,916	61
Alton	299	181	212	226	82	69	189	63
Andover	345	170	214	213	124	124	205	59
Droxford	313	187	212	221	93	86	191	61
Hampshire North	815	489	567	579	231	221	532	65
New Forest	1,252	741	870	888	347	337	865	69
North East Hampshire	769	468	539	557	209	194	423	55
Petersfield	352	189	237	231	105	109	229	65
Romsey	369	203	250	238	109	123	247	67
South East Hampshire	1,006	573	658	683	315	298	527	52
Winchester	914	559	654	656	239	243	508	56
Kent²	7,791	4,495	5,311	5,399	2,290	2,212	5,277	68
Oxfordshire	3,532	2,178	2,560	2,584	901	891	2,311	65
Surrey	5,873	3,641	4,193	4,338	1,549	1,421	3,848	66
East Surrey	1,888	1,144	1,318	1,387	528	468	1,162	62
North Surrey	2,060	1,266	1,466	1,507	548	513	1,449	70
West Surrey	1,925	1,231	1,409	1,444	473	440	1,237	64
West Sussex	4,091	2,344	2,757	2,839	1,207	1,130	2,588	63
Chichester	1,168	647	765	782	355	344	746	64
Crawley	639	381	439	456	190	167	425	67
Haywards Heath	507	307	361	361	129	131	317	63
Horsham	514	296	353	356	151	147	335	65
Worthing	1,263	713	839	884	382	341	765	61
SOUTH WEST	28,323	15,665	18,783	19,034	8,780	8,557	18,619	66
Bath and North East								
Somerset UA	1,284	757	890	916	366	346	942	73
Bournemouth UA	1,015	566	669	696	317	293	738	73
Bristol, City of UA	1,751	1,075	1,275	1,267	446	443	1,279	73
North Somerset UA	908	528	623	619	257	269	556	61
Plymouth UA	1,297	625	807	779	463	482	988	76
Poole UA	767	378	469	478	276	266	541	71
South Gloucestershire UA	1,241	726	876	853	338	369	772	62
Swindon UA	859	455	574	554	260	288	598	70
Torbay UA	889	435	533	544	326	311	709	80
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	3,464	1,851	2,255	2,257	1,100	1,111	2,336	67
Bodmin	286	156	192	184	86	92	154	54
Camborne-Redruth	196	106	122	122	68	65	110	56
Falmouth	281	150	186	183	86	91	208	74
Isles of Scilly	73	37	49	47	20	23	63	86
Kerrier	175	102	116	122	58	50	91	52
Launceston	107	53	67	66	34	36	64	60
Liskeard	203	103	124	127	69	68	114	56
Penzance	524	275	352	329	156	188	351	67
St Austell	658	351	416	437	221	200	483	73
St Germans	311	184	219	217	87	88	225	72
Stratton	133	66	82	86	46	44	102	77
Truro	517	268	330	337	169	166	371	72
Devon	4,197	2,301	2,708	2,821	1,357	1,248	2,651	63
East Devon	628	345	399	418	196	185	384	61
Exeter	517	261	322	326	180	175	351	68
Mid Devon	405	235	271	284	121	109	228	56
North Devon	558	300	355	374	186	164	348	62
South Hams	725	412	477	506	232	197	468	65
Teignbridge	596	334	384	409	199	172	383	64
Torridge	432	222	267	282	152	141	289	67
West Devon	336	192	233	222	91	105	200	60

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Dorset	2,054	1,140	1,326	1,397	663	603	1,200	58
East Dorset	554	334	366	405	175	137	331	60
North Dorset	432	241	285	289	139	131	223	52
South and West Dorset	1,068	565	675	703	349	335	646	60
Gloucestershire	3,387	1,964	2,309	2,355	1,002	952	2,152	64
Cheltenham	847	488	569	591	257	234	520	61
Cirencester	497	282	340	334	145	154	368	74
Forest of Dean	412	265	300	315	104	90	272	66
Gloucester	783	452	537	544	228	224	460	59
North Cotswold	309	162	193	199	108	101	219	71
Stroud	539	315	370	372	160	149	313	58
Somerset	2,751	1,537	1,856	1,856	824	813	1,637	60
Mendip	589	333	394	424	179	149	336	57
Sedgemoor	524	306	359	367	147	138	294	56
South Somerset ²	829	449	557	540	255	262	495	60
Taunton	617	337	417	393	189	209	405	66
West Somerset	192	112	129	132	54	55	107	56
Wiltshire County	2,459	1,327	1,613	1,642	785	763	1,520	62
Chippenham	771	432	523	528	227	224	510	66
Devizes and Marlborough	411	223	270	273	134	129	218	53
Salisbury	670	364	434	447	217	213	420	63
Trowbridge	430	210	268	271	154	147	293	68
Warminster	177	98	118	123	53	50	79	45
WALES	14,532	8,205	9,763	9,950	4,399	4,236	8,658	60
Isle of Anglesey	342	191	231	236	100	97	176	51
Gwynedd	633	376	443	448	175	173	396	63
Ardudwy	122	64	78	84	43	38	95	78
Bangor	84	56	59	64	24	19	50	60
Caernarfon	169	104	125	119	40	46	116	69
De Meirionnydd	116	61	74	78	38	35	70	60
Dwyfor	121	78	91	88	26	29	58	48
Penllyn	21	13	16	15	4	6	7	33
Conwy	542	272	345	338	169	181	340	63
Aberconwy	387	186	243	236	122	134	271	70
Colwyn	155	86	102	102	47	47	69	45
Denbighshire	543	305	362	375	167	154	321	59
Denbighshire North	327	168	203	214	113	102	191	58
Denbighshire South	216	137	159	161	54	52	130	60
Flintshire	868	486	581	576	265	274	560	65
Flintshire East	474	243	303	294	162	167	316	67
Flintshire West	394	243	278	282	103	107	244	62
Wrexham	565	315	387	374	166	181	319	56
Powys	736	423	504	514	215	207	436	59
Brecknock	151	78	97	99	51	50	85	56
Hay	49	28	34	38	15	10	33	67
Machynlleth	27	17	21	17	5	8	22	81
Mid Powys	109	72	80	85	25	23	65	60
Newtown	109	65	76	73	28	33	57	52
Radnorshire East	29	22	22	26	7	3	15	52
Welshpool and Llanfyllin	183	104	123	130	57	50	104	57
Ystradgynlais	79	37	51	46	27	30	55	70
Ceredigion	312	175	209	210	96	91	182	58
Cardiganshire Central	74	41	53	54	20	17	37	50
Cardiganshire North	145	90	104	98	38	45	94	65
Cardiganshire South	93	44	52	58	38	29	51	55

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			Single man	Single woman	Divorced man	Divorced woman	Number	Percentage of all marriages
Pembrokeshire²	673	376	450	454	205	203	357	53
Carmarthenshire	795	431	517	526	259	243	463	58
Carmarthen	395	217	256	268	129	115	217	55
Llanelli	400	214	261	258	130	128	246	62
Swansea	1,150	659	778	799	344	323	695	60
Neath Port Talbot	592	333	401	402	180	179	343	58
Bridgend	697	368	442	462	248	222	437	63
The Vale of Glamorgan	647	370	426	458	202	176	341	53
Cardiff	1,594	968	1,127	1,166	433	399	1,054	66
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	842	480	577	577	242	250	460	55
Merthyr Tydfil	232	125	150	151	72	71	129	56
Caerphilly	738	425	492	514	229	203	412	56
Blaenau Gwent	319	167	206	211	103	99	189	59
Torfaen	357	205	244	242	102	103	173	48
Monmouthshire	687	373	449	455	216	214	461	67
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Newport	668	382	442	462	211	193	414	62

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Table 3.28 Marriages: area of occurrence, type of ceremony and denomination, 2003

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	270,109	183,124	73,784	86,985	60,385	9,858	5,742
ENGLAND	255,577	174,466	70,405	81,111	56,232	9,454	5,438
NORTH EAST	11,274	7,470	2,399	3,804	2,290	647	591
Darlington UA	542	400	161	142	96	20	13
Hartlepool UA	386	251	67	135	83	23	6
Middlesbrough UA	603	405	19	198	90	58	35
Redcar and Cleveland UA	571	336	141	235	186	21	22
Stockton-on-Tees UA	710	406	121	304	189	50	37
Durham¹	2,249	1,385	551	864	531	131	173
Durham Central	1,058	678	186	380	217	71	74
Durham Eastern	345	211	87	134	72	25	32
Durham Western	846	496	278	350	242	35	67
Northumberland	1,841	1,311	703	530	359	72	47
Northumberland Central	994	690	312	304	210	42	23
Northumberland North First	205	153	91	52	38	4	2
Northumberland North Second	137	90	43	47	29	6	3
Northumberland West	505	378	257	127	82	20	19
Tyne and Wear (Met County)	4,372	2,976	636	1,396	756	272	258
Gateshead	759	459	26	300	176	65	39
Newcastle upon Tyne	1,153	889	253	264	130	58	44
North Tyneside	775	544	45	231	135	49	31
South Tyneside	609	417	176	192	108	36	38
Sunderland	1,076	667	136	409	207	64	106
NORTH WEST	30,974	19,796	7,732	11,178	6,460	2,503	788
Blackburn with Darwen UA	511	374	56	137	57	44	7
Blackpool UA	654	483	68	171	93	34	21
Halton UA	512	323	65	189	104	51	26
Warrington UA	926	559	238	367	248	70	32
Cheshire	4,221	2,803	1,863	1,418	1,013	132	111
Cheshire Central	1,420	943	701	477	369	41	51
Cheshire East	1,558	950	672	608	391	49	44
Cheshire West	1,243	910	490	333	253	42	16
Cumbria	3,361	2,257	1,299	1,104	851	143	54
Barrow-in-Furness	343	225	87	118	77	21	1
Carlisle	461	301	99	160	135	14	4
Cockermouth	479	318	197	161	128	16	12
Kendal	893	660	427	233	171	34	12
Millom	18	6	-	12	10	-	-
Penrith	440	304	220	136	119	7	7
Ulverston	318	224	168	94	73	13	7
Whitehaven	299	163	70	136	92	36	7
Wigton	110	56	31	54	46	2	4
Greater Manchester (Met County)	10,224	6,643	1,635	3,581	1,943	814	244
Bolton	1,232	928	181	304	195	60	24
Bury	668	374	53	294	169	60	19
Manchester	1,713	1,316	246	397	134	155	25
Oldham	836	539	205	297	190	50	37
Rochdale	950	640	114	310	173	64	19
Salford	870	492	127	378	176	67	12
Stockport	1,045	663	193	382	229	70	33
Tameside	758	414	50	344	175	45	17
Trafford	886	535	130	351	207	80	20
Wigan and Leigh	1,266	742	336	524	295	163	38
Lancashire	5,424	3,297	1,491	2,127	1,199	487	188
Burnley and Pendle	605	330	71	275	167	48	26
Chorley	569	313	158	256	136	70	12
Fleetwood and Fylde	622	321	114	301	146	49	27
Hyndburn and Rossendale	545	332	129	213	109	54	22
Lancaster	820	550	235	270	185	44	14

1 Registration scheme changes occurred in this area during 2003.

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

							Area of occurrence
Congregat- ionalist	Baptist	Calvinistic Methodist	United Reformed Church	Other Christian bodies	Jews	Other bodies	
364	1,768	109	1,959	4,246	751	1,803	ENGLAND AND WALES
186	1,428	17	1,890	3,923	751	1,792	ENGLAND
-	35	-	95	109	16	21	NORTH EAST
-	2	-	1	8	-	2	Darlington UA
-	6	-	16	1	-	-	Hartlepool UA
-	1	-	1	9	-	4	Middlesbrough UA
-	3	-	-	3	-	-	Redcar and Cleveland UA
-	7	-	2	15	-	4	Stockton-on-Tees UA
-	4	-	6	19	-	-	Durham¹
-	2	-	5	11	-	-	Durham Central
-	-	-	-	5	-	-	Durham Eastern
-	2	-	1	3	-	-	Durham Western
-	1	-	35	13	-	3	Northumberland
-	-	-	24	4	-	1	Northumberland Central
-	-	-	-	8	-	-	Northumberland North First
-	-	-	8	1	-	-	Northumberland North Second
-	1	-	3	-	-	2	Northumberland West
-	11	-	34	41	16	8	Tyne and Wear (Met County)
-	1	-	3	2	14	-	Gateshead
-	7	-	7	13	2	3	Newcastle upon Tyne
-	-	-	14	2	-	-	North Tyneside
-	1	-	3	5	-	1	South Tyneside
-	2	-	7	19	-	4	Sunderland
26	88	17	449	677	128	42	NORTH WEST
3	-	-	24	2	-	-	Blackburn with Darwen UA
5	4	-	7	7	-	-	Blackpool UA
-	-	-	-	8	-	-	Halton UA
-	-	-	4	10	-	3	Warrington UA
2	10	-	26	124	-	-	Cheshire
-	6	-	3	7	-	-	Cheshire Central
2	3	-	14	105	-	-	Cheshire East
-	1	-	9	12	-	-	Cheshire West
1	2	-	21	32	-	-	Cumbria
-	2	-	11	6	-	-	Barrow-in-Furness
-	-	-	-	7	-	-	Carlisle
1	-	-	-	4	-	-	Cockermouth
-	-	-	7	9	-	-	Kendal
-	-	-	-	2	-	-	Millom
-	-	-	2	1	-	-	Penrith
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	Ulverston
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	Whitehaven
-	-	-	1	1	-	-	Wigton
8	23	-	132	278	113	26	Greater Manchester (Met County)
-	-	-	5	19	-	1	Bolton
-	5	-	15	6	20	-	Bury
-	5	-	5	36	18	19	Manchester
5	3	-	3	7	-	2	Oldham
-	3	-	40	11	-	-	Rochdale
-	-	-	3	60	60	-	Salford
-	2	-	24	17	7	-	Stockport
3	-	-	29	71	-	4	Tameside
-	3	-	6	27	8	-	Trafford
-	2	-	2	24	-	-	Wigan and Leigh
7	33	-	83	120	2	8	Lancashire
-	4	-	2	28	-	-	Burnley and Pendle
-	-	-	11	27	-	-	Chorley
-	5	-	48	24	2	-	Fleetwood and Fylde
-	18	-	1	9	-	-	Hyndburn and Rossendale
1	1	-	15	10	-	-	Lancaster

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
Preston and South Ribble	1,143	712	250	431	207	133	55
Ribble Valley	668	514	440	154	110	22	17
West Lancashire	452	225	94	227	139	67	15
Merseyside (Met County)	5,141	3,057	1,017	2,084	952	728	105
Knowsley	500	330	83	170	90	64	6
Liverpool	1,624	1,027	303	597	222	276	20
Sefton North	580	370	88	210	114	50	26
Sefton South	492	238	35	254	104	120	4
St Helens	604	329	68	275	163	85	16
Wirral	1,341	763	440	578	259	133	33
YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER	23,862	15,840	7,984	8,022	5,667	734	938
East Riding of Yorkshire UA	1,634	934	741	700	539	29	106
Kingston upon Hull, City of UA	1,052	822	140	230	150	15	34
North East Lincolnshire UA	808	521	73	287	248	9	10
North Lincolnshire UA	737	455	129	282	235	13	27
York UA	1,204	897	545	307	217	33	42
North Yorkshire	4,097	2,763	2,750	1,334	1,036	131	108
South Yorkshire (Met County)	5,556	3,621	996	1,935	1,363	137	274
Barnsley	1,025	669	185	356	231	13	97
Doncaster	1,446	946	265	500	363	43	50
Rotherham	1,029	606	142	423	337	28	45
Sheffield	2,056	1,400	404	656	432	53	82
West Yorkshire (Met County)	8,774	5,827	2,610	2,947	1,879	367	337
Bradford	1,507	1,053	310	454	228	67	48
Dewsbury	660	437	436	223	148	28	27
Calderdale	941	649	333	292	197	35	40
Huddersfield	1,049	657	653	392	251	33	43
Keighley	274	174	50	100	75	12	3
Leeds	2,654	1,635	338	1,019	639	155	111
Pontefract	694	462	165	232	177	16	29
Wakefield	995	760	325	235	164	21	36
EAST MIDLANDS	21,265	13,639	6,026	7,626	5,783	476	547
Derby UA	855	547	82	308	178	35	15
Leicester UA	1,231	889	70	342	143	38	18
Nottingham UA	916	627	58	289	160	45	7
Rutland UA	453	372	225	81	73	5	3
Derbyshire	3,968	2,451	1,246	1,517	1,115	82	181
Amber Valley	585	361	166	224	180	7	27
Ashbourne	150	97	17	53	52	-	1
Bakewell	655	494	338	161	120	9	23
Chesterfield	1,109	618	234	491	326	33	87
Erewash	762	545	324	217	166	11	13
High Peak	394	214	45	180	104	20	21
South Derbyshire	313	122	122	191	167	2	9
Leicestershire	3,067	1,894	1,472	1,173	916	75	98
Lincolnshire¹	3,527	2,179	1,720	1,348	1,163	50	83
Northamptonshire	3,337	2,204	539	1,133	791	98	67
Corby	234	171	42	63	26	17	1
Daventry	270	166	72	104	84	3	4
Kettering	375	226	53	149	101	7	5
Northampton	1,311	875	171	436	316	46	16
Oundle and Thrapston	196	134	39	62	54	5	2
Towcester and Brackley	346	237	127	109	89	5	12
Wellingborough	605	395	35	210	121	15	27

¹ Registration scheme changes occurred in this area during 2003.

							Area of occurrence
Congregat- ionalist	Baptist	Calvinistic Methodist	United Reformed Church	Other Christian bodies	Jews	Other bodies	
3	4	-	4	17	-	8	Preston and South Ribble
3	-	-	-	2	-	-	Ribble Valley
-	1	-	2	3	-	-	West Lancashire
-	16	17	152	96	13	5	Merseyside (Met County)
-	1	-	5	3	-	1	Knowsley
-	3	16	8	37	13	2	Liverpool
-	3	-	10	7	-	-	Sefton North
-	4	1	9	10	-	2	Sefton South
-	5	-	113	35	-	-	Wirral
-	-	-	7	4	-	-	St Helens
7	101	-	152	316	20	87	YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER
-	-	-	13	13	-	-	East Riding of Yorkshire UA
-	6	-	5	16	-	4	Kingston upon Hull, City of UA
-	1	-	10	9	-	-	North East Lincolnshire UA
-	1	-	1	4	-	1	North Lincolnshire UA
-	2	-	-	13	-	-	York UA
-	14	-	18	25	-	2	North Yorkshire
-	22	-	38	95	1	5	South Yorkshire (Met County)
-	1	-	5	8	-	1	Barnsley
-	3	-	21	18	-	2	Doncaster
-	1	-	3	9	-	-	Rotherham
-	17	-	9	60	1	2	Sheffield
7	55	-	67	141	19	75	West Yorkshire (Met County)
4	8	-	32	31	-	36	Bradford
-	1	-	9	10	-	-	Dewsbury
1	8	-	-	11	-	-	Calderdale
-	10	-	8	29	-	18	Huddersfield
-	2	-	2	6	-	-	Keighley
-	17	-	14	43	19	21	Leeds
2	-	-	-	8	-	-	Pontefract
-	9	-	2	3	-	-	Wakefield
48	162	-	147	283	6	174	EAST MIDLANDS
-	6	-	5	15	-	54	Derby UA
1	14	-	9	37	3	79	Leicester UA
-	24	-	1	27	3	22	Nottingham UA
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rutland UA
33	14	-	36	55	-	1	Derbyshire
-	4	-	1	5	-	-	Amber Valley
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ashbourne
1	-	-	5	3	-	-	Bakewell
1	5	-	9	29	-	1	Chesterfield
-	2	-	15	10	-	-	Erewash
31	-	-	1	3	-	-	High Peak
-	3	-	5	5	-	-	South Derbyshire
8	24	-	10	39	-	3	Leicestershire
1	12	-	12	27	-	-	Lincolnshire¹
2	49	-	64	49	-	13	Northamptonshire
-	-	-	1	18	-	-	Corby
-	1	-	9	3	-	-	Daventry
-	8	-	21	2	-	5	Kettering
2	31	-	2	16	-	7	Northampton
-	1	-	-	-	-	-	Oundle and Thrapston
-	3	-	-	-	-	-	Towcester and Brackley
-	5	-	31	10	-	1	Wellingborough

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
Nottinghamshire	3,911	2,476	614	1,435	1,244	48	75
Basford	1,104	600	222	504	430	23	25
East Retford	255	169	100	86	77	-	7
Mansfield	870	553	25	317	281	7	13
Newark	494	256	57	238	214	3	10
Rushcliffe	943	738	171	205	178	8	9
Worksop	245	160	39	85	64	7	11
WEST MIDLANDS	25,281	16,089	5,079	9,192	6,237	885	647
Herefordshire, County of UA	967	546	212	421	378	18	3
Bromyard	50	16	-	34	34	-	-
Hereford	444	259	108	185	153	14	2
Kington	51	35	28	16	14	-	-
Ledbury	127	74	27	53	52	-	-
Leominster	127	61	14	66	65	1	-
Ross	168	101	35	67	60	3	1
Stoke-on-Trent UA	847	585	61	262	137	39	47
Telford and Wrekin UA	826	583	189	243	174	20	19
Shropshire	1,754	1,129	638	625	545	30	18
Bridgnorth	346	195	121	151	142	6	2
Clun	62	33	19	29	27	-	1
Ludlow	185	118	49	67	62	3	-
North Shropshire	244	146	70	98	83	6	7
Oswestry	209	105	39	104	86	3	3
Shrewsbury	708	532	340	176	145	12	5
Staffordshire	4,515	2,889	978	1,626	1,298	118	146
Cannock Chase	374	205	7	169	139	9	17
East Staffordshire	570	395	92	175	144	8	13
Lichfield	993	638	145	355	307	17	14
Newcastle-under-Lyme	702	481	46	221	150	16	40
South Staffordshire	748	509	405	239	212	8	17
Stafford	692	446	172	246	195	34	8
Staffordshire Moorlands	436	215	111	221	151	26	37
Warwickshire	3,395	2,224	1,031	1,171	899	116	30
Mid Warwickshire	847	474	121	373	262	31	9
North Warwickshire	435	270	196	165	149	9	5
Nuneaton and Bedworth	567	386	34	181	130	22	7
Rugby	727	553	363	174	123	25	3
South Warwickshire	819	541	317	278	235	29	6
West Midlands (Met County)	9,887	6,227	1,214	3,660	1,807	470	349
Birmingham	3,676	2,360	404	1,316	582	237	81
Coventry	1,196	747	115	449	201	79	17
Dudley ¹	1,203	771	128	432	272	15	60
Sandwell	1,076	738	274	338	138	29	65
Solihull	917	593	164	324	222	59	24
Walsall	908	503	87	405	236	23	51
Wolverhampton	911	515	42	396	156	28	51
Worcestershire	3,090	1,906	756	1,184	999	74	35
Bromsgrove	625	336	176	289	229	11	10
Droitwich	188	102	56	86	71	10	3
Evesham	282	150	82	132	120	2	4
Kidderminster	595	385	182	210	166	27	9
Malvern	542	396	160	146	131	10	3
Pershore	158	90	-	68	68	-	-
Redditch	298	193	57	105	93	6	2
Tenbury	48	25	11	23	22	-	1
Worcester	354	229	32	125	99	8	3

1 Registration scheme changes occurred in this area during 2003.

							Area of occurrence
Congregat- ionalist	Baptist	Calvinistic Methodist	United Reformed Church	Other Christian bodies	Jews	Other bodies	
3	19	-	10	34	-	2	Nottinghamshire
-	6	-	7	13	-	-	Basford
-	2	-	-	-	-	-	East Retford
-	1	-	-	13	-	2	Mansfield
3	3	-	-	5	-	-	Newark
-	7	-	3	-	-	-	Rushcliffe
-	-	-	-	3	-	-	Worksop
15	141	-	146	440	6	675	WEST MIDLANDS
-	9	-	10	3	-	-	Herefordshire, County of UA
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Bromyard
-	4	-	9	3	-	-	Hereford
-	1	-	1	-	-	-	Kington
-	1	-	-	-	-	-	Ledbury
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Leominster
-	3	-	-	-	-	-	Ross
5	2	-	10	21	-	1	Stoke-on-Trent UA
-	4	-	3	11	-	12	Telford and Wrekin UA
-	7	-	13	11	-	1	Shropshire
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	Bridgnorth
-	1	-	-	-	-	-	Clun
-	-	-	1	1	-	-	Ludlow
-	2	-	-	-	-	-	North Shropshire
-	-	-	7	4	-	1	Oswestry
-	4	-	5	5	-	-	Shrewsbury
4	10	-	8	41	-	1	Staffordshire
-	2	-	-	1	-	1	Cannock Chase
-	-	-	1	9	-	-	East Staffordshire
3	3	-	-	11	-	-	Lichfield
1	3	-	-	11	-	-	Newcastle-under-Lyme
-	-	-	2	-	-	-	South Staffordshire
-	2	-	4	3	-	-	Stafford
-	-	-	1	6	-	-	Staffordshire Moorlands
-	15	-	20	37	-	54	Warwickshire
-	1	-	5	18	-	47	Mid Warwickshire
-	1	-	-	1	-	-	North Warwickshire
-	3	-	4	9	-	6	Nuneaton and Bedworth
-	3	-	10	9	-	1	Rugby
-	7	-	1	-	-	-	South Warwickshire
6	78	-	72	267	6	605	West Midlands (Met County)
2	28	-	23	122	5	236	Birmingham
-	24	-	14	21	-	93	Coventry
4	6	-	14	50	-	11	Dudley ¹
-	3	-	2	21	-	80	Sandwell
-	10	-	-	8	1	-	Solihull
-	1	-	7	20	-	67	Walsall
-	6	-	12	25	-	118	Wolverhampton
-	16	-	10	49	-	1	Worcestershire
-	10	-	3	26	-	-	Bromsgrove
-	-	-	-	2	-	-	Droitwich
-	-	-	1	5	-	-	Evesham
-	2	-	3	3	-	-	Kidderminster
-	-	-	-	1	-	1	Malvern
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Pershore
-	-	-	-	4	-	-	Redditch
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Tenbury
-	4	-	3	8	-	-	Worcester

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
EAST	28,773	19,195	8,757	9,578	7,252	819	536
Luton UA	751	584	9	167	60	69	13
Peterborough UA	986	743	145	243	169	34	11
Southend-on-Sea UA	753	518	78	235	119	31	22
Thurrock UA	671	457	248	214	182	9	3
Bedfordshire	2,108	1,341	916	767	568	76	71
Cambridgeshire	2,808	1,711	493	1,097	876	71	61
Cambridge	1,467	944	245	523	405	46	15
Ely	267	154	1	113	96	5	6
Fenland	348	209	55	139	123	3	11
Huntingdon	726	404	192	322	252	17	29
Essex	6,909	4,599	2,167	2,310	1,823	169	95
Braintree	881	607	306	274	237	10	4
Brentwood	1,336	983	481	353	224	59	18
Castle Point and Rochford	626	397	207	229	166	14	27
Chelmsford	1,389	945	607	444	374	29	1
Colchester	1,401	906	308	495	371	31	39
Epping Forest	577	323	67	254	226	14	1
Harlow	272	173	20	99	75	11	4
Uttlesford	427	265	171	162	150	1	1
Hertfordshire	5,631	3,884	2,885	1,747	1,156	234	70
Bishop's Stortford	397	277	277	120	94	17	3
Broxbourne	441	323	301	118	79	29	5
Dacorum	823	577	442	246	201	23	6
Hatfield	615	419	238	196	89	18	13
Hertford and Ware	785	663	662	122	101	11	3
Hitchin and Stevenage	1,044	715	546	329	250	35	16
St Albans	657	424	172	233	151	45	16
Watford	869	486	247	383	191	56	8
Norfolk	4,404	2,883	869	1,521	1,265	54	118
Depwade	186	91	33	95	80	2	9
Downham	133	71	9	62	46	2	13
East Dereham	224	133	28	91	75	3	7
Fakenham	172	112	37	60	51	2	5
Great Yarmouth	481	355	72	126	98	6	13
King's Lynn	607	378	123	229	185	8	22
North Walsham	314	177	74	137	116	4	13
Norwich	1,932	1,345	455	587	499	25	22
Wayland	355	221	38	134	115	2	14
Suffolk	3,752	2,475	947	1,277	1,034	72	72
Bury St Edmunds	936	663	196	273	226	24	8
Deben	478	329	209	149	135	6	3
Gipping and Hartismere	350	214	66	136	122	3	1
Ipswich	971	646	216	325	240	22	22
Sudbury	452	262	136	190	159	14	4
Waveney	565	361	124	204	152	3	34
LONDON	41,364	34,020	9,805	7,344	3,357	1,584	273
Inner London	19,194	16,329	5,026	2,865	1,119	631	98
Camden	1,373	1,066	144	307	55	130	4
City of London	209	56	43	153	144	3	-
Hackney	1,157	955	264	202	43	18	4
Hammersmith and Fulham	731	630	52	101	58	26	5
Haringey	1,687	1,481	44	206	35	42	11
Islington	1,067	931	46	136	48	45	22
Kensington and Chelsea	2,118	1,834	422	284	144	51	3
Lambeth	1,355	1,176	54	179	56	36	15
Lewisham	1,157	957	349	200	108	29	6
Newham	1,343	1,333	18	10	4	-	-

							Area of occurrence
Congregat- ionalist	Baptist	Calvinistic Methodist	United Reformed Church	Other Christian bodies	Jews	Other bodies	
29	211	-	207	357	42	125	EAST
-	9	-	2	11	-	3	Luton UA
-	6	-	1	18	-	4	Peterborough UA
-	17	-	27	13	3	3	Southend-on-Sea UA
-	3	-	5	8	-	4	Thurrock UA
5	18	-	-	13	-	16	Bedfordshire
4	24	-	38	20	1	2	Cambridgeshire
2	16	-	24	13	1	1	Cambridge
2	3	-	-	-	-	1	Ely
-	1	-	-	1	-	-	Fenland
-	4	-	14	6	-	-	Huntingdon
14	41	-	67	96	4	1	Essex
3	5	-	11	4	-	-	Braintree
2	5	-	10	35	-	-	Brentwood
7	5	-	4	6	-	-	Castle Point and Rochford
2	8	-	17	13	-	-	Chelmsford
-	15	-	18	21	-	-	Colchester
-	3	-	-	5	4	1	Epping Forest
-	-	-	2	7	-	-	Harlow
-	-	-	5	5	-	-	Uttlesford
-	37	-	31	101	34	84	Hertfordshire
-	-	-	1	2	-	3	Bishop's Stortford
-	1	-	-	4	-	-	Broxbourne
-	7	-	1	8	-	-	Dacorum
-	4	-	9	31	1	31	Hatfield
-	4	-	3	-	-	-	Hertford and Ware
-	8	-	9	7	-	4	Hitchin and Stevenage
-	3	-	3	15	-	-	St Albans
-	10	-	5	34	33	46	Watford
1	21	-	13	43	-	6	Norfolk
-	-	-	2	2	-	-	Depwade
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	Downham
-	3	-	-	3	-	-	East Dereham
-	2	-	-	-	-	-	Fakenham
-	2	-	2	5	-	-	Great Yarmouth
-	8	-	-	6	-	-	King's Lynn
1	1	-	-	2	-	-	North Walsham
-	5	-	8	22	-	6	Norwich
-	-	-	1	2	-	-	Wayland
5	35	-	23	34	-	2	Suffolk
-	5	-	-	10	-	-	Bury St Edmunds
-	1	-	3	1	-	-	Deben
-	3	-	4	3	-	-	Gipping and Hartismere
-	14	-	10	16	-	1	Ipswich
2	6	-	4	1	-	-	Sudbury
3	6	-	2	3	-	1	Waveney
17	208	-	142	831	520	412	LONDON
11	67	-	28	531	259	121	Inner London
-	3	-	5	78	27	5	Camden
-	-	-	-	4	-	2	City of London
-	2	-	6	29	67	33	Hackney
-	1	-	3	8	-	-	Hammersmith and Fulham
-	6	-	4	100	5	3	Haringey
7	-	-	-	-	-	14	Islington
-	1	-	-	71	7	7	Kensington and Chelsea
-	16	-	-	48	-	8	Lambeth
-	11	-	2	40	-	4	Lewisham
-	-	-	-	6	-	-	Newham

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
Southwark	1,287	1,000	998	287	144	47	12
Tower Hamlets	989	885	652	104	38	29	2
Wandsworth	1,975	1,829	128	146	62	43	7
Westminster	2,746	2,196	1,812	550	180	132	7
Outer London	22,170	17,691	4,779	4,479	2,238	953	175
Barking and Dagenham	863	742	29	121	73	11	8
Barnet	1,685	1,295	300	390	98	48	11
Bexley	1,434	1,196	82	238	162	41	6
Brent	1,798	1,580	25	218	62	64	17
Bromley	1,280	857	774	423	304	50	18
Croydon	1,380	947	228	433	225	75	22
Ealing	1,539	1,279	25	260	71	94	9
Enfield	1,348	1,217	153	131	38	49	6
Greenwich	836	683	206	153	75	41	3
Harrow	784	547	78	237	65	72	13
Havering	1,193	904	900	289	208	56	8
Hillingdon	1,073	781	774	292	164	60	13
Hounslow	917	748	52	169	81	38	-
Kingston upon Thames	593	441	85	152	85	44	6
Merton	1,088	903	57	185	102	69	3
Redbridge	986	814	34	172	68	22	10
Richmond upon Thames	1,319	1,082	383	237	168	52	3
Sutton	798	586	583	212	123	40	14
Waltham Forest	1,256	1,089	11	167	66	27	5
SOUTH EAST	44,461	29,798	15,582	14,663	11,447	1,244	525
Bracknell Forest UA	454	238	101	216	169	14	3
Brighton and Hove UA	1,479	1,208	351	271	157	44	18
Isle of Wight UA	797	499	136	298	223	16	39
Medway UA	1,007	769	580	238	162	27	8
Milton Keynes UA	1,079	745	122	334	229	26	11
Portsmouth UA	1,391	1,084	155	307	159	34	10
Reading UA	947	738	37	209	103	44	10
Slough UA	614	441	23	173	35	35	5
Southampton UA	1,109	858	509	251	157	28	7
West Berkshire UA	905	609	365	296	246	20	18
Windsor and Maidenhead UA	1,058	789	497	269	192	45	10
Wokingham UA	592	315	176	277	237	21	5
Buckinghamshire	2,355	1,410	732	945	770	78	41
Aylesbury Vale	786	490	210	296	241	19	23
Chiltern Hills	1,569	920	522	649	529	59	18
East Sussex	2,953	2,155	786	798	613	50	54
Crowborough	514	312	175	202	174	11	5
Eastbourne	876	675	240	201	155	15	5
Hastings and Rother	851	609	228	242	158	21	39
Lewes	712	559	143	153	126	3	5
Hampshire	6,434	3,916	1,813	2,518	2,185	135	62
Alton	299	189	76	110	100	5	2
Andover	345	205	69	140	124	2	3
Droxford	313	191	138	122	119	1	1
Hampshire North	815	532	262	283	239	21	7
New Forest	1,252	865	598	387	343	13	6
North East Hampshire	769	423	150	346	296	21	18
Petersfield	352	229	82	123	113	5	4
Romsey	369	247	93	122	98	9	3
South East Hampshire	1,006	527	129	479	412	22	8
Winchester	914	508	216	406	341	36	10

							Area of occurrence
Congregat- ionalist	Baptist	Calvinistic Methodist	United Reformed Church	Other Christian bodies	Jews	Other bodies	
2	15	-	6	53	-	8	Southwark
-	3	-	2	10	-	20	Tower Hamlets
-	8	-	-	17	4	5	Wandsworth
2	1	-	-	67	149	12	Westminster
6	141	-	114	300	261	291	Outer London
-	5	-	-	1	-	23	Barking and Dagenham
-	5	-	9	36	183	-	Barnet
1	7	-	6	10	-	5	Bexley
-	8	-	5	36	16	10	Brent
1	18	-	19	12	-	1	Bromley
3	24	-	11	49	-	24	Croydon
-	2	-	2	15	1	66	Ealing
-	3	-	6	27	2	-	Enfield
-	7	-	-	9	-	18	Greenwich
-	16	-	3	11	23	34	Harrow
-	5	-	6	6	-	-	Havering
1	5	-	5	5	10	29	Hillingdon
-	2	-	1	14	-	33	Hounslow
-	7	-	5	4	1	-	Kingston upon Thames
-	5	-	2	4	-	-	Merton
-	5	-	2	22	20	23	Redbridge
-	6	-	1	6	1	-	Richmond upon Thames
-	8	-	21	6	-	-	Sutton
-	3	-	10	27	4	25	Waltham Forest
18	316	-	288	599	12	214	SOUTH EAST
-	13	-	-	17	-	-	Bracknell Forest UA
-	14	-	6	19	5	8	Brighton and Hove UA
1	5	-	5	9	-	-	Isle of Wight UA
-	2	-	-	28	-	11	Medway UA
-	21	-	27	17	-	3	Milton Keynes UA
-	6	-	3	94	-	1	Portsmouth UA
-	15	-	4	26	1	6	Reading UA
-	6	-	2	4	-	86	Slough UA
-	5	-	9	22	-	23	Southampton UA
-	5	-	5	2	-	-	West Berkshire UA
-	7	-	6	3	2	4	Windsor and Maidenhead UA
-	8	-	-	6	-	-	Wokingham UA
1	25	-	4	14	-	12	Buckinghamshire
1	9	-	1	2	-	-	Aylesbury Vale
-	16	-	3	12	-	12	Chiltern Hills
-	30	-	25	25	-	1	East Sussex
-	5	-	6	1	-	-	Crowborough
-	9	-	7	10	-	-	Eastbourne
-	9	-	11	4	-	-	Hastings and Rother
-	7	-	1	10	-	1	Lewes
1	29	-	40	56	-	10	Hampshire
-	-	-	-	3	-	-	Alton
-	3	-	1	7	-	-	Andover
-	-	-	-	-	-	1	Droxford
-	1	-	3	10	-	2	Hampshire North
1	15	-	5	4	-	-	New Forest
-	1	-	-	9	-	1	North East Hampshire
-	-	-	-	-	-	1	Petersfield
-	1	-	9	1	-	1	Romsey
-	6	-	17	13	-	1	South East Hampshire
-	2	-	5	9	-	3	Winchester

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
Kent¹	7,791	5,277	5,249	2,514	2,058	153	69
Oxfordshire	3,532	2,311	1,768	1,221	932	119	53
Surrey	5,873	3,848	1,217	2,025	1,624	242	34
East Surrey	1,888	1,162	417	726	598	61	13
North Surrey	2,060	1,449	344	611	456	106	10
West Surrey	1,925	1,237	456	688	570	75	11
West Sussex	4,091	2,588	965	1,503	1,196	113	68
Chichester	1,168	746	253	422	358	23	11
Crawley	639	425	121	214	167	23	5
Haywards Heath	507	317	171	190	160	13	8
Horsham	514	335	152	179	140	12	5
Worthing	1,263	765	268	498	371	42	39
SOUTH WEST	28,323	18,619	7,041	9,704	7,739	562	593
Bath and North East Somerset UA	1,284	942	354	342	264	36	25
Bournemouth UA	1,015	738	291	277	132	33	20
Bristol, City of UA	1,751	1,279	256	472	298	58	15
North Somerset UA	908	556	257	352	293	15	22
Plymouth UA	1,297	988	146	309	209	34	25
Poole UA	767	541	156	226	180	14	6
South Gloucestershire UA	1,241	772	255	469	381	29	23
Swindon UA	859	598	168	261	179	25	19
Torbay UA	889	709	176	180	117	23	11
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	3,464	2,336	824	1,128	897	40	159
Bodmin	286	154	30	132	117	3	10
Camborne-Redruth	196	110	21	86	52	1	30
Falmouth	281	208	110	73	56	7	5
Isles of Scilly	73	63	14	10	5	1	4
Kerrier	175	91	7	84	71	2	10
Launceston	107	64	9	43	26	5	12
Liskeard	203	114	8	89	74	3	7
Penzance	524	351	113	173	127	6	33
St Austell	658	483	220	175	143	7	20
St Germans	311	225	156	86	74	-	10
Stratton	133	102	41	31	26	-	3
Truro	517	371	95	146	126	5	15
Devon	4,197	2,651	1,209	1,546	1,285	51	85
East Devon	628	384	190	244	198	6	18
Exeter	517	351	51	166	107	13	7
Mid Devon	405	228	75	177	152	4	7
North Devon	558	348	98	210	188	2	8
South Hams	725	468	351	257	235	7	5
Teignbridge	596	383	235	213	179	9	8
Torridge	432	289	87	143	108	5	21
West Devon	336	200	122	136	118	5	11
Dorset	2,054	1,200	624	854	720	40	40
East Dorset	554	331	199	223	184	10	10
North Dorset	432	223	103	209	174	9	11
South and West Dorset	1,068	646	322	422	362	21	19
Gloucestershire	3,387	2,152	947	1,235	1,006	84	42
Cheltenham	847	520	282	327	253	32	6
Cirencester	497	368	212	129	104	8	11
Forest of Dean	412	272	165	140	119	2	12
Gloucester	783	460	101	323	260	22	11
North Cotswold	309	219	106	90	80	4	-
Stroud	539	313	81	226	190	16	2

1 Registration scheme changes occurred in this area during 2003.

							Area of occurrence
Congregat- ionalist	Baptist	Calvinistic Methodist	United Reformed Church	Other Christian bodies	Jews	Other bodies	
2	31	-	32	141	-	28	Kent¹
4	19	-	60	31	1	2	Oxfordshire
5	43	-	30	35	3	9	Surrey
1	17	-	14	21	-	1	East Surrey
4	13	-	5	6	3	8	North Surrey
-	13	-	11	8	-	-	West Surrey
4	32	-	30	50	-	10	West Sussex
3	8	-	7	10	-	2	Chichester
-	5	-	2	7	-	5	Crawley
-	2	-	1	6	-	-	Haywards Heath
-	4	-	2	14	-	2	Horsham
1	13	-	18	13	-	1	Worthing
26	166	-	264	311	1	42	SOUTH WEST
-	7	-	2	8	-	-	Bath and North East Somerset UA
-	4	-	51	36	-	1	Bournemouth UA
3	19	-	11	51	-	17	Bristol, City of UA
-	8	-	3	11	-	-	North Somerset UA
-	18	-	12	11	-	-	Plymouth UA
-	5	-	9	11	-	1	Poole UA
-	11	-	5	20	-	-	South Gloucestershire UA
-	5	-	14	15	-	4	Swindon UA
-	6	-	9	14	-	-	Torbay UA
-	4	-	3	25	-	-	Cornwall and Isles of Scilly
-	-	-	-	2	-	-	Bodmin
-	-	-	-	3	-	-	Camborne-Redruth
-	1	-	2	2	-	-	Falmouth
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Isles of Scilly
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	Kerrier
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Launceston
-	-	-	-	5	-	-	Liskeard
-	1	-	-	6	-	-	Penzance
-	1	-	-	4	-	-	St Austell
-	1	-	-	1	-	-	St Germans
-	-	-	1	1	-	-	Stratton
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Truro
10	24	-	61	29	1	-	Devon
1	5	-	15	1	-	-	East Devon
-	3	-	25	10	1	-	Exeter
5	2	-	5	2	-	-	Mid Devon
1	2	-	7	2	-	-	North Devon
1	8	-	-	1	-	-	South Hams
-	2	-	7	8	-	-	Teignbridge
2	2	-	2	3	-	-	Torridge
-	-	-	-	2	-	-	West Devon
-	8	-	26	20	-	-	Dorset
-	2	-	7	10	-	-	East Dorset
-	-	-	8	7	-	-	North Dorset
-	6	-	11	3	-	-	South and West Dorset
7	23	-	33	29	-	11	Gloucestershire
2	6	-	22	6	-	-	Cheltenham
-	-	-	5	1	-	-	Cirencester
-	5	-	-	2	-	-	Forest of Dean
1	6	-	1	11	-	11	Gloucester
1	3	-	-	2	-	-	North Cotswold
3	3	-	5	7	-	-	Stroud

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
Somerset	2,751	1,637	717	1,114	958	37	64
Mendip	589	336	195	253	207	12	22
Sedgemoor	524	294	143	230	217	2	3
South Somerset ¹	829	495	216	334	288	7	21
Taunton	617	405	120	212	176	15	7
West Somerset	192	107	43	85	70	1	11
Wiltshire	2,459	1,520	661	939	820	43	37
Chippenham	771	510	285	261	229	13	12
Devizes and Marlborough	411	218	106	193	170	9	9
Salisbury	670	420	138	250	212	13	12
Trowbridge	430	293	113	137	117	4	4
Warminster	177	79	19	98	92	4	-
WALES	14,532	8,658	3,379	5,874	4,153	404	304
Isle of Anglesey	342	176	87	166	124	8	-
Gwynedd	633	396	204	237	146	13	9
Ardudwy	122	95	85	27	17	-	-
Bangor	84	50	8	34	19	5	3
Caernarfon	169	116	54	53	29	2	3
De Meirionnydd	116	70	34	46	37	1	1
Dwyfor	121	58	20	63	38	5	2
Penllyn	21	7	3	14	6	-	-
Conwy	542	340	113	202	120	20	26
Aberconwy	387	271	99	116	72	8	22
Colwyn	155	69	14	86	48	12	4
Denbighshire	543	321	198	222	169	11	9
Denbighshire North	327	191	88	136	104	9	6
Denbighshire South	216	130	110	86	65	2	3
Flintshire	868	560	203	308	254	22	16
Flintshire East	474	316	33	158	131	5	14
Flintshire West	394	244	170	150	123	17	2
Wrexham	565	319	125	246	197	13	7
Powys	736	436	255	300	238	10	10
Brecknock	151	85	50	66	53	3	-
Hay	49	33	24	16	14	-	1
Machynlleth	27	22	11	5	3	-	-
Mid Powys	109	65	36	44	39	-	-
Newtown	109	57	20	52	35	2	-
Radnorshire East	29	15	15	14	11	1	1
Welshpool and Llanfyllin	183	104	59	79	65	2	8
Ystradgynlais	79	55	40	24	18	2	-
Ceredigion	312	182	50	130	85	4	1
Cardiganshire Central	74	37	23	37	20	1	-
Cardiganshire North	145	94	20	51	39	3	1
Cardiganshire South	93	51	7	42	26	-	-
Pembrokeshire¹	673	357	203	316	252	12	10
Carmarthenshire	795	463	170	332	230	7	6
Carmarthen	395	217	46	178	127	3	2
Llanelli	400	246	124	154	103	4	4
Swansea	1,150	695	194	455	326	45	17
Neath Port Talbot	592	343	123	249	176	15	14
Bridgend	697	437	147	260	187	14	9
The Vale of Glamorgan	647	341	188	306	199	18	58
Cardiff	1,594	1,054	402	540	307	112	16
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	842	460	141	382	265	13	21

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							Area of occurrence
Congregat- ionalist	Baptist	Calvinistic Methodist	United Reformed Church	Other Christian bodies	Jews	Other bodies	
6	14	-	8	19	-	8	Somerset
2	3	-	5	2	-	-	Mendip
-	-	-	1	7	-	-	Sedgemoor
-	5	-	-	7	-	6	South Somerset ¹
3	5	-	2	2	-	2	Taunton
1	1	-	-	1	-	-	West Somerset
-	10	-	17	12	-	-	Wiltshire
-	3	-	2	2	-	-	Chippenham
-	2	-	3	-	-	-	Devizes and Marlborough
-	1	-	6	6	-	-	Salisbury
-	3	-	6	3	-	-	Trowbridge
-	1	-	-	1	-	-	Warminster
178	340	92	69	323	-	11	WALES
4	5	10	-	15	-	-	Isle of Anglesey
18	3	37	-	11	-	-	Gwynedd
2	-	7	-	1	-	-	Ardudwy
3	1	-	-	3	-	-	Bangor
4	-	14	-	1	-	-	Caernarfon
3	2	1	-	1	-	-	De Meirionnydd
3	-	13	-	2	-	-	Dwyfor
3	-	2	-	3	-	-	Penllyn
4	5	10	-	17	-	-	Conwy
3	-	2	-	9	-	-	Aberconwy
1	5	8	-	8	-	-	Colwyn
-	1	8	5	19	-	-	Denbighshire
-	1	2	5	9	-	-	Denbighshire North
-	-	6	-	10	-	-	Denbighshire South
-	3	3	1	8	-	1	Flintshire
-	-	-	1	7	-	-	Flintshire East
-	3	3	-	1	-	1	Flintshire West
6	5	2	2	13	-	1	Wrexham
10	6	1	7	18	-	-	Powys
4	1	-	4	1	-	-	Brecknock
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	Hay
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	Machynlleth
-	1	-	1	3	-	-	Mid Powys
-	2	1	2	10	-	-	Newtown
-	1	-	-	-	-	-	Radnorshire East
2	1	-	-	1	-	-	Welshpool and Llanfyllin
1	-	-	-	3	-	-	Ystradgynlais
15	3	8	-	14	-	-	Ceredigion
4	1	3	-	8	-	-	Cardiganshire Central
3	1	3	-	1	-	-	Cardiganshire North
8	1	2	-	5	-	-	Cardiganshire South
14	15	-	5	7	-	1	Pembrokeshire¹
34	33	4	1	16	-	1	Carmarthenshire
17	17	2	-	9	-	1	Carmarthen
17	16	2	1	7	-	-	Llanelli
13	23	3	7	20	-	1	Swansea
16	11	4	-	13	-	-	Neath Port Talbot
12	17	-	10	11	-	-	Bridgend
2	14	-	8	7	-	-	The Vale of Glamorgan
4	50	-	7	40	-	4	Cardiff
12	46	1	2	22	-	-	Rhondda, Cynon, Taff

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
<i>Wales - continued</i>							
Merthyr Tydfil	232	129	35	103	52	10	-
Caerphilly	738	412	35	326	242	9	22
Blaenau Gwent	319	189	32	130	71	11	8
Torfaen	357	173	23	184	133	7	13
Monmouthshire	687	461	322	226	194	9	6
Monmouth	687	461	322	226	194	9	6
Newport	668	414	129	254	186	21	26

							Area of occurrence
Congregat- ionalist	Baptist	Calvinistic Methodist	United Reformed Church	Other Christian bodies	Jews	Other bodies	
-	32	-	2	7	-	-	Merthyr Tydfil
3	21	1	2	26	-	-	Caerphilly
7	15	-	9	9	-	-	Blaenau Gwent
4	17	-	1	9	-	-	Torfaen
-	9	-	-	6	-	2	Monmouthshire
-	9	-	-	6	-	2	Monmouth
-	6	-	-	15	-	-	Newport

Table 3.29 Marriages (numbers and proportions):
type of ceremony and denomination, 1993-2003

England and Wales

Year	All marriages	With civil ceremonies		With religious ceremonies								
		All	Approved Premises	All	Church of England and Church in Wales	Roman Catholic	Methodist	Congregationalist	Baptist	United Reformed Church	Jews	Others
Numbers												
1993	299,197	152,930	..	146,267	96,060	17,465	14,927	805	3,197	5,783	903	7,127
1994	291,069	152,113	..	138,956	90,703	16,429	14,347	782	3,178	5,449	813	7,255
1995	283,012	155,490	2,496 ¹	127,522	83,685	15,181	12,846	717	2,771	4,783	784	6,755
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
Proportions per 1,000 marriages												
1993	1,000	511	..	489	321	58	50	3	11	19	3	24
1994	1,000	523	..	477	312	56	49	3	11	19	3	25
1995	1,000	549	9 ¹	451	296	54	45	3	10	17	3	24
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
Proportions per 1,000 marriages with religious ceremonies												
1993				1,000	657	119	102	6	22	40	6	49
1994				1,000	653	118	103	6	23	39	6	52
1995				1,000	656	119	101	6	22	38	6	53
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

¹ Data from 1 April 1995. For information on marriages in Approved Premises - see section 3.2.

Table 3.30 Marriages: age of bride and quarter of occurrence, type of ceremony and previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, 2003

England and Wales

Age of bride	Quarter of occurrence	Total			Civil			C of E and Church in Wales			Other denominations		
		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	270,109	160,283	109,826	183,124	92,086	91,038	60,385	49,522	10,863	26,600	18,675	7,925
	March	34,025	18,032	15,993	28,153	13,859	14,294	3,439	2,584	855	2,433	1,589	844
	June	75,152	44,353	30,799	49,831	24,604	25,227	17,759	14,542	3,217	7,562	5,207	2,355
	September	111,869	71,009	40,860	67,193	34,942	32,251	32,029	26,869	5,160	12,647	9,198	3,449
	December	49,063	26,889	22,174	37,947	18,681	19,266	7,158	5,527	1,631	3,958	2,681	1,277
Under 20	Total	6,987	6,569	418	5,372	5,010	362	886	858	28	729	701	28
	March	1,358	1,276	82	1,144	1,065	79	92	90	2	122	121	1
	June	1,825	1,724	101	1,403	1,319	84	239	232	7	183	173	10
	September	2,270	2,131	139	1,551	1,440	111	421	407	14	298	284	14
	December	1,534	1,438	96	1,274	1,186	88	134	129	5	126	123	3
20-24	Total	46,850	42,171	4,679	27,157	23,486	3,671	13,906	13,323	583	5,787	5,362	425
	March	5,919	5,138	781	4,659	3,961	698	726	687	39	534	490	44
	June	12,619	11,401	1,218	7,020	6,092	928	4,084	3,905	179	1,515	1,404	111
	September	20,675	18,896	1,779	9,837	8,568	1,269	7,839	7,532	307	2,999	2,796	203
	December	7,637	6,736	901	5,641	4,865	776	1,257	1,199	58	739	672	67
25-29	Total	72,790	60,034	12,756	41,641	31,619	10,022	22,813	21,160	1,653	8,336	7,255	1,081
	March	7,460	5,636	1,824	5,737	4,123	1,614	1,077	974	103	646	539	107
	June	20,557	17,020	3,537	11,409	8,695	2,714	6,767	6,265	502	2,381	2,060	321
	September	33,192	28,156	5,036	16,403	12,767	3,636	12,590	11,700	890	4,199	3,689	510
	December	11,581	9,222	2,359	8,092	6,034	2,058	2,379	2,221	158	1,110	967	143
30-49	Total	124,529	50,904	73,625	93,206	31,495	61,711	20,990	14,100	6,890	10,333	5,309	5,024
	March	16,164	5,869	10,295	13,856	4,605	9,251	1,360	828	532	948	436	512
	June	34,639	14,038	20,601	25,489	8,379	17,110	6,095	4,107	1,988	3,055	1,552	1,503
	September	49,554	21,648	27,906	34,397	12,032	22,365	10,509	7,203	3,306	4,648	2,413	2,235
	December	24,172	9,349	14,823	19,464	6,479	12,985	3,026	1,962	1,064	1,682	908	774
50 and over	Total	18,953	605	18,348	15,748	476	15,272	1,790	81	1,709	1,415	48	1,367
	March	3,124	113	3,011	2,757	105	2,652	184	5	179	183	3	180
	June	5,512	170	5,342	4,510	119	4,391	574	33	541	428	18	410
	September	6,178	178	6,000	5,005	135	4,870	670	27	643	503	16	487
	December	4,139	144	3,995	3,476	117	3,359	362	16	346	301	11	290

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

Table 3.31 Marriages: previous marital statuses¹ of bride and bridegroom, type of ceremony and denomination, 2003**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	Congregationalist	Baptist	United Reformed Church	Jews	Others
All	270,109	183,124	73,784	86,985	60,385	9,858	5,742	364	1,768	1,959	751	6,158
Single man marrying:												
Single woman	160,283	92,086	39,942	68,197	49,522	9,002	2,445	212	1,121	868	619	4,408
Widow	1,236	895	261	341	236	49	21	-	6	4	1	24
Divorced woman	27,951	23,372	8,909	4,579	2,541	255	797	39	164	254	24	505
Widower marrying:												
Single woman	1,144	767	229	377	268	41	11	-	14	5	2	36
Widow	1,860	1,078	369	782	466	95	101	5	36	30	4	45
Divorced woman	3,238	2,634	938	604	319	35	100	11	34	30	7	68
Divorced man marrying:												
Single woman	29,743	23,043	9,923	6,700	4,229	290	1,052	43	177	380	32	497
Widow	2,772	2,287	727	485	255	24	87	5	24	30	11	49
Divorced woman	41,882	36,962	12,486	4,920	2,549	67	1,128	49	192	358	51	526

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

Table 3.32 Marriages: sex, age, type of ceremony and denomination, 2003

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					
							Methodist	Congregationalist	Baptist	United Reformed Church	Jews	Others
Bridegrooms												
All ages	270,109	183,124	73,784	86,985	60,385	9,858	5,742	364	1,768	1,959	751	6,158
Under 20	1,837	1,354	227	483	213	111	28	2	15	15	17	82
20-24	25,850	15,199	4,503	10,651	7,128	1,020	531	42	324	170	170	1,266
25-29	65,568	37,026	16,373	28,542	20,747	3,497	1,145	103	437	417	242	1,954
30-34	66,060	41,936	20,183	24,124	17,606	3,057	1,272	86	343	433	158	1,169
35-39	41,191	30,151	12,774	11,040	7,513	1,300	942	33	218	319	58	657
40-49	40,644	33,052	12,129	7,592	4,612	583	1,121	54	225	371	54	572
50 and over	28,959	24,406	7,595	4,553	2,566	290	703	44	206	234	52	458
Brides												
All ages	270,109	183,124	73,784	86,985	60,385	9,858	5,742	364	1,768	1,959	751	6,158
Under 20	6,987	5,372	896	1,615	886	202	83	8	46	26	79	285
20-24	46,850	27,157	9,133	19,693	13,906	1,822	935	72	459	347	175	1,977
25-29	72,790	41,641	20,097	31,149	22,813	3,943	1,390	99	452	475	254	1,723
30-34	57,348	38,726	18,890	18,622	13,288	2,464	1,128	74	281	410	108	869
35-39	33,668	26,203	10,432	7,465	4,762	865	817	38	177	252	53	501
40-49	33,513	28,277	9,506	5,236	2,940	331	889	39	199	270	47	521
50 and over	18,953	15,748	4,830	3,205	1,790	231	500	34	154	179	35	282

Table 3.33 Marriages (numbers and proportions): area of occurrence, type of ceremony and denomination, 2003

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	270,109	183,124	73,784	86,985	60,385	9,858	5,742
ENGLAND	255,577	174,466	70,405	81,111	56,232	9,454	5,438
North East	11,274	7,470	2,399	3,804	2,290	647	591
North West	30,974	19,796	7,732	11,178	6,460	2,503	788
Yorkshire and The Humber	23,862	15,840	7,984	8,022	5,667	734	938
East Midlands	21,265	13,639	6,026	7,626	5,783	476	547
West Midlands	25,281	16,089	5,079	9,192	6,237	885	647
East	28,773	19,195	8,757	9,578	7,252	819	536
London	41,364	34,020	9,805	7,344	3,357	1,584	273
South East	44,461	29,798	15,582	14,663	11,447	1,244	525
South West	28,323	18,619	7,041	9,704	7,739	562	593
WALES	14,532	8,658	3,379	5,874	4,153	404	304
	Proportions¹						
ENGLAND AND WALES	1,000	678	273	1,000	694	113	66
ENGLAND	1,000	683	275	1,000	693	117	67
North East	1,000	663	213	1,000	602	170	155
North West	1,000	639	250	1,000	578	224	70
Yorkshire and The Humber	1,000	664	335	1,000	706	91	117
East Midlands	1,000	641	283	1,000	758	62	72
West Midlands	1,000	636	201	1,000	679	96	70
East	1,000	667	304	1,000	757	86	56
London	1,000	822	237	1,000	457	216	37
South East	1,000	670	350	1,000	781	85	36
South West	1,000	657	249	1,000	798	58	61
WALES	1,000	596	233	1,000	707	69	52

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

**England and Wales, Government
Office Regions (within England)**

							Area of occurrence
Congregat- ionalist	Baptist	Calvinistic Methodist	United Reformed Church	Other Christian bodies	Jews	Other bodies	
364	1,768	109	1,959	4,246	751	1,803	ENGLAND AND WALES
186	1,428	17	1,890	3,923	751	1,792	ENGLAND
-	35	-	95	109	16	21	North East
26	88	17	449	677	128	42	North West
7	101	-	152	316	20	87	Yorkshire and The Humber
48	162	-	147	283	6	174	East Midlands
15	141	-	146	440	6	675	West Midlands
29	211	-	207	357	42	125	East
17	208	-	142	831	520	412	London
18	316	-	288	599	12	214	South East
26	166	-	264	311	1	42	South West
178	340	92	69	323	-	11	WALES
4	20	1	23	49	9	21	ENGLAND AND WALES
2	18	0	23	48	9	22	ENGLAND
-	9	-	25	29	4	6	North East
2	8	2	40	61	11	4	North West
1	13	-	19	39	2	11	Yorkshire and The Humber
6	21	-	19	37	1	23	East Midlands
2	15	-	16	48	1	73	West Midlands
3	22	-	22	37	4	13	East
2	28	-	19	113	71	56	London
1	22	-	20	41	1	15	South East
3	17	-	27	32	0	4	South West
30	58	16	12	55	-	2	WALES

Table 3.34 Marriages: area of occurrence, type of ceremony, denomination and type of preliminaries, 2003

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	270,109	183,124	182,787	337	60,385	54,221	3,205
ENGLAND	255,577	174,466	174,149	317	56,232	50,412	2,895
North East	11,274	7,470	7,440	30	2,290	2,020	142
North West	30,974	19,796	19,749	47	6,460	5,687	294
Yorkshire and The Humber	23,862	15,840	15,804	36	5,667	5,330	209
East Midlands	21,265	13,639	13,618	21	5,783	5,314	221
West Midlands	25,281	16,089	16,064	25	6,237	5,765	256
East	28,773	19,195	19,171	24	7,252	6,528	343
London	41,364	34,020	33,963	57	3,357	2,933	242
South East	44,461	29,798	29,754	44	11,447	10,131	711
South West	28,323	18,619	18,586	33	7,739	6,704	477
WALES	14,532	8,658	8,638	20	4,153	3,809	310

Table 3.35 Marriages in registered buildings of worship: area of occurrence, denomination and whether before a Registrar or an Authorised Person, 2003

Area of occurrence	All marriages in registered buildings			Roman Catholic		Methodist	
	Total	Registrar	Authorised Person	Registrar	Authorised Person	Registrar	Authorised Person
ENGLAND AND WALES	25,792	2,503	23,289	797	9,061	233	5,509
ENGLAND	24,071	1,837	22,234	582	8,872	203	5,235
North East	1,496	123	1,373	57	590	23	568
North West	4,582	361	4,221	211	2,292	24	764
Yorkshire and The Humber	2,329	197	2,132	53	681	24	914
East Midlands	1,832	135	1,697	24	452	27	520
West Midlands	2,946	100	2,846	13	872	8	639
East	2,281	224	2,057	59	760	24	512
London	3,463	263	3,200	32	1,552	3	270
South East	3,187	191	2,996	51	1,193	18	507
South West	1,955	243	1,712	82	480	52	541
WALES	1,721	666	1,055	215	189	30	274

England and Wales, Government Office Regions (within England)					Area of occurrence
Special Licence	Superintendent Registrar's Certificate	Others		Registrar General's Licence	
		Total	Superintendent Registrar's Certificate		
1,966	993	26,600	26,598	2	ENGLAND AND WALES
1,942	983	24,879	24,877	2	ENGLAND
47	81	1,514	1,514	-	North East
164	315	4,718	4,718	-	North West
102	26	2,355	2,355	-	Yorkshire and The Humber
185	63	1,843	1,842	1	East Midlands
160	56	2,955	2,955	-	West Midlands
321	60	2,326	2,326	-	East
163	19	3,987	3,986	1	London
520	85	3,216	3,216	-	South East
280	278	1,965	1,965	-	South West
24	10	1,721	1,721	-	WALES

England and Wales, Government Office Regions (within England)								Area of occurrence
Congregationalist		Baptist		United Reformed Church		Other denominations		
Registrar	Authorised Person	Registrar	Authorised Person	Registrar	Authorised Person	Registrar	Authorised Person	
127	237	233	1,534	70	1,889	1,043	5,059	ENGLAND AND WALES
28	158	131	1,296	57	1,833	836	4,840	ENGLAND
-	-	3	32	12	83	28	100	North East
5	21	13	75	7	442	101	627	North West
1	6	11	90	4	148	104	293	Yorkshire and The Humber
3	45	11	151	2	145	68	384	East Midlands
-	15	11	130	3	143	65	1,047	West Midlands
10	19	27	184	9	198	95	384	East
-	17	11	196	-	142	217	1,023	London
4	14	21	295	7	281	90	706	South East
5	21	23	143	13	251	68	276	South West
99	79	102	238	13	56	207	219	WALES

Table 3.36 Proportions¹ of men and women who had ever married by certain ages, for birth cohort, 1926-1987**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																			
1926	0	2	11	37	78	157	264	375	476	567	639	696	740	776	823	860	890	903	911
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	11	40	90	162	249	340	426	503	565	615	657	692	720	764	805	838	853	
1961	1	6	24	57	107	171	242	315	382	444	498	543	583	615	667	717	764		
1962	1	5	22	50	95	154	222	291	358	421	475	520	558	593	647	700	749		
1963	1	4	17	42	81	136	198	264	330	390	443	489	529	565	621	677	730		
1964	1	3	14	36	71	120	178	244	307	367	419	465	507	544	601	659	716		
1965	1	3	12	31	62	107	164	227	289	347	399	447	489	527	586	646			
1966	0	3	11	28	57	102	156	215	274	329	382	429	472	509	569	632			
1967	1	2	10	25	53	93	144	200	253	308	359	406	448	485	546	611			
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	578			
1970	0	1	7	19	39	68	105	148	194	241	287	331	374	414	482				
1971	0	1	6	17	34	61	94	133	174	219	264	309	353	394	463				
1972	0	1	5	14	29	50	78	112	150	191	235	279	322	361	433				
1973	0	1	4	12	25	44	69	99	134	174	215	258	299	340					
1974	0	1	4	11	21	38	60	88	122	160	201	243	284	327					
1975	0	1	3	9	19	34	54	80	111	146	185	225	268						
1976	0	1	3	9	18	31	49	72	102	135	172	213							
1977	0	1	3	8	16	29	45	68	95	127	166								
1978	0	1	3	7	15	27	44	64	91	124									
1979	0	1	3	7	15	27	42	63	89										
1980	0	0	3	7	14	25	39	59											
1981	0	0	3	7	14	24	39												
1982	0	0	2	6	13	24													
1983	0	0	2	6	12														
1984	0	0	2	6															
1985	0	0	2																
1986	0	0																	
1987	0																		
Women																			
1926	4	21	70	165	267	399	514	608	680	737	778	808	831	849	874	895	913	921	928
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	
1961	12	43	114	202	293	378	454	521	577	623	662	694	721	743	776	807	835		
1962	12	40	104	182	267	351	428	496	554	603	643	678	705	728	763	796	825		
1963	10	34	89	158	238	320	396	465	525	575	617	652	680	706	743	778	810		
1964	8	27	74	136	212	290	365	425	486	539	583	618	650	677	717	755	791		
1965	7	23	65	123	193	268	344	413	473	526	568	606	638	665	705	745			
1966	6	21	59	112	178	255	329	398	458	508	553	591	623	651	693	735			
1967	5	19	54	102	168	240	313	380	436	488	533	571	604	632	676	720			
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				
1971	3	11	34	67	109	161	215	269	321	371	416	459	498	533	587				
1972	2	10	30	57	96	141	189	238	288	336	382	426	466	501	559				
1973	2	9	26	51	84	124	168	215	262	311	357	400	439	475					
1974	2	8	23	45	75	111	151	195	242	290	337	381	422	461					
1975	2	6	20	39	65	97	134	176	221	268	314	357	401						
1976	2	6	18	37	61	91	126	166	209	253	297	343							
1977	1	5	18	35	58	86	118	157	197	240	285								
1978	1	5	16	32	53	80	111	147	186	231									
1979	1	5	15	30	49	75	104	139	179										
1980	1	4	14	28	48	71	99	134											
1981	1	4	13	27	44	66	95												
1982	1	4	13	25	41	64													
1983	1	3	11	22	39														
1984	1	3	11	22															
1985	1	3	10																
1986	1	2																	
1987	1																		

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 1965, 527 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, 1926-1982

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																					
1926	0	2	6	11	14	17	19	22	25	27	30	33	36	39	46	56	78	99	114	126	135
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	
1941	0	2	12	23	29	38	46	55	64	72	81	90	99	107	122	143	173	194	209		
1946	0	3	19	37	46	56	66	76	86	96	105	115	123	132	147	168	196	217			
1951	0	7	28	49	60	70	81	91	101	110	119	128	136	144	159	178	205				
1956	0	8	28	46	56	66	76	85	95	103	112	120	128	135	150	169					
1957	0	7	26	44	54	63	73	82	91	99	108	116	123	131	145	164					
1958	0	6	24	42	51	61	69	78	86	95	103	112	119	127	141	159					
1959	0	5	22	39	48	57	65	74	82	91	99	107	115	123	137	156					
1960	0	5	21	37	45	53	61	70	78	87	95	103	110	118	132						
1961	0	5	20	34	40	48	57	65	73	82	90	98	105	113	126						
1962	0	5	19	31	38	46	54	62	71	79	87	94	102	109	123						
1963	0	4	17	28	35	42	50	58	66	74	82	90	96	103							
1964	0	4	13	25	31	38	46	53	60	68	75	82	89	96							
1965	0	4	12	23	29	36	43	50	57	64	71	78	84								
1966	0	3	12	22	28	34	41	47	54	60	67	74									
1967	0	3	11	20	26	31	37	44	50	56	63										
1968	0	3	10	18	23	29	34	40	46	53											
1969	0	2	9	17	22	27	32	38	44												
1970	0	2	8	15	20	24	29	35													
1971	0	2	7	14	18	22	27														
1972	0	2	6	12	15	19															
1973	0	2	6	10	13																
1974	0	1	5	9																	
1975	0	1	4																		
1976	0	1	4																		
1977	0	1																			
1978	0	1																			
1979	0	1																			
1980	0																				
1981	0																				
1982	0																				
Women																					
1926	1	7	17	24	28	31	34	37	40	43	45	48	51	54	60	69	90	106	114	121	125
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	
1941	0	7	21	33	40	49	57	65	74	82	90	98	106	113	126	144	170	186	195		
1946	0	11	36	56	66	75	86	95	104	113	121	129	137	144	157	176	200	217			
1951	0	19	48	71	81	91	101	109	118	126	134	142	150	156	168	185	209				
1956	1	24	55	76	86	96	106	115	124	132	140	147	154	161	175	192					
1957	1	23	52	73	83	93	103	112	120	129	136	143	150	158	171	187					
1958	1	21	49	69	80	89	99	107	115	123	131	138	146	153	165	182					
1959	1	19	45	66	76	85	94	102	110	118	127	134	141	148	161	178					
1960	1	17	43	62	72	81	90	99	107	116	124	131	139	145	158						
1961	1	17	42	60	69	78	87	95	104	112	120	128	135	142	155						
1962	1	15	39	57	66	75	84	92	101	109	117	124	131	138	151						
1963	1	14	36	52	61	70	78	87	95	103	110	118	125	131							
1964	0	13	32	48	57	66	75	83	91	98	106	113	119	126							
1965	1	12	31	46	55	63	72	79	87	95	102	109	116								
1966	1	11	28	43	52	60	67	75	83	90	97	104									
1967	1	10	26	41	49	56	64	71	78	86	93										
1968	0	9	24	38	46	53	61	67	75	82											
1969	0	8	23	36	43	50	56	63	70												
1970	0	7	21	32	39	45	51	58													
1971	0	6	18	29	35	41	48														
1972	0	6	17	26	31	37															
1973	0	6	16	24	29																
1974	0	5	13	22																	
1975	0	5	12																		
1976	0	4	11																		
1977	0	4																			
1978	0	3																			
1979	0	3																			
1980	0																				
1981	0																				
1982	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 1965, 23 will have remarried by the age of 30. See Table 4.8 for corresponding table for divorces by birth cohort.

1 Estimated proportions per 1,000.

Table 3.38 Marriages (numbers and percentages): sex and age, type of ceremony and whether bride and bridegroom gave identical residential addresses before marriage, 2003

England and Wales

	All marriages			Civil marriages			Religious marriages		
	Total	Different	Identical	Total	Different	Identical	Total	Different	Identical
Numbers									
Age of bridegroom									
All ages	270,109	57,463	212,646	183,124	23,726	159,398	86,985	33,737	53,248
Under 20	1,837	754	1,083	1,354	471	883	483	283	200
20-24	25,850	8,684	17,166	15,199	3,430	11,769	10,651	5,254	5,397
25-29	65,568	17,390	48,178	37,026	5,613	31,413	28,542	11,777	16,765
30-34	66,060	13,317	52,743	41,936	4,497	37,439	24,124	8,820	15,304
35-39	41,191	6,508	34,683	30,151	2,945	27,206	11,040	3,563	7,477
40-44	25,173	3,703	21,470	20,096	2,108	17,988	5,077	1,595	3,482
45-49	15,471	2,177	13,294	12,956	1,449	11,507	2,515	728	1,787
50-54	11,314	1,586	9,728	9,746	1,110	8,636	1,568	476	1,092
55-59	8,314	1,231	7,083	7,124	855	6,269	1,190	376	814
60-64	4,366	750	3,616	3,685	489	3,196	681	261	420
65-69	2,463	562	1,901	1,967	309	1,658	496	253	243
70-74	1,355	365	990	1,041	198	843	314	167	147
75 and over	1,147	436	711	843	252	591	304	184	120
Age of bride									
All ages	270,109	57,463	212,646	183,124	23,726	159,398	86,985	33,737	53,248
Under 20	6,987	2,463	4,524	5,372	1,578	3,794	1,615	885	730
20-24	46,850	14,044	32,806	27,157	5,071	22,086	19,693	8,973	10,720
25-29	72,790	17,341	55,449	41,641	5,018	36,623	31,149	12,323	18,826
30-34	57,348	10,252	47,096	38,726	3,865	34,861	18,622	6,387	12,235
35-39	33,668	5,043	28,625	26,203	2,739	23,464	7,465	2,304	5,161
40-44	20,435	2,975	17,460	17,094	1,991	15,103	3,341	984	2,357
45-49	13,078	1,906	11,172	11,183	1,320	9,863	1,895	586	1,309
50-54	8,780	1,286	7,494	7,531	878	6,653	1,249	408	841
55-59	5,214	861	4,353	4,425	569	3,856	789	292	497
60-64	2,560	555	2,005	2,040	315	1,725	520	240	280
65-69	1,277	349	928	946	180	766	331	169	162
70-74	660	210	450	491	119	372	169	91	78
75 and over	462	178	284	315	83	232	147	95	52
Percentages									
Age of bridegroom									
All ages	100	21.3	78.7	100	13.0	87.0	100	38.8	61.2
Under 20	100	41.0	59.0	100	34.8	65.2	100	58.6	41.4
20-24	100	33.6	66.4	100	22.6	77.4	100	49.3	50.7
25-29	100	26.5	73.5	100	15.2	84.8	100	41.3	58.7
30-34	100	20.2	79.8	100	10.7	89.3	100	36.6	63.4
35-39	100	15.8	84.2	100	9.8	90.2	100	32.3	67.7
40-44	100	14.7	85.3	100	10.5	89.5	100	31.4	68.6
45-49	100	14.1	85.9	100	11.2	88.8	100	28.9	71.1
50-54	100	14.0	86.0	100	11.4	88.6	100	30.4	69.6
55-59	100	14.8	85.2	100	12.0	88.0	100	31.6	68.4
60-64	100	17.2	82.8	100	13.3	86.7	100	38.3	61.7
65-69	100	22.8	77.2	100	15.7	84.3	100	51.0	49.0
70-74	100	26.9	73.1	100	19.0	81.0	100	53.2	46.8
75 and over	100	38.0	62.0	100	29.9	70.1	100	60.5	39.5
Age of bride									
All ages	100	21.3	78.7	100	13.0	87.0	100	38.8	61.2
Under 20	100	35.3	64.7	100	29.4	70.6	100	54.8	45.2
20-24	100	30.0	70.0	100	18.7	81.3	100	45.6	54.4
25-29	100	23.8	76.2	100	12.1	87.9	100	39.6	60.4
30-34	100	17.9	82.1	100	10.0	90.0	100	34.3	65.7
35-39	100	15.0	85.0	100	10.5	89.5	100	30.9	69.1
40-44	100	14.6	85.4	100	11.6	88.4	100	29.5	70.5
45-49	100	14.6	85.4	100	11.8	88.2	100	30.9	69.1
50-54	100	14.6	85.4	100	11.7	88.3	100	32.7	67.3
55-59	100	16.5	83.5	100	12.9	87.1	100	37.0	63.0
60-64	100	21.7	78.3	100	15.4	84.6	100	46.2	53.8
65-69	100	27.3	72.7	100	19.0	81.0	100	51.1	48.9
70-74	100	31.8	68.2	100	24.2	75.8	100	53.8	46.2
75 and over	100	38.5	61.5	100	26.3	73.7	100	64.6	35.4

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, 2003

England and Wales

		All marriages		Civil marriages		Civil marriages - of which in Approved Premises		Religious marriages	
		Total	Identical	Total	Identical	Total	Identical	Total	Identical
Numbers									
All bridegrooms	All brides	270,109	212,646	183,124	159,398	73,784	66,951	86,985	53,248
	Single women	191,170	144,888	115,896	99,880	50,094	45,598	75,274	45,008
	Divorced women	73,071	63,581	62,968	56,173	22,333	20,288	10,103	7,408
	Widows	5,868	4,177	4,260	3,345	1,357	1,065	1,608	832
Single men	All brides	189,470	143,320	116,353	99,729	49,112	44,539	73,117	43,591
	Single women	160,283	118,742	92,086	78,585	39,942	36,266	68,197	40,157
	Divorced women	27,951	23,688	23,372	20,448	8,909	8,058	4,579	3,240
	Widows	1,236	890	895	696	261	215	341	194
Divorced men	All brides	74,397	65,036	62,292	56,215	23,136	21,203	12,105	8,821
	Single women	29,743	25,390	23,043	20,712	9,923	9,138	6,700	4,678
	Divorced women	41,882	37,428	36,962	33,605	12,486	11,467	4,920	3,823
	Widows	2,772	2,218	2,287	1,898	727	598	485	320
Widowers	All brides	6,242	4,290	4,479	3,454	1,536	1,209	1,763	836
	Single women	1,144	756	767	583	229	194	377	173
	Divorced women	3,238	2,465	2,634	2,120	938	763	604	345
	Widows	1,860	1,069	1,078	751	369	252	782	318
Percentages									
All bridegrooms	All brides	100	78.7	100	87.0	100	90.7	100	61.2
	Single women	100	75.8	100	86.2	100	91.0	100	59.8
	Divorced women	100	87.0	100	89.2	100	90.8	100	73.3
	Widows	100	71.2	100	78.5	100	78.5	100	51.7
Single men	All brides	100	75.6	100	85.7	100	90.7	100	59.6
	Single women	100	74.1	100	85.3	100	90.8	100	58.9
	Divorced women	100	84.7	100	87.5	100	90.4	100	70.8
	Widows	100	72.0	100	77.8	100	82.4	100	56.9
Divorced men	All brides	100	87.4	100	90.2	100	91.6	100	72.9
	Single women	100	85.4	100	89.9	100	92.1	100	69.8
	Divorced women	100	89.4	100	90.9	100	91.8	100	77.7
	Widows	100	80.0	100	83.0	100	82.3	100	66.0
Widowers	All brides	100	68.7	100	77.1	100	78.7	100	47.4
	Single women	100	66.1	100	76.0	100	84.7	100	45.9
	Divorced women	100	76.1	100	80.5	100	81.3	100	57.1
	Widows	100	57.5	100	69.7	100	68.3	100	40.7

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

Table 3.40 Marriages (numbers and percentages): type of ceremony, denomination and whether the bride and bridegroom gave identical residential addresses before marriage, 2003

England and Wales

Type of ceremony	Total	Different	Identical
Numbers			
All marriages	270,109	57,463	212,646
All civil marriages	183,124	23,726	159,398
Register Office and other	109,340	16,893	92,447
Approved Premises	73,784	6,833	66,951
All religious marriages	86,985	33,737	53,248
Church of England	56,250	22,266	33,984
Church in Wales	4,135	2,057	2,078
Roman Catholic	9,858	2,461	7,397
Methodist	5,742	1,305	4,437
United Reformed Church	1,959	434	1,525
Congregationalist (Independent)	364	129	235
Baptist	1,768	804	964
Presbyterian	195	59	136
Calvinistic Methodist	109	35	74
Society of Friends (Quakers)	56	11	45
Jews	751	462	289
Salvation Army	169	96	73
Brethren	169	124	45
Jehovah's Witness	600	559	41
Unitarian	486	68	418
Muslim	198	141	57
Sikh	1,114	1,041	73
Other Christian body (including Mormon)	2,571	1,373	1,198
Other unattached body	490	311	179
Not civil marriage and not stated	1	1	-
Percentages			
All marriages	100	21.3	78.7
All civil marriages	100	13.0	87.0
Register Office and other	100	15.4	84.6
Approved Premises	100	9.3	90.7
All religious marriages	100	38.8	61.2
Church of England	100	39.6	60.4
Church in Wales	100	49.7	50.3
Roman Catholic	100	25.0	75.0
Methodist	100	22.7	77.3
United Reformed Church	100	22.2	77.8
Congregationalist (Independent)	100	35.4	64.6
Baptist	100	45.5	54.5
Presbyterian	100	30.3	69.7
Calvinistic Methodist	100	32.1	67.9
Society of Friends (Quakers)	100	19.6	80.4
Jews	100	61.5	38.5
Salvation Army	100	56.8	43.2
Brethren	100	73.4	26.6
Jehovah's Witness	100	93.2	6.8
Unitarian	100	14.0	86.0
Muslim	100	71.2	28.8
Sikh	100	93.4	6.6
Other Christian body (including Mormon)	100	53.4	46.6
Other unattached body	100	63.5	36.5
Not civil marriage and not stated	100	100.0	-

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, 2003

England and Wales

	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	270,109	7,998	11,861	14,166	18,066	28,994	28,092	32,860	46,086	32,923	20,432	14,685	13,946
	No	57,463	1,663	2,232	2,859	3,791	5,995	6,247	7,677	10,379	7,089	4,000	2,857	2,674
	Yes	212,646	6,335	9,629	11,307	14,275	22,999	21,845	25,183	35,707	25,834	16,432	11,828	11,272
All civil marriages	Total	183,124	6,819	10,081	11,253	13,502	18,906	17,423	19,733	26,806	20,654	15,257	11,723	10,967
	No	23,726	1,132	1,491	1,679	1,912	2,210	2,200	2,537	3,059	2,381	1,976	1,664	1,485
	Yes	159,398	5,687	8,590	9,574	11,590	16,696	15,223	17,196	23,747	18,273	13,281	10,059	9,482
All religious marriages	Total	86,985	1,179	1,780	2,913	4,564	10,088	10,669	13,127	19,280	12,269	5,175	2,962	2,979
	No	33,737	531	741	1,180	1,879	3,785	4,047	5,140	7,320	4,708	2,024	1,193	1,189
	Yes	53,248	648	1,039	1,733	2,685	6,303	6,622	7,987	11,960	7,561	3,151	1,769	1,790
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	21.3	20.8	18.8	20.2	21.0	20.7	22.2	23.4	22.5	21.5	19.6	19.5	19.2
	Yes	78.7	79.2	81.2	79.8	79.0	79.3	77.8	76.6	77.5	78.5	80.4	80.5	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	13.0	16.6	14.8	14.9	14.2	11.7	12.6	12.9	11.4	11.5	13.0	14.2	13.5
	Yes	87.0	83.4	85.2	85.1	85.8	88.3	87.4	87.1	88.6	88.5	87.0	85.8	86.5
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	38.8	45.0	41.6	40.5	41.2	37.5	37.9	39.2	38.0	38.4	39.1	40.3	39.9
	Yes	61.2	55.0	58.4	59.5	58.8	62.5	62.1	60.8	62.0	61.6	60.9	59.7	60.1

Table 3.42 Certified places of worship: area of location as at 30 June 2003, 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	29,861	3,709	7,468	1,370	3,324	1,725	1,183	942
ENGLAND	25,461	3,463	6,991	576	2,490	1,591	62	882
North East	1,325	260	380	4	55	104	1	55
North West	3,888	746	993	73	205	260	31	98
Yorkshire and The Humber	2,819	346	1,151	46	119	137	1	45
East Midlands	2,286	201	910	55	242	103	1	38
West Midlands	2,590	297	722	45	202	135	10	76
East	2,516	270	688	69	380	193	-	95
London	3,029	418	274	54	377	163	12	115
South East	3,644	601	673	109	537	285	4	135
South West	3,366	324	1,200	121	373	211	2	225
WALES	4,400	246	477	794	834	134	1,121	60

Table 3.43 Buildings of worship in which marriages may be solemnised: area of location as at 30 June 2003, 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	40,625	16,475	3,341	6,561	1,254	3,102	1,653	1,084
ENGLAND	35,238	15,022	3,109	6,150	464	2,348	1,519	58
North East	2,305	1,242	180	370	6	57	101	1
North West	4,560	1,540	617	893	35	228	247	30
Yorkshire and The Humber	3,611	1,376	334	999	30	113	137	1
East Midlands	3,682	1,774	181	785	50	238	99	1
West Midlands	3,583	1,586	283	616	40	194	121	8
East	4,954	2,926	242	591	55	353	186	-
London	3,097	960	359	255	45	345	158	12
South East	4,172	1,095	626	597	100	490	272	4
South West	5,274	2,523	287	1,044	103	330	198	1
WALES	5,387	1,453	232	411	790	754	134	1,026

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
935	180	367	926	6,074	364	684	187	423	ENGLAND AND WALES
857	156	357	847	5,567	358	667	184	413	ENGLAND
73	3	26	45	275	10	17	6	11	North East
114	49	36	126	874	63	149	11	60	North West
94	17	52	94	508	15	168	25	31	Yorkshire and The Humber
73	16	15	81	444	5	45	15	42	East Midlands
57	12	35	91	644	9	152	51	52	West Midlands
109	10	41	84	524	5	9	14	25	East
125	14	35	76	924	207	106	32	97	London
117	14	68	141	787	34	44	24	71	South East
95	21	49	109	587	10	7	6	24	South West
78	24	10	79	507	6	17	3	10	WALES

England and Wales, Government Office Regions (within England)								
Brethren	Salvation Army	Unitarian	Jehovah's Witness	Other Christian bodies	Muslim	Sikh	Other	Area
743	745	165	823	4,191	139	149	200	ENGLAND AND WALES
690	693	142	758	3,811	137	146	191	ENGLAND
35	77	4	51	159	4	6	12	North East
81	85	46	97	609	15	10	27	North West
35	77	14	79	353	28	19	16	Yorkshire and The Humber
26	59	15	76	336	8	17	17	East Midlands
66	50	12	82	433	32	39	21	West Midlands
83	70	9	70	349	4	11	5	East
92	98	12	73	594	32	22	40	London
92	103	13	128	580	12	17	43	South East
180	74	17	102	398	2	5	10	South West
53	52	23	65	380	2	3	9	WALES

Table 4.1 Divorces (numbers and rates): sex and age at divorce, 1993-2003

England and Wales

Year of divorce	Age at date of divorce											Mean	Median
	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-59	60 and over	Not stated		
Husbands													
Numbers													
1993	165,018	27	5,469	26,105	35,762	30,308	25,009	19,937	16,731	5,665	5	39.0	37.3
1994	158,175	31	4,646	23,559	34,558	29,307	23,611	19,785	17,063	5,608	7	39.3	37.6
1995	155,499	28	3,973	22,018	34,082	29,319	22,971	19,718	17,589	5,791	10	39.6	37.9
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
Rates per 1,000 married population													
1993	14.3	4.1	29.2	33.0	30.8	25.1	19.7	14.4	7.7	1.7			
1994	13.8	5.1	29.0	31.5	29.9	24.3	19.1	14.2	7.8	1.7			
1995	13.7	4.7	29.0	31.5	29.6	24.1	19.0	14.2	7.9	1.7			
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	3.0	24.4	29.4	29.1	25.9	21.5	16.7	9.2	2.0			
2003	14.0	3.4	25.7	30.6	29.8	27.1	23.3	17.9	10.0	2.1			
Wives													
Numbers													
1993	165,018	280	12,644	35,362	36,300	28,162	21,891	15,910	11,324	3,140	5	36.4	34.7
1994	158,175	220	10,736	32,608	35,848	27,195	20,765	16,073	11,526	3,197	7	36.7	34.9
1995	155,499	172	9,611	30,563	35,538	27,550	20,739	16,098	12,095	3,123	10	37.0	35.3
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
Rates per 1,000 married population													
1993	14.1	11.8	32.3	33.1	27.2	21.8	16.6	11.4	5.4	1.1			
1994	13.6	10.2	31.1	31.9	26.8	21.0	16.1	11.4	5.4	1.2			
1995	13.5	8.3	32.0	31.7	26.7	21.1	16.5	11.4	5.6	1.1			
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	6.7	28.4	30.4	28.3	24.0	19.1	13.8	6.8	1.4			
2003	14.0	8.0	29.7	31.6	29.1	25.5	20.9	15.0	7.3	1.4			

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

Table 4.2 Divorces: ages at divorce of husband and wife in combination, 2003

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	153,490	13	1,764	10,312	25,890	32,755	29,437	21,062	24,724	7,531	2
Under 20	94	3	50	29	7	1	2	2	-	-	-
20-24	4,773	6	1,093	2,090	1,055	339	130	39	19	2	-
25-29	16,539	3	412	5,476	6,999	2,501	740	234	155	19	-
30-34	30,345	-	141	1,942	12,590	10,753	3,367	958	511	83	-
35-39	33,519	1	37	511	3,851	14,297	10,293	2,917	1,414	198	-
40-44	27,610	-	16	176	971	3,579	11,792	7,499	3,158	419	-
45-49	18,225	-	10	58	281	901	2,273	7,459	6,600	643	-
50-59	18,127	-	5	27	128	361	779	1,872	12,004	2,951	-
60 and over	4,256	-	-	3	8	23	61	82	863	3,216	-
Age not stated	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

Table 4.3 Men divorcing: age at divorce and previous marital statuses of husband and wife, 2003

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	153,490	121,395	994	31,101	106,444	418	14,533	259	143	592	15,193	642	15,266
18	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	12	12	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 20	13	13	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	50	50	-	-	49	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	127	127	-	-	114	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	281	279	-	2	263	2	14	-	-	-	2	-	-
23	506	503	-	3	470	-	33	-	-	-	3	-	-
24	800	796	-	4	747	2	47	-	-	-	2	-	2
20-24	1,764	1,755	-	9	1,643	4	108	-	-	-	7	-	2
25	1,088	1,080	-	8	1,010	1	69	-	-	-	5	-	3
26	1,411	1,398	-	13	1,288	1	109	-	-	-	7	-	6
27	2,029	1,999	1	29	1,843	8	148	1	-	-	23	-	6
28	2,567	2,518	-	49	2,317	2	199	-	-	-	33	-	16
29	3,217	3,136	1	80	2,833	3	300	1	-	-	60	-	20
25-29	10,312	10,131	2	179	9,291	15	825	2	-	-	128	-	51
30	3,908	3,791	-	117	3,418	12	361	-	-	-	85	-	32
31	4,642	4,455	2	185	4,005	5	445	2	-	-	130	-	55
32	5,380	5,066	1	313	4,505	11	550	-	-	1	206	2	105
33	5,855	5,414	3	438	4,738	8	668	2	-	1	289	2	147
34	6,105	5,601	3	501	4,917	16	668	1	-	2	330	3	168
30-34	25,890	24,327	9	1,554	21,583	52	2,692	5	-	4	1,040	7	507
35	6,189	5,557	6	626	4,814	12	731	5	-	1	407	1	218
36	6,573	5,837	2	734	5,060	17	760	1	-	1	445	8	281
37	6,642	5,755	8	879	4,949	20	786	7	-	1	547	8	324
38	6,665	5,660	12	993	4,809	18	833	6	1	5	600	5	388
39	6,686	5,550	13	1,123	4,741	21	788	8	-	5	664	12	447
35-39	32,755	28,359	41	4,355	24,373	88	3,898	27	1	13	2,663	34	1,658
40	6,485	5,252	11	1,222	4,510	14	728	3	1	7	699	13	510
41	6,277	4,966	17	1,294	4,276	16	674	6	1	10	672	9	613
42	5,932	4,626	9	1,297	3,965	15	646	7	-	2	688	21	588
43	5,511	4,222	12	1,277	3,682	18	522	6	-	6	710	11	556
44	5,232	3,878	15	1,339	3,362	12	504	8	-	7	683	12	644
40-44	29,437	22,944	64	6,429	19,795	75	3,074	30	2	32	3,452	66	2,911
45	4,824	3,499	17	1,308	3,038	12	449	7	1	9	644	14	650
46	4,519	3,277	17	1,225	2,834	18	425	13	-	4	626	29	570
47	4,139	2,945	20	1,174	2,554	13	378	8	1	11	598	13	563
48	3,865	2,674	19	1,172	2,318	12	344	6	-	13	551	21	600
49	3,715	2,558	23	1,134	2,218	9	331	7	1	15	528	22	584
45-49	21,062	14,953	96	6,013	12,962	64	1,927	41	3	52	2,947	99	2,967
50	3,424	2,242	25	1,157	1,976	12	254	5	2	18	537	25	595
51	3,063	2,031	26	1,006	1,756	8	267	9	2	15	444	21	541
52	2,927	1,858	33	1,036	1,630	4	224	11	2	20	426	27	583
53	2,754	1,704	25	1,025	1,504	7	193	9	2	14	467	21	537
54	2,741	1,605	31	1,105	1,417	6	182	9	3	19	441	32	632
50-54	14,909	9,440	140	5,329	8,283	37	1,120	43	11	86	2,315	126	2,888

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	2,474	1,458	39	977	1,307	4	147	13	2	24	412	20	545
56	2,396	1,409	30	957	1,240	15	154	5	1	24	371	20	566
57	1,907	1,133	24	750	1,018	13	102	5	2	17	274	17	459
58	1,566	880	36	650	791	3	86	6	4	26	241	31	378
59	1,472	829	31	612	755	8	66	5	4	22	225	30	357
55-59	9,815	5,709	160	3,946	5,111	43	555	34	13	113	1,523	118	2,305
60	1,166	641	37	488	577	6	58	13	3	21	166	22	300
61	979	545	28	406	490	3	52	3	4	21	141	13	252
62	759	395	28	336	358	3	34	6	3	19	120	12	204
63	743	372	21	350	332	1	39	2	6	13	130	10	210
64	677	342	30	305	308	2	32	3	6	21	106	19	180
60-64	4,324	2,295	144	1,885	2,065	15	215	27	22	95	663	76	1,146
65	574	290	26	258	264	5	21	7	3	16	91	14	153
66	464	238	22	204	220	1	17	2	5	15	72	13	119
67	369	171	33	165	148	5	18	5	9	19	37	13	115
68	316	145	31	140	133	-	12	8	5	18	50	11	79
69	258	114	26	118	102	3	9	3	7	16	42	9	67
65-69	1,981	958	138	885	867	14	77	25	29	84	292	60	533
70	205	80	18	107	75	1	4	5	3	10	43	7	57
71	203	84	24	95	72	2	10	4	6	14	29	9	57
72	149	71	14	64	64	2	5	2	1	11	19	7	38
73	139	57	20	62	48	2	7	3	3	14	21	3	38
74	107	51	13	43	50	-	1	-	3	10	10	5	28
70-74	803	343	89	371	309	7	27	14	16	59	122	31	218
75	82	30	16	36	28	-	2	1	5	10	11	9	16
76	74	33	11	30	31	-	2	1	4	6	8	4	18
77	66	29	16	21	24	-	5	2	8	6	7	2	12
78	41	19	12	10	14	1	4	-	6	6	1	-	9
79	31	15	10	6	13	-	2	2	4	4	2	1	3
75-79	294	126	65	103	110	1	15	6	27	32	29	16	58
80	25	6	7	12	5	1	-	2	2	3	4	1	7
81	29	9	12	8	9	-	-	2	4	6	2	1	5
82	21	8	4	9	8	-	-	1	3	-	3	1	5
83	13	4	4	5	4	-	-	-	2	2	1	2	2
84	13	3	5	5	1	2	-	-	2	3	1	3	1
80-84	101	30	32	39	27	3	-	5	13	14	11	8	20
85	10	3	5	2	3	-	-	-	4	1	1	1	-
86	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
87	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
88	3	2	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
89	3	2	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
85-89	21	7	11	3	7	-	-	-	5	6	1	1	1
90 and over	7	3	3	1	3	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	1
Age not stated	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4.4 Women divorcing: age at divorce and previous marital statuses of husband and wife, 2003

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	Widowers	Divorced men	Single men	Widowers	Divorced men	Single men	Widowers	Divorced men
All ages	153,490	121,896	1,203	30,391	106,444	259	15,193	418	143	642	14,533	592	15,266
17	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	24	24	-	-	23	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	69	69	-	-	66	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 20	94	94	-	-	90	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	232	232	-	-	214	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	508	507	-	1	466	-	41	-	-	-	-	-	1
22	966	963	-	3	887	1	75	-	-	-	-	-	3
23	1,352	1,342	1	9	1,239	3	100	1	-	-	7	-	2
24	1,715	1,696	1	18	1,535	2	159	-	-	1	12	-	6
20-24	4,773	4,740	2	31	4,341	6	393	1	-	1	19	-	12
25	2,204	2,176	-	28	1,980	4	192	-	-	-	24	-	4
26	2,679	2,637	1	41	2,401	4	232	1	-	-	31	-	10
27	3,235	3,161	1	73	2,842	2	317	1	-	-	51	-	22
28	3,825	3,670	3	152	3,307	1	362	2	-	1	97	-	55
29	4,596	4,379	1	216	3,862	7	510	1	-	-	152	2	62
25-29	16,539	16,023	6	510	14,392	18	1,613	5	-	1	355	2	153
30	5,176	4,886	6	284	4,309	8	569	5	-	1	200	1	83
31	5,820	5,368	11	441	4,726	12	630	7	-	4	281	1	159
32	6,244	5,686	3	555	4,960	7	719	3	-	-	347	3	205
33	6,389	5,708	12	669	4,939	14	755	7	1	4	430	4	235
34	6,716	5,844	20	852	5,026	11	807	10	1	9	515	4	333
30-34	30,345	27,492	52	2,801	23,960	52	3,480	32	2	18	1,773	13	1,015
35	6,772	5,747	12	1,013	4,966	6	775	6	-	6	616	4	393
36	6,604	5,504	19	1,081	4,726	11	767	13	-	6	644	9	428
37	6,917	5,676	27	1,214	4,848	11	817	12	-	15	702	9	503
38	6,653	5,263	24	1,366	4,492	13	758	11	-	13	803	13	550
39	6,573	5,078	32	1,463	4,335	8	735	19	-	13	777	15	671
35-39	33,519	27,268	114	6,137	23,367	49	3,852	61	-	53	3,542	50	2,545
40	6,260	4,791	25	1,444	4,090	11	690	13	-	12	733	13	698
41	5,831	4,408	30	1,393	3,762	10	636	16	1	13	720	11	662
42	5,569	4,033	28	1,508	3,489	7	537	12	1	15	757	15	736
43	5,137	3,709	34	1,394	3,152	10	547	20	1	13	697	15	682
44	4,813	3,455	32	1,326	2,941	7	507	18	-	14	662	18	646
40-44	27,610	20,396	149	7,065	17,434	45	2,917	79	3	67	3,569	72	3,424
45	4,386	3,008	43	1,335	2,550	10	448	17	1	25	606	20	709
46	3,983	2,724	29	1,230	2,329	11	384	8	3	18	547	24	659
47	3,518	2,353	33	1,132	2,038	5	310	14	1	18	505	12	615
48	3,272	2,171	28	1,073	1,904	9	258	12	-	16	438	18	617
49	3,066	2,037	36	993	1,776	6	255	14	1	21	423	24	546
45-49	18,225	12,293	169	5,763	10,597	41	1,655	65	6	98	2,519	98	3,146
50	2,661	1,698	41	922	1,491	4	203	18	4	19	373	21	528
51	2,549	1,680	38	831	1,475	5	200	13	3	22	348	9	474
52	2,149	1,348	35	766	1,199	7	142	11	2	22	288	20	458
53	2,048	1,268	43	737	1,132	7	129	15	2	26	265	21	451
54	1,966	1,218	38	710	1,101	2	115	9	5	24	244	23	443
50-54	11,373	7,212	195	3,966	6,398	25	789	66	16	113	1,518	94	2,354

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	1,759	1,102	32	625	976	4	122	10	5	17	204	21	400
56	1,655	996	37	622	913	4	79	8	3	26	198	19	405
57	1,193	687	36	470	632	4	51	10	2	24	153	27	290
58	1,084	633	38	413	576	3	54	11	7	20	146	18	249
59	1,063	663	40	360	631	1	31	7	6	27	101	16	243
55-59	6,754	4,081	183	2,490	3,728	16	337	46	23	114	802	101	1,587
60	897	511	41	345	483	-	28	11	4	26	108	19	218
61	581	320	26	235	290	-	30	4	5	17	63	20	152
62	424	230	18	176	213	2	15	4	-	14	52	15	109
63	383	195	23	165	181	-	14	3	6	14	42	15	108
64	343	184	30	129	171	-	13	8	6	16	36	12	81
60-64	2,628	1,440	138	1,050	1,338	2	100	30	21	87	301	81	668
65	320	171	22	127	157	2	12	6	6	10	31	12	84
66	235	123	18	94	114	-	9	5	5	8	16	10	68
67	179	94	11	74	86	1	7	3	2	6	17	9	48
68	154	87	17	50	79	-	8	2	8	7	10	7	33
69	137	67	20	50	61	-	6	5	4	11	14	6	30
65-69	1,025	542	88	395	497	3	42	21	25	42	88	44	263
70	115	67	9	39	64	-	3	1	3	5	6	10	23
71	92	55	13	24	54	-	1	2	6	5	8	5	11
72	76	41	8	27	39	-	2	2	1	5	8	5	14
73	66	30	8	28	29	-	1	-	6	2	7	4	17
74	70	39	13	18	38	-	1	-	5	8	5	3	10
70-74	419	232	51	136	224	-	8	5	21	25	34	27	75
75	35	16	7	12	14	1	1	-	4	3	2	2	8
76	32	12	9	11	11	1	-	-	4	5	2	3	6
77	21	10	5	6	9	-	1	1	1	3	-	2	4
78	20	10	4	6	9	-	1	1	1	2	1	1	4
79	12	5	3	4	5	-	-	-	2	1	3	-	1
75-79	120	53	28	39	48	2	3	2	12	14	8	8	23
80	13	5	5	3	5	-	-	-	4	1	2	-	1
81	10	3	6	1	3	-	-	2	3	1	1	-	-
82	9	5	3	1	5	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-
83	12	7	5	-	7	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-
84	6	2	3	1	2	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-
80-84	50	22	22	6	22	-	-	2	12	8	4	1	1
85	3	1	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
86	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
88	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
89	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
85-89	10	2	6	2	2	-	-	3	2	1	1	1	-
90 and over	4	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age not stated	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4.5 Divorces: sex and age at marriage, 1993-2003

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									
1993	165,018	11,691	74,713	42,486	17,205	8,746	4,965	2,629	2,583
1994	158,175	10,414	68,934	42,335	17,640	8,792	4,893	2,562	2,605
1995	155,499	9,316	65,899	43,075	17,905	8,928	5,039	2,683	2,654
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
Wives									
1993	165,018	38,811	76,853	27,178	10,593	5,673	3,091	1,590	1,229
1994	158,175	34,069	73,291	28,360	11,007	5,615	3,064	1,520	1,249
1995	155,499	31,322	71,360	29,441	11,585	5,800	3,121	1,580	1,290
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

Table 4.6 Divorces: ages at marriage of husband and wife in combination, 2003

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	153,490	5,785	50,145	47,499	25,040	11,920	6,319	3,523	3,259
Under 20	20,063	3,940	11,905	3,137	732	209	94	29	17
20-24	61,057	1,503	30,310	20,773	5,884	1,685	579	220	103
25-29	38,722	225	6,072	17,552	9,570	3,372	1,213	439	279
30-34	17,567	78	1,315	4,362	6,005	3,358	1,445	641	363
35-39	8,249	25	358	1,152	2,011	2,140	1,423	716	424
40-44	4,154	7	132	368	621	786	997	727	516
45-49	2,092	5	42	120	155	286	423	491	570
50 and over	1,586	2	11	35	62	84	145	260	987

Table 4.7 Divorces: year of marriage, ages at marriage of husband and wife in combination, 2003

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
2001-2003														
All ages	6,116	110	971	1,735	1,433	1,233	634	7,224	109	1,714	2,601	1,387	1,011	402
Under 20	404	57	202	83	37	22	3	437	57	245	88	29	13	5
20-24	1,608	38	524	625	272	123	26	2,490	40	1,010	1,038	274	105	23
25-29	1,699	9	161	706	524	257	42	2,284	6	341	1,065	561	266	45
30-34	1,031	3	58	214	368	322	66	1,091	6	80	301	360	273	71
35-44	975	1	20	95	213	425	221	726	-	31	98	150	303	144
45 and over	399	2	6	12	19	84	276	196	-	7	11	13	51	114
2000														
All ages	7,933	145	1,458	2,462	1,734	1,541	593	6,887	120	1,816	2,408	1,283	892	368
Under 20	550	79	287	110	44	27	3	451	66	256	104	18	6	1
20-24	2,221	45	771	913	338	133	21	2,561	34	1,123	968	302	120	14
25-29	2,376	9	277	1,025	665	337	63	2,185	10	343	1,010	531	247	44
30-34	1,338	6	82	303	464	415	68	911	9	72	234	300	239	57
35-44	1,101	5	38	105	203	540	210	593	1	21	83	123	239	126
45 and over	347	1	3	6	20	89	228	186	-	1	9	9	41	126
1999														
All ages	8,528	176	1,518	2,865	1,903	1,456	610	6,647	121	1,821	2,303	1,228	848	326
Under 20	638	100	293	171	46	25	3	474	62	274	102	24	10	2
20-24	2,406	54	830	1,000	357	146	19	2,575	48	1,135	989	284	99	20
25-29	2,660	12	285	1,236	738	331	58	2,016	10	300	938	491	239	38
30-34	1,415	6	67	319	515	406	102	862	-	79	190	292	251	50
35-44	1,047	3	39	121	225	458	201	553	1	28	76	123	206	119
45 and over	362	1	4	18	22	90	227	167	-	5	8	14	43	97
1998														
All ages	9,037	176	1,686	2,991	2,034	1,528	622	5,859	139	1,767	2,111	914	685	243
Under 20	645	106	309	152	58	17	3	483	75	282	96	20	7	3
20-24	2,670	46	926	1,087	421	159	31	2,428	46	1,116	938	223	90	15
25-29	2,765	15	317	1,251	760	358	64	1,697	12	288	809	363	195	30
30-34	1,476	6	88	371	531	403	77	709	4	67	194	233	176	35
35-44	1,133	3	42	116	240	522	210	425	2	14	66	73	184	86
45 and over	348	-	4	14	24	69	237	117	-	-	8	2	33	74
1997														
All ages	8,795	162	1,658	2,966	1,937	1,496	576	5,795	170	1,874	1,972	873	671	235
Under 20	589	85	290	148	45	20	1	551	90	321	101	29	10	-
20-24	2,549	49	943	1,027	351	147	32	2,444	60	1,196	866	211	93	18
25-29	2,774	18	301	1,267	764	380	44	1,656	11	292	787	361	180	25
30-34	1,513	6	86	363	523	435	100	602	8	41	162	177	176	38
35-44	1,029	3	32	145	238	422	189	424	-	23	50	91	178	82
45 and over	341	1	6	16	16	92	210	118	1	1	6	4	34	72
1996														
All ages	8,563	131	1,778	2,846	1,910	1,328	570	5,666	149	1,926	1,920	830	627	214
Under 20	570	76	290	141	37	21	5	599	99	339	125	24	9	3
20-24	2,591	42	1,004	1,045	347	135	18	2,485	42	1,239	881	241	73	9
25-29	2,648	11	348	1,201	739	295	54	1,499	4	269	707	317	178	24
30-34	1,431	1	100	333	519	380	98	581	2	58	158	171	155	37
35-44	1,018	1	29	112	245	425	206	391	1	21	47	71	174	77
45 and over	305	-	7	14	23	72	189	111	1	-	2	6	38	64
1995														
All ages	8,015	135	1,762	2,796	1,697	1,125	500	58,425	3,942	28,396	15,523	5,877	3,798	889
Under 20	527	73	266	140	29	15	4	13,145	2,915	8,251	1,576	292	101	10
20-24	2,632	39	1,029	1,092	345	114	13	29,397	920	17,464	8,304	1,918	727	64
25-29	2,505	14	346	1,135	652	307	51	9,958	84	2,204	4,415	2,104	1,015	136
30-34	1,230	6	83	313	463	295	70	3,377	15	354	907	1,089	877	135
35-44	844	3	35	100	187	332	187	2,144	8	117	306	450	938	325
45 and over	277	-	3	16	21	62	175	404	-	6	15	24	140	219
Pre 1989														
All ages	58,425	3,942	28,396	15,523	5,877	3,798	889	58,425	3,942	28,396	15,523	5,877	3,798	889
Under 20	527	73	266	140	29	15	4	13,145	2,915	8,251	1,576	292	101	10
20-24	2,632	39	1,029	1,092	345	114	13	29,397	920	17,464	8,304	1,918	727	64
25-29	2,505	14	346	1,135	652	307	51	9,958	84	2,204	4,415	2,104	1,015	136
30-34	1,230	6	83	313	463	295	70	3,377	15	354	907	1,089	877	135
35-44	844	3	35	100	187	332	187	2,144	8	117	306	450	938	325
45 and over	277	-	3	16	21	62	175	404	-	6	15	24	140	219

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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								1970-1974						
All ages	153,490	5,785	50,145	47,499	25,040	18,239	6,782	7,110	753	4,244	1,545	382	151	35
Under 20	20,063	3,940	11,905	3,137	732	303	46	2,323	586	1,475	234	23	5	-
20-24	61,057	1,503	30,310	20,773	5,884	2,264	323	3,675	157	2,495	850	125	45	3
25-29	38,722	225	6,072	17,552	9,570	4,585	718	843	9	244	397	152	40	1
30-34	17,567	78	1,315	4,362	6,005	4,803	1,004	163	-	24	49	57	25	8
35-44	12,403	32	490	1,520	2,632	5,346	2,383	93	1	6	15	24	32	15
45 and over	3,678	7	53	155	217	938	2,308	13	-	-	-	1	4	8
2000-2003								1965-1969						
All ages	14,049	255	2,429	4,197	3,167	2,774	1,227	3,459	369	2,239	669	130	46	6
Under 20	954	136	489	193	81	49	6	1,152	289	756	92	8	7	-
20-24	3,829	83	1,295	1,538	610	256	47	1,941	77	1,361	423	66	14	-
25-29	4,075	18	438	1,731	1,189	594	105	273	3	110	114	28	16	2
30-34	2,369	9	140	517	832	737	134	67	-	9	32	23	2	1
35-44	2,076	6	58	200	416	965	431	20	-	2	8	5	4	1
45 and over	746	3	9	18	39	173	504	6	-	1	-	-	3	2
1995-1999								1960-1964						
All ages	42,938	780	8,402	14,464	9,481	6,933	2,878	1,341	166	850	259	51	13	2
Under 20	2,969	440	1,448	752	215	98	16	499	130	314	47	7	1	-
20-24	12,848	230	4,732	5,251	1,821	701	113	696	35	484	149	22	6	-
25-29	13,352	70	1,597	6,090	3,653	1,671	271	115	1	47	50	15	2	-
30-34	7,065	25	424	1,699	2,551	1,919	447	23	-	4	10	7	2	-
35-44	5,071	13	177	594	1,135	2,159	993	6	-	1	2	-	2	1
45 and over	1,633	2	24	78	106	385	1,038	2	-	-	1	-	-	1
1990-1994								1955-1959						
All ages	32,412	659	8,992	11,395	5,685	4,107	1,574	405	41	255	94	14	1	-
Under 20	2,396	350	1,378	491	120	46	11	141	32	96	12	1	-	-
20-24	12,498	228	5,580	4,799	1,294	507	90	205	8	136	57	3	1	-
25-29	9,838	49	1,564	4,609	2,307	1,127	182	55	1	23	23	8	-	-
30-34	4,175	27	339	1,081	1,362	1,115	251	3	-	-	2	1	-	-
35-44	2,721	4	117	373	560	1,110	557	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
45 and over	784	1	14	42	42	202	483	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1985-1989								1950-1954						
All ages	23,902	771	9,103	7,574	3,166	2,558	730	148	12	100	26	9	1	-
Under 20	2,910	498	1,765	506	89	42	10	50	10	35	4	1	-	-
20-24	11,340	233	5,947	3,793	932	395	40	79	1	61	14	2	1	-
25-29	5,679	29	1,098	2,557	1,215	672	108	14	1	4	6	3	-	-
30-34	2,091	7	207	509	636	619	113	5	-	-	2	3	-	-
35-44	1,536	3	83	200	275	708	267	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 and over	346	1	3	9	19	122	192	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1980-1984								1945-1949						
All ages	16,504	982	7,678	4,537	1,917	1,159	231	42	3	31	6	1	-	1
Under 20	3,364	705	2,062	458	104	34	1	13	1	11	-	1	-	-
20-24	8,470	242	4,862	2,439	660	245	22	23	2	17	4	-	-	-
25-29	2,870	24	608	1,241	645	316	36	5	-	3	1	-	-	1
30-34	1,099	7	114	307	365	275	31	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
35-44	603	4	30	86	139	260	84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 and over	98	-	2	6	4	29	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1975-1979								Before 1945						
All ages	11,168	991	5,815	2,732	1,036	496	98	12	3	7	1	1	-	-
Under 20	3,289	762	2,074	348	82	21	2	3	1	2	-	-	-	-
20-24	5,444	205	3,335	1,455	348	93	8	9	2	5	1	1	-	-
25-29	1,603	20	336	733	355	147	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30-34	506	3	54	153	168	109	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-44	276	1	16	42	77	106	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 and over	50	-	-	1	6	20	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4.8 Proportions¹ of men and women who had ever divorced by certain ages, for birth cohort, 1936-1983

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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	
1946	0	1	8	39	67	81	96	110	123	137	150	161	173	183	192	209	232	262	280		
1951	0	4	19	62	95	111	127	141	154	166	177	188	198	207	217	234	256	283			
1956	0	6	25	69	101	116	130	144	157	169	182	194	205	216	225	242	263				
1957	0	6	24	67	99	114	129	143	156	169	182	194	205	216	225	242	263				
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					
1961	1	5	23	62	90	105	120	134	148	161	173	184	195	204	214	232					
1962	0	5	24	60	89	104	119	133	147	159	171	182	193	203	212	232					
1963	0	7	22	57	85	100	115	129	142	154	166	177	187	197	207						
1964	0	7	21	54	81	96	109	123	135	147	159	170	181	191	202						
1965	1	7	19	51	78	92	106	119	131	143	154	166	177	188							
1966	1	6	18	49	74	88	101	114	126	137	149	160	172								
1967	1	6	17	47	72	84	97	109	121	132	144	156									
1968	1	5	16	44	67	80	91	103	115	128	139										
1969	1	5	15	41	63	75	86	98	110	122											
1970	1	4	14	38	59	70	81	93	106												
1971	1	4	12	35	53	64	75	86													
1972	0	3	11	30	47	57	68														
1973	0	3	10	27	43	53															
1974	0	3	8	24	40																
1975	0	2	7	22																	
1976	0	2	7	21																	
1977	0	2	6																		
1978	0	2	6																		
1979	0	2	5																		
1980	0	2																			
1981	0	1																			
1982	0																				
1983	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	
1946	1	6	21	62	94	110	124	137	150	162	173	184	193	202	210	225	244	267	281		
1951	1	13	39	88	120	134	148	161	172	183	192	202	211	219	226	241	260	282			
1956	2	21	55	108	138	151	164	176	188	198	209	219	229	237	245	260	277				
1957	3	22	56	106	137	151	164	176	187	198	209	219	229	237	246	259	277				
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					
1961	3	20	51	99	128	143	157	171	183	194	205	214	223	232	240	255					
1962	3	19	50	96	126	141	155	168	180	192	202	212	221	229	238	254					
1963	3	21	48	92	122	137	151	164	176	187	197	207	216	225	233						
1964	2	21	45	89	120	135	148	161	172	183	193	203	212	222	231						
1965	5	20	43	86	116	130	144	156	167	179	189	199	210	219							
1966	4	18	40	83	112	127	140	152	164	175	185	196	207								
1967	3	16	38	81	109	123	135	147	159	170	181	192									
1968	3	15	37	78	106	119	132	144	156	167	179										
1969	3	15	36	75	102	114	126	138	150	162											
1970	2	13	32	69	95	107	120	132	144												
1971	3	12	29	64	88	100	113	125													
1972	2	11	27	58	81	93	105														
1973	2	10	24	52	75	87															
1974	2	10	22	48	71																
1975	2	8	19	44																	
1976	1	8	18	42																	
1977	1	7	16																		
1978	1	6	15																		
1979	1	5	14																		
1980	1	5																			
1981	1	5																			
1982	1																				
1983	1																				

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.

Table 4.9 Divorces: duration of marriage at divorce, 1993-2003, and age of wife and husband at marriage, 2003

	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	1993	165,018	74	4,708	9,314	11,357	11,799	11,137	10,352	9,029	8,475	7,543	6,822	6,348	6,004	5,712
	1994	158,175	81	4,895	8,865	10,400	11,454	10,836	9,896	8,881	7,900	7,256	6,567	6,003	5,461	5,174
	1995	155,499	95	4,944	8,976	10,209	10,283	10,447	9,812	8,822	7,965	7,258	6,461	5,803	5,405	4,911
	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
Age of wife at marriage, 2003																
Under 20		20,063	-	198	499	593	663	614	563	552	496	423	482	468	524	553
20-24		61,057	11	826	1,906	2,354	2,594	2,641	2,571	2,573	2,625	2,564	2,502	2,462	2,451	2,440
25-29		38,722	9	904	2,045	2,558	2,723	2,783	2,728	2,600	2,367	2,219	2,070	1,852	1,643	1,602
30-34		17,567	7	582	1,168	1,347	1,465	1,513	1,495	1,314	1,176	971	878	786	641	604
35-39		8,249	1	322	661	742	739	738	652	619	527	428	358	322	257	278
40-44		4,154	3	229	344	359	358	354	332	307	265	205	214	181	148	139
45-49		2,092	2	108	169	168	208	181	199	162	141	112	106	96	70	71
50 and over		1,586	11	119	192	167	157	159	131	122	101	76	66	39	41	45
Age of husband at marriage, 2003																
Under 20		5,785	-	58	134	158	170	175	149	128	123	118	113	136	151	157
20-24		50,145	4	484	1,236	1,487	1,665	1,677	1,722	1,756	1,760	1,790	1,794	1,747	1,868	1,843
25-29		47,499	5	928	2,098	2,707	2,965	3,005	2,915	2,787	2,752	2,459	2,363	2,208	1,955	1,992
30-34		25,040	9	789	1,557	1,857	1,972	1,979	1,943	1,786	1,548	1,335	1,192	1,071	884	883
35-39		11,920	6	412	857	994	1,029	1,048	943	785	711	550	562	486	434	393
40-44		6,319	3	257	505	513	467	500	454	451	362	344	324	269	258	239
45-49		3,523	7	154	271	272	294	299	287	292	230	243	198	158	124	119
50 and over		3,259	10	206	326	300	345	300	258	264	212	159	130	131	101	106

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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	
5,270	4,619	4,039	3,962	3,817	3,796	46,536	30,156	20,233	15,503	8,426	6,907	5	9.8	1993	All ages
4,868	4,528	3,963	3,688	3,497	3,524	44,769	28,073	19,200	14,891	8,801	6,739	7	9.8	1994	
4,785	4,492	4,099	3,712	3,462	3,178	44,304	27,365	18,943	14,483	8,925	6,962	10	9.9	1995	
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	
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	
															Age of wife at marriage, 2003
595	554	588	571	616	591	2,648	2,622	2,920	3,573	2,988	3,359	-			Under 20
2,461	2,321	2,261	2,051	1,923	1,884	12,974	12,316	10,440	7,564	4,731	5,339	2			20-24
1,391	1,138	1,043	879	804	653	12,697	8,558	4,517	2,415	1,339	957	-			25-29
500	425	359	336	300	244	6,469	3,409	1,664	910	359	187	-			30-34
248	202	185	145	152	104	2,964	1,463	788	357	157	55	-			35-39
141	121	92	77	48	36	1,463	823	374	128	51	22	-			40-44
74	41	39	25	20	15	795	417	140	56	22	7	-			45-49
32	20	24	18	11	7	589	223	80	25	15	8	-			50 and over
															Age of husband at marriage, 2003
151	151	156	155	173	166	693	708	801	1,070	905	1,087	1			Under 20
1,940	1,819	1,816	1,721	1,674	1,617	8,705	9,192	8,647	7,237	5,217	6,270	1			20-24
1,757	1,552	1,434	1,200	1,136	1,016	13,918	10,275	6,338	3,953	2,341	1,971	-			25-29
748	652	584	508	451	416	8,591	4,778	2,611	1,674	774	428	-			30-34
398	324	294	275	251	177	4,037	2,273	1,321	625	258	108	-			35-39
255	193	166	140	108	89	2,111	1,345	696	285	95	42	-			40-44
103	73	82	61	47	33	1,351	702	296	114	48	14	-			45-49
90	58	59	42	34	20	1,193	558	213	70	24	14	-			50 and over

**Table 4.10 Couples, and children of divorced couples
(numbers and proportions): age of child, 1993-2003****England and Wales**

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)	
		16 or over	under 16		16 or over	under 16			
Numbers									
1993	165,018	70,204	175,961	94,915	20,573	175,961	22,451	49,631	47,652
1994	158,175	66,840	164,834	88,491	19,668	164,834	21,398	47,172	48,286
1995	155,499	65,802	160,563	85,867	19,344	160,563	21,072	46,458	48,560
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
Proportions per 1,000 divorced couples									
1993	1,000			575			136		289
1994	1,000			559			135		305
1995	1,000			552			136		312
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
Average number of children per divorced couples									
1993	1.50	0.43	1.07		0.22	1.85		2.21	
1994	1.46	0.42	1.04		0.22	1.86		2.20	
1995	1.45	0.42	1.03		0.23	1.87		2.20	
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	

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

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, 1993-2003

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										
1993	94,915	36,911	40,385	13,367	3,351	901	175,961	55,451	75,189	45,321
1994	88,491	34,423	37,254	12,556	3,344	914	164,834	50,210	70,935	43,689
1995	85,867	33,001	36,331	12,384	3,278	873	160,563	46,953	69,631	43,979
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
Proportions per 1,000										
1993	1,000	389	425	141	35	9	1,000	315	427	258
1994	1,000	389	421	142	38	10	1,000	305	430	265
1995	1,000	384	423	144	38	10	1,000	292	434	274
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

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

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, 2003

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	9,046	-	-	240	9,286	9,286	362
	5-10	-	9,152	-	1,550	10,702	10,702	2,409
	11-15	-	-	5,751	7,849	13,600	13,600	11,384
	Total	9,046	9,152	5,751	9,639	33,588	33,588	14,155
2	0-4	3,007	7,259	729	402	11,397	22,794	565
	5-10	-	7,868	7,925	2,023	17,816	35,632	2,750
	11-15	-	-	4,553	1,589	6,142	12,284	2,244
	Total	3,007	15,127	13,207	4,014	35,355	70,710	5,559
3	0-4	224	2,798	1,341	295	4,658	13,974	441
	5-10	-	942	4,268	835	6,045	18,135	1,207
	11-15	-	-	400	162	562	1,686	223
	Total	224	3,740	6,009	1,292	11,265	33,795	1,871
4 or more	0-4	9	708	1,181	213	2,111	9,191	324
	5-10	-	61	1,148	247	1,456	6,105	383
	11-15	-	-	24	10	34	138	14
	Total	9	769	2,353	470	3,601	15,434	721
Total	0-4	12,286	10,765	3,251	1,150	27,452	55,245	1,692
	5-10	-	18,023	13,341	4,655	36,019	70,574	6,749
	11-15	-	-	10,728	9,610	20,338	27,708	13,865
	Total	12,286	28,788	27,320	15,415	83,809	153,527	22,306

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

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, 2003 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	9,286	10,702	13,600	33,588	14,155	23,949	9,639	33,588
	2	14,444	33,439	22,827	70,710	5,559	31,341	4,014	35,355
	3	6,232	16,303	11,260	33,795	1,871	9,973	1,292	11,265
	4 or more	3,087	7,210	5,137	15,434	721	3,131	470	3,601
	Total	33,049	67,654	52,824	153,527	22,306	68,394	15,415	83,809
Under 25	1	1,229	117	14	1,360	8	1,352	8	1,360
	2	1,156	255	29	1,440	14	712	8	720
	3	290	99	19	408	2	134	2	136
	4 or more	76	53	9	138	-	33	-	33
	Total	2,751	524	71	3,346	24	2,231	18	2,249
25-34	1	5,750	3,959	782	10,491	257	10,280	211	10,491
	2	8,517	12,631	2,904	24,052	240	11,839	187	12,026
	3	3,574	6,924	2,510	13,008	136	4,241	95	4,336
	4 or more	1,729	3,370	1,590	6,689	77	1,511	51	1,562
	Total	19,570	26,884	7,786	54,240	710	27,871	544	28,415
35-44	1	2,137	5,480	8,057	15,674	8,214	9,772	5,902	15,674
	2	4,572	18,794	16,384	39,750	4,020	16,870	3,005	19,875
	3	2,279	8,610	7,834	18,723	1,448	5,208	1,033	6,241
	4 or more	1,222	3,497	3,245	7,964	540	1,484	370	1,854
	Total	10,210	36,381	35,520	82,111	14,222	33,334	10,310	43,644
45 and over	1	170	1,146	4,746	6,062	5,674	2,545	3,517	6,062
	2	199	1,759	3,510	5,468	1,285	1,920	814	2,734
	3	89	670	897	1,656	285	390	162	552
	4 or more	60	290	293	643	104	103	49	152
	Total	518	3,865	9,446	13,829	7,348	4,958	4,542	9,500
Not stated	1	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	1
	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4 or more	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	1

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

1 For the 20,508 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	All ages
Number of couples	8	108	4,307	16,085	20,508
Number of children aged 16 and over	15	165	7,773	34,886	42,839

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, 2003 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	9,286	10,702	13,600	33,588	14,155	33,588
	2	14,444	33,439	22,827	70,710	5,559	35,355
	3	6,232	16,303	11,260	33,795	1,871	11,265
	4	2,191	5,336	3,757	11,284	509	2,821
	5 and over	896	1,874	1,380	4,150	212	780
	Total	33,049	67,654	52,824	153,527	22,306	83,809
Under 20	1	1,111	961	2,281	4,353	3,243	4,353
	2	1,682	3,351	2,995	8,028	1,138	4,014
	3	852	2,246	1,768	4,866	383	1,622
	4	357	906	629	1,892	108	473
	5 and over	152	322	259	733	40	139
	Total	4,154	7,786	7,932	19,872	4,912	10,601
20-24	1	3,752	4,167	5,501	13,420	5,800	13,420
	2	6,455	15,705	10,528	32,688	2,032	16,344
	3	2,722	7,513	4,825	15,060	613	5,020
	4	868	2,181	1,379	4,428	124	1,107
	5 and over	353	751	441	1,545	60	290
	Total	14,150	30,317	22,674	67,141	8,629	36,181
25-29	1	2,986	3,176	2,764	8,926	2,425	8,926
	2	4,412	9,832	5,440	19,684	1,065	9,842
	3	1,763	4,416	2,617	8,796	353	2,932
	4	614	1,443	955	3,012	130	753
	5 and over	224	472	351	1,047	56	197
	Total	9,999	19,339	12,127	41,465	4,029	22,650
30-34	1	1,069	1,563	1,596	4,228	1,423	4,228
	2	1,487	3,462	2,553	7,502	848	3,751
	3	711	1,673	1,474	3,858	343	1,286
	4	273	608	591	1,472	101	368
	5 and over	129	236	248	613	31	116
	Total	3,669	7,542	6,462	17,673	2,746	9,749
35-39	1	290	616	970	1,876	884	1,876
	2	357	876	993	2,226	384	1,113
	3	157	377	456	990	148	330
	4	72	172	168	412	39	103
	5 and over	35	75	70	180	17	32
	Total	911	2,116	2,657	5,684	1,472	3,454
40-44	1	67	185	386	638	317	638
	2	45	174	255	474	82	237
	3	24	65	97	186	27	62
	4	7	25	32	64	7	16
	5 and over	3	18	11	32	8	6
	Total	146	467	781	1,394	441	959
45 and over	1	11	34	102	147	63	147
	2	6	39	63	108	10	54
	3	3	13	23	39	4	13
	4	-	1	3	4	-	1
	5 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	20	87	191	298	77	215

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

1 For the 20,508 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	5,187	9,007	3,039	1,503	949	503	320	20,508
Number of children aged 16 and over	11,561	18,696	6,047	2,883	1,890	978	784	42,839

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, 2003

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	69,681	6,195	4,643	4,569	4,229	3,835	3,428
	1	33,588	2,059	1,855	2,154	2,212	2,091	1,980
	2	35,355	1,362	1,186	1,476	1,742	1,907	1,989
	3	11,265	479	425	519	583	622	631
	4	2,821	176	141	139	179	166	157
	5 and over	780	45	38	50	38	50	64
	Total couples	153,490	10,316	8,288	8,907	8,983	8,671	8,249
	With children under 16	83,809	4,121	3,645	4,338	4,754	4,836	4,821
Total children under 16	153,527	7,168	6,269	7,482	8,355	8,699	8,816	
Under 20	0 ³	9,462	402	301	300	250	199	183
	1	4,353	226	195	197	180	150	132
	2	4,014	56	81	134	144	161	174
	3	1,622	11	11	28	36	41	46
	4	473	2	5	2	4	11	16
	5 and over	139	-	-	2	-	1	1
	Total couples	20,063	697	593	663	614	563	552
	With children under 16	10,601	295	292	363	364	364	369
Total children under 16	19,872	379	410	567	592	644	687	
20-24	0 ³	24,876	1,774	1,368	1,318	1,194	1,034	938
	1	13,420	563	556	664	690	645	655
	2	16,344	311	319	465	555	641	690
	3	5,020	71	84	115	159	183	222
	4	1,107	20	20	26	31	59	47
	5 and over	290	4	7	6	12	9	21
	Total couples	61,057	2,743	2,354	2,594	2,641	2,571	2,573
	With children under 16	36,181	969	986	1,276	1,447	1,537	1,635
Total children under 16	67,141	1,499	1,565	2,073	2,463	2,758	3,001	
25-29	0 ³	16,072	1,827	1,425	1,414	1,255	1,131	942
	1	8,926	547	562	633	681	678	655
	2	9,842	368	358	410	563	632	703
	3	2,932	156	142	195	200	216	210
	4	753	50	60	51	74	50	63
	5 and over	197	10	11	20	10	21	27
	Total couples	38,722	2,958	2,558	2,723	2,783	2,728	2,600
	With children under 16	22,650	1,131	1,133	1,309	1,528	1,597	1,658
Total children under 16	41,465	2,002	2,001	2,347	2,754	2,899	3,085	
30-34	0 ³	7,818	881	649	591	577	550	509
	1	4,228	322	261	371	382	389	326
	2	3,751	328	246	314	355	357	311
	3	1,286	139	136	131	134	149	128
	4	368	66	41	42	54	34	28
	5 and over	116	21	14	16	11	16	12
	Total couples	17,567	1,757	1,347	1,465	1,513	1,495	1,314
	With children under 16	9,749	876	698	874	936	945	805
Total children under 16	17,673	1,773	1,398	1,643	1,766	1,774	1,507	
35-39	0 ³	4,795	443	355	356	394	357	341
	1	1,876	220	191	201	188	161	158
	2	1,113	217	137	117	92	90	91
	3	330	66	40	44	46	32	23
	4	103	29	13	17	15	10	3
	5 and over	32	9	6	4	3	2	3
	Total couples	8,249	984	742	739	738	652	619
	With children under 16	3,454	541	387	383	344	295	278
Total children under 16	5,684	1,021	671	658	585	488	436	
40-44	0 ³	3,195	340	241	252	242	255	240
	1	638	137	68	67	77	51	47
	2	237	61	36	31	27	22	18
	3	62	28	12	5	6	1	2
	4	16	9	2	1	-	2	-
	5 and over	6	1	-	2	2	1	-
	Total couples	4,154	576	359	358	354	332	307
	With children under 16	959	236	118	106	112	77	67
Total children under 16	1,394	384	184	160	159	111	89	
45 and over	0 ³	3,463	528	304	338	317	309	275
	1	147	44	22	21	14	17	7
	2	54	21	9	5	6	4	2
	3	13	8	-	1	2	-	-
	4	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
	5 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total couples	3,678	601	335	365	340	330	284
	With children under 16	215	73	31	27	23	21	9
Total children under 16	298	110	40	34	36	25	11	

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		
2,853	2,440	8,000	4,731	7,411	7,811	9,535	1	All ages	0³
1,858	1,607	6,341	5,033	4,646	1,417	334	1		1
2,119	2,093	10,960	7,800	2,316	356	49	-		2
648	650	3,498	2,617	519	58	16	-		3
171	161	817	590	108	16	-	-		4
49	47	215	152	28	4	-	-		5 and over
7,698	6,998	29,831	20,923	15,028	9,662	9,934	2		Total couples
4,845	4,558	21,831	16,192	7,617	1,851	399	1		With children under 16
8,985	8,639	43,185	31,642	11,419	2,387	480	1		Total children under 16
128	108	345	307	1,519	2,253	3,167	-	Under 20	0 ³
134	89	404	691	1,244	552	159	-		1
161	145	1,088	1,119	591	138	22	-		2
56	57	543	589	162	31	11	-		3
14	16	194	157	42	10	-	-		4
3	8	48	57	15	4	-	-		5 and over
496	423	2,622	2,920	3,573	2,988	3,359	-		Total couples
368	315	2,277	2,613	2,054	735	192	-		With children under 16
696	654	5,246	5,621	3,159	981	236	-		Total children under 16
808	723	2,184	1,451	3,154	3,775	5,154	1	20-24	0 ³
644	592	2,478	2,455	2,587	736	154	1		1
832	869	5,368	4,622	1,454	192	26	-		2
253	289	1,798	1,512	307	22	5	-		3
64	76	379	327	52	6	-	-		4
24	15	109	73	10	-	-	-		5 and over
2,625	2,564	12,316	10,440	7,564	4,731	5,339	2		Total couples
1,817	1,841	10,132	8,989	4,410	956	185	1		With children under 16
3,453	3,581	20,703	17,931	6,682	1,210	221	1		Total children under 16
766	674	1,942	1,106	1,456	1,197	937	-	25-29	0 ³
571	504	2,061	1,236	662	116	20	-		1
728	759	3,422	1,640	237	22	-	-		2
221	218	892	432	46	4	-	-		3
65	46	195	88	11	-	-	-		4
16	18	46	15	3	-	-	-		5 and over
2,367	2,219	8,558	4,517	2,415	1,339	957	-		Total couples
1,601	1,545	6,616	3,411	959	142	20	-		With children under 16
3,031	2,959	12,620	6,242	1,333	172	20	-		Total children under 16
409	338	1,270	770	745	344	185	-	30-34	0 ³
339	282	960	456	128	11	1	-		1
304	253	906	343	30	3	1	-		2
93	72	227	72	4	1	-	-		3
27	21	35	17	3	-	-	-		4
4	5	11	6	-	-	-	-		5 and over
1,176	971	3,409	1,664	910	359	187	-		Total couples
767	633	2,139	894	165	15	2	-		With children under 16
1,356	1,115	3,650	1,456	212	20	3	-		Total children under 16
291	239	937	539	333	155	55	-	35-39	0 ³
133	112	324	166	20	2	-	-		1
78	62	155	70	4	-	-	-		2
22	12	34	11	-	-	-	-		3
1	2	12	1	-	-	-	-		4
2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-		5 and over
527	428	1,463	788	357	157	55	-		Total couples
236	189	526	249	24	2	-	-		With children under 16
371	286	790	348	28	2	-	-		Total children under 16
217	176	696	340	124	50	22	-	40-44	0 ³
32	23	103	29	4	-	-	-		1
13	5	19	4	-	1	-	-		2
3	1	3	1	-	-	-	-		3
-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-		4
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		5 and over
265	205	823	374	128	51	22	-		Total couples
48	29	127	34	4	1	-	-		With children under 16
67	36	158	40	4	2	-	-		Total children under 16
234	182	626	218	80	37	15	-	45 and over	0 ³
5	5	11	-	1	-	-	-		1
3	-	2	2	-	-	-	-		2
-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-		3
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		4
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		5 and over
242	188	640	220	81	37	15	-		Total couples
8	6	14	2	1	-	-	-		With children under 16
11	8	18	4	1	-	-	-		Total children under 16

Table 4.16 Divorces: marital statuses before marriage of husband and wife, 1993-2003

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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
1993	165,018	133,529	1,408	30,081	134,857	1,523	28,638	119,911	29,173	14,773	1,161
1994	158,175	127,513	1,356	29,306	128,889	1,421	27,865	114,174	28,641	14,265	1,095
1995	155,499	125,068	1,307	29,124	126,011	1,482	28,006	111,485	28,708	14,211	1,095
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

Table 4.17 Divorces: age of wife at marriage, and marital statuses before marriage of husband and wife, 2003 **England and Wales**

Wife's age at marriage	Wife's previous marital status	Husband's previous marital status			
		Total	Single	Widowed	Divorced
All ages	Total	153,490	121,395	994	31,101
	Single	121,896	106,444	259	15,193
	Widowed	1,203	418	143	642
	Divorced	30,391	14,533	592	15,266
Under 20	Total	20,063	19,066	23	974
	Single	20,036	19,047	23	966
	Widowed	2	1	-	1
	Divorced	25	18	-	7
20-24	Total	61,057	55,021	92	5,944
	Single	58,726	53,346	81	5,299
	Widowed	36	28	1	7
	Divorced	2,295	1,647	10	638
25-29	Total	38,722	30,314	124	8,284
	Single	30,959	25,587	68	5,304
	Widowed	153	94	5	54
	Divorced	7,610	4,633	51	2,926
30-34	Total	17,567	10,907	126	6,534
	Single	8,929	6,503	44	2,382
	Widowed	189	101	3	85
	Divorced	8,449	4,303	79	4,067
35-39	Total	8,249	3,847	117	4,285
	Single	2,305	1,448	18	839
	Widowed	205	88	5	112
	Divorced	5,739	2,311	94	3,334
40-44	Total	4,154	1,455	133	2,566
	Single	632	353	17	262
	Widowed	175	45	14	116
	Divorced	3,347	1,057	102	2,188
45-49	Total	2,092	519	109	1,464
	Single	201	103	4	94
	Widowed	150	28	15	107
	Divorced	1,741	388	90	1,263
50 and over	Total	1,586	266	270	1,050
	Single	108	57	4	47
	Widowed	293	33	100	160
	Divorced	1,185	176	166	843

Table 4.18 Divorces: sex, marital status before marriage, year of marriage and age at marriage, 2003**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	121,395	5,779	49,441	42,364	16,686	4,816	1,501	489	319
2003	4	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-
2002	524	9	101	188	136	59	21	8	2
2001	3,880	101	863	1,439	977	316	115	42	27
2000	5,935	145	1,437	2,290	1,322	502	168	36	35
1999	6,445	175	1,501	2,668	1,416	474	131	48	32
1998	6,761	176	1,660	2,778	1,496	468	121	33	29
1997	6,519	161	1,638	2,693	1,380	441	134	50	22
1996	6,332	131	1,752	2,574	1,327	377	103	42	26
1995	6,033	135	1,739	2,538	1,159	295	93	39	35
1994	5,429	109	1,679	2,320	913	269	87	32	20
1993	5,251	120	1,794	2,164	857	212	65	24	15
1992	5,019	121	1,778	2,032	774	199	73	25	17
1991	4,577	138	1,743	1,887	574	168	46	15	6
1990	4,506	169	1,852	1,746	537	141	39	13	9
1989	4,466	149	1,910	1,693	523	123	49	11	8
1988	4,039	152	1,844	1,432	410	135	51	10	5
1987	3,828	150	1,822	1,359	370	75	35	9	8
1986	3,413	153	1,700	1,135	302	84	32	5	2
1985	3,200	167	1,687	986	258	69	23	7	3
1984	3,102	161	1,657	920	272	64	18	6	4
1983	2,825	182	1,550	813	209	57	11	2	1
1982	2,667	197	1,493	725	191	43	12	2	4
1981	2,572	223	1,437	690	161	37	15	8	1
1980	2,497	219	1,415	646	170	32	10	4	1
1979	2,319	217	1,340	579	143	28	8	3	1
1978	2,136	236	1,222	509	140	17	6	4	2
1977	1,801	181	1,055	433	100	24	7	1	-
1976	1,759	175	1,095	374	90	18	5	2	-
1975	1,660	182	999	386	69	15	6	3	-
1974	1,540	158	962	353	56	6	3	2	-
1973	1,455	185	873	319	62	12	4	-	-
1972	1,341	151	838	281	56	9	5	-	1
1971	1,178	138	786	221	26	6	-	-	1
1970	1,101	119	745	192	39	6	-	-	-
1969	912	86	608	177	32	7	-	2	-
1968	766	84	527	129	22	4	-	-	-
1967	653	60	447	118	23	3	1	1	-
1966	560	71	357	111	16	3	2	-	-
1965	474	68	295	95	11	5	-	-	-
Before 1965	1,915	224	1,240	370	65	12	2	-	2
Not stated	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2000-2003	10,343	255	2,401	3,918	2,437	878	304	86	64
1995-1999	32,090	778	8,290	13,251	6,778	2,055	582	212	144
1990-1994	24,782	657	8,846	10,149	3,655	989	310	109	67
1985-1989	18,946	771	8,963	6,605	1,863	486	190	42	26
1980-1984	13,663	982	7,552	3,794	1,003	233	66	22	11
1975-1979	9,675	991	5,711	2,281	542	102	32	13	3
1970-1974	6,615	751	4,204	1,366	239	39	12	2	2
1965-1969	3,365	369	2,234	630	104	22	3	3	-
1960-1964	1,315	166	847	247	42	11	1	-	1
1955-1959	401	41	255	91	13	-	1	-	-
1950-1954	147	12	100	26	8	1	-	-	-
Before 1950	52	5	38	6	2	-	-	-	1

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	121,896	20,036	58,726	30,959	8,929	2,305	632	201	108
2003	4	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
2002	498	39	193	152	69	24	13	4	4
2001	3,868	364	1,384	1,343	545	157	48	18	9
2000	5,923	549	2,166	2,054	823	224	75	18	14
1999	6,453	635	2,339	2,331	804	244	65	22	13
1998	6,774	644	2,595	2,382	834	222	63	22	12
1997	6,532	588	2,465	2,348	833	211	54	23	10
1996	6,324	570	2,495	2,213	771	201	51	17	6
1995	5,991	526	2,540	2,040	655	183	29	10	8
1994	5,446	437	2,394	1,862	566	136	39	8	4
1993	5,223	449	2,458	1,746	434	103	20	11	2
1992	5,025	472	2,449	1,584	395	80	33	11	1
1991	4,550	480	2,339	1,312	337	59	16	4	3
1990	4,538	549	2,345	1,281	267	68	20	6	2
1989	4,491	598	2,387	1,170	249	59	18	5	5
1988	4,072	553	2,280	976	176	71	11	3	2
1987	3,901	607	2,256	817	163	45	10	2	1
1986	3,455	541	2,037	692	136	34	13	2	-
1985	3,237	607	1,882	571	130	34	9	1	3
1984	3,160	591	1,865	549	125	24	5	1	-
1983	2,859	637	1,720	385	93	19	4	1	-
1982	2,751	727	1,570	369	66	13	4	2	-
1981	2,626	693	1,491	345	75	16	4	1	1
1980	2,522	712	1,421	313	60	10	2	3	1
1979	2,309	733	1,223	272	59	19	2	1	-
1978	2,156	716	1,164	225	33	4	10	1	3
1977	1,858	608	976	222	42	7	2	1	-
1976	1,767	624	936	175	22	6	2	2	-
1975	1,674	606	853	184	23	8	-	-	-
1974	1,537	543	810	163	17	1	3	-	-
1973	1,454	525	760	148	14	6	1	-	-
1972	1,348	455	729	140	18	3	2	-	1
1971	1,187	416	664	96	7	2	1	-	1
1970	1,110	384	612	96	17	1	-	-	-
1969	897	284	516	85	11	1	-	-	-
1968	759	258	443	41	13	3	1	-	-
1967	660	221	379	47	11	2	-	-	-
1966	564	206	317	33	6	2	-	-	-
1965	477	183	262	25	6	-	-	-	1
Before 1965	1,915	706	1,007	171	24	3	2	1	1
Not stated	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
2000-2003	10,293	952	3,746	3,550	1,437	405	136	40	27
1995-1999	32,074	2,963	12,434	11,314	3,897	1,061	262	94	49
1990-1994	24,782	2,387	11,985	7,785	1,999	446	128	40	12
1985-1989	19,156	2,906	10,842	4,226	854	243	61	13	11
1980-1984	13,918	3,360	8,067	1,961	419	82	19	8	2
1975-1979	9,764	3,287	5,152	1,078	179	44	16	5	3
1970-1974	6,636	2,323	3,575	643	73	13	7	-	2
1965-1969	3,357	1,152	1,917	231	47	8	1	-	1
1960-1964	1,322	499	693	107	17	2	2	1	1
1955-1959	396	141	204	48	2	1	-	-	-
1950-1954	145	50	79	12	4	-	-	-	-
Before 1950	52	16	31	4	1	-	-	-	-

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	994	-	9	47	97	112	129	137	463
2003	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
2002	11	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	10
2001	71	-	-	-	2	8	6	9	46
2000	61	-	-	2	3	4	6	7	39
1999	58	-	-	2	6	2	4	12	32
1998	80	-	2	2	5	7	12	4	48
1997	70	-	-	-	5	5	10	8	42
1996	80	-	-	1	5	6	10	15	43
1995	72	-	-	1	6	10	7	12	36
1994	49	-	-	1	8	2	7	7	24
1993	41	-	-	2	4	4	2	11	18
1992	39	-	1	2	4	2	7	4	19
1991	39	-	-	4	6	5	5	4	15
1990	35	-	-	-	5	8	5	5	12
1989	35	-	-	1	3	2	4	6	19
1988	22	-	-	-	5	3	7	2	5
1987	30	-	-	1	2	7	4	9	7
1986	23	-	-	1	3	4	3	-	12
1985	21	-	-	1	3	7	4	2	4
1984	16	-	1	4	1	2	1	2	5
1983	16	-	1	-	4	2	4	2	3
1982	19	-	-	1	2	5	6	-	5
1981	11	-	-	3	1	3	2	2	-
1980	12	-	-	1	1	-	-	4	6
1979	10	-	-	1	1	3	3	-	2
1978	8	-	-	1	1	2	1	2	1
1977	18	-	-	6	4	2	3	2	1
1976	5	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	2
1975	7	-	1	-	1	1	2	1	1
1974	7	-	-	1	1	3	-	1	1
1973	8	-	3	1	-	1	-	1	2
1972	7	-	-	1	2	1	1	1	1
1971	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1970	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
1969	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
1968	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1967	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
1966	3	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-
1965	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Before 1965	4	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-
2000-2003	144	-	-	2	6	12	12	16	96
1995-1999	360	-	2	6	27	30	43	51	201
1990-1994	203	-	1	9	27	21	26	31	88
1985-1989	131	-	-	4	16	23	22	19	47
1980-1984	74	-	2	9	9	12	13	10	19
1975-1979	48	-	1	9	8	8	9	6	7
1970-1974	25	-	3	4	3	6	1	3	5
1965-1969	5	-	-	1	1	-	2	1	-
1960-1964	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
1955-1959	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
1950-1954	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Before 1950	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

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	1,203	2	36	153	189	205	175	150	293
2003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2002	17	-	-	1	1	2	5	2	6
2001	64	-	1	4	4	7	10	9	29
2000	73	-	1	4	10	12	10	7	29
1999	69	-	1	9	8	11	8	6	26
1998	91	-	-	3	12	18	16	13	29
1997	89	-	1	4	18	17	11	15	23
1996	89	-	2	7	17	12	12	11	28
1995	74	-	-	11	12	6	12	10	23
1994	61	-	1	9	12	9	10	6	14
1993	64	-	2	9	8	10	11	13	11
1992	59	1	2	7	8	10	7	12	12
1991	34	1	-	4	4	5	6	4	10
1990	42	-	1	2	7	4	10	6	12
1989	38	-	2	5	5	11	3	7	5
1988	37	-	1	9	3	8	9	4	3
1987	34	-	-	4	10	5	4	4	7
1986	33	-	2	6	6	5	7	3	4
1985	25	-	2	6	4	6	3	2	2
1984	24	-	-	4	6	6	1	3	4
1983	13	-	-	3	2	1	2	2	3
1982	19	-	-	3	6	5	3	1	1
1981	13	-	-	3	3	2	4	-	1
1980	20	-	2	6	2	4	2	1	3
1979	15	-	1	5	3	6	-	-	-
1978	12	-	1	3	2	3	2	-	1
1977	17	-	1	2	3	5	2	2	2
1976	10	-	2	4	2	2	-	-	-
1975	13	-	-	1	3	4	2	2	1
1974	8	-	2	-	3	2	-	1	-
1973	8	-	1	1	1	3	-	1	1
1972	11	-	1	3	-	3	2	1	1
1971	5	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	1
1970	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
1969	3	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
1968	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
1967	5	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	1
1966	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
1965	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Before 1965	5	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-
2000-2003	154	-	2	9	15	21	25	18	64
1995-1999	412	-	4	34	67	64	59	55	129
1990-1994	260	2	6	31	39	38	44	41	59
1985-1989	167	-	7	30	28	35	26	20	21
1980-1984	89	-	2	19	19	18	12	7	12
1975-1979	67	-	5	15	13	20	6	4	4
1970-1974	34	-	4	7	7	8	2	3	3
1965-1969	15	-	5	4	1	1	1	2	1
1960-1964	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
1955-1959	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
1950-1954	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Before 1950	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

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	31,101	6	695	5,088	8,257	6,992	4,689	2,897	2,477
2003	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
2002	221	-	2	9	42	39	44	42	43
2001	1,403	-	5	98	273	339	285	171	232
2000	1,937	-	21	170	409	484	377	231	245
1999	2,025	1	17	195	481	507	338	235	251
1998	2,196	-	24	211	533	587	333	245	263
1997	2,206	1	20	273	552	545	361	240	214
1996	2,151	-	26	271	578	496	336	256	188
1995	1,910	-	23	257	532	426	294	210	168
1994	1,746	-	35	280	466	364	282	185	134
1993	1,595	-	22	242	422	358	251	184	116
1992	1,589	-	42	269	450	336	231	155	106
1991	1,243	1	24	220	334	264	197	118	85
1990	1,254	1	22	226	331	275	203	114	82
1989	1,165	-	16	226	304	245	204	93	77
1988	1,091	-	28	212	283	259	169	76	64
1987	955	-	42	182	266	222	137	63	43
1986	861	-	25	184	224	204	126	59	39
1985	753	-	29	161	210	176	95	53	29
1984	666	-	27	158	188	154	90	30	19
1983	565	-	21	155	184	116	51	24	14
1982	595	-	30	162	186	133	56	17	11
1981	510	-	26	142	182	82	47	18	13
1980	431	-	20	117	165	70	36	18	5
1979	372	-	31	96	126	62	40	10	7
1978	352	-	22	101	126	59	23	14	7
1977	305	-	21	102	98	41	23	12	8
1976	230	-	16	80	73	42	11	6	2
1975	186	-	13	63	63	30	14	2	1
1974	148	-	5	59	48	23	7	5	1
1973	123	1	11	43	38	15	7	5	3
1972	103	1	10	37	28	14	8	3	2
1971	58	-	7	24	14	5	5	-	3
1970	38	-	4	12	12	6	3	1	-
1969	22	-	2	7	4	6	1	1	1
1968	21	-	1	8	8	4	-	-	-
1967	23	-	1	10	8	1	3	-	-
1966	12	-	-	7	2	2	1	-	-
1965	11	-	1	6	3	1	-	-	-
Before 1965	28	-	3	13	11	-	-	1	-
2000-2003	3,562	-	28	277	724	862	706	444	521
1995-1999	10,488	2	110	1,207	2,676	2,561	1,662	1,186	1,084
1990-1994	7,427	2	145	1,237	2,003	1,597	1,164	756	523
1985-1989	4,825	-	140	965	1,287	1,106	731	344	252
1980-1984	2,767	-	124	734	905	555	280	107	62
1975-1979	1,445	-	103	442	486	234	111	44	25
1970-1974	470	2	37	175	140	63	30	14	9
1965-1969	89	-	5	38	25	14	5	1	1
1960-1964	24	-	3	11	9	-	-	1	-
1955-1959	3	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
1950-1954	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Before 1950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	30,391	25	2,295	7,610	8,449	5,739	3,347	1,741	1,185
2003	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
2002	241	-	6	24	50	48	57	25	31
2001	1,422	1	21	174	362	355	249	128	132
2000	1,937	1	54	318	505	502	278	145	134
1999	2,006	3	66	320	603	451	268	164	131
1998	2,172	1	75	380	630	542	272	148	124
1997	2,174	1	83	422	662	454	282	164	106
1996	2,150	-	94	428	643	463	279	149	94
1995	1,950	1	92	454	563	364	250	134	92
1994	1,717	-	95	413	513	348	184	108	56
1993	1,600	2	101	430	469	269	180	85	64
1992	1,563	1	124	425	459	261	162	89	42
1991	1,275	2	89	381	368	212	127	72	24
1990	1,215	2	98	373	328	201	121	62	30
1989	1,137	1	96	324	327	180	120	59	30
1988	1,043	1	116	307	275	162	115	46	21
1987	878	-	94	279	226	138	95	32	14
1986	809	1	98	279	190	126	66	31	18
1985	712	1	87	234	191	122	47	24	6
1984	600	-	89	210	164	81	40	10	6
1983	534	3	80	182	150	77	26	10	6
1982	511	-	86	181	119	89	23	10	3
1981	454	1	73	172	116	56	22	12	2
1980	398	-	73	145	112	40	18	7	3
1979	377	-	80	148	88	36	14	8	3
1978	328	-	77	118	82	32	10	5	4
1977	249	1	58	79	63	35	9	2	2
1976	217	-	41	89	45	26	9	6	1
1975	166	1	31	76	36	13	6	3	-
1974	150	-	35	56	32	20	5	1	1
1973	124	-	27	53	21	16	4	-	3
1972	92	-	18	47	16	7	4	-	-
1971	45	-	11	19	10	4	1	-	-
1970	29	-	5	18	4	1	1	-	-
1969	35	-	6	15	9	3	2	-	-
1968	26	-	5	15	4	1	-	1	-
1967	12	-	4	4	3	1	-	-	-
1966	8	-	1	2	2	2	-	1	-
1965	6	-	3	2	1	-	-	-	-
Before 1965	27	-	3	14	8	1	1	-	-
2000-2003	3,602	2	81	516	917	905	584	298	299
1995-1999	10,452	6	410	2,004	3,101	2,274	1,351	759	547
1990-1994	7,370	7	507	2,022	2,137	1,291	774	416	216
1985-1989	4,579	4	491	1,423	1,209	728	443	192	89
1980-1984	2,497	4	401	890	661	343	129	49	20
1975-1979	1,337	2	287	510	314	142	48	24	10
1970-1974	440	-	96	193	83	48	15	1	4
1965-1969	87	-	19	38	19	7	2	2	-
1960-1964	18	-	3	7	6	1	1	-	-
1955-1959	7	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-
1950-1954	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Before 1950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4.19 Divorce rates: sex, marital status before marriage, year of marriage and age at marriage, 2003

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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	7.0	6.1	6.1	8.2	9.3	5.6	6.9	5.4	6.6	9.9	8.9	3.8
2000-03	19.1	43.3	31.6	19.8	15.6	12.8	18.9	44.2	27.5	17.1	12.3	9.5
1995-99	33.8	69.3	47.3	33.3	28.6	23.2	33.7	65.1	42.8	30.1	23.6	19.3
1990-94	22.4	32.3	25.9	21.9	19.5	15.6	22.2	30.8	24.5	20.6	17.1	11.7
1985-89	14.9	17.2	16.4	14.5	13.1	9.2	14.9	17.5	15.7	13.6	11.0	7.7
1980-84	10.6	11.7	11.6	10.2	8.8	4.7	10.6	11.6	11.3	9.2	7.4	2.9
1975-79	7.0	7.6	7.8	6.4	5.3	2.1	7.0	7.8	7.4	5.7	3.6	1.5
1970-74	4.0	4.4	4.4	3.6	2.6	0.7	3.9	4.4	4.2	3.3	1.6	0.4
1965-69	2.0	2.4	2.2	1.7	1.0	0.3	1.9	2.2	2.0	1.4	1.0	0.2
1960-64	0.8	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.8	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.1
1955-59	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
1950-54	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	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	-
	Widowed bridegrooms						Widowed brides					
All years¹	0.9	-	2.1	2.0	2.2	0.9	1.3	3.1	1.7	2.7	2.6	1.0
2000-03	7.9	-	-	21.1	16.4	7.6	8.8	-	35.1	29.4	17.8	7.9
1995-99	9.9	-	51.3	21.4	30.3	9.2	11.9	-	30.1	41.6	36.3	9.6
1990-94	4.5	-	14.5	19.7	25.5	3.9	6.1	222.2	22.6	25.9	17.9	4.7
1985-89	2.4	-	-	6.8	12.4	2.1	3.1	-	15.9	17.9	10.6	2.1
1980-84	1.1	-	12.3	9.1	4.9	0.9	1.4	-	2.6	9.3	6.0	0.8
1975-79	0.6	-	3.4	6.9	3.5	0.4	0.8	-	4.3	5.3	3.3	0.5
1970-74	0.3	-	7.8	2.7	1.3	0.2	0.4	-	2.8	2.2	1.7	0.2
1965-69	0.1	-	-	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.2	-	3.4	1.3	0.3	0.1
1960-64	0.0	-	-	0.7	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.3	-	-
1955-59	0.0	-	-	0.6	-	-	0.0	-	0.9	0.3	-	-
1950-54	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	-	-	0.2	-	-
Before 1950 ²	0.0	-	-	0.1	-	-	0.0	-	-	0.0	-	-
	Divorced bridegrooms						Divorced brides					
All years¹	11.0	26.7	11.9	12.5	13.6	9.8	11.3	12.4	12.3	13.1	13.8	9.1
2000-03	16.7	-	33.7	32.3	22.5	14.7	17.2	9.9	27.6	29.1	21.5	14.3
1995-99	27.7	25.3	42.4	44.4	37.4	23.4	27.6	12.6	46.9	40.2	35.2	21.4
1990-94	19.2	71.4	33.1	28.6	24.7	15.6	19.3	33.7	33.2	28.4	23.8	13.1
1985-89	11.6	-	16.4	16.0	14.6	9.4	11.5	10.8	18.2	16.4	13.9	7.4
1980-84	6.9	-	11.4	10.7	9.5	4.5	6.6	16.3	11.9	9.9	7.4	3.2
1975-79	4.0	-	8.0	6.0	5.7	2.1	3.8	6.1	7.7	5.6	3.9	1.6
1970-74	1.8	250.0	4.1	3.4	2.6	0.8	1.7	-	3.6	2.9	1.6	0.6
1965-69	0.6	-	1.2	1.5	0.8	0.3	0.7	-	1.4	1.2	0.7	0.2
1960-64	0.2	-	1.6	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.2	-	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.0
1955-59	0.0	-	-	0.2	0.1	-	0.1	-	-	0.3	0.0	-
1950-54	0.0	-	-	-	0.0	-	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-
Before 1950 ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 2002.

2 Denominators used are total marriages from 1940 to 1949.

Table 4.20 Decrees awarded: type, fact proven at divorce and party granted divorce, 2003**England and Wales**

Fact proven	Party to whom granted			
	Total	Husband	Wife	Both ¹
Total Divorces (dissolution & annulment)	153,490	47,009	106,310	171
Annulments	196	94	102	-
Dissolutions granted	153,294	46,915	106,208	171
For petitions filed before 1 Jan 1971	-	-	-	-
For petitions filed on or after 1 Jan 1971	153,294	46,915	106,208	171
Adultery		12,172	21,159	
Behaviour		13,978	54,966	
Desertion		267	398	
Any two or all three of adultery, behaviour and desertion		3	4	
Separation (2 years and consent)		14,587	22,344	
Separation (5 years)		5,903	7,336	
Separation (2 years with consent) with any adultery, behaviour or desertion		3	1	
Separation (5 years) with any adultery, behaviour, desertion or presumed dead		2	-	
Others		-	-	

1 These are divorces granted to both husband and wife. The fact 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	171	28	140	1	1	-	1
Adultery	27	7	19	1	-	-	-
Behaviour	142	21	120	-	-	-	1
Desertion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Separation (2 years and consent)	2	-	1	-	1	-	-
Separation (5 years)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 4.21 Divorces granted to a sole party (numbers and proportions):
age of party at divorce and fact proven at divorce, 2003**

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	Husband	46,915	12,172	13,978	267	14,587	5,903	8
	Wife	106,208	21,159	54,966	398	22,344	7,336	5
Under 20	Husband	3	-	3	-	-	-	-
	Wife	66	13	52	-	1	-	-
20-24	Husband	467	143	240	3	81	-	-
	Wife	3,174	494	2,287	9	376	8	-
25-29	Husband	3,030	899	1,269	23	774	65	-
	Wife	11,426	2,060	6,839	37	2,222	267	1
30-34	Husband	7,776	2,211	2,725	52	2,359	429	-
	Wife	21,380	4,103	11,734	81	4,651	809	2
35-39	Husband	9,590	2,751	2,899	45	3,084	810	1
	Wife	23,827	4,845	12,483	74	5,087	1,337	1
40-44	Husband	8,778	2,404	2,575	47	2,757	993	2
	Wife	19,189	4,066	9,555	68	4,134	1,366	-
45-49	Husband	6,647	1,830	1,673	31	2,173	937	3
	Wife	12,275	2,606	5,667	45	2,754	1,202	1
50-54	Husband	4,855	1,048	1,166	27	1,647	967	-
	Wife	7,603	1,597	3,288	37	1,748	933	-
55-59	Husband	3,121	564	746	15	1,002	794	-
	Wife	4,474	956	1,801	22	905	790	-
60 and over	Husband	2,648	322	682	24	710	908	2
	Wife	2,792	418	1,259	25	466	624	-
Proportions per 1,000 by fact proven								
All ages	Husband	1,000	259	298	6	311	126	0
	Wife	1,000	199	518	4	210	69	0
Under 20	Husband	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-	-
	Wife	1,000	197	788	-	15	-	-
20-24	Husband	1,000	306	514	6	173	-	-
	Wife	1,000	156	721	3	118	3	-
25-29	Husband	1,000	297	419	8	255	21	-
	Wife	1,000	180	599	3	194	23	0
30-34	Husband	1,000	284	350	7	303	55	-
	Wife	1,000	192	549	4	218	38	0
35-39	Husband	1,000	287	302	5	322	84	0
	Wife	1,000	203	524	3	213	56	0
40-44	Husband	1,000	274	293	5	314	113	0
	Wife	1,000	212	498	4	215	71	-
45-49	Husband	1,000	275	252	5	327	141	0
	Wife	1,000	212	462	4	224	98	0
50-54	Husband	1,000	216	240	6	339	199	-
	Wife	1,000	210	432	5	230	123	-
55-59	Husband	1,000	181	239	5	321	254	-
	Wife	1,000	214	403	5	202	177	-
60 and over	Husband	1,000	122	258	9	268	343	1
	Wife	1,000	150	451	9	167	223	-
Proportions per 1,000 by party								
All ages	Husband	306	365	203	402	395	446	615
	Wife	694	635	797	598	605	554	385

Note: This table excludes 171 divorces granted to both parties jointly and 196 annulments.

Table 4.22 Decrees awarded: type, fact proven at divorce, couples with children aged under 16, and interval between petition and divorce, 2003

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	153,319	59,388	54,511	19,596	8,969	6,403	4,452
couples with children under 16	83,700	27,726	31,239	12,285	5,863	4,151	2,436
other couples	69,619	31,662	23,272	7,311	3,106	2,252	2,016
Annulments	196	55	85	23	11	7	15
couples with children under 16	18	7	3	3	1	-	4
other couples	178	48	82	20	10	7	11
Dissolutions	153,123	59,333	54,426	19,573	8,958	6,396	4,437
couples with children under 16	83,682	27,719	31,236	12,282	5,862	4,151	2,432
other couples	69,441	31,614	23,190	7,291	3,096	2,245	2,005
Adultery:	33,331	12,915	11,638	4,358	2,085	1,452	883
couples with children under 16	19,443	6,657	7,065	2,847	1,404	981	489
other couples	13,888	6,258	4,573	1,511	681	471	394
Behaviour:	68,944	21,253	26,460	10,584	4,853	3,466	2,328
couples with children under 16	43,257	11,809	16,913	7,225	3,411	2,428	1,471
other couples	25,687	9,444	9,547	3,359	1,442	1,038	857
Desertion:	665	256	222	66	30	39	52
couples with children under 16	201	63	83	21	11	17	6
other couples	464	193	139	45	19	22	46
Separation-2 years and consent:	36,931	18,838	11,696	3,178	1,409	997	813
couples with children under 16	16,625	7,599	5,645	1,671	793	554	363
other couples	20,306	11,239	6,051	1,507	616	443	450
Separation-5 years:	13,239	6,068	4,407	1,384	580	441	359
couples with children under 16	4,150	1,591	1,529	516	242	170	102
other couples	9,089	4,477	2,878	868	338	271	257
Others (and not stated):	13	3	3	3	1	1	2
couples with children under 16	6	-	1	2	1	1	1
other couples	7	3	2	1	-	-	1

Notes: This table excludes 171 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.

Table 4.23 Matrimonial suits: type of petition filed and decree nisi granted, 1993-2003**England and Wales**

Year of petition	Petitions filed for ¹ :			Year of award	Decree nisi		Decrees granted
	Divorce (dissolution of marriage)	Nullity	Judicial separation		Divorce (dissolution of marriage)	Nullity	
1993	184,471	634	2,252	1993	160,625	365	1,413
1994	175,701	822	1,943	1994	154,241	705	1,041
1995	174,012	881	1,694	1995	155,798	425	979
1996	178,117	702	1,639	1996	157,585	332	915
1997	163,787	485	1,078	1997	148,326	248	589
1998	165,602	747	916	1998	143,879	474	518
1999	162,137	549	906	1999	143,446	495	696
2000	157,809	452	650	2000	143,719	274	540
2001	172,341	492	1,078	2001	163,146	159	622
2002	177,224	443	1,001	2002	170,982	216	560
2003	173,263	463	826	2003	168,037	204	467

¹ Series revised following the introduction of HM Court Service's Management Information System (MIS) - see section 1.3.

Source: Her Majesty's Court Service

Table 4.24 Orders¹ concerning custody of children in family proceedings: type of order by whether within divorce, 1993-2003**England and Wales**

Year of order	Orders made							
	Within divorce				Other			
	Contact	Prohibited steps	Residence	Specific issue	Contact	Prohibited steps	Residence	Specific issue
1993	12,122	2,587	8,844	682	7,645	3,065	7,246	726
1994	12,654	2,088	8,697	774	10,664	3,209	8,883	872
1995	13,813	1,893	9,022	694	13,743	3,173	10,524	902
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

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 Statistics* for further details).

Source: Her Majesty's Court Service

Table 5.1 New widowers and widows: age, 2003

			England and Wales		
Age	Widowers	Widows	Age	Widowers	Widows
All ages	68,115	135,199	55	781	1,784
Age not stated	2,201	4,007	56	913	2,101
All stated ages	65,914	131,192	57	825	1,823
15	-	-	58	850	2,063
16	-	-	59	921	2,317
17	-	1	60	953	2,393
18	1	3	61	953	2,333
19	1	4	62	889	2,485
20	5	10	63	1,101	2,689
21	1	11	64	1,233	3,047
22	5	14	65	1,303	3,189
23	7	22	66	1,307	3,324
24	10	41	67	1,416	3,692
25	11	35	68	1,567	3,864
26	16	43	69	1,568	3,896
27	14	75	70	1,697	4,167
28	18	66	71	1,838	4,325
29	41	89	72	1,997	4,662
30	36	99	73	2,127	4,790
31	45	133	74	2,152	4,875
32	79	126	75	2,233	4,883
33	61	178	76	2,477	4,949
34	85	190	77	2,423	4,744
35	107	190	78	2,516	4,639
36	101	234	79	2,629	4,629
37	110	287	80	2,545	4,455
38	126	281	81	2,589	4,391
39	157	363	82	2,621	4,251
40	178	394	83	2,590	3,859
41	180	399	84	1,623	2,382
42	190	435	85	1,386	1,874
43	222	524	86	1,369	1,805
44	240	495	87	1,344	1,548
45	245	617	88	1,190	1,355
46	302	632	89	1,069	1,012
47	296	752	90 and over	2,763	2,335
48	330	774			
49	385	834			
50	406	910			
51	445	1,030			
52	501	1,122			
53	574	1,319			
54	625	1,530			

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

Table 5.2 Widowers: age in combination with age of deceased, 2003 **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	68,115	30	100	306	601	1,010	1,558	2,551	4,290	5,129	7,161	9,811	12,278	11,968	9,121	2,201
Under 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24	52	10	17	11	4	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
25-29	138	6	42	43	21	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	18
30-34	392	5	24	125	133	39	14	7	3	3	2	-	-	-	-	37
35-39	727	3	8	72	250	227	67	29	10	2	3	-	1	1	-	54
40-44	1,252	-	3	29	92	433	390	144	52	26	3	-	-	-	-	80
45-49	1,944	2	3	12	59	165	687	614	208	61	23	6	5	1	-	98
50-54	3,202	-	-	4	22	81	228	1,173	1,161	264	92	40	6	8	-	123
55-59	5,076	1	-	6	11	39	110	391	2,096	1,602	435	152	40	18	5	170
60-64	5,962	-	-	2	5	7	36	119	482	2,293	2,137	508	134	40	9	190
65-69	8,051	-	-	2	1	5	17	48	182	607	3,270	2,870	637	157	27	228
70-74	10,300	-	1	-	2	3	6	15	56	166	805	4,501	3,576	792	129	248
75-79	11,978	1	2	-	1	1	1	6	22	52	268	1,231	5,644	3,778	653	318
80-84	11,206	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	14	35	83	379	1,800	5,757	2,806	328
85 and over	7,835	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	3	18	40	124	435	1,415	5,492	304

Table 5.3 Widows: age in combination with age of deceased, 2003 **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	135,199	106	308	726	1,355	2,247	3,609	5,911	10,088	12,947	17,965	22,819	23,844	19,338	9,929	4,007
Under 20	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
20-24	42	23	9	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
25-29	172	32	67	25	7	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
30-34	445	18	103	185	62	11	3	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	58
35-39	897	17	64	245	352	93	29	6	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	88
40-44	1,484	5	22	126	408	581	132	43	14	3	1	-	-	-	1	148
45-49	2,339	3	12	51	186	687	938	218	62	12	2	2	1	1	-	164
50-54	3,986	2	9	36	131	349	1,121	1,660	396	80	18	3	1	2	1	177
55-59	7,257	1	6	24	95	236	661	2,084	3,264	498	99	27	1	2	1	258
60-64	9,974	1	7	8	54	123	324	888	3,445	3,954	704	122	35	20	3	286
65-69	14,900	-	3	12	28	79	207	522	1,554	4,959	5,833	1,028	178	48	8	441
70-74	21,082	1	2	7	12	53	101	276	713	2,005	7,258	8,306	1,490	254	53	551
75-79	25,873	-	3	3	13	18	60	113	363	890	2,683	9,163	9,825	1,898	246	595
80-84	25,800	1	1	-	5	9	22	71	195	389	997	3,186	9,389	9,695	1,223	617
85 and over	20,945	2	-	1	1	5	10	26	78	157	370	982	2,924	7,417	8,393	579

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

Table 6.1a Adoption orders by date of entry in Adopted Children Register: sex, and whether adopted child born within/outside marriage, 1994-2004 **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	
1994	6,240	3,142	3,098	2,472	1,199	1,273	3,694	1,910	1,784	74
1995	5,797	2,880	2,917	2,140	1,012	1,128	3,597	1,843	1,754	60
1996	5,962	2,988	2,974	2,303	1,115	1,188	3,605	1,850	1,755	54
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	4,821	2,339	2,482	1,067	494	573	3,490	1,738	1,752	264
2004	5,525	2,763	2,762	1,174	588	586	4,114	2,072	2,042	237

Table 6.1b Adoption orders by date of court order: sex, and whether adopted child born within/outside marriage, 1994-2004 **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	
1994	6,165	3,111	3,054	2,403	1,175	1,228	3,690	1,904	1,786	72
1995	5,840	2,912	2,928	2,172	1,042	1,130	3,609	1,845	1,764	59
1996	5,741	2,887	2,854	2,200	1,070	1,130	3,480	1,792	1,688	61
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	5,362	2,630	2,732	1,163	555	608	3,950	1,977	1,973	249
2004	5,360	2,667	2,693	1,129	556	573	3,973	1,997	1,976	258

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

Table 6.2a Adoptions by date of entry in Adopted Children Register (numbers and percentages): sex and age, 1994-2004 **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												
1994	6,240	100	359	6	1,622	26	2,451	39	1,432	23	376	6
1995	5,797	100	322	6	1,493	26	2,215	38	1,435	25	332	6
1996	5,962	100	253	4	1,598	27	2,310	39	1,435	24	366	6
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	4,821	100	182	4	2,263	47	1,504	31	684	14	188	4
2004	5,525	100	252	5	2,606	47	1,641	30	782	14	244	4
Males												
1994	3,142	100	195	6	819	26	1,269	40	667	21	192	6
1995	2,880	100	166	6	791	27	1,075	37	696	24	152	5
1996	2,988	100	143	5	822	28	1,184	40	674	23	165	6
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 ²	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	90	4	1,116	48	737	32	301	13	95	4
2004	2,763	100	132	5	1,320	48	826	30	371	13	114	4
Females												
1994	3,098	100	164	5	803	26	1,182	38	765	25	184	6
1995	2,917	100	156	5	702	24	1,140	39	739	25	180	6
1996	2,974	100	110	4	776	26	1,126	38	761	26	201	7
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 ²	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	2,482	100	92	4	1,147	46	767	31	383	15	93	4
2004	2,762	100	120	4	1,286	47	815	30	411	15	130	5

1 Includes two cases where age was greater than 17.

2 Includes one case where age was greater than 17.

**Table 6.2b Adoptions by date of court order
(numbers and percentages): sex and age, 1994-2004**

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												
1994	6,165	100	347	6	1,586	26	2,430	39	1,435	23	367	6
1995	5,840	100	319	5	1,521	26	2,221	38	1,438	25	341	6
1996	5,741	100	231	4	1,559	27	2,210	38	1,383	24	358	6
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	5,362	100	216	4	2,487	46	1,693	32	750	14	216	4
2004	5,360	100	243	5	2,636	49	1,548	29	712	13	221	4
Males												
1994	3,111	100	185	6	817	26	1,248	40	668	21	193	6
1995	2,912	100	165	6	790	27	1,094	38	705	24	158	5
1996	2,887	100	131	5	800	28	1,139	39	656	23	161	6
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	2,630	100	109	4	1,238	47	829	32	342	13	112	4
2004	2,667	100	125	5	1,325	50	791	30	325	12	101	4
Females												
1994	3,054	100	162	5	769	25	1,182	39	767	25	174	6
1995	2,928	100	154	5	731	25	1,127	38	733	25	183	6
1996	2,854	100	100	4	759	27	1,071	38	727	25	197	7
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	2,679	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	864	32	408	15	104	4
2004	2,693	100	118	4	1,311	49	757	28	387	14	120	4

¹ Includes one case where age was greater than 17.

Table 6.3 Adoption applications and orders granted, 1994-2004

England and Wales

Year of application/ order	Number of children:									
	Applications for adoption			Adoption orders granted ¹						
	Total	Step-parent	Other	All orders	Contested			Uncontested		
					Total	Step-parent	Other	Total	Step-parent	Other
1994 ²	6,580	3,333	3,247	5,616
1995	4,723	2,503	2,220	4,634	1,190	463	727	3,444	1,844	1,600
1996 ²	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 ²	3,943	1,696	2,247	3,693	854	277	577	2,839	1,409	1,430
1999 ³	3,313	1,139	2,174	2,982	880	183	697	2,102	915	1,187
2000 ²	3,159	995	2,164	2,889	743	152	591	2,146	708	1,438
2001 ²	3,471	808	2,663	3,286	728	112	616	2,558	685	1,873
2002	3,360	637	2,723	3,277	766	87	679	2,511	550	1,961
2003	3,419	588	2,831	3,591	997	100	897	2,594	504	2,090
2004	3,481	545	2,936	3,359	743	85	658	2,616	466	2,150

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.

1 Pre 1995, no separate contested/uncontested figures collected.

2 Revised figures due to notification of amendments.

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

Source: Her Majesty's Court Service

Table 6.4 Adopted counselled persons: where counselled, sex and age, 1994-2004 **England and Wales**

Year	All ages		18-19		20-24		25-29		30-34		35-39		40-44		45-49		50 and over	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Total counselled																		
1994	1,492	2,152	15	37	157	249	343	495	326	415	181	217	135	180	151	251	184	308
1995	1,457	1,982	10	15	104	169	304	449	325	385	189	200	142	170	145	203	238	391
1996	1,414	2,129	4	18	89	168	284	437	344	481	210	249	122	186	116	188	245	402
1997	1,500	2,013	1	15	60	98	260	356	371	516	266	302	162	195	138	164	242	367
1998	1,350	1,874	9	10	41	86	185	282	302	405	268	345	136	160	105	139	304	447
1999	1,406	2,002	9	26	29	57	187	304	357	493	277	341	124	193	101	135	322	453
2000	1,436	1,796	3	16	31	32	160	214	308	407	283	312	168	196	106	155	377	464
2001	1,246	1,569	6	17	22	35	104	156	251	318	248	311	162	176	105	118	348	438
2002	1,174	1,541	5	14	19	31	72	109	218	305	291	326	161	183	79	130	329	443
2003	992	1,195	5	8	15	21	41	61	156	205	248	279	139	142	94	114	294	365
2004	1,218	1,415	4	8	19	29	33	55	176	187	253	337	233	210	109	117	391	472
Counselled at General Register Office¹																		
1994	193	157	-	-	11	13	57	39	35	32	24	10	16	12	24	27	26	24
1995	150	185	1	1	14	20	25	39	38	39	26	12	16	11	15	15	15	48
1996	156	176	-	-	10	12	33	47	39	46	26	9	11	12	15	11	22	39
1997	111	123	-	-	1	4	23	21	28	30	12	15	13	18	12	11	22	24
1998	205	195	-	3	9	9	29	28	49	41	33	28	27	19	13	16	45	51
1999	148	158	1	2	3	1	24	22	34	40	30	28	11	18	16	11	29	36
2000	153	120	-	-	-	1	15	14	30	24	38	28	18	9	14	7	38	37
2001	147	134	-	1	-	2	9	10	39	31	33	37	23	8	21	11	22	34
2002	98	90	-	1	-	1	4	7	18	16	23	26	17	10	9	8	27	21
2003	94	75	-	1	-	2	2	4	21	11	21	15	11	14	10	8	29	20
2004	48	52	-	-	-	-	2	-	11	7	5	13	6	3	3	3	21	26
Counselled at social services departments																		
1994	1,290	1,979	15	37	143	232	284	453	288	380	156	205	119	165	127	223	158	284
1995	1,275	1,759	9	14	84	146	273	396	273	337	158	182	125	158	130	186	223	340
1996	1,247	1,912	4	17	78	150	250	379	302	429	179	232	111	170	101	176	222	359
1997	1,367	1,862	1	15	54	94	234	327	337	475	250	282	146	176	125	150	220	343
1998	1,136	1,660	9	7	30	76	152	250	252	357	233	316	109	137	92	122	259	395
1999	1,248	1,835	7	23	26	56	160	281	321	452	245	312	112	174	85	122	292	415
2000	1,273	1,669	3	16	30	31	143	198	277	380	243	283	147	187	92	147	338	427
2001	1,096	1,433	6	16	22	33	95	146	209	287	215	274	139	166	84	107	326	404
2002	1,074	1,446	5	13	19	30	68	102	199	288	268	299	144	172	70	120	301	422
2003	875	1,104	5	7	15	19	39	57	135	193	225	263	124	124	79	103	253	338
2004	1,160	1,355	3	8	19	28	30	55	163	177	247	323	226	207	105	113	367	444
Counselled by adoption societies																		
1994	9	16	-	-	3	4	2	3	3	3	1	2	-	3	-	1	-	-
1995	32	38	-	-	6	3	6	14	14	9	5	6	1	1	-	2	-	3
1996	11	41	-	1	1	6	1	11	3	6	5	8	-	4	-	1	1	4
1997	22	28	-	-	5	-	3	8	6	11	4	5	3	1	1	3	-	-
1998	9	19	-	-	2	1	4	4	1	7	2	1	-	4	-	1	-	1
1999	10	9	1	1	-	-	3	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	-	2	1	2
2000	10	7	-	-	1	-	2	2	1	3	2	1	3	-	-	1	1	-
2001	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
2002	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	2	1	-
2003	23	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	4	4	5	3	12	7
2004	10	8	1	-	-	1	1	-	2	3	1	1	1	-	1	1	3	2

Note: For further information about counselling of adopted persons - see section 5.6.

1. The counselling service provided by the General Register Office moved location from London to Southport, Merseyside, in November 2003.

Table 6.5 Intentions of adopted persons at the time of counselling to apply for access to birth records: sex and age, 1994-2004 **England and Wales**

Year	All ages		18-19		20-24		25-29		30-34		35-39		40-44		45-49		50 and over	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Intending to apply for birth certificate																		
1994	1,408	1,877	14	40	141	222	305	454	301	380	190	151	112	154	165	207	180	269
1995	1,321	1,731	10	14	88	156	271	388	291	342	173	167	136	150	129	176	223	338
1996	1,332	1,919	4	13	82	132	277	361	334	450	203	240	113	167	102	183	217	373
1997	1,421	1,751	1	12	66	94	232	290	377	449	240	271	153	185	124	143	228	307
1998	1,138	1,567	8	11	35	68	154	219	291	355	225	288	116	146	90	123	219	357
1999	1,166	1,608	10	19	20	39	155	228	292	398	230	284	107	157	85	107	267	376
2000	1,174	1,422	2	9	23	20	119	160	257	333	242	256	135	145	90	127	306	372
2001	1,004	1,243	5	8	15	28	80	121	211	247	203	242	125	150	91	93	274	354
2002	966	1,214	5	10	16	18	51	85	173	230	244	270	138	144	68	99	271	358
2003	804	918	4	4	12	14	28	46	131	153	202	222	108	115	78	88	241	276
2004	954	1,107	4	4	10	22	24	39	134	153	199	268	193	171	86	94	304	356
Intending to obtain information from court records																		
1994	1,173	1,545	10	19	105	175	257	374	255	296	158	121	105	127	118	187	165	246
1995	1,091	1,472	5	9	79	114	223	310	222	290	152	157	113	128	111	154	186	310
1996	1,133	1,672	3	12	54	128	214	321	279	384	178	197	89	150	105	158	211	322
1997	1,117	1,535	1	9	45	82	165	248	268	366	212	237	121	163	107	132	198	298
1998	995	1,374	7	5	24	55	130	182	242	283	196	268	98	127	85	107	213	347
1999	1,008	1,397	5	14	13	23	132	191	238	329	203	245	95	140	78	96	244	359
2000	1,015	1,302	1	10	17	16	98	140	215	284	192	229	120	128	82	121	290	374
2001	870	1,061	3	5	10	25	64	94	157	190	176	198	114	116	81	89	265	344
2002	963	1,079	2	4	13	16	45	63	150	197	301	233	138	131	61	91	253	344
2003	703	837	3	4	9	11	20	36	102	129	174	191	102	101	72	84	221	281
2004	867	1,031	3	3	8	13	21	33	122	123	169	244	172	158	72	87	300	370
Intending to trace natural parents																		
1994	992	1,313	8	35	117	165	229	324	205	272	131	110	100	105	100	142	102	160
1995	930	1,184	8	10	75	126	199	277	211	231	125	127	93	94	99	118	120	201
1996	832	1,352	4	15	75	126	195	308	230	334	132	134	8	105	80	103	108	227
1997	937	1,217	1	24	56	56	172	222	239	310	163	197	97	127	80	109	129	172
1998	807	1,011	7	7	28	47	150	168	197	234	155	189	84	97	52	74	134	195
1999	751	1,015	5	16	17	30	112	160	216	265	146	177	65	102	53	68	137	197
2000	729	864	1	6	17	20	99	118	172	214	146	161	82	89	60	64	152	192
2001	641	764	4	12	9	19	62	79	151	149	143	155	85	92	55	60	132	198
2002	618	731	2	9	13	14	40	52	124	147	178	161	91	96	39	65	131	187
2003	483	551	4	7	6	14	17	32	89	96	136	131	67	69	48	51	116	151
2004	572	612	1	5	12	14	17	27	96	78	118	152	132	96	54	52	142	188

Note: For further information about counselling of adopted persons - see section 5.6.

Table 6.6 Intentions of adopted persons residing overseas at the time of counselling to apply for access to birth records: sex and age, 1994-2004 **England and Wales**

Year	All ages		18-19		20-24		25-29		30-34		35-39		40-44		45-49		50 and over	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Intending to apply for birth certificate																		
1994	109	169	-	-	4	4	15	33	19	39	10	6	14	22	16	26	31	39
1995	84	136	-	-	1	3	13	17	13	32	13	17	8	10	7	19	29	38
1996	92	129	-	-	-	2	13	16	20	35	11	16	13	10	14	11	21	39
1997	80	146	-	-	1	3	3	18	20	36	11	23	4	15	8	14	33	37
1998	71	108	-	-	-	-	3	11	14	24	13	10	5	12	6	13	30	38
1999	104	98	-	1	-	-	4	5	21	16	15	14	16	12	13	12	35	38
2000	67	110	-	-	1	-	2	6	11	20	12	16	10	11	5	8	26	49
2001	64	85	-	-	-	-	1	5	6	12	17	18	6	9	7	5	27	36
2002	75	84	-	-	-	1	1	1	5	8	18	15	13	17	2	4	36	38
2003	84	47	-	1	-	1	2	1	7	9	15	8	15	6	11	3	34	18
2004	58	76	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	6	6	18	14	13	3	6	32	32
Intending to apply for court records																		
1994	103	174	-	-	4	8	15	33	17	37	9	6	11	22	16	30	31	38
1995	80	146	-	-	1	3	10	17	14	34	11	18	7	12	7	24	30	38
1996	87	135	-	-	-	2	13	18	19	35	12	17	12	11	12	14	19	38
1997	69	144	-	-	2	6	3	16	16	34	10	22	-	14	5	15	33	37
1998	66	110	-	-	-	-	3	10	12	21	10	13	5	12	7	14	29	40
1999	100	100	-	-	-	-	4	6	17	17	13	14	16	13	12	11	38	39
2000	67	111	-	-	1	-	1	8	7	19	11	17	12	11	6	9	29	47
2001	65	83	-	-	-	-	1	5	6	12	18	18	6	10	8	4	26	34
2002	77	87	-	-	-	1	1	1	4	9	17	15	11	15	2	5	42	41
2003	81	49	-	1	-	1	2	1	7	8	13	7	14	6	11	4	34	21
2004	54	70	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	5	7	17	14	14	2	5	28	28
Intending to trace natural parents																		
1994	77	150	-	-	4	8	13	31	15	34	8	6	9	20	10	27	18	24
1995	69	122	-	-	2	3	9	16	13	27	9	15	6	10	7	21	23	30
1996	74	109	-	-	-	1	11	13	18	26	10	19	11	11	11	11	13	28
1997	64	116	-	-	1	4	3	13	14	26	7	17	3	14	8	13	28	29
1998	60	91	-	-	-	-	3	9	10	22	8	11	6	11	7	8	26	30
1999	84	93	-	1	-	-	5	6	16	16	13	12	12	11	8	9	30	38
2000	71	93	-	-	1	-	1	6	11	16	12	16	12	9	6	7	28	39
2001	57	75	-	-	-	-	1	6	6	11	18	14	5	10	7	4	20	30
2002	65	65	-	-	-	1	1	1	4	8	13	12	8	13	2	1	37	29
2003	67	39	-	1	-	1	2	1	5	6	12	7	14	5	10	5	24	13
2004	42	63	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	2	6	17	8	12	2	4	24	27

Note: For further information about counselling of adopted persons - see section 5.6.

**Form to be used by REGISTRARS OF MARRIAGES for making Returns to THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
Registration District of**

..... Marriage solemnized at in the in the 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
	19.....							

Married in the by by me,

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

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

Registration District of

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

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
	19.....							

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,

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

FORM 105 DECREE ABSOLUTE

⁸ OPCS CODE:

OPCS NUMBER

Court Name

Surname of Marriage

Forename(s) of Spouse obtaining Decree

Forename(s) of other Spouse

Number of Matter

Date Petition Filed

(insert full date: DD/MM/YY)

Date of Decree Absolute

(insert full date: DD/MM/YY)

Class(es) of Decree

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

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

as appropriate, for each question

Date of Marriage

(insert full date: DD/MM/YY)

Age at Marriage in years

Status at Marriage

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

Date of Birth of Children under 18

(eldest first)

Number of Children aged 18 or over

Alternative or present Surname of Spouse obtaining Decree

Alternative Forename(s) of Spouse obtaining Decree

Alternative or present Surname of other Spouse

Alternative Forename(s) of other Spouse

Husband's occupation

Wife's occupation

			DD	MM	YY		1
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Husband	136	Wife	140				
On Answer	144	Cross Decrees	145	Section 3 Proceedings			1

Husband 1

Wife 1

Husband 1

Wife 1

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1

1

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

DEATH		District & SD Nos.	Register No.															
D			Entry No.															
E	* 6 months or over <input type="checkbox"/> * Under 6 months <input type="checkbox"/> (ii) (i)	Date of registration																
Z	<p style="text-align: center;">CONFIDENTIAL PARTICULARS</p> 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* <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>1</td><td>Single</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>Married</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>Widowed</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td><td>Divorced</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td><td>Not known</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table> (If married insert date of birth of spouse) Day Month Year			1	Single	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Married	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Widowed	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Divorced	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	Not known	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	Single	<input type="checkbox"/>																
2	Married	<input type="checkbox"/>																
3	Widowed	<input type="checkbox"/>																
4	Divorced	<input type="checkbox"/>																
5	Not known	<input type="checkbox"/>																
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	(vib)															
J	(iv)																	
R	Last seen alive	Day Month Year																
S	* Seen or Not Seen after death	a b c																
T	Referred to Coroner by	1 2 Registrar																
B	Yes No (vii)	SD ME 2																
U	1 (v)	3 4 5 6																
N	* Post Mortem	(ix) a b c z e																
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>																	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>																	
M	W* Employment		W* Edit control															

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

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

1.	No. of entry
2.	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> Date and country of birth of child </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: right;"> <i>Registration District</i> <i>Sub-district</i> </div> </div>
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 <i>Registration District</i> <i>Dosbarth Cofrestru</i> Dyddiad a'r country of birth of child <i>Sub-district</i> <i>Is-ddosbarth</i> 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 Cofrestryydd Cyffredinol i ardystio'r gofnod

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Appendix F Form used to report on the number of counselling interviews and indicate the intentions of the adopted person (Form CA7).

CA7

Ref:

Report of Interview

Please return to: Office for National Statistics
General Register Office
Adoptions Section, Trafalgar Road
Birkdale, Southport, PR8 2HH

1. I interviewed
of (address of applicant)

.....
at on

He/she intended to (please tick appropriate box)

- a) take no further action
- b) apply for a birth certificate
- c) obtain information from court records
- d) try to trace natural parents

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

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General comments (if any):-

2. Applicant did not attend for interview.

SignedCounsellor. Date

Area

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