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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**.

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*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**).

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| 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  |                      |                          |              |  |
| <b>Previous marital status</b>           |           |       |  |   |  |                      |                          |              |  |
| 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                                      |
| <b>Age at marriage</b>                   |           |       |  |   |  |                      |                          |              |  |
| 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                                      |
| 3.18                                     | 2003      | E&W   | N  |   |  |                      |                          |              | G                                      |
| 3.19                                     | 2003      | E&W   | N  |   |  |                      |                          |              | B                                      |
| 3.20                                     | 2003      | E&W   | N  |   |  |                      |                          |              | B/G                                    |
| <b>Nuptiality tables</b>                 |           |       |  |   |  |                      |                          |              |  |
| 3.21                                     | 2003      | E&W   | R  |   |  |                      |                          |              |  |
| 3.22                                     | 2003      | E&W   | R  |   |  |                      |                          |              |  |
| <b>Area of occurrence</b>                |           |       |  |   |  |                      |                          |              |  |
| 3.23                                     | 2003      | E&W+  | N  |   |  |                      |                          |              |  |
| 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  | *                    |                          | *            |  |
| <b>Type of ceremony and denomination</b> |           |       |  |   |  |                      |                          |              |  |
| 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  |                      |                          | *            |  |
| <b>Year of birth (cohort) analyses</b>   |           |       |  |   |  |                      |                          |              |  |
| 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 |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| <b>Marriages</b>                         |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            |           |              |
|  |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 1993–2003 | <b>3.1</b>   |
|  |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 1993–2003 | <b>3.2</b>   |
|  |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.3</b>   |
|  |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.4</b>   |
|  |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.5</b>   |
| B/G                                      | G                                 |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.6</b>   |
| <b>Previous marital status</b>           |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            |           |              |
|  |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 1993–2003 | <b>3.7</b>   |
|  |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 1993–2003 | <b>3.8</b>   |
|  |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 1993–2003 | <b>3.9</b>   |
| B/G                                      | G                                 | F                               |                                 |   |                            | 1993–2003 | <b>3.10</b>  |
| B/G                                      | S                                 | F                               |                                 |   |                            | 1993–2003 | <b>3.11</b>  |
| B/G                                      | G                                 | R                               |                                 |   |                            | 1993–2003 | <b>3.12</b>  |
| G  | G                                 |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 1993–2003 | <b>3.13</b>  |
| B  | G                                 |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 1993–2003 | <b>3.14</b>  |
| <b>Age at marriage</b>                   |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            |           |              |
| B/G                                      |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 1993–2003 | <b>3.15</b>  |
| G  |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 1993–2003 | <b>3.16</b>  |
| B  |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 1993–2003 | <b>3.17</b>  |
| G  | S/G                               |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.18</b>  |
| B  | S/G                               |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.19</b>  |
| B/G                                      | S/G                               | F/R                             |                                 |   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.20</b>  |
| <b>Nuptiality tables</b>                 |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            |           |              |
| B/G                                      | S                                 | F                               |                                 |   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.21</b>  |
| B/G                                      | S                                 | F                               |                                 |   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.22</b>  |
| <b>Area of occurrence</b>                |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            |           |              |
| G  | G                                 |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.23</b>  |
| B  | G                                 |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.24</b>  |
| G  | G                                 |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.25</b>  |
| B  | G                                 |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.26</b>  |
|  |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.27</b>  |
|  |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.28</b>  |
| <b>Type of ceremony and denomination</b> |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            |           |              |
|  |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 1993–2003 | <b>3.29</b>  |
| B  | G                                 |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.30</b>  |
|  |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.31</b>  |
| B/G                                      | G                                 |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.32</b>  |
|  |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.33</b>  |
|  |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.34</b>  |
|  |                                   |                                 | *                               | *   |                            | 2003      | <b>3.35</b>  |
| <b>Year of birth (cohort) analyses</b>   |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            |           |              |
| B/G                                      |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            | cohort    | <b>3.36</b>  |
| B/G                                      |                                   |                                 |                                 |   |                            | cohort    | <b>3.37</b>  |

| Marriage tables - (continued)                                    |         |       |  |   |  |                      |                          |              |                               |
|--|---------|-------|--|---|--|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Table number   | Year(s) | Areas | Numbers/<br>rates/<br>proportions<br>(N/R/P) | Quarters/<br>months/<br>days<br>(Q/M/D) | Religious/<br>civil<br>ceremonies<br>(R/C) | Approved<br>premises | Type of<br>preliminaries | Denomination | Previous<br>marital<br>status |
| <b>Identical residential addresses of couple before marriage</b> |         |       |  |   |  |                      |                          |              |                               |
| 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  |                      |                          |              |                               |
| <b>Types of registered buildings</b>                             |         |       |  |   |  |                      |                          |              |                               |
| 3.42   | 2003    | E&W+  | N  |   |  |                      |                          | *            |                               |
| 3.43   | 2003    | E&W+  | N  |   |  |                      |                          | *            |                               |

| Divorce tables  |                 |       |  |   |                               |   |                     |                         |                                     |
|---|-----------------|-------|--|---|-------------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Table number  | Years           | Areas | Numbers/<br>rates/<br>proportions<br>(N/R/P) | Age at<br>divorce<br>huband/wife<br>(H/W) | Previous<br>marital<br>status | Age at<br>marriage<br>husband/wife<br>(H/W) | Year of<br>marriage | Duration of<br>marriage | Number of<br>children<br>per couple |
| <b>Age at divorce</b>                                     |                 |       |  |   |                               |   |                     |                         |                                     |
| 4.1   | 1993–2003       | E&W   | N/R/Mean/<br>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   | *                             |   |                     |                         |                                     |
| <b>Age at marriage</b>                                    |                 |       |  |   |                               |   |                     |                         |                                     |
| 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   | *                   |                         |                                     |
| <b>Year of birth (cohort) analyses</b>                    |                 |       |  |   |                               |   |                     |                         |                                     |
| 4.8   | cohort          | E&W   | P  | H/W                                       |                               |   |                     |                         |                                     |
| <b>Duration of marriage</b>                               |                 |       |  |   |                               |   |                     |                         |                                     |
| 4.9   | 1993-2003, 2003 | E&W   | N/Median                                     |   |                               | H/W   |                     | *                       |                                     |
| <b>Children in families of couples divorced</b>           |                 |       |  |   |                               |   |                     |                         |                                     |
| 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   |                     | *                       | *                                   |
| <b>Marital status before marriage of persons divorced</b> |                 |       |  |   |                               |   |                     |                         |                                     |
| 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   | *                   |                         |                                     |
| <b>Facts proven at divorce</b>                            |                 |       |  |   |                               |   |                     |                         |                                     |
| 4.20  | 2003            | E&W   | N  |   |                               |   |                     |                         |                                     |
| 4.21  | 2003            | E&W   | NP   | H/W                                       |                               |   |                     |                         |                                     |
| 4.22  | 2003            | E&W   | N  |   |                               |   |                     |                         |                                     |
| <b>Other</b>  |                 |       |  |   |                               |   |                     |                         |                                     |
| 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 |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---------|--------------|
| <b>Identical residential addresses of couple before marriage</b> |                                    |                                 |                                 |   |                            |         |              |
| B/G  | G                                  |                                 |                                 |   | *                          | 2003    | 3.38         |
|  |                                    |                                 |                                 |   | *                          | 2003    | 3.39         |
|  |                                    |                                 |                                 |   | *                          | 2003    | 3.40         |
|  |                                    |                                 |                                 |   | *                          | 2003    | 3.41         |
| <b>Types of registered buildings</b>                             |                                    |                                 |                                 |   |                            |         |              |
|  |                                    |                                 |                                 | *   |                            | 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 |
|---|---|--------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Age at divorce</b>                                     |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       |                 |              |
|   |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       | 1993–2003       | 4.1          |
|   |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       | 2003            | 4.2          |
|   |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       | 2003            | 4.3          |
|   |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       | 2003            | 4.4          |
| <b>Age at marriage</b>                                    |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       |                 |              |
|   |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       | 1993–2003       | 4.5          |
|   |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       | 2003            | 4.6          |
|   |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       | 2003            | 4.7          |
| <b>Year of birth (cohort) analyses</b>                    |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       |                 |              |
|   |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       | cohort          | 4.8          |
| <b>Duration of marriage</b>                               |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       |                 |              |
|   |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       | 1993-2003, 2003 | 4.9          |
| <b>Children in families of couples divorced</b>           |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       |                 |              |
| *   |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       | 1993–2003       | 4.10         |
| *   |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       | 1993–2003       | 4.11         |
| *   |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       | 2003            | 4.12         |
| *   |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       | 2003            | 4.13         |
| *   |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       | 2003            | 4.14         |
| *   |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       | 2003            | 4.15         |
| <b>Marital status before marriage of persons divorced</b> |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       |                 |              |
|   |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       | 1993–2003       | 4.16         |
|   |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       | 2003            | 4.17         |
|   |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       | 2003            | 4.18         |
|   |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       | 2003            | 4.19         |
| <b>Facts proven at divorce</b>                            |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       |                 |              |
|   | H/W                                       | *            |                                   |  |  |                       | 2003            | 4.20         |
|   | H/W                                       | *            |                                   |  |  |                       | 2003            | 4.21         |
| *   |   | *            | *                                 |  |  |                       | 2003            | 4.22         |
| <b>Other</b>  |   |              |                                   |  |  |                       |                 |              |
|   |   |              |                                   | *  | *  |                       | 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**). Research<sup>1</sup> 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](http://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*<sup>3</sup> (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 here<sup>2</sup>.

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:info@dfes.gsi.gov.uk)

**Table A Denominators used in calculating rates**

| <b>Table number</b> | <b>Subject</b>  | <b>Rate</b>   | <b>Denominator</b>  | <b>Source of denominator</b> |
|---------------------|-----------------|---|---|------------------------------|
| 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*<sup>4</sup>.

**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 <sup>1</sup> | 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         |

<sup>1</sup> 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 births<sup>3</sup> and divorces (see **Table 4.8**); these have been studied elsewhere<sup>5</sup>.

### 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 Deaths<sup>1</sup> 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 |
| <b>Males</b>   |            |                      |                          |                                       |                      |                          |                          |                      |                          |
| 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                    |
| <b>Females</b> |            |                      |                          |                                       |                      |                          |                          |                      |                          |
| 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                     |

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup> | 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          |

<sup>1</sup> 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* 31<sup>6</sup>.

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

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| 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.       |

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| 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).   |



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**Table 1.1 Estimated population: sex, age and marital status<sup>1</sup>, 1993-2003**

**England and Wales**  
thousands

| Age group         | Marital status | 1993            | 1994            | 1995            | 1996            | 1997            | 1998            | 1999            | 2000            | 2001            | 2002            | 2003            |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Males</b>      |                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>All ages</b>   | <b>Total</b>   | <b>24,792.6</b> | <b>24,853.0</b> | <b>24,946.3</b> | <b>25,029.8</b> | <b>25,113.2</b> | <b>25,200.7</b> | <b>25,323.4</b> | <b>25,438.0</b> | <b>25,574.3</b> | <b>25,702.4</b> | <b>25,840.6</b> |
|                   | 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         |
| <b>Age groups</b> |                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| 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          | <b>Total</b>   | <b>6,564.0</b>  | <b>6,579.5</b>  | <b>6,601.2</b>  | <b>6,631.5</b>  | <b>6,676.9</b>  | <b>6,709.1</b>  | <b>6,721.2</b>  | <b>6,699.3</b>  | <b>6,687.8</b>  | <b>6,698.6</b>  | <b>6,711.3</b>  |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,874.6</b>  | <b>1,801.3</b>  | <b>1,737.3</b>  | <b>1,658.3</b>  | <b>1,580.2</b>  | <b>1,530.3</b>  | <b>1,530.0</b>  | <b>1,547.8</b>  | <b>1,579.2</b>  | <b>1,606.9</b>  | <b>1,645.9</b>  |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>2,051.4</b>  | <b>2,024.0</b>  | <b>1,994.3</b>  | <b>1,969.9</b>  | <b>1,931.9</b>  | <b>1,886.6</b>  | <b>1,836.1</b>  | <b>1,795.6</b>  | <b>1,741.9</b>  | <b>1,674.4</b>  | <b>1,634.1</b>  |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,940.3</b>  | <b>1,985.6</b>  | <b>2,027.9</b>  | <b>2,050.2</b>  | <b>2,063.5</b>  | <b>2,055.7</b>  | <b>2,044.2</b>  | <b>2,027.1</b>  | <b>2,016.1</b>  | <b>1,990.0</b>  | <b>1,953.9</b>  |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,706.1</b>  | <b>1,736.0</b>  | <b>1,781.9</b>  | <b>1,833.7</b>  | <b>1,879.9</b>  | <b>1,924.2</b>  | <b>1,974.0</b>  | <b>2,019.1</b>  | <b>2,049.7</b>  | <b>2,073.5</b>  | <b>2,078.2</b>  |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,690.2</b>  | <b>1,665.4</b>  | <b>1,650.8</b>  | <b>1,655.4</b>  | <b>1,675.7</b>  | <b>1,703.2</b>  | <b>1,737.4</b>  | <b>1,782.7</b>  | <b>1,831.2</b>  | <b>1,881.3</b>  | <b>1,927.8</b>  |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,762.7</b>  | <b>1,791.8</b>  | <b>1,808.5</b>  | <b>1,809.8</b>  | <b>1,723.4</b>  | <b>1,671.4</b>  | <b>1,649.7</b>  | <b>1,636.9</b>  | <b>1,643.9</b>  | <b>1,662.1</b>  | <b>1,689.6</b>  |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,386.3</b>  | <b>1,426.9</b>  | <b>1,471.1</b>  | <b>1,534.2</b>  | <b>1,659.9</b>  | <b>1,729.0</b>  | <b>1,760.5</b>  | <b>1,775.9</b>  | <b>1,770.9</b>  | <b>1,694.1</b>  | <b>1,640.7</b>  |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,299.3</b>  | <b>1,316.7</b>  | <b>1,324.3</b>  | <b>1,314.8</b>  | <b>1,317.8</b>  | <b>1,343.5</b>  | <b>1,383.0</b>  | <b>1,428.7</b>  | <b>1,492.0</b>  | <b>1,611.2</b>  | <b>1,677.9</b>  |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,219.1</b>  | <b>1,210.4</b>  | <b>1,206.7</b>  | <b>1,205.0</b>  | <b>1,212.5</b>  | <b>1,230.5</b>  | <b>1,249.9</b>  | <b>1,259.2</b>  | <b>1,251.7</b>  | <b>1,252.7</b>  | <b>1,274.4</b>  |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,117.5</b>  | <b>1,109.8</b>  | <b>1,107.1</b>  | <b>1,105.6</b>  | <b>1,104.4</b>  | <b>1,102.6</b>  | <b>1,098.8</b>  | <b>1,099.7</b>  | <b>1,104.9</b>  | <b>1,116.9</b>  | <b>1,134.7</b>  |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>965.4</b>    | <b>998.7</b>    | <b>971.3</b>    | <b>953.6</b>    | <b>942.8</b>    | <b>938.6</b>    | <b>937.5</b>    | <b>940.5</b>    | <b>946.8</b>    | <b>952.1</b>    | <b>957.3</b>    |
|                   | 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       | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,215.7</b>  | <b>1,206.9</b>  | <b>1,264.0</b>  | <b>1,307.7</b>  | <b>1,344.3</b>  | <b>1,376.0</b>  | <b>1,401.0</b>  | <b>1,425.4</b>  | <b>1,458.3</b>  | <b>1,488.4</b>  | <b>1,514.8</b>  |
|                   | 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.

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Table 1.1 - continued

| Age group         | Marital status | 1993            | 1994            | 1995            | 1996            | 1997            | 1998            | 1999            | 2000            | 2001            | 2002            | 2003            |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Females</b>    |                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>All ages</b>   | <b>Total</b>   | <b>26,193.2</b> | <b>26,263.2</b> | <b>26,325.6</b> | <b>26,380.7</b> | <b>26,446.5</b> | <b>26,519.4</b> | <b>26,610.0</b> | <b>26,702.1</b> | <b>26,785.7</b> | <b>26,867.8</b> | <b>26,953.1</b> |
|                   | 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         |
| <b>Age groups</b> |                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| 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             | 280.0           | 304.4           | 317.2           | 315.4           | 309.5           | 309.5           | 311.1           | 322.4           | 323.4           | 329.4           | 338.3           |
| Under 20          | <b>Total</b>   | <b>6,289.5</b>  | <b>6,307.7</b>  | <b>6,329.4</b>  | <b>6,354.2</b>  | <b>6,394.9</b>  | <b>6,421.8</b>  | <b>6,430.2</b>  | <b>6,395.6</b>  | <b>6,374.1</b>  | <b>6,369.6</b>  | <b>6,372.0</b>  |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,842.6</b>  | <b>1,774.3</b>  | <b>1,712.0</b>  | <b>1,633.0</b>  | <b>1,560.6</b>  | <b>1,516.7</b>  | <b>1,516.9</b>  | <b>1,540.0</b>  | <b>1,577.7</b>  | <b>1,604.4</b>  | <b>1,636.8</b>  |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>2,062.9</b>  | <b>2,041.3</b>  | <b>2,004.9</b>  | <b>1,979.7</b>  | <b>1,945.2</b>  | <b>1,902.3</b>  | <b>1,850.9</b>  | <b>1,809.9</b>  | <b>1,744.7</b>  | <b>1,674.0</b>  | <b>1,627.5</b>  |
|                   | Single         | 1,977.6         | 1,907.0         | 1,837.7         | 1,773.3         | 1,712.3         | 1,639.1         | 1,551.1         | 1,464.6         | 1,358.9         | 1,252.1         | 1,153.0         |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,956.2</b>  | <b>2,008.0</b>  | <b>2,051.0</b>  | <b>2,075.8</b>  | <b>2,087.9</b>  | <b>2,080.7</b>  | <b>2,069.2</b>  | <b>2,049.3</b>  | <b>2,033.4</b>  | <b>2,010.3</b>  | <b>1,974.5</b>  |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,723.7</b>  | <b>1,760.0</b>  | <b>1,802.5</b>  | <b>1,853.9</b>  | <b>1,903.4</b>  | <b>1,951.9</b>  | <b>2,004.0</b>  | <b>2,053.7</b>  | <b>2,082.0</b>  | <b>2,102.5</b>  | <b>2,101.0</b>  |
|                   | Single         | 1,977.6         | 2,195.2         | 2,445.2         | 2,737.7         | 3,051.1         | 3,388.5         | 3,744.0         | 4,110.0         | 4,444.4         | 4,774.4         | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,704.6</b>  | <b>1,683.3</b>  | <b>1,667.7</b>  | <b>1,673.8</b>  | <b>1,695.6</b>  | <b>1,725.0</b>  | <b>1,759.1</b>  | <b>1,805.2</b>  | <b>1,853.3</b>  | <b>1,904.8</b>  | <b>1,954.6</b>  |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,768.9</b>  | <b>1,802.5</b>  | <b>1,821.8</b>  | <b>1,825.4</b>  | <b>1,744.4</b>  | <b>1,693.2</b>  | <b>1,673.9</b>  | <b>1,664.6</b>  | <b>1,670.1</b>  | <b>1,689.7</b>  | <b>1,719.9</b>  |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,390.8</b>  | <b>1,432.7</b>  | <b>1,479.2</b>  | <b>1,544.4</b>  | <b>1,672.6</b>  | <b>1,747.0</b>  | <b>1,781.9</b>  | <b>1,803.4</b>  | <b>1,801.3</b>  | <b>1,727.5</b>  | <b>1,673.4</b>  |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,312.3</b>  | <b>1,332.0</b>  | <b>1,341.8</b>  | <b>1,333.9</b>  | <b>1,340.1</b>  | <b>1,367.5</b>  | <b>1,407.0</b>  | <b>1,454.5</b>  | <b>1,520.0</b>  | <b>1,642.2</b>  | <b>1,714.6</b>  |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,291.2</b>  | <b>1,273.2</b>  | <b>1,258.9</b>  | <b>1,252.2</b>  | <b>1,256.6</b>  | <b>1,272.4</b>  | <b>1,292.1</b>  | <b>1,304.4</b>  | <b>1,297.3</b>  | <b>1,300.0</b>  | <b>1,324.9</b>  |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,271.0</b>  | <b>1,255.7</b>  | <b>1,247.9</b>  | <b>1,240.2</b>  | <b>1,230.3</b>  | <b>1,220.5</b>  | <b>1,206.7</b>  | <b>1,198.1</b>  | <b>1,194.0</b>  | <b>1,199.6</b>  | <b>1,213.0</b>  |
|                   | 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             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,247.3</b>  | <b>1,282.9</b>  | <b>1,235.3</b>  | <b>1,196.5</b>  | <b>1,168.6</b>  | <b>1,149.6</b>  | <b>1,138.0</b>  | <b>1,134.0</b>  | <b>1,131.8</b>  | <b>1,126.9</b>  | <b>1,121.7</b>  |
|                   | 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       | <b>Total</b>   | <b>2,332.2</b>  | <b>2,309.6</b>  | <b>2,373.2</b>  | <b>2,417.7</b>  | <b>2,446.2</b>  | <b>2,470.8</b>  | <b>2,480.2</b>  | <b>2,489.4</b>  | <b>2,505.9</b>  | <b>2,516.4</b>  | <b>2,519.2</b>  |
|                   | 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 status<sup>1</sup>, 1993-2003**

England and Wales

| Age group         | Marital status  | 1993       | 1994       | 1995       | 1996       | 1997       | 1998       | 1999       | 2000       | 2001       | 2002       | 2003       |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Males</b>      |                 |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>All ages</b>   | <b>Single</b>   | <b>456</b> | <b>459</b> | <b>462</b> | <b>465</b> | <b>468</b> | <b>471</b> | <b>474</b> | <b>477</b> | <b>480</b> | <b>483</b> | <b>487</b> |
|                   | <b>Married</b>  | <b>464</b> | <b>460</b> | <b>456</b> | <b>452</b> | <b>448</b> | <b>444</b> | <b>440</b> | <b>437</b> | <b>434</b> | <b>429</b> | <b>423</b> |
|                   | <b>Widowed</b>  | <b>30</b>  | <b>29</b>  | <b>29</b>  | <b>29</b>  | <b>29</b>  | <b>29</b>  | <b>29</b>  | <b>29</b>  | <b>29</b>  | <b>28</b>  | <b>28</b>  |
|                   | <b>Divorced</b> | <b>50</b>  | <b>51</b>  | <b>53</b>  | <b>54</b>  | <b>55</b>  | <b>56</b>  | <b>57</b>  | <b>57</b>  | <b>58</b>  | <b>60</b>  | <b>62</b>  |
| <b>Age groups</b> |                 |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 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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| Age group         | Marital status  | 1993       | 1994       | 1995       | 1996       | 1997       | 1998       | 1999       | 2000       | 2001       | 2002       | 2003       |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Females</b>    |                 |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>All ages</b>   | <b>Single</b>   | <b>382</b> | <b>385</b> | <b>389</b> | <b>392</b> | <b>395</b> | <b>399</b> | <b>402</b> | <b>405</b> | <b>408</b> | <b>411</b> | <b>415</b> |
|                   | <b>Married</b>  | <b>446</b> | <b>442</b> | <b>437</b> | <b>433</b> | <b>429</b> | <b>426</b> | <b>422</b> | <b>419</b> | <b>416</b> | <b>412</b> | <b>408</b> |
|                   | <b>Widowed</b>  | <b>112</b> | <b>111</b> | <b>110</b> | <b>109</b> | <b>108</b> | <b>107</b> | <b>105</b> | <b>104</b> | <b>102</b> | <b>101</b> | <b>99</b>  |
|                   | <b>Divorced</b> | <b>60</b>  | <b>62</b>  | <b>64</b>  | <b>66</b>  | <b>67</b>  | <b>69</b>  | <b>70</b>  | <b>72</b>  | <b>74</b>  | <b>76</b>  | <b>78</b>  |
| <b>Age groups</b> |                 |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 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         |

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Table 2.1 Marriages and divorces, 1993-2003

England and Wales

| Year | Marriages      |                                |                                  |                            | Divorces                         |                                    |                                |                               |                                  |                    |
|------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
|      | Total          | First marriage of both parties | First marriage of one party only | Remarriage of both parties | New petitions filed <sup>1</sup> | Decrees made absolute <sup>2</sup> |                                |                               |                                  |                    |
|      |                |                                |                                  |                            |                                  | Total                              | First marriage of both parties | One party previously divorced | Both parties previously divorced | Other combinations |
| 1993 | <b>299,197</b> | 181,956                        | 64,551                           | 52,690                     | 185,105                          | <b>165,018</b>                     | 119,911                        | 29,173                        | 14,773                           | 1,161              |
| 1994 | <b>291,069</b> | 174,200                        | 64,009                           | 52,860                     | 176,523                          | <b>158,175</b>                     | 114,174                        | 28,641                        | 14,265                           | 1,095              |
| 1995 | <b>283,012</b> | 166,418                        | 63,975                           | 52,619                     | 174,893                          | <b>155,499</b>                     | 111,485                        | 28,708                        | 14,211                           | 1,095              |
| 1996 | <b>278,975</b> | 160,680                        | 64,653                           | 53,642                     | 178,819                          | <b>157,107</b>                     | 111,977                        | 29,413                        | 14,630                           | 1,087              |
| 1997 | <b>272,536</b> | 156,907                        | 62,911                           | 52,718                     | 164,272                          | <b>146,689</b>                     | 104,205                        | 27,653                        | 13,794                           | 1,037              |
| 1998 | <b>267,303</b> | 156,539                        | 60,642                           | 50,122                     | 166,349                          | <b>145,214</b>                     | 102,677                        | 27,859                        | 13,746                           | 932                |
| 1999 | <b>263,515</b> | 155,027                        | 59,540                           | 48,948                     | 162,686                          | <b>144,556</b>                     | 101,548                        | 27,915                        | 14,138                           | 955                |
| 2000 | <b>267,961</b> | 156,140                        | 61,550                           | 50,271                     | 158,261                          | <b>141,135</b>                     | 98,824                         | 27,595                        | 13,888                           | 828                |
| 2001 | <b>249,227</b> | 148,642                        | 55,943                           | 44,642                     | 172,833                          | <b>143,818</b>                     | 100,541                        | 28,306                        | 14,100                           | 871                |
| 2002 | <b>255,596</b> | 151,014                        | 57,768                           | 46,814                     | 177,667                          | <b>147,735</b>                     | 102,774                        | 29,389                        | 14,688                           | 884                |
| 2003 | <b>270,109</b> | 160,283                        | 60,074                           | 49,752                     | 173,726                          | <b>153,490</b>                     | 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.

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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     |

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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      |

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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 | <b>299,197</b> | 9,245 <sup>1</sup> | 11,850   | 15,411              | 22,327              | 32,769 <sup>1</sup> | 33,125              | 41,855 <sup>1</sup> | 40,151              | 39,547              | 25,248 <sup>1</sup> | 13,459              | 14,210              |
| 1994 | <b>291,069</b> | 8,507 <sup>1</sup> | 12,013   | 16,256              | 23,323 <sup>1</sup> | 28,410              | 32,117              | 39,809 <sup>1</sup> | 39,228              | 39,348              | 24,126 <sup>1</sup> | 13,399              | 14,533              |
| 1995 | <b>283,012</b> | 8,032              | 11,241   | 14,738              | 22,627 <sup>1</sup> | 26,550              | 32,235              | 39,599 <sup>1</sup> | 38,757              | 41,412 <sup>1</sup> | 20,098              | 12,741              | 14,982 <sup>1</sup> |
| 1996 | <b>278,975</b> | 7,853              | 12,246   | 16,378 <sup>1</sup> | 19,082              | 27,181              | 34,425 <sup>1</sup> | 33,604              | 46,161 <sup>1</sup> | 34,253              | 20,312              | 14,186 <sup>1</sup> | 13,294              |
| 1997 | <b>272,536</b> | 7,575              | 11,513   | 15,860 <sup>1</sup> | 17,045              | 29,587 <sup>1</sup> | 30,077              | 33,836              | 45,514 <sup>1</sup> | 33,879              | 20,967              | 14,146 <sup>1</sup> | 12,537              |
| 1998 | <b>267,303</b> | 7,720 <sup>1</sup> | 12,756   | 12,930              | 18,705              | 29,025 <sup>1</sup> | 27,285              | 33,041              | 43,365 <sup>1</sup> | 33,807              | 23,142 <sup>1</sup> | 12,671              | 12,856              |
| 1999 | <b>263,515</b> | 7,872 <sup>1</sup> | 10,788   | 13,801              | 17,574              | 28,018 <sup>1</sup> | 27,560              | 37,010 <sup>1</sup> | 37,657              | 34,822              | 23,407 <sup>1</sup> | 13,041              | 11,965              |
| 2000 | <b>267,961</b> | 7,101 <sup>1</sup> | 11,452   | 12,939              | 20,221 <sup>1</sup> | 24,617              | 29,356              | 37,740 <sup>1</sup> | 39,194              | 39,761 <sup>1</sup> | 19,476              | 12,652              | 13,452 <sup>1</sup> |
| 2001 | <b>249,227</b> | 6,196              | 9,720    | 12,920 <sup>1</sup> | 16,572              | 23,413              | 30,891 <sup>1</sup> | 31,248              | 38,580              | 35,503 <sup>1</sup> | 17,915              | 12,356              | 13,913 <sup>1</sup> |
| 2002 | <b>255,596</b> | 6,788              | 10,850   | 14,255 <sup>1</sup> | 15,105              | 24,385              | 31,634 <sup>1</sup> | 31,097              | 43,957 <sup>1</sup> | 30,617              | 18,806              | 14,283 <sup>1</sup> | 13,819              |
| 2003 | <b>270,109</b> | 7,998              | 11,861   | 14,166 <sup>1</sup> | 18,066              | 28,994 <sup>1</sup> | 28,092              | 32,860              | 46,086 <sup>1</sup> | 32,923              | 20,432              | 14,685 <sup>1</sup> | 13,946              |

<sup>1</sup> These months contain five Saturdays.

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**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           |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Numbers</b>                 |                |                    |               |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>All marriages</b>           |                |                    |               |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>270,109</b> | <b>7,998</b>       | <b>11,861</b> | <b>14,166</b>      | <b>18,066</b>      | <b>28,994</b>       | <b>28,092</b>      | <b>32,860</b>      | <b>46,086</b>       | <b>32,923</b>      | <b>20,432</b>      | <b>14,685</b>      | <b>13,946</b>      |
| Sunday                         | 11,737         | 130                | 214           | 376 <sup>1</sup>   | 607                | 1,614               | 1,213 <sup>1</sup> | 1,341              | 2,800 <sup>1</sup>  | 1,427              | 710                | 488 <sup>1</sup>   | 817                |
| Monday                         | 11,728         | 502                | 665           | 988 <sup>1</sup>   | 800                | 588                 | 1,214 <sup>1</sup> | 1,220              | 1,213               | 1,504 <sup>1</sup> | 822                | 657                | 1,555 <sup>1</sup> |
| Tuesday                        | 9,078          | 389                | 473           | 516                | 923 <sup>1</sup>   | 744                 | 717                | 966 <sup>1</sup>   | 1,112               | 1,004 <sup>1</sup> | 653                | 513                | 1,068 <sup>1</sup> |
| Wednesday                      | 11,489         | 531 <sup>1</sup>   | 588           | 636                | 1,099 <sup>1</sup> | 840                 | 859                | 1,202 <sup>1</sup> | 1,268               | 981                | 932 <sup>1</sup>   | 749                | 1,804 <sup>1</sup> |
| Thursday                       | 13,782         | 701 <sup>1</sup>   | 727           | 711                | 1,305              | 1,458 <sup>1</sup>  | 1,230              | 1,786 <sup>1</sup> | 1,928               | 1,370              | 1,185 <sup>1</sup> | 749                | 632                |
| Friday                         | 47,995         | 1,658 <sup>1</sup> | 3,476         | 2,222              | 2,523              | 5,080 <sup>1</sup>  | 4,213              | 5,513              | 8,999 <sup>1</sup>  | 6,034              | 4,138 <sup>1</sup> | 2,357              | 1,782              |
| Saturday                       | 164,300        | 4,087              | 5,718         | 8,717 <sup>1</sup> | 10,809             | 18,670 <sup>1</sup> | 18,646             | 20,832             | 28,766 <sup>1</sup> | 20,603             | 11,992             | 9,172 <sup>1</sup> | 6,288              |
| <b>Civil marriages</b>         |                |                    |               |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>183,124</b> | <b>6,819</b>       | <b>10,081</b> | <b>11,253</b>      | <b>13,502</b>      | <b>18,906</b>       | <b>17,423</b>      | <b>19,733</b>      | <b>26,806</b>       | <b>20,654</b>      | <b>15,257</b>      | <b>11,723</b>      | <b>10,967</b>      |
| Sunday                         | 7,518          | 76                 | 131           | 211 <sup>1</sup>   | 399                | 1,040               | 787 <sup>1</sup>   | 816                | 1,758 <sup>1</sup>  | 973                | 475                | 317 <sup>1</sup>   | 535                |
| Monday                         | 10,893         | 479                | 636           | 946 <sup>1</sup>   | 685                | 506                 | 1,171 <sup>1</sup> | 1,152              | 1,068               | 1,442 <sup>1</sup> | 790                | 640                | 1,378 <sup>1</sup> |
| Tuesday                        | 8,463          | 367                | 444           | 486                | 869 <sup>1</sup>   | 695                 | 656                | 894 <sup>1</sup>   | 1,049               | 940 <sup>1</sup>   | 614                | 488                | 961 <sup>1</sup>   |
| Wednesday                      | 10,849         | 498 <sup>1</sup>   | 570           | 606                | 1,050 <sup>1</sup> | 798                 | 821                | 1,147 <sup>1</sup> | 1,169               | 931                | 883 <sup>1</sup>   | 714                | 1,662 <sup>1</sup> |
| Thursday                       | 12,976         | 670 <sup>1</sup>   | 706           | 676                | 1,248              | 1,367 <sup>1</sup>  | 1,161              | 1,643 <sup>1</sup> | 1,777               | 1,286              | 1,135 <sup>1</sup> | 718                | 589                |
| Friday                         | 40,685         | 1,554 <sup>1</sup> | 3,206         | 2,066              | 2,239              | 4,313 <sup>1</sup>  | 3,550              | 4,461              | 6,929 <sup>1</sup>  | 4,912              | 3,691 <sup>1</sup> | 2,180              | 1,584              |
| Saturday                       | 91,740         | 3,175              | 4,388         | 6,262 <sup>1</sup> | 7,012              | 10,187 <sup>1</sup> | 9,277              | 9,620              | 13,056 <sup>1</sup> | 10,170             | 7,669              | 6,666 <sup>1</sup> | 4,258              |
| <b>Religious marriages</b>     |                |                    |               |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>86,985</b>  | <b>1,179</b>       | <b>1,780</b>  | <b>2,913</b>       | <b>4,564</b>       | <b>10,088</b>       | <b>10,669</b>      | <b>13,127</b>      | <b>19,280</b>       | <b>12,269</b>      | <b>5,175</b>       | <b>2,962</b>       | <b>2,979</b>       |
| Sunday                         | 4,219          | 54                 | 83            | 165 <sup>1</sup>   | 208                | 574                 | 426 <sup>1</sup>   | 525                | 1,042 <sup>1</sup>  | 454                | 235                | 171 <sup>1</sup>   | 282                |
| Monday                         | 835            | 23                 | 29            | 42 <sup>1</sup>    | 115                | 82                  | 43 <sup>1</sup>    | 68                 | 145                 | 62 <sup>1</sup>    | 32                 | 17                 | 177 <sup>1</sup>   |
| Tuesday                        | 615            | 22                 | 29            | 30                 | 54 <sup>1</sup>    | 49                  | 61                 | 72 <sup>1</sup>    | 63                  | 64 <sup>1</sup>    | 39                 | 25                 | 107 <sup>1</sup>   |
| Wednesday                      | 640            | 33 <sup>1</sup>    | 18            | 30                 | 49 <sup>1</sup>    | 42                  | 38                 | 55 <sup>1</sup>    | 99                  | 50                 | 49 <sup>1</sup>    | 35                 | 142 <sup>1</sup>   |
| Thursday                       | 806            | 31 <sup>1</sup>    | 21            | 35                 | 57                 | 91 <sup>1</sup>     | 69                 | 143 <sup>1</sup>   | 151                 | 84                 | 50 <sup>1</sup>    | 31                 | 43                 |
| Friday                         | 7,310          | 104 <sup>1</sup>   | 270           | 156                | 284                | 767 <sup>1</sup>    | 663                | 1,052              | 2,070 <sup>1</sup>  | 1,122              | 447 <sup>1</sup>   | 177                | 198                |
| Saturday                       | 72,560         | 912                | 1,330         | 2,455 <sup>1</sup> | 3,797              | 8,483 <sup>1</sup>  | 9,369              | 11,212             | 15,710 <sup>1</sup> | 10,433             | 4,323              | 2,506 <sup>1</sup> | 2,030              |
| <b>Percentages<sup>2</sup></b> |                |                    |               |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>All marriages</b>           |                |                    |               |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                     |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>       | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>       | <b>100.0</b>       | <b>100.0</b>        | <b>100.0</b>       | <b>100.0</b>       | <b>100.0</b>        | <b>100.0</b>       | <b>100.0</b>       | <b>100.0</b>       | <b>100.0</b>       |
| 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.

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**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       |
|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Numbers</b>                          |                |               |               |              |               |               |               |                |
| <b>All marriages</b>                    | <b>270,109</b> | <b>11,737</b> | <b>11,728</b> | <b>9,078</b> | <b>11,489</b> | <b>13,782</b> | <b>47,995</b> | <b>164,300</b> |
| <b>All civil marriages</b>              | <b>183,124</b> | <b>7,518</b>  | <b>10,893</b> | <b>8,463</b> | <b>10,849</b> | <b>12,976</b> | <b>40,685</b> | <b>91,740</b>  |
| 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         |
| <b>All religious marriages</b>          | <b>86,985</b>  | <b>4,219</b>  | <b>835</b>    | <b>615</b>   | <b>640</b>    | <b>806</b>    | <b>7,310</b>  | <b>72,560</b>  |
| 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              |
| <b>Percentages</b>                      |                |               |               |              |               |               |               |                |
| <b>All marriages</b>                    | <b>100</b>     | <b>4.3</b>    | <b>4.3</b>    | <b>3.4</b>   | <b>4.3</b>    | <b>5.1</b>    | <b>17.8</b>   | <b>60.8</b>    |
| <b>All civil marriages</b>              | <b>100</b>     | <b>4.1</b>    | <b>5.9</b>    | <b>4.6</b>   | <b>5.9</b>    | <b>7.1</b>    | <b>22.2</b>   | <b>50.1</b>    |
| 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           |
| <b>All religious marriages</b>          | <b>100</b>     | <b>4.9</b>    | <b>1.0</b>    | <b>0.7</b>   | <b>0.7</b>    | <b>0.9</b>    | <b>8.4</b>    | <b>83.4</b>    |
| 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          |

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**Table 3.5 Marriages: type of ceremony, previous marital statuses<sup>1</sup> of bride and bridegroom and day of occurrence, 2003**

England and Wales

|                            |                   | Total          | Sunday        | Monday        | Tuesday      | Wednesday     | Thursday      | Friday        | Saturday       |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>All marriages</b>       |                   |                |               |               |              |               |               |               |                |
| <b>All bridegrooms</b>     | <b>All brides</b> | <b>270,109</b> | <b>11,737</b> | <b>11,728</b> | <b>9,078</b> | <b>11,489</b> | <b>13,782</b> | <b>47,995</b> | <b>164,300</b> |
|                            | 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          |
| <b>Single men</b>          | <b>All brides</b> | <b>189,470</b> | <b>8,643</b>  | <b>7,617</b>  | <b>5,954</b> | <b>7,118</b>  | <b>8,825</b>  | <b>31,099</b> | <b>120,214</b> |
|                            | 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            |
| <b>Divorced men</b>        | <b>All brides</b> | <b>74,397</b>  | <b>2,871</b>  | <b>3,759</b>  | <b>2,827</b> | <b>3,965</b>  | <b>4,522</b>  | <b>15,720</b> | <b>40,733</b>  |
|                            | 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          |
| <b>Widowers</b>            | <b>All brides</b> | <b>6,242</b>   | <b>223</b>    | <b>352</b>    | <b>297</b>   | <b>406</b>    | <b>435</b>    | <b>1,176</b>  | <b>3,353</b>   |
|                            | 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          |
| <b>Civil marriages</b>     |                   |                |               |               |              |               |               |               |                |
| <b>All bridegrooms</b>     | <b>All brides</b> | <b>183,124</b> | <b>7,518</b>  | <b>10,893</b> | <b>8,463</b> | <b>10,849</b> | <b>12,976</b> | <b>40,685</b> | <b>91,740</b>  |
|                            | 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          |
| <b>Single men</b>          | <b>All brides</b> | <b>116,353</b> | <b>5,060</b>  | <b>6,956</b>  | <b>5,469</b> | <b>6,687</b>  | <b>8,229</b>  | <b>24,975</b> | <b>58,977</b>  |
|                            | 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            |
| <b>Divorced men</b>        | <b>All brides</b> | <b>62,292</b>  | <b>2,304</b>  | <b>3,629</b>  | <b>2,731</b> | <b>3,806</b>  | <b>4,359</b>  | <b>14,705</b> | <b>30,758</b>  |
|                            | 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          |
| <b>Widowers</b>            | <b>All brides</b> | <b>4,479</b>   | <b>154</b>    | <b>308</b>    | <b>263</b>   | <b>356</b>    | <b>388</b>    | <b>1,005</b>  | <b>2,005</b>   |
|                            | 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            |
| <b>Religious marriages</b> |                   |                |               |               |              |               |               |               |                |
| <b>All bridegrooms</b>     | <b>All brides</b> | <b>86,985</b>  | <b>4,219</b>  | <b>835</b>    | <b>615</b>   | <b>640</b>    | <b>806</b>    | <b>7,310</b>  | <b>72,560</b>  |
|                            | 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          |
| <b>Single men</b>          | <b>All brides</b> | <b>73,117</b>  | <b>3,583</b>  | <b>661</b>    | <b>485</b>   | <b>431</b>    | <b>596</b>    | <b>6,124</b>  | <b>61,237</b>  |
|                            | 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            |
| <b>Divorced men</b>        | <b>All brides</b> | <b>12,105</b>  | <b>567</b>    | <b>130</b>    | <b>96</b>    | <b>159</b>    | <b>163</b>    | <b>1,015</b>  | <b>9,975</b>   |
|                            | 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            |
| <b>Widowers</b>            | <b>All brides</b> | <b>1,763</b>   | <b>69</b>     | <b>44</b>     | <b>34</b>    | <b>50</b>     | <b>47</b>     | <b>171</b>    | <b>1,348</b>   |
|                            | 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            |

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

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

England and Wales

|                          | Total          | Sunday        | Monday        | Tuesday      | Wednesday     | Thursday      | Friday        | Saturday       |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>All marriages</b>     |                |               |               |              |               |               |               |                |
| <b>Age of bridegroom</b> |                |               |               |              |               |               |               |                |
| <b>All ages</b>          | <b>270,109</b> | <b>11,737</b> | <b>11,728</b> | <b>9,078</b> | <b>11,489</b> | <b>13,782</b> | <b>47,995</b> | <b>164,300</b> |
| 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            |
| <b>Age of bride</b>      |                |               |               |              |               |               |               |                |
| <b>All ages</b>          | <b>270,109</b> | <b>11,737</b> | <b>11,728</b> | <b>9,078</b> | <b>11,489</b> | <b>13,782</b> | <b>47,995</b> | <b>164,300</b> |
| 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            |
| <b>Civil marriages</b>   |                |               |               |              |               |               |               |                |
| <b>Age of bridegroom</b> |                |               |               |              |               |               |               |                |
| <b>All ages</b>          | <b>183,124</b> | <b>7,518</b>  | <b>10,893</b> | <b>8,463</b> | <b>10,849</b> | <b>12,976</b> | <b>40,685</b> | <b>91,740</b>  |
| 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            |



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Table 3.6 - continued

|                                    | Total          | Sunday       | Monday        | Tuesday      | Wednesday     | Thursday      | Friday        | Saturday      |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Civil marriages - continued</b> |                |              |               |              |               |               |               |               |
| <b>Age of bride</b>                |                |              |               |              |               |               |               |               |
| <b>All ages</b>                    | <b>183,124</b> | <b>7,518</b> | <b>10,893</b> | <b>8,463</b> | <b>10,849</b> | <b>12,976</b> | <b>40,685</b> | <b>91,740</b> |
| 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            |
| <b>Religious marriages</b>         |                |              |               |              |               |               |               |               |
| <b>Age of bridegroom</b>           |                |              |               |              |               |               |               |               |
| <b>All ages</b>                    | <b>86,985</b>  | <b>4,219</b> | <b>835</b>    | <b>615</b>   | <b>640</b>    | <b>806</b>    | <b>7,310</b>  | <b>72,560</b> |
| 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           |
| <b>Age of bride</b>                |                |              |               |              |               |               |               |               |
| <b>All ages</b>                    | <b>86,985</b>  | <b>4,219</b> | <b>835</b>    | <b>615</b>   | <b>640</b>    | <b>806</b>    | <b>7,310</b>  | <b>72,560</b> |
| 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           |

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**Table 3.7 Men marrying: previous marital statuses<sup>1</sup> 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 | <b>299,197</b>   | 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 | <b>291,069</b>   | 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 | <b>283,012</b>   | 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 | <b>278,975</b>   | 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 | <b>272,536</b>   | 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 | <b>267,303</b>   | 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 | <b>263,515</b>   | 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 | <b>267,961</b>   | 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 | <b>249,227</b>   | 175,721        | 5,828        | 67,678           | 148,642                | 1,125  | 25,954         | 990                  | 1,940  | 2,898          | 27,874                   | 2,536  | 37,268         |
| 2002 | <b>255,596</b>   | 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 | <b>270,109</b>   | 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 statuses<sup>1</sup> 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 | <b>299,197</b> | 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 | <b>291,069</b> | 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 | <b>283,012</b> | 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 | <b>278,975</b> | 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 | <b>272,536</b> | 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 | <b>267,303</b> | 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 | <b>263,515</b> | 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 | <b>267,961</b> | 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 | <b>249,227</b> | 177,506          | 5,601      | 66,120             | 148,642                  | 990      | 27,874       | 1,125              | 1,940    | 2,536        | 25,954                     | 2,898    | 37,268       |
| 2002 | <b>255,596</b> | 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 | <b>270,109</b> | 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 statuses<sup>1</sup> 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) |
| <b>Numbers</b>     |                |                                |                                  |                     |                |                            |                       |                      |                         |
| 1993               | <b>299,197</b> | 181,956                        | <b>64,551</b>                    | 61,708              | 2,843          | <b>52,690</b>              | 42,095                | 3,603                | 6,992                   |
| 1994               | <b>291,069</b> | 174,200                        | <b>64,009</b>                    | 61,150              | 2,859          | <b>52,860</b>              | 42,758                | 3,278                | 6,824                   |
| 1995               | <b>283,012</b> | 166,418                        | <b>63,975</b>                    | 61,262              | 2,713          | <b>52,619</b>              | 43,037                | 3,082                | 6,500                   |
| 1996               | <b>278,975</b> | 160,680                        | <b>64,653</b>                    | 62,041              | 2,612          | <b>53,642</b>              | 44,101                | 2,842                | 6,699                   |
| 1997               | <b>272,536</b> | 156,907                        | <b>62,911</b>                    | 60,491              | 2,420          | <b>52,718</b>              | 43,489                | 2,761                | 6,468                   |
| 1998               | <b>267,303</b> | 156,539                        | <b>60,642</b>                    | 58,202              | 2,440          | <b>50,122</b>              | 41,483                | 2,448                | 6,191                   |
| 1999               | <b>263,515</b> | 155,027                        | <b>59,540</b>                    | 57,269              | 2,271          | <b>48,948</b>              | 40,699                | 2,328                | 5,921                   |
| 2000               | <b>267,961</b> | 156,140                        | <b>61,550</b>                    | 59,262              | 2,288          | <b>50,271</b>              | 42,101                | 2,164                | 6,006                   |
| 2001               | <b>249,227</b> | 148,642                        | <b>55,943</b>                    | 53,828              | 2,115          | <b>44,642</b>              | 37,268                | 1,940                | 5,434                   |
| 2002               | <b>255,596</b> | 151,014                        | <b>57,768</b>                    | 55,523              | 2,245          | <b>46,814</b>              | 39,271                | 1,868                | 5,675                   |
| 2003               | <b>270,109</b> | 160,283                        | <b>60,074</b>                    | 57,694              | 2,380          | <b>49,752</b>              | 41,882                | 1,860                | 6,010                   |
| <b>Proportions</b> |                |                                |                                  |                     |                |                            |                       |                      |                         |
| 1993               | <b>1,000</b>   | 608                            | <b>216</b>                       | 206                 | 10             | <b>176</b>                 | 141                   | 12                   | 23                      |
| 1994               | <b>1,000</b>   | 598                            | <b>220</b>                       | 210                 | 10             | <b>182</b>                 | 147                   | 11                   | 23                      |
| 1995               | <b>1,000</b>   | 588                            | <b>226</b>                       | 216                 | 10             | <b>186</b>                 | 152                   | 11                   | 23                      |
| 1996               | <b>1,000</b>   | 576                            | <b>232</b>                       | 222                 | 9              | <b>192</b>                 | 158                   | 10                   | 24                      |
| 1997               | <b>1,000</b>   | 576                            | <b>231</b>                       | 222                 | 9              | <b>193</b>                 | 160                   | 10                   | 24                      |
| 1998               | <b>1,000</b>   | 586                            | <b>227</b>                       | 218                 | 9              | <b>188</b>                 | 155                   | 9                    | 23                      |
| 1999               | <b>1,000</b>   | 588                            | <b>226</b>                       | 217                 | 9              | <b>186</b>                 | 154                   | 9                    | 22                      |
| 2000               | <b>1,000</b>   | 583                            | <b>230</b>                       | 221                 | 9              | <b>188</b>                 | 157                   | 8                    | 22                      |
| 2001               | <b>1,000</b>   | 596                            | <b>224</b>                       | 216                 | 8              | <b>179</b>                 | 150                   | 8                    | 22                      |
| 2002               | <b>1,000</b>   | 591                            | <b>226</b>                       | 217                 | 9              | <b>183</b>                 | 154                   | 7                    | 22                      |
| 2003               | <b>1,000</b>   | 593                            | <b>222</b>                       | 214                 | 9              | <b>184</b>                 | 155                   | 7                    | 22                      |

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

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Table 3.10 First marriage rates<sup>1</sup>: 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 |
| <b>Single men<sup>2</sup></b>   |           |          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| 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         |
| <b>Single women<sup>2</sup></b> |           |          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| 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         |

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Table 3.11 First marriage rates<sup>1</sup>: 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   |
| <b>Single men<sup>2</sup></b>   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 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 |
| <b>Single women<sup>2</sup></b> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 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.

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Table 3.12 Remarriage rates<sup>1</sup>: 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 |
|      | <b>Widowed men</b>              |       |       |       |       |       |             | <b>Widowed women</b>              |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| 1993 | <b>11.9</b>                     | 39.7  | 155.0 | 106.0 | 66.2  | 48.8  | 8.8         | <b>2.8</b>                        | 41.0  | 65.8  | 66.4  | 34.1  | 18.0  | 1.6         |
| 1994 | <b>11.4</b>                     | 39.7  | 108.3 | 108.6 | 64.2  | 46.2  | 8.4         | <b>2.7</b>                        | 44.0  | 59.7  | 59.4  | 34.6  | 17.1  | 1.4         |
| 1995 | <b>10.7</b>                     | 66.9  | 105.7 | 105.7 | 55.2  | 45.5  | 7.7         | <b>2.6</b>                        | 43.8  | 61.4  | 58.9  | 32.8  | 17.0  | 1.4         |
| 1996 | <b>10.5</b>                     | 40.7  | 69.5  | 89.6  | 54.7  | 43.3  | 7.6         | <b>2.5</b>                        | 34.7  | 57.6  | 53.8  | 33.5  | 16.4  | 1.3         |
| 1997 | <b>10.1</b>                     | 18.8  | 60.9  | 68.0  | 51.9  | 39.6  | 7.5         | <b>2.4</b>                        | 30.6  | 41.0  | 49.2  | 30.5  | 15.8  | 1.3         |
| 1998 | <b>9.5</b>                      | 13.6  | 38.7  | 55.0  | 52.3  | 36.1  | 7.0         | <b>2.3</b>                        | 20.6  | 44.3  | 46.6  | 30.3  | 15.1  | 1.2         |
| 1999 | <b>9.1</b>                      | 8.2   | 43.2  | 56.3  | 46.9  | 36.6  | 6.6         | <b>2.2</b>                        | 22.6  | 42.1  | 41.3  | 27.7  | 14.4  | 1.2         |
| 2000 | <b>8.8</b>                      | 12.1  | 33.9  | 59.0  | 50.3  | 35.5  | 6.4         | <b>2.2</b>                        | 14.7  | 40.5  | 41.2  | 29.6  | 14.4  | 1.2         |
| 2001 | <b>8.0</b>                      | 4.5   | 31.8  | 46.2  | 44.5  | 30.8  | 5.9         | <b>2.0</b>                        | 12.8  | 34.5  | 39.6  | 26.0  | 13.1  | 1.1         |
| 2002 | <b>8.2</b>                      | 1.3   | 31.5  | 47.9  | 44.8  | 32.3  | 6.1         | <b>2.1</b>                        | 15.7  | 36.8  | 44.3  | 28.1  | 13.7  | 1.1         |
| 2003 | <b>8.6</b>                      | 6.4   | 56.6  | 65.3  | 49.3  | 33.4  | 6.4         | <b>2.2</b>                        | 15.5  | 42.5  | 47.0  | 28.1  | 15.1  | 1.2         |
|      | <b>Divorced men</b>             |       |       |       |       |       |             | <b>Divorced women</b>             |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| 1993 | <b>62.0</b>                     | 158.0 | 124.4 | 110.1 | 73.0  | 50.1  | 22.8        | <b>48.4</b>                       | 137.0 | 116.9 | 91.8  | 55.3  | 34.0  | 7.8         |
| 1994 | <b>60.0</b>                     | 183.6 | 131.7 | 110.2 | 71.5  | 48.2  | 22.2        | <b>47.3</b>                       | 164.1 | 121.0 | 91.4  | 54.4  | 33.0  | 7.8         |
| 1995 | <b>58.6</b>                     | 199.9 | 132.1 | 111.4 | 72.2  | 46.7  | 21.3        | <b>45.7</b>                       | 163.6 | 118.8 | 91.9  | 54.8  | 31.9  | 7.3         |
| 1996 | <b>57.9</b>                     | 183.3 | 135.2 | 111.2 | 73.8  | 47.1  | 21.2        | <b>45.6</b>                       | 183.2 | 120.6 | 93.6  | 56.0  | 32.6  | 7.7         |
| 1997 | <b>55.7</b>                     | 189.7 | 132.2 | 110.3 | 72.9  | 45.5  | 20.4        | <b>43.3</b>                       | 188.2 | 119.4 | 90.8  | 54.6  | 31.2  | 7.7         |
| 1998 | <b>52.7</b>                     | 191.3 | 124.7 | 104.1 | 71.6  | 43.6  | 19.7        | <b>40.1</b>                       | 174.5 | 114.5 | 87.1  | 52.2  | 29.3  | 7.5         |
| 1999 | <b>50.7</b>                     | 157.6 | 120.7 | 102.9 | 70.2  | 43.1  | 19.0        | <b>38.4</b>                       | 158.6 | 107.0 | 84.8  | 52.3  | 28.5  | 7.4         |
| 2000 | <b>51.8</b>                     | 125.7 | 113.2 | 103.6 | 74.4  | 45.7  | 19.8        | <b>38.5</b>                       | 141.7 | 107.5 | 85.6  | 54.2  | 30.0  | 7.5         |
| 2001 | <b>45.7</b>                     | 95.1  | 96.6  | 95.8  | 67.6  | 40.3  | 17.5        | <b>33.5</b>                       | 110.4 | 96.9  | 79.3  | 48.5  | 26.1  | 6.8         |
| 2002 | <b>45.9</b>                     | 82.2  | 91.8  | 94.5  | 68.1  | 41.6  | 19.6        | <b>34.0</b>                       | 111.2 | 99.5  | 80.2  | 50.6  | 27.5  | 7.8         |
| 2003 | <b>46.8</b>                     | 85.2  | 90.5  | 92.4  | 69.4  | 44.1  | 21.1        | <b>34.9</b>                       | 116.4 | 101.0 | 82.4  | 52.0  | 29.9  | 8.8         |
|      | <b>Widowed and divorced men</b> |       |       |       |       |       |             | <b>Widowed and divorced women</b> |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| 1993 | <b>43.4</b>                     | 152.1 | 124.8 | 110.1 | 72.8  | 50.0  | 13.1        | <b>18.7</b>                       | 132.2 | 115.4 | 91.0  | 53.8  | 30.3  | 2.3         |
| 1994 | <b>42.3</b>                     | 173.8 | 131.4 | 110.2 | 71.3  | 48.0  | 12.8        | <b>18.6</b>                       | 156.9 | 119.0 | 90.3  | 53.0  | 29.6  | 2.3         |
| 1995 | <b>41.4</b>                     | 190.6 | 131.8 | 111.3 | 71.7  | 46.6  | 12.2        | <b>18.4</b>                       | 155.9 | 116.8 | 90.7  | 53.3  | 28.8  | 2.2         |
| 1996 | <b>41.2</b>                     | 172.5 | 134.0 | 110.8 | 73.2  | 46.8  | 12.3        | <b>18.7</b>                       | 173.0 | 118.3 | 92.2  | 54.5  | 29.4  | 2.2         |
| 1997 | <b>39.9</b>                     | 174.6 | 130.7 | 109.5 | 72.2  | 45.0  | 12.1        | <b>18.1</b>                       | 175.2 | 116.5 | 89.3  | 53.0  | 28.3  | 2.3         |
| 1998 | <b>37.9</b>                     | 172.3 | 122.6 | 103.1 | 71.0  | 43.0  | 11.7        | <b>17.2</b>                       | 160.6 | 111.8 | 85.6  | 50.8  | 26.7  | 2.2         |
| 1999 | <b>36.6</b>                     | 138.1 | 118.5 | 101.8 | 69.5  | 42.5  | 11.4        | <b>16.7</b>                       | 144.4 | 104.3 | 83.1  | 50.8  | 26.0  | 2.3         |
| 2000 | <b>37.4</b>                     | 107.0 | 110.7 | 102.6 | 73.7  | 44.9  | 11.8        | <b>17.1</b>                       | 126.2 | 104.6 | 83.9  | 52.7  | 27.3  | 2.3         |
| 2001 | <b>33.2</b>                     | 77.7  | 94.4  | 94.7  | 66.9  | 39.6  | 10.7        | <b>15.2</b>                       | 96.0  | 94.1  | 77.8  | 47.1  | 23.9  | 2.2         |
| 2002 | <b>33.8</b>                     | 66.1  | 89.7  | 93.5  | 67.4  | 40.9  | 12.0        | <b>15.8</b>                       | 96.9  | 96.6  | 78.9  | 49.3  | 25.3  | 2.5         |
| 2003 | <b>34.8</b>                     | 69.9  | 89.3  | 91.8  | 68.8  | 43.4  | 13.0        | <b>16.6</b>                       | 101.3 | 98.4  | 81.1  | 50.7  | 27.8  | 2.9         |

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

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

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

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Table 3.13 Men marrying: age and marital status, 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 |
| <b>All men</b>                |                |          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |             |
| 1993                          | <b>299,197</b> | 3,136    | 60,367 | 99,314 | 56,129 | 27,465 | 17,398 | 13,562 | 7,878  | 13,948      |
| 1994                          | <b>291,069</b> | 2,656    | 52,592 | 96,862 | 57,848 | 28,183 | 17,331 | 13,559 | 8,235  | 13,803      |
| 1995                          | <b>283,012</b> | 2,426    | 45,805 | 91,607 | 60,014 | 29,876 | 17,454 | 13,932 | 8,417  | 13,481      |
| 1996                          | <b>278,975</b> | 2,208    | 39,382 | 88,338 | 61,582 | 31,739 | 18,299 | 14,568 | 9,093  | 13,766      |
| 1997                          | <b>272,536</b> | 2,214    | 34,267 | 84,644 | 62,265 | 33,037 | 18,617 | 13,615 | 10,073 | 13,804      |
| 1998                          | <b>267,303</b> | 2,233    | 30,764 | 82,135 | 62,323 | 34,284 | 18,528 | 13,055 | 10,330 | 13,651      |
| 1999                          | <b>263,515</b> | 2,225    | 27,828 | 78,364 | 63,212 | 35,346 | 19,182 | 13,060 | 10,616 | 13,682      |
| 2000                          | <b>267,961</b> | 2,157    | 27,143 | 74,367 | 64,611 | 38,345 | 21,489 | 14,039 | 11,431 | 14,379      |
| 2001                          | <b>249,227</b> | 1,945    | 24,651 | 67,934 | 61,409 | 36,397 | 20,475 | 12,782 | 10,167 | 13,467      |
| 2002                          | <b>255,596</b> | 1,820    | 25,093 | 64,619 | 62,998 | 38,731 | 22,465 | 13,859 | 10,477 | 15,534      |
| 2003                          | <b>270,109</b> | 1,837    | 25,850 | 65,568 | 66,060 | 41,191 | 25,173 | 15,471 | 11,314 | 17,645      |
| <b>Single men<sup>1</sup></b> |                |          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |             |
| 1993                          | <b>213,476</b> | 3,133    | 59,594 | 91,338 | 39,639 | 11,883 | 4,122  | 1,878  | 822    | 1,067       |
| 1994                          | <b>206,077</b> | 2,638    | 51,884 | 89,333 | 41,635 | 12,615 | 4,271  | 1,908  | 800    | 993         |
| 1995                          | <b>198,208</b> | 2,411    | 45,116 | 84,832 | 43,891 | 13,714 | 4,482  | 1,988  | 787    | 987         |
| 1996                          | <b>193,306</b> | 2,201    | 38,824 | 82,123 | 46,083 | 15,146 | 4,881  | 2,137  | 902    | 1,009       |
| 1997                          | <b>188,268</b> | 2,191    | 33,744 | 79,097 | 47,413 | 16,496 | 5,181  | 2,122  | 1,044  | 980         |
| 1998                          | <b>186,329</b> | 2,209    | 30,287 | 77,393 | 48,990 | 17,703 | 5,485  | 2,179  | 1,111  | 972         |
| 1999                          | <b>184,266</b> | 2,215    | 27,443 | 74,172 | 50,649 | 19,291 | 6,028  | 2,285  | 1,151  | 1,032       |
| 2000                          | <b>186,113</b> | 2,145    | 26,820 | 70,823 | 52,651 | 21,584 | 7,170  | 2,595  | 1,292  | 1,033       |
| 2001                          | <b>175,721</b> | 1,931    | 24,379 | 65,202 | 50,916 | 21,362 | 7,161  | 2,527  | 1,218  | 1,025       |
| 2002                          | <b>179,121</b> | 1,807    | 24,846 | 62,229 | 52,963 | 23,398 | 8,422  | 2,936  | 1,348  | 1,172       |
| 2003                          | <b>189,470</b> | 1,825    | 25,570 | 63,301 | 56,505 | 25,792 | 9,851  | 3,494  | 1,609  | 1,523       |
| <b>Widowers</b>               |                |          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |             |
| 1993                          | <b>8,735</b>   | -        | 10     | 104    | 202    | 328    | 430    | 748    | 864    | 6,049       |
| 1994                          | <b>8,359</b>   | -        | 11     | 80     | 211    | 319    | 426    | 706    | 848    | 5,758       |
| 1995                          | <b>7,837</b>   | -        | 17     | 82     | 220    | 290    | 368    | 707    | 863    | 5,290       |
| 1996                          | <b>7,666</b>   | -        | 10     | 61     | 202    | 286    | 381    | 687    | 857    | 5,182       |
| 1997                          | <b>7,429</b>   | -        | 5      | 57     | 168    | 254    | 392    | 582    | 867    | 5,104       |
| 1998                          | <b>6,945</b>   | -        | 4      | 37     | 150    | 280    | 383    | 518    | 826    | 4,747       |
| 1999                          | <b>6,632</b>   | -        | 3      | 44     | 151    | 256    | 332    | 540    | 823    | 4,483       |
| 2000                          | <b>6,470</b>   | -        | 6      | 34     | 147    | 271    | 354    | 500    | 828    | 4,330       |
| 2001                          | <b>5,828</b>   | -        | 3      | 32     | 111    | 240    | 304    | 420    | 725    | 3,993       |
| 2002                          | <b>5,969</b>   | -        | 1      | 29     | 107    | 228    | 309    | 441    | 704    | 4,150       |
| 2003                          | <b>6,242</b>   | -        | 5      | 50     | 135    | 240    | 335    | 465    | 669    | 4,343       |
| <b>Divorced men</b>           |                |          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |             |
| 1993                          | <b>76,986</b>  | 3        | 763    | 7,872  | 16,288 | 15,254 | 12,846 | 10,936 | 6,192  | 6,832       |
| 1994                          | <b>76,633</b>  | 18       | 697    | 7,449  | 16,002 | 15,249 | 12,634 | 10,945 | 6,587  | 7,052       |
| 1995                          | <b>76,967</b>  | 15       | 672    | 6,693  | 15,903 | 15,872 | 12,604 | 11,237 | 6,767  | 7,204       |
| 1996                          | <b>78,003</b>  | 7        | 548    | 6,154  | 15,297 | 16,307 | 13,037 | 11,744 | 7,334  | 7,575       |
| 1997                          | <b>76,839</b>  | 23       | 518    | 5,490  | 14,684 | 16,287 | 13,044 | 10,911 | 8,162  | 7,720       |
| 1998                          | <b>74,029</b>  | 24       | 473    | 4,705  | 13,183 | 16,301 | 12,660 | 10,358 | 8,393  | 7,932       |
| 1999                          | <b>72,617</b>  | 10       | 382    | 4,148  | 12,412 | 15,799 | 12,822 | 10,235 | 8,642  | 8,167       |
| 2000                          | <b>75,378</b>  | 12       | 317    | 3,510  | 11,813 | 16,490 | 13,965 | 10,944 | 9,311  | 9,016       |
| 2001                          | <b>67,678</b>  | 14       | 269    | 2,700  | 10,382 | 14,795 | 13,010 | 9,835  | 8,224  | 8,449       |
| 2002                          | <b>70,506</b>  | 13       | 246    | 2,361  | 9,928  | 15,105 | 13,734 | 10,482 | 8,425  | 10,212      |
| 2003                          | <b>74,397</b>  | 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.

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**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 |
| <b>All women</b>                |                |          |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |             |
| 1993                            | <b>299,197</b> | 12,326   | 91,613 | 91,134 | 43,559 | 21,636 | 14,026 | 11,113 | 5,856 | 7,934       |
| 1994                            | <b>291,069</b> | 10,866   | 82,321 | 89,941 | 46,119 | 22,667 | 13,984 | 11,339 | 6,070 | 7,762       |
| 1995                            | <b>283,012</b> | 10,257   | 73,212 | 87,680 | 48,216 | 24,015 | 14,352 | 11,507 | 6,284 | 7,489       |
| 1996                            | <b>278,975</b> | 9,435    | 64,371 | 86,838 | 50,799 | 25,518 | 15,371 | 12,130 | 6,862 | 7,651       |
| 1997                            | <b>272,536</b> | 9,027    | 58,178 | 85,352 | 51,405 | 26,559 | 15,279 | 11,369 | 7,569 | 7,798       |
| 1998                            | <b>267,303</b> | 8,957    | 53,554 | 84,399 | 51,982 | 27,024 | 15,221 | 10,963 | 7,612 | 7,591       |
| 1999                            | <b>263,515</b> | 8,327    | 49,743 | 82,250 | 52,721 | 28,162 | 16,037 | 10,823 | 7,749 | 7,703       |
| 2000                            | <b>267,961</b> | 8,048    | 48,638 | 80,312 | 54,649 | 30,793 | 17,452 | 11,677 | 8,406 | 7,986       |
| 2001                            | <b>249,227</b> | 6,896    | 45,317 | 73,799 | 51,865 | 29,144 | 16,528 | 10,523 | 7,548 | 7,607       |
| 2002                            | <b>255,596</b> | 6,806    | 45,078 | 71,540 | 53,970 | 31,570 | 18,414 | 11,614 | 7,921 | 8,683       |
| 2003                            | <b>270,109</b> | 6,987    | 46,850 | 72,790 | 57,348 | 33,668 | 20,435 | 13,078 | 8,780 | 10,173      |
| <b>Single women<sup>1</sup></b> |                |          |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |             |
| 1993                            | <b>214,987</b> | 12,302   | 88,961 | 77,571 | 24,994 | 6,892  | 2,171  | 1,000  | 480   | 616         |
| 1994                            | <b>206,332</b> | 10,784   | 79,699 | 76,621 | 27,326 | 7,471  | 2,307  | 1,070  | 449   | 605         |
| 1995                            | <b>198,603</b> | 10,169   | 70,981 | 75,470 | 29,158 | 8,196  | 2,461  | 1,123  | 449   | 596         |
| 1996                            | <b>192,707</b> | 9,354    | 62,270 | 75,463 | 31,535 | 9,074  | 2,781  | 1,210  | 480   | 540         |
| 1997                            | <b>188,457</b> | 8,920    | 56,375 | 75,039 | 33,024 | 9,948  | 2,906  | 1,138  | 542   | 565         |
| 1998                            | <b>187,391</b> | 8,847    | 52,096 | 75,418 | 34,853 | 10,760 | 3,092  | 1,240  | 565   | 520         |
| 1999                            | <b>185,328</b> | 8,232    | 48,456 | 74,456 | 36,499 | 11,762 | 3,515  | 1,269  | 602   | 537         |
| 2000                            | <b>187,717</b> | 7,959    | 47,517 | 73,188 | 38,833 | 13,410 | 4,075  | 1,482  | 664   | 589         |
| 2001                            | <b>177,506</b> | 6,841    | 44,396 | 68,113 | 37,836 | 13,451 | 4,226  | 1,438  | 657   | 548         |
| 2002                            | <b>180,675</b> | 6,745    | 44,127 | 66,278 | 40,307 | 15,093 | 4,996  | 1,740  | 792   | 597         |
| 2003                            | <b>191,170</b> | 6,929    | 45,845 | 67,775 | 43,940 | 16,934 | 5,908  | 2,148  | 900   | 791         |
| <b>Widows</b>                   |                |          |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |             |
| 1993                            | <b>8,306</b>   | 2        | 41     | 229    | 435    | 494    | 693    | 1,101  | 1,003 | 4,308       |
| 1994                            | <b>7,880</b>   | 1        | 44     | 217    | 418    | 544    | 672    | 1,004  | 985   | 3,995       |
| 1995                            | <b>7,540</b>   | -        | 40     | 220    | 433    | 545    | 619    | 961    | 994   | 3,728       |
| 1996                            | <b>7,329</b>   | -        | 29     | 198    | 400    | 530    | 673    | 922    | 976   | 3,601       |
| 1997                            | <b>6,981</b>   | 1        | 26     | 133    | 365    | 488    | 620    | 835    | 985   | 3,528       |
| 1998                            | <b>6,582</b>   | 2        | 17     | 138    | 344    | 508    | 597    | 761    | 967   | 3,248       |
| 1999                            | <b>6,216</b>   | 1        | 21     | 128    | 306    | 417    | 596    | 728    | 903   | 3,116       |
| 2000                            | <b>6,152</b>   | -        | 16     | 117    | 294    | 474    | 615    | 708    | 903   | 3,025       |
| 2001                            | <b>5,601</b>   | -        | 18     | 95     | 270    | 433    | 512    | 666    | 783   | 2,824       |
| 2002                            | <b>5,687</b>   | 2        | 23     | 94     | 280    | 420    | 565    | 663    | 772   | 2,868       |
| 2003                            | <b>5,868</b>   | 1        | 23     | 97     | 277    | 410    | 536    | 719    | 779   | 3,026       |
| <b>Divorced women</b>           |                |          |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |             |
| 1993                            | <b>75,904</b>  | 22       | 2,611  | 13,334 | 18,130 | 14,250 | 11,162 | 9,012  | 4,373 | 3,010       |
| 1994                            | <b>76,857</b>  | 81       | 2,578  | 13,103 | 18,375 | 14,652 | 11,005 | 9,265  | 4,636 | 3,162       |
| 1995                            | <b>76,869</b>  | 88       | 2,191  | 11,990 | 18,625 | 15,274 | 11,272 | 9,423  | 4,841 | 3,165       |
| 1996                            | <b>78,939</b>  | 81       | 2,072  | 11,177 | 18,864 | 15,914 | 11,917 | 9,998  | 5,406 | 3,510       |
| 1997                            | <b>77,098</b>  | 106      | 1,777  | 10,180 | 18,016 | 16,123 | 11,753 | 9,396  | 6,042 | 3,705       |
| 1998                            | <b>73,330</b>  | 108      | 1,441  | 8,843  | 16,785 | 15,756 | 11,532 | 8,962  | 6,080 | 3,823       |
| 1999                            | <b>71,971</b>  | 94       | 1,266  | 7,666  | 15,916 | 15,983 | 11,926 | 8,826  | 6,244 | 4,050       |
| 2000                            | <b>74,092</b>  | 89       | 1,105  | 7,007  | 15,522 | 16,909 | 12,762 | 9,487  | 6,839 | 4,372       |
| 2001                            | <b>66,120</b>  | 55       | 903    | 5,591  | 13,759 | 15,260 | 11,790 | 8,419  | 6,108 | 4,235       |
| 2002                            | <b>69,234</b>  | 59       | 928    | 5,168  | 13,383 | 16,057 | 12,853 | 9,211  | 6,357 | 5,218       |
| 2003                            | <b>73,071</b>  | 57       | 982    | 4,918  | 13,131 | 16,324 | 13,991 | 10,211 | 7,101 | 6,356       |

<sup>1</sup> Single women are those who have never been married - see section 3.1.

**Table 3.15 Median age at marriage: sex and previous marital statuses<sup>1</sup> 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 | <b>29.2</b>      | 27.2           | 62.4         | 39.4             | <b>27.2</b> | 25.3             | 55.9       | 36.2               |
| 1994 | <b>29.6</b>      | 27.5           | 62.3         | 39.6             | <b>27.6</b> | 25.7             | 55.3       | 36.3               |
| 1995 | <b>30.1</b>      | 27.9           | 61.7         | 39.8             | <b>28.1</b> | 26.0             | 54.8       | 36.6               |
| 1996 | <b>30.6</b>      | 28.3           | 61.7         | 40.2             | <b>28.6</b> | 26.4             | 54.7       | 37.1               |
| 1997 | <b>31.0</b>      | 28.6           | 61.9         | 40.5             | <b>28.9</b> | 26.7             | 55.2       | 37.4               |
| 1998 | <b>31.2</b>      | 28.9           | 61.8         | 40.8             | <b>29.1</b> | 27.0             | 54.8       | 37.9               |
| 1999 | <b>31.6</b>      | 29.2           | 61.4         | 41.2             | <b>29.4</b> | 27.3             | 55.0       | 38.4               |
| 2000 | <b>32.0</b>      | 29.6           | 61.3         | 41.8             | <b>29.8</b> | 27.5             | 54.7       | 38.9               |
| 2001 | <b>32.1</b>      | 29.7           | 61.6         | 42.0             | <b>29.9</b> | 27.7             | 55.1       | 39.2               |
| 2002 | <b>32.6</b>      | 30.1           | 61.4         | 42.6             | <b>30.3</b> | 27.9             | 55.1       | 39.7               |
| 2003 | <b>32.9</b>      | 30.3           | 61.1         | 43.3             | <b>30.6</b> | 28.1             | 55.5       | 40.3               |

**Table 3.16 Mean age of men at marriage: previous marital statuses<sup>1</sup> 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 | <b>32.4</b>      | 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 | <b>32.7</b>      | 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 | <b>33.1</b>      | 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 | <b>33.6</b>      | 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 | <b>33.9</b>      | 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 | <b>34.1</b>      | 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 | <b>34.4</b>      | 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 | <b>34.8</b>      | 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 | <b>34.8</b>      | 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 | <b>35.3</b>      | 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 | <b>35.6</b>      | 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 statuses<sup>1</sup> 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 | <b>29.9</b> | 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 | <b>30.3</b> | 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 | <b>30.7</b> | 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 | <b>31.1</b> | 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 | <b>31.4</b> | 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 | <b>31.6</b> | 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 | <b>31.8</b> | 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 | <b>32.1</b> | 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 | <b>32.2</b> | 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 | <b>32.6</b> | 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 | <b>32.9</b> | 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.

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**Table 3.18 Men marrying: age and previous marital statuses<sup>1</sup> 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 |
| <b>All ages</b>   | <b>270,109</b>   | <b>189,470</b> | <b>6,242</b> | <b>74,397</b>    | <b>160,283</b>         | <b>1,236</b> | <b>27,951</b>  | <b>1,144</b>         | <b>1,860</b> | <b>3,238</b>   | <b>29,743</b>            | <b>2,772</b> | <b>41,882</b>  |
| 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              |
| <b>Under 20</b>   | <b>1,837</b>     | <b>1,825</b>   | <b>-</b>     | <b>12</b>        | <b>1,719</b>           | <b>6</b>     | <b>100</b>     | <b>-</b>             | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>       | <b>2</b>                 | <b>-</b>     | <b>10</b>      |
| 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             |
| <b>20-24</b>      | <b>25,850</b>    | <b>25,570</b>  | <b>5</b>     | <b>275</b>       | <b>24,032</b>          | <b>40</b>    | <b>1,498</b>   | <b>1</b>             | <b>1</b>     | <b>3</b>       | <b>129</b>               | <b>1</b>     | <b>145</b>     |
| 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            |
| <b>25-29</b>      | <b>65,568</b>    | <b>63,301</b>  | <b>50</b>    | <b>2,217</b>     | <b>58,146</b>          | <b>120</b>   | <b>5,035</b>   | <b>38</b>            | <b>3</b>     | <b>9</b>       | <b>1,533</b>             | <b>13</b>    | <b>671</b>     |
| 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            |
| <b>30-34</b>      | <b>66,060</b>    | <b>56,505</b>  | <b>135</b>   | <b>9,420</b>     | <b>48,169</b>          | <b>214</b>   | <b>8,122</b>   | <b>85</b>            | <b>9</b>     | <b>41</b>      | <b>6,016</b>             | <b>65</b>    | <b>3,339</b>   |
| 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          |
| <b>35-39</b>      | <b>41,191</b>    | <b>25,792</b>  | <b>240</b>   | <b>15,159</b>    | <b>19,081</b>          | <b>226</b>   | <b>6,485</b>   | <b>141</b>           | <b>4</b>     | <b>95</b>      | <b>8,230</b>             | <b>166</b>   | <b>6,763</b>   |
| 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          |
| <b>40-44</b>      | <b>25,173</b>    | <b>9,851</b>   | <b>335</b>   | <b>14,987</b>    | <b>6,047</b>           | <b>176</b>   | <b>3,628</b>   | <b>133</b>           | <b>13</b>    | <b>189</b>     | <b>6,148</b>             | <b>296</b>   | <b>8,543</b>   |
| 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          |
| <b>45-49</b>      | <b>15,471</b>    | <b>3,494</b>   | <b>465</b>   | <b>11,512</b>    | <b>1,822</b>           | <b>106</b>   | <b>1,566</b>   | <b>113</b>           | <b>33</b>    | <b>319</b>     | <b>3,541</b>             | <b>368</b>   | <b>7,603</b>   |
| 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          |
| <b>50-54</b>      | <b>11,314</b>    | <b>1,609</b>   | <b>669</b>   | <b>9,036</b>     | <b>688</b>             | <b>108</b>   | <b>813</b>     | <b>129</b>           | <b>86</b>    | <b>454</b>     | <b>1,969</b>             | <b>493</b>   | <b>6,574</b>   |

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



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Table 3.18 - continued

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

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**Table 3.19 Women marrying: age and previous marital statuses<sup>1</sup> of bride and bridegroom, 2003**

**England and Wales**

| Age last birthday | All brides     | All single women | All widows   | All divorced women | Single women who married |              |               | Widows who married |              |              | Divorced women who married |              |               |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|
|                   |                |                  |              |                    | Single men               | Widow-ers    | Divorced men  | Single men         | Widow-ers    | Divorced men | Single men                 | Widow-ers    | Divorced men  |
| <b>All ages</b>   | <b>270,109</b> | <b>191,170</b>   | <b>5,868</b> | <b>73,071</b>      | <b>160,283</b>           | <b>1,144</b> | <b>29,743</b> | <b>1,236</b>       | <b>1,860</b> | <b>2,772</b> | <b>27,951</b>              | <b>3,238</b> | <b>41,882</b> |
| 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            |
| <b>Under 20</b>   | <b>6,987</b>   | <b>6,929</b>     | <b>1</b>     | <b>57</b>          | <b>6,569</b>             | <b>15</b>    | <b>345</b>    | <b>1</b>           | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>     | <b>6</b>                   | <b>-</b>     | <b>51</b>     |
| 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           |
| <b>20-24</b>      | <b>46,850</b>  | <b>45,845</b>    | <b>23</b>    | <b>982</b>         | <b>42,171</b>            | <b>95</b>    | <b>3,579</b>  | <b>15</b>          | <b>2</b>     | <b>6</b>     | <b>589</b>                 | <b>6</b>     | <b>387</b>    |
| 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           |
| <b>25-29</b>      | <b>72,790</b>  | <b>67,775</b>    | <b>97</b>    | <b>4,918</b>       | <b>60,034</b>            | <b>124</b>   | <b>7,617</b>  | <b>67</b>          | <b>8</b>     | <b>22</b>    | <b>3,296</b>               | <b>34</b>    | <b>1,588</b>  |
| 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         |
| <b>30-34</b>      | <b>57,348</b>  | <b>43,940</b>    | <b>277</b>   | <b>13,131</b>      | <b>35,367</b>            | <b>193</b>   | <b>8,380</b>  | <b>172</b>         | <b>5</b>     | <b>100</b>   | <b>7,623</b>               | <b>97</b>    | <b>5,411</b>  |
| 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         |
| <b>35-39</b>      | <b>33,668</b>  | <b>16,934</b>    | <b>410</b>   | <b>16,324</b>      | <b>11,376</b>            | <b>171</b>   | <b>5,387</b>  | <b>195</b>         | <b>11</b>    | <b>204</b>   | <b>7,325</b>               | <b>237</b>   | <b>8,762</b>  |
| 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         |
| <b>40-44</b>      | <b>20,435</b>  | <b>5,908</b>     | <b>536</b>   | <b>13,991</b>      | <b>3,214</b>             | <b>154</b>   | <b>2,540</b>  | <b>191</b>         | <b>36</b>    | <b>309</b>   | <b>4,645</b>               | <b>402</b>   | <b>8,944</b>  |
| 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         |
| <b>45-49</b>      | <b>13,078</b>  | <b>2,148</b>     | <b>719</b>   | <b>10,211</b>      | <b>947</b>               | <b>90</b>    | <b>1,111</b>  | <b>164</b>         | <b>78</b>    | <b>477</b>   | <b>2,460</b>               | <b>511</b>   | <b>7,240</b>  |
| 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           |
| <b>50-54</b>      | <b>8,780</b>   | <b>900</b>       | <b>779</b>   | <b>7,101</b>       | <b>339</b>               | <b>102</b>   | <b>459</b>    | <b>134</b>         | <b>158</b>   | <b>487</b>   | <b>1,180</b>               | <b>704</b>   | <b>5,217</b>  |

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

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Table 3.19 - continued

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

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**Table 3.20 Marriages: previous marital statuses<sup>1</sup> 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         |
| <b>All marital conditions</b>          |                |           |            |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |               |               |
| <b>All ages</b>                        | <b>21</b>      | <b>87</b> | <b>524</b> | <b>1,205</b> | <b>2,048</b> | <b>3,381</b> | <b>4,874</b> | <b>6,876</b> | <b>8,671</b> | <b>1,837</b> | <b>25,850</b> | <b>65,568</b> | <b>66,060</b> |
| 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                            | -              | -         | -          | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -             | -             | -             |
| <b>First marriage for both parties</b> |                |           |            |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |               |               |
| <b>All ages</b>                        | <b>20</b>      | <b>84</b> | <b>489</b> | <b>1,126</b> | <b>1,923</b> | <b>3,164</b> | <b>4,558</b> | <b>6,368</b> | <b>8,019</b> | <b>1,719</b> | <b>24,032</b> | <b>58,146</b> | <b>48,169</b> |
| 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                            | -              | -         | -          | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -             | -             | -             |

<sup>1</sup> 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          |                 |
| <b>41,191</b> | <b>25,173</b> | <b>15,471</b> | <b>11,314</b> | <b>8,314</b> | <b>4,366</b> | <b>2,463</b> | <b>1,355</b> | <b>682</b> | <b>330</b> | <b>135</b>  | <b>270,109</b> | <b>All ages</b> |
| 1             | -             | -             | -             | 1            | -            | -            | -            | -          | -          | -           | <b>208</b>     | 16              |
| 9             | 4             | -             | 2             | -            | -            | -            | -            | -          | -          | -           | <b>562</b>     | 17              |
| 78            | 31            | 10            | 5             | 3            | 4            | 1            | -            | -          | -          | -           | <b>2,573</b>   | 18              |
| 148           | 44            | 16            | 5             | 2            | 1            | 1            | -            | -          | -          | -           | <b>3,644</b>   | 19              |
| 213           | 68            | 27            | 13            | 10           | -            | 2            | -            | -          | -          | -           | <b>5,283</b>   | 20              |
| 348           | 104           | 50            | 16            | 10           | 2            | 1            | 2            | 1          | -          | -           | <b>7,268</b>   | 21              |
| 473           | 168           | 56            | 13            | 8            | 1            | 1            | -            | -          | -          | -           | <b>9,455</b>   | 22              |
| 660           | 220           | 92            | 31            | 17           | 3            | 2            | -            | -          | -          | -           | <b>11,722</b>  | 23              |
| 876           | 269           | 87            | 38            | 18           | 4            | 4            | 2            | -          | -          | -           | <b>13,122</b>  | 24              |
| 236           | 79            | 26            | 12            | 6            | 5            | 2            | -            | -          | -          | -           | <b>6,987</b>   | Under 20        |
| 2,570         | 829           | 312           | 111           | 63           | 10           | 10           | 4            | 1          | -          | -           | <b>46,850</b>  | 20-24           |
| 7,935         | 2,492         | 816           | 305           | 143          | 58           | 21           | 9            | 2          | 2          | 1           | <b>72,790</b>  | 25-29           |
| 13,903        | 5,377         | 1,856         | 684           | 296          | 93           | 42           | 17           | 5          | -          | -           | <b>57,348</b>  | 30-34           |
| 10,916        | 7,454         | 3,149         | 1,413         | 622          | 198          | 72           | 24           | 8          | 2          | 1           | <b>33,668</b>  | 35-39           |
| 4,002         | 5,698         | 4,093         | 2,205         | 1,089        | 391          | 129          | 47           | 12         | 4          | 1           | <b>20,435</b>  | 40-44           |
| 1,196         | 2,256         | 3,314         | 2,972         | 1,644        | 602          | 167          | 73           | 13         | 7          | 2           | <b>13,078</b>  | 45-49           |
| 326           | 743           | 1,394         | 2,448         | 2,127        | 974          | 365          | 120          | 43         | 21         | 8           | <b>8,780</b>   | 50-54           |
| 78            | 205           | 398           | 888           | 1,684        | 1,081        | 512          | 224          | 65         | 28         | 7           | <b>5,214</b>   | 55-59           |
| 21            | 28            | 84            | 223           | 496          | 673          | 611          | 287          | 89         | 25         | 13          | <b>2,560</b>   | 60-64           |
| 6             | 5             | 18            | 39            | 112          | 196          | 389          | 286          | 154        | 44         | 26          | <b>1,277</b>   | 65-69           |
| 1             | 5             | 7             | 10            | 26           | 61           | 109          | 204          | 155        | 66         | 16          | <b>660</b>     | 70-74           |
| -             | 1             | 4             | 3             | 4            | 18           | 28           | 39           | 102        | 76         | 25          | <b>301</b>     | 75-79           |
| -             | 1             | -             | -             | 2            | 4            | 6            | 14           | 25         | 41         | 23          | <b>116</b>     | 80-84           |
| 1             | -             | -             | 1             | -            | 2            | -            | 7            | 8          | 14         | 12          | <b>45</b>      | 85 and over     |
| <b>19,081</b> | <b>6,047</b>  | <b>1,822</b>  | <b>688</b>    | <b>321</b>   | <b>146</b>   | <b>56</b>    | <b>35</b>    | <b>12</b>  | <b>3</b>   | <b>6</b>    | <b>160,283</b> | <b>All ages</b> |
| -             | -             | -             | -             | -            | -            | -            | -            | -          | -          | -           | <b>201</b>     | 16              |
| 7             | 1             | -             | -             | -            | -            | -            | -            | -          | -          | -           | <b>544</b>     | 17              |
| 52            | 14            | 3             | 2             | -            | -            | -            | -            | -          | -          | -           | <b>2,411</b>   | 18              |
| 108           | 22            | 6             | -             | -            | -            | -            | -            | -          | -          | -           | <b>3,413</b>   | 19              |
| 135           | 34            | 6             | 1             | 1            | -            | -            | -            | -          | -          | -           | <b>4,910</b>   | 20              |
| 189           | 30            | 16            | 1             | -            | -            | -            | -            | -          | -          | -           | <b>6,597</b>   | 21              |
| 264           | 69            | 13            | -             | 1            | -            | 1            | -            | -          | -          | -           | <b>8,543</b>   | 22              |
| 383           | 71            | 31            | 8             | 4            | -            | -            | -            | -          | -          | -           | <b>10,486</b>  | 23              |
| 519           | 102           | 24            | 7             | 4            | -            | -            | -            | -          | -          | -           | <b>11,635</b>  | 24              |
| 167           | 37            | 9             | 2             | -            | -            | -            | -            | -          | -          | -           | <b>6,569</b>   | Under 20        |
| 1,490         | 306           | 90            | 17            | 10           | -            | 1            | -            | -          | -          | -           | <b>42,171</b>  | 20-24           |
| 4,607         | 876           | 210           | 50            | 18           | 9            | 5            | 2            | -          | -          | -           | <b>60,034</b>  | 25-29           |
| 7,431         | 1,657         | 326           | 76            | 26           | 11           | 2            | 2            | 1          | -          | -           | <b>35,367</b>  | 30-34           |
| 4,361         | 1,905         | 433           | 106           | 31           | 17           | 8            | -            | 2          | -          | -           | <b>11,376</b>  | 35-39           |
| 854           | 1,029         | 424           | 138           | 50           | 19           | 5            | 3            | -          | -          | 1           | <b>3,214</b>   | 40-44           |
| 140           | 194           | 245           | 151           | 56           | 22           | 4            | 2            | -          | 1          | -           | <b>947</b>     | 45-49           |
| 27            | 29            | 62            | 103           | 61           | 24           | 6            | 4            | -          | 1          | -           | <b>339</b>     | 50-54           |
| 2             | 11            | 19            | 32            | 54           | 24           | 12           | 6            | 1          | -          | -           | <b>166</b>     | 55-59           |
| -             | 1             | 3             | 11            | 9            | 13           | 7            | 8            | 2          | -          | -           | <b>54</b>      | 60-64           |
| 1             | -             | -             | 2             | 4            | 5            | 3            | 6            | 1          | -          | 1           | <b>23</b>      | 65-69           |
| -             | 2             | 1             | -             | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 3          | 1          | 1           | <b>12</b>      | 70-74           |
| -             | -             | -             | -             | 1            | 1            | 2            | -            | 2          | -          | 2           | <b>8</b>       | 75-79           |
| -             | -             | -             | -             | -            | -            | -            | 1            | -          | -          | -           | <b>1</b>       | 80-84           |
| 1             | -             | -             | -             | -            | -            | -            | -            | -          | -          | 1           | <b>2</b>       | 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 |               |
| <b>Marriages of single men and divorced women</b>   |                |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |           |           |             |               |
| <b>All ages</b>                                     | <b>100</b>     | <b>1,498</b> | <b>5,035</b> | <b>8,122</b> | <b>6,485</b> | <b>3,628</b> | <b>1,566</b> | <b>813</b>   | <b>418</b>   | <b>159</b>   | <b>86</b>  | <b>25</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>1</b>    | <b>27,951</b> |
| 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   | -              | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -          | -          | -         | -         | -           | -             |
| <b>Marriages of divorced men and single women</b>   |                |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |           |           |             |               |
| <b>All ages</b>                                     | <b>2</b>       | <b>129</b>   | <b>1,533</b> | <b>6,016</b> | <b>8,230</b> | <b>6,148</b> | <b>3,541</b> | <b>1,969</b> | <b>1,220</b> | <b>558</b>   | <b>234</b> | <b>113</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>2</b>    | <b>29,743</b> |
| 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   | -              | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -          | -          | -         | -         | -           | -             |
| <b>Marriages of divorced men and divorced women</b> |                |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |            |            |           |           |             |               |
| <b>All ages</b>                                     | <b>10</b>      | <b>145</b>   | <b>671</b>   | <b>3,339</b> | <b>6,763</b> | <b>8,543</b> | <b>7,603</b> | <b>6,574</b> | <b>4,708</b> | <b>2,130</b> | <b>920</b> | <b>335</b> | <b>98</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>7</b>    | <b>41,882</b> |
| 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             |

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**Table 3.21 First marriage rates (gross nuptiality)<sup>1</sup>: 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.

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**Table 3.22 First marriage rates (net nuptiality)<sup>1</sup>: 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.

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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   |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>        | <b>270,109</b> | <b>1,837</b> | <b>25,850</b> | <b>65,568</b> | <b>66,060</b> | <b>66,364</b> | <b>26,785</b> | <b>17,645</b> |
| <b>ENGLAND</b>                  | <b>255,577</b> | <b>1,744</b> | <b>24,425</b> | <b>62,086</b> | <b>62,596</b> | <b>62,784</b> | <b>25,253</b> | <b>16,689</b> |
| <b>NORTH EAST</b>               | <b>11,274</b>  | <b>80</b>    | <b>1,169</b>  | <b>2,753</b>  | <b>2,604</b>  | <b>2,792</b>  | <b>1,244</b>  | <b>632</b>    |
| 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           |
| <b>NORTH WEST</b>               | <b>30,974</b>  | <b>190</b>   | <b>2,733</b>  | <b>7,259</b>  | <b>7,843</b>  | <b>7,833</b>  | <b>3,133</b>  | <b>1,983</b>  |
| 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           |
| <b>YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER</b> | <b>23,862</b>  | <b>165</b>   | <b>2,277</b>  | <b>5,769</b>  | <b>5,661</b>  | <b>5,952</b>  | <b>2,530</b>  | <b>1,508</b>  |
| 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           |
| <b>EAST MIDLANDS</b>            | <b>21,265</b>  | <b>144</b>   | <b>2,039</b>  | <b>5,124</b>  | <b>5,047</b>  | <b>5,261</b>  | <b>2,204</b>  | <b>1,446</b>  |
| 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           |
| <b>WEST MIDLANDS</b>            | <b>25,281</b>  | <b>163</b>   | <b>2,465</b>  | <b>6,337</b>  | <b>6,157</b>  | <b>6,170</b>  | <b>2,403</b>  | <b>1,586</b>  |
| 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           |
| <b>EAST</b>                     | <b>28,773</b>  | <b>181</b>   | <b>2,715</b>  | <b>6,878</b>  | <b>7,120</b>  | <b>6,969</b>  | <b>2,910</b>  | <b>2,000</b>  |
| 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            |



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| 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          |
| <b>LONDON</b>                   | <b>41,364</b> | <b>427</b> | <b>4,804</b> | <b>11,234</b> | <b>10,212</b> | <b>9,613</b>  | <b>3,100</b> | <b>1,974</b> |
| 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        |
| <b>SOUTH EAST</b>               | <b>44,461</b> | <b>245</b> | <b>3,773</b> | <b>10,363</b> | <b>11,245</b> | <b>11,006</b> | <b>4,593</b> | <b>3,236</b> |
| 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          |
| <b>SOUTH WEST</b>               | <b>28,323</b> | <b>149</b> | <b>2,450</b> | <b>6,369</b>  | <b>6,707</b>  | <b>7,188</b>  | <b>3,136</b> | <b>2,324</b> |
| 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          |
| <b>WALES</b>                    | <b>14,532</b> | <b>93</b>  | <b>1,425</b> | <b>3,482</b>  | <b>3,464</b>  | <b>3,580</b>  | <b>1,532</b> | <b>956</b>   |
| 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           |

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| Area of occurrence       | All ages     | Under 20 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55 and over |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| <b>WALES - continued</b> |              |          |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| Swansea                  | <b>1,150</b> | 4        | 104   | 293   | 288   | 272   | 117   | 72          |
| Neath Port Talbot        | <b>592</b>   | 3        | 69    | 140   | 163   | 115   | 70    | 32          |
| Bridgend                 | <b>697</b>   | 8        | 64    | 178   | 157   | 187   | 70    | 33          |
| The Vale of Glamorgan    | <b>647</b>   | 1        | 64    | 156   | 157   | 171   | 64    | 34          |
| Cardiff                  | <b>1,594</b> | 10       | 168   | 389   | 386   | 418   | 139   | 84          |
| Rhondda, Cynon, Taff     | <b>842</b>   | 4        | 107   | 214   | 190   | 190   | 84    | 53          |
| Merthyr Tydfil           | <b>232</b>   | 3        | 36    | 43    | 47    | 61    | 26    | 16          |
| Caerphilly               | <b>738</b>   | -        | 72    | 191   | 173   | 171   | 83    | 48          |
| Blaenau Gwent            | <b>319</b>   | 6        | 45    | 59    | 71    | 84    | 36    | 18          |
| Torfaen                  | <b>357</b>   | 3        | 48    | 90    | 86    | 73    | 32    | 25          |
| Monmouthshire            | <b>687</b>   | 3        | 36    | 146   | 176   | 198   | 78    | 50          |
| Newport                  | <b>668</b>   | 5        | 71    | 167   | 156   | 172   | 64    | 33          |

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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   |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>        | <b>270,109</b> | <b>6,987</b> | <b>46,850</b> | <b>72,790</b> | <b>57,348</b> | <b>54,103</b> | <b>21,858</b> | <b>10,173</b> |
| <b>ENGLAND</b>                  | <b>255,577</b> | <b>6,666</b> | <b>44,325</b> | <b>68,853</b> | <b>54,324</b> | <b>51,171</b> | <b>20,607</b> | <b>9,631</b>  |
| <b>NORTH EAST</b>               | <b>11,274</b>  | <b>238</b>   | <b>2,027</b>  | <b>3,005</b>  | <b>2,283</b>  | <b>2,354</b>  | <b>988</b>    | <b>379</b>    |
| 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           |
| <b>NORTH WEST</b>               | <b>30,974</b>  | <b>680</b>   | <b>4,975</b>  | <b>8,446</b>  | <b>6,741</b>  | <b>6,459</b>  | <b>2,559</b>  | <b>1,114</b>  |
| 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           |
| <b>YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER</b> | <b>23,862</b>  | <b>613</b>   | <b>4,156</b>  | <b>6,159</b>  | <b>5,082</b>  | <b>4,936</b>  | <b>2,057</b>  | <b>859</b>    |
| 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           |
| <b>EAST MIDLANDS</b>            | <b>21,265</b>  | <b>492</b>   | <b>3,739</b>  | <b>5,490</b>  | <b>4,375</b>  | <b>4,485</b>  | <b>1,867</b>  | <b>817</b>    |
| 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           |
| <b>WEST MIDLANDS</b>            | <b>25,281</b>  | <b>627</b>   | <b>4,563</b>  | <b>6,807</b>  | <b>5,338</b>  | <b>4,997</b>  | <b>2,005</b>  | <b>944</b>    |
| 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           |
| <b>EAST</b>                     | <b>28,773</b>  | <b>593</b>   | <b>4,890</b>  | <b>7,972</b>  | <b>6,170</b>  | <b>5,528</b>  | <b>2,410</b>  | <b>1,210</b>  |
| 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            |

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| Area of occurrence                     | All ages      | Under 20     | 20-24        | 25-29         | 30-34         | 35-44        | 45-54        | 55 and over  |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bedfordshire                           | <b>2,108</b>  | 54           | 326          | 599           | 474           | 402          | 177          | 76           |
| Cambridgeshire                         | <b>2,808</b>  | 42           | 511          | 798           | 581           | 530          | 223          | 123          |
| Essex                                  | <b>6,909</b>  | 108          | 1,094        | 2,040         | 1,561         | 1,264        | 551          | 291          |
| Hertfordshire                          | <b>5,631</b>  | 91           | 798          | 1,669         | 1,337         | 1,095        | 444          | 197          |
| Norfolk                                | <b>4,404</b>  | 103          | 777          | 1,103         | 893           | 878          | 413          | 237          |
| Suffolk                                | <b>3,752</b>  | 84           | 706          | 969           | 728           | 746          | 346          | 173          |
| <b>LONDON</b>                          | <b>41,364</b> | <b>2,061</b> | <b>8,574</b> | <b>11,517</b> | <b>8,312</b>  | <b>7,583</b> | <b>2,326</b> | <b>991</b>   |
| Inner London                           | <b>19,194</b> | 1,108        | 3,955        | 5,189         | 4,029         | 3,555        | 980          | 378          |
| Outer London                           | <b>22,170</b> | 953          | 4,619        | 6,328         | 4,283         | 4,028        | 1,346        | 613          |
| <b>SOUTH EAST</b>                      | <b>44,461</b> | <b>844</b>   | <b>6,939</b> | <b>12,051</b> | <b>10,020</b> | <b>8,910</b> | <b>3,753</b> | <b>1,944</b> |
| <b>Bracknell Forest UA</b>             | <b>454</b>    | 7            | 79           | 139           | 104           | 67           | 46           | 12           |
| <b>Brighton and Hove UA</b>            | <b>1,479</b>  | 34           | 206          | 366           | 365           | 348          | 122          | 38           |
| <b>Isle of Wight UA</b>                | <b>797</b>    | 20           | 125          | 187           | 141           | 175          | 88           | 61           |
| <b>Medway UA</b>                       | <b>1,007</b>  | 26           | 229          | 263           | 156           | 214          | 73           | 46           |
| <b>Milton Keynes UA</b>                | <b>1,079</b>  | 27           | 204          | 302           | 203           | 210          | 91           | 42           |
| <b>Portsmouth UA</b>                   | <b>1,391</b>  | 42           | 251          | 341           | 304           | 282          | 130          | 41           |
| <b>Reading UA</b>                      | <b>947</b>    | 37           | 198          | 227           | 178           | 191          | 81           | 35           |
| <b>Slough UA</b>                       | <b>614</b>    | 37           | 172          | 183           | 83            | 93           | 33           | 13           |
| <b>Southampton UA</b>                  | <b>1,109</b>  | 43           | 189          | 267           | 207           | 220          | 113          | 70           |
| <b>West Berkshire UA</b>               | <b>905</b>    | 9            | 131          | 276           | 214           | 194          | 56           | 25           |
| <b>Windsor and Maidenhead UA</b>       | <b>1,058</b>  | 10           | 131          | 262           | 308           | 219          | 83           | 45           |
| <b>Wokingham UA</b>                    | <b>592</b>    | 7            | 86           | 187           | 145           | 104          | 41           | 22           |
| Buckinghamshire                        | <b>2,355</b>  | 33           | 302          | 701           | 595           | 465          | 162          | 97           |
| East Sussex                            | <b>2,953</b>  | 63           | 395          | 728           | 676           | 612          | 290          | 189          |
| Hampshire                              | <b>6,434</b>  | 110          | 1,060        | 1,792         | 1,417         | 1,249        | 537          | 269          |
| Kent                                   | <b>7,791</b>  | 132          | 1,250        | 2,146         | 1,677         | 1,558        | 684          | 344          |
| Oxfordshire                            | <b>3,532</b>  | 68           | 526          | 935           | 856           | 737          | 280          | 130          |
| Surrey                                 | <b>5,873</b>  | 79           | 765          | 1,644         | 1,480         | 1,202        | 468          | 235          |
| West Sussex                            | <b>4,091</b>  | 60           | 640          | 1,105         | 911           | 770          | 375          | 230          |
| <b>SOUTH WEST</b>                      | <b>28,323</b> | <b>518</b>   | <b>4,462</b> | <b>7,406</b>  | <b>6,003</b>  | <b>5,919</b> | <b>2,642</b> | <b>1,373</b> |
| <b>Bath and North East Somerset UA</b> | <b>1,284</b>  | 11           | 153          | 363           | 330           | 266          | 109          | 52           |
| <b>Bournemouth UA</b>                  | <b>1,015</b>  | 23           | 171          | 270           | 216           | 187          | 100          | 48           |
| <b>Bristol, City of UA</b>             | <b>1,751</b>  | 51           | 299          | 440           | 374           | 382          | 156          | 49           |
| <b>North Somerset UA</b>               | <b>908</b>    | 16           | 136          | 248           | 186           | 191          | 84           | 47           |
| <b>Plymouth UA</b>                     | <b>1,297</b>  | 45           | 253          | 295           | 229           | 286          | 137          | 52           |
| <b>Poole UA</b>                        | <b>767</b>    | 13           | 121          | 171           | 157           | 177          | 85           | 43           |
| <b>South Gloucestershire UA</b>        | <b>1,241</b>  | 26           | 207          | 365           | 254           | 248          | 100          | 41           |
| <b>Swindon UA</b>                      | <b>859</b>    | 32           | 185          | 218           | 156           | 171          | 63           | 34           |
| <b>Torbay UA</b>                       | <b>889</b>    | 17           | 143          | 214           | 155           | 201          | 96           | 63           |
| Cornwall and Isles of Scilly           | <b>3,464</b>  | 58           | 521          | 850           | 746           | 766          | 341          | 182          |
| Devon                                  | <b>4,197</b>  | 62           | 634          | 1,069         | 889           | 878          | 421          | 244          |
| Dorset                                 | <b>2,054</b>  | 22           | 321          | 564           | 433           | 378          | 205          | 131          |
| Gloucestershire                        | <b>3,387</b>  | 51           | 472          | 938           | 791           | 685          | 296          | 154          |
| Somerset                               | <b>2,751</b>  | 48           | 465          | 739           | 558           | 567          | 243          | 131          |
| Wiltshire                              | <b>2,459</b>  | 43           | 381          | 662           | 529           | 536          | 206          | 102          |
| <b>WALES</b>                           | <b>14,532</b> | <b>321</b>   | <b>2,525</b> | <b>3,937</b>  | <b>3,024</b>  | <b>2,932</b> | <b>1,251</b> | <b>542</b>   |
| Isle of Anglesey                       | <b>342</b>    | 5            | 70           | 85            | 80            | 63           | 24           | 15           |
| Gwynedd                                | <b>633</b>    | 10           | 80           | 183           | 141           | 129          | 61           | 29           |
| Conwy                                  | <b>542</b>    | 12           | 80           | 122           | 120           | 119          | 54           | 35           |
| Denbighshire                           | <b>543</b>    | 11           | 79           | 157           | 121           | 104          | 46           | 25           |
| Flintshire                             | <b>868</b>    | 12           | 160          | 226           | 184           | 167          | 88           | 31           |
| Wrexham                                | <b>565</b>    | 12           | 102          | 156           | 120           | 109          | 49           | 17           |
| Powys                                  | <b>736</b>    | 13           | 116          | 200           | 155           | 167          | 56           | 29           |
| Ceredigion                             | <b>312</b>    | 4            | 60           | 89            | 61            | 53           | 28           | 17           |
| Pembrokeshire                          | <b>673</b>    | 19           | 127          | 165           | 136           | 128          | 67           | 31           |
| Carmarthenshire                        | <b>795</b>    | 24           | 137          | 200           | 161           | 163          | 71           | 39           |

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| Area of occurrence              | All ages     | Under 20 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55 and over |
|---------------------------------|--------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| <b>WALES</b> - <i>continued</i> |              |          |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| Swansea                         | <b>1,150</b> | 23       | 215   | 322   | 237   | 217   | 99    | 37          |
| Neath Port Talbot               | <b>592</b>   | 11       | 114   | 179   | 106   | 119   | 48    | 15          |
| Bridgend                        | <b>697</b>   | 18       | 121   | 191   | 141   | 151   | 55    | 20          |
| The Vale of Glamorgan           | <b>647</b>   | 9        | 102   | 172   | 158   | 140   | 46    | 20          |
| Cardiff                         | <b>1,594</b> | 35       | 262   | 463   | 334   | 333   | 123   | 44          |
| Rhondda, Cynon, Taff            | <b>842</b>   | 19       | 163   | 243   | 142   | 176   | 72    | 27          |
| Merthyr Tydfil                  | <b>232</b>   | 11       | 37    | 58    | 44    | 48    | 26    | 8           |
| Caerphilly                      | <b>738</b>   | 22       | 141   | 209   | 147   | 131   | 67    | 21          |
| Blaenau Gwent                   | <b>319</b>   | 8        | 62    | 71    | 63    | 69    | 32    | 14          |
| Torfaen                         | <b>357</b>   | 13       | 68    | 108   | 60    | 66    | 27    | 15          |
| Monmouthshire                   | <b>687</b>   | 11       | 95    | 187   | 165   | 135   | 61    | 33          |
| Newport                         | <b>668</b>   | 19       | 134   | 151   | 148   | 145   | 51    | 20          |

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**Table 3.25 Men marrying: area of occurrence, previous marital status<sup>1</sup> 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   |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b> | <b>All</b>     | <b>270,109</b> | <b>1,837</b> | <b>25,850</b> | <b>65,568</b> | <b>66,060</b> | <b>66,364</b> | <b>26,785</b> | <b>17,645</b> |
|                          | 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        |
| <b>ENGLAND</b>           | <b>All</b>     | <b>255,577</b> | <b>1,744</b> | <b>24,425</b> | <b>62,086</b> | <b>62,596</b> | <b>62,784</b> | <b>25,253</b> | <b>16,689</b> |
|                          | 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               | <b>All</b>     | <b>11,274</b>  | <b>80</b>    | <b>1,169</b>  | <b>2,753</b>  | <b>2,604</b>  | <b>2,792</b>  | <b>1,244</b>  | <b>632</b>    |
|                          | 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               | <b>All</b>     | <b>30,974</b>  | <b>190</b>   | <b>2,733</b>  | <b>7,259</b>  | <b>7,843</b>  | <b>7,833</b>  | <b>3,133</b>  | <b>1,983</b>  |
|                          | 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 | <b>All</b>     | <b>23,862</b>  | <b>165</b>   | <b>2,277</b>  | <b>5,769</b>  | <b>5,661</b>  | <b>5,952</b>  | <b>2,530</b>  | <b>1,508</b>  |
|                          | 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            | <b>All</b>     | <b>21,265</b>  | <b>144</b>   | <b>2,039</b>  | <b>5,124</b>  | <b>5,047</b>  | <b>5,261</b>  | <b>2,204</b>  | <b>1,446</b>  |
|                          | 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            | <b>All</b>     | <b>25,281</b>  | <b>163</b>   | <b>2,465</b>  | <b>6,337</b>  | <b>6,157</b>  | <b>6,170</b>  | <b>2,403</b>  | <b>1,586</b>  |
|                          | 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                     | <b>All</b>     | <b>28,773</b>  | <b>181</b>   | <b>2,715</b>  | <b>6,878</b>  | <b>7,120</b>  | <b>6,969</b>  | <b>2,910</b>  | <b>2,000</b>  |
|                          | 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                   | <b>All</b>     | <b>41,364</b>  | <b>427</b>   | <b>4,804</b>  | <b>11,234</b> | <b>10,212</b> | <b>9,613</b>  | <b>3,100</b>  | <b>1,974</b>  |
|                          | 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               | <b>All</b>     | <b>44,461</b>  | <b>245</b>   | <b>3,773</b>  | <b>10,363</b> | <b>11,245</b> | <b>11,006</b> | <b>4,593</b>  | <b>3,236</b>  |
|                          | 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               | <b>All</b>     | <b>28,323</b>  | <b>149</b>   | <b>2,450</b>  | <b>6,369</b>  | <b>6,707</b>  | <b>7,188</b>  | <b>3,136</b>  | <b>2,324</b>  |
|                          | 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         |
| <b>WALES</b>             | <b>All</b>     | <b>14,532</b>  | <b>93</b>    | <b>1,425</b>  | <b>3,482</b>  | <b>3,464</b>  | <b>3,580</b>  | <b>1,532</b>  | <b>956</b>    |
|                          | 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           |

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

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**Table 3.26 Women marrying: area of occurrence, previous marital status<sup>1</sup> 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   |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b> | <b>All</b>     | <b>270,109</b> | <b>6,987</b> | <b>46,850</b> | <b>72,790</b> | <b>57,348</b> | <b>54,103</b> | <b>21,858</b> | <b>10,173</b> |
|                          | 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         |
| <b>ENGLAND</b>           | <b>All</b>     | <b>255,577</b> | <b>6,666</b> | <b>44,325</b> | <b>68,853</b> | <b>54,324</b> | <b>51,171</b> | <b>20,607</b> | <b>9,631</b>  |
|                          | 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               | <b>All</b>     | <b>11,274</b>  | <b>238</b>   | <b>2,027</b>  | <b>3,005</b>  | <b>2,283</b>  | <b>2,354</b>  | <b>988</b>    | <b>379</b>    |
|                          | 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               | <b>All</b>     | <b>30,974</b>  | <b>680</b>   | <b>4,975</b>  | <b>8,446</b>  | <b>6,741</b>  | <b>6,459</b>  | <b>2,559</b>  | <b>1,114</b>  |
|                          | 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 | <b>All</b>     | <b>23,862</b>  | <b>613</b>   | <b>4,156</b>  | <b>6,159</b>  | <b>5,082</b>  | <b>4,936</b>  | <b>2,057</b>  | <b>859</b>    |
|                          | 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            | <b>All</b>     | <b>21,265</b>  | <b>492</b>   | <b>3,739</b>  | <b>5,490</b>  | <b>4,375</b>  | <b>4,485</b>  | <b>1,867</b>  | <b>817</b>    |
|                          | 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            | <b>All</b>     | <b>25,281</b>  | <b>627</b>   | <b>4,563</b>  | <b>6,807</b>  | <b>5,338</b>  | <b>4,997</b>  | <b>2,005</b>  | <b>944</b>    |
|                          | 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                     | <b>All</b>     | <b>28,773</b>  | <b>593</b>   | <b>4,890</b>  | <b>7,972</b>  | <b>6,170</b>  | <b>5,528</b>  | <b>2,410</b>  | <b>1,210</b>  |
|                          | 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                   | <b>All</b>     | <b>41,364</b>  | <b>2,061</b> | <b>8,574</b>  | <b>11,517</b> | <b>8,312</b>  | <b>7,583</b>  | <b>2,326</b>  | <b>991</b>    |
|                          | 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               | <b>All</b>     | <b>44,461</b>  | <b>844</b>   | <b>6,939</b>  | <b>12,051</b> | <b>10,020</b> | <b>8,910</b>  | <b>3,753</b>  | <b>1,944</b>  |
|                          | 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               | <b>All</b>     | <b>28,323</b>  | <b>518</b>   | <b>4,462</b>  | <b>7,406</b>  | <b>6,003</b>  | <b>5,919</b>  | <b>2,642</b>  | <b>1,373</b>  |
|                          | 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           |
| <b>WALES</b>             | <b>All</b>     | <b>14,532</b>  | <b>321</b>   | <b>2,525</b>  | <b>3,937</b>  | <b>3,024</b>  | <b>2,932</b>  | <b>1,251</b>  | <b>542</b>    |
|                          | 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           |

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

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**Table 3.27 Marriages (numbers and percentages): area of occurrence, previous marital statuses<sup>1</sup> 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 |
| <b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>               | <b>270,109</b> | <b>160,283</b>                   | <b>189,470</b>                   | <b>191,170</b> | <b>74,397</b> | <b>73,071</b>  | <b>183,124</b>  | <b>68</b>                   |
| <b>ENGLAND</b>                         | <b>255,577</b> | <b>152,078</b>                   | <b>179,707</b>                   | <b>181,220</b> | <b>69,998</b> | <b>68,835</b>  | <b>174,466</b>  | <b>68</b>                   |
| <b>NORTH EAST</b>                      | <b>11,274</b>  | <b>6,323</b>                     | <b>7,638</b>                     | <b>7,738</b>   | <b>3,374</b>  | <b>3,288</b>   | <b>7,470</b>    | <b>66</b>                   |
| <b>Darlington UA</b>                   | <b>542</b>     | 294                              | 359                              | 356            | 173           | 174            | 400             | 74                          |
| <b>Hartlepool UA</b>                   | <b>386</b>     | 203                              | 254                              | 251            | 126           | 124            | 251             | 65                          |
| <b>Middlesbrough UA</b>                | <b>603</b>     | 341                              | 411                              | 419            | 172           | 172            | 405             | 67                          |
| <b>Redcar and Cleveland UA</b>         | <b>571</b>     | 339                              | 397                              | 408            | 163           | 151            | 336             | 59                          |
| <b>Stockton-on-Tees UA</b>             | <b>710</b>     | 399                              | 466                              | 501            | 223           | 197            | 406             | 57                          |
| <b>Durham<sup>2</sup></b>              | <b>2,249</b>   | 1,257                            | 1,514                            | 1,543          | 688           | 652            | 1,385           | 62                          |
| Durham Central                         | <b>1,058</b>   | 573                              | 697                              | 703            | 334           | 326            | 678             | 64                          |
| Durham Eastern                         | <b>345</b>     | 199                              | 230                              | 254            | 108           | 84             | 211             | 61                          |
| Durham Western                         | <b>846</b>     | 485                              | 587                              | 586            | 246           | 242            | 496             | 59                          |
| <b>Northumberland</b>                  | <b>1,841</b>   | 1,018                            | 1,253                            | 1,256          | 541           | 537            | 1,311           | 71                          |
| Northumberland Central                 | <b>994</b>     | 562                              | 695                              | 680            | 278           | 289            | 690             | 69                          |
| Northumberland North First             | <b>205</b>     | 108                              | 133                              | 140            | 64            | 57             | 153             | 75                          |
| Northumberland North Second            | <b>137</b>     | 78                               | 94                               | 93             | 38            | 42             | 90              | 66                          |
| Northumberland West                    | <b>505</b>     | 270                              | 331                              | 343            | 161           | 149            | 378             | 75                          |
| <b>Tyne and Wear (Met County)</b>      | <b>4,372</b>   | 2,472                            | 2,984                            | 3,004          | 1,288         | 1,281          | 2,976           | 68                          |
| Gateshead                              | <b>759</b>     | 432                              | 537                              | 511            | 203           | 240            | 459             | 60                          |
| Newcastle upon Tyne                    | <b>1,153</b>   | 682                              | 818                              | 823            | 307           | 306            | 889             | 77                          |
| North Tyneside                         | <b>775</b>     | 390                              | 472                              | 499            | 277           | 258            | 544             | 70                          |
| South Tyneside                         | <b>609</b>     | 336                              | 404                              | 420            | 195           | 175            | 417             | 68                          |
| Sunderland                             | <b>1,076</b>   | 632                              | 753                              | 751            | 306           | 302            | 667             | 62                          |
| <b>NORTH WEST</b>                      | <b>30,974</b>  | <b>18,079</b>                    | <b>21,502</b>                    | <b>21,672</b>  | <b>8,726</b>  | <b>8,615</b>   | <b>19,796</b>   | <b>64</b>                   |
| <b>Blackburn with Darwen UA</b>        | <b>511</b>     | 291                              | 349                              | 350            | 153           | 150            | 374             | 73                          |
| <b>Blackpool UA</b>                    | <b>654</b>     | 293                              | 381                              | 370            | 254           | 261            | 483             | 74                          |
| <b>Halton UA</b>                       | <b>512</b>     | 285                              | 347                              | 346            | 152           | 156            | 323             | 63                          |
| <b>Warrington UA</b>                   | <b>926</b>     | 560                              | 648                              | 669            | 250           | 241            | 559             | 60                          |
| <b>Cheshire</b>                        | <b>4,221</b>   | 2,499                            | 2,916                            | 3,043          | 1,202         | 1,092          | 2,803           | 66                          |
| Cheshire Central                       | <b>1,420</b>   | 843                              | 984                              | 1,041          | 401           | 346            | 943             | 66                          |
| Cheshire East                          | <b>1,558</b>   | 967                              | 1,106                            | 1,153          | 416           | 372            | 950             | 61                          |
| Cheshire West                          | <b>1,243</b>   | 689                              | 826                              | 849            | 385           | 374            | 910             | 73                          |
| <b>Cumbria</b>                         | <b>3,361</b>   | 1,918                            | 2,275                            | 2,326          | 1,008         | 967            | 2,257           | 67                          |
| Barrow-in-Furness                      | <b>343</b>     | 190                              | 222                              | 229            | 108           | 108            | 225             | 66                          |
| Carlisle                               | <b>461</b>     | 260                              | 310                              | 304            | 141           | 143            | 301             | 65                          |
| Cockermouth                            | <b>479</b>     | 271                              | 330                              | 327            | 143           | 145            | 318             | 66                          |
| Kendal                                 | <b>893</b>     | 521                              | 625                              | 623            | 248           | 250            | 660             | 74                          |
| Millom                                 | <b>18</b>      | 14                               | 14                               | 17             | 4             | 1              | 6               | 33                          |
| Penrith                                | <b>440</b>     | 238                              | 281                              | 305            | 150           | 126            | 304             | 69                          |
| Ulverston                              | <b>318</b>     | 191                              | 219                              | 238            | 90            | 76             | 224             | 70                          |
| Whitehaven                             | <b>299</b>     | 167                              | 198                              | 205            | 92            | 88             | 163             | 55                          |
| Wigton                                 | <b>110</b>     | 66                               | 76                               | 78             | 32            | 30             | 56              | 51                          |
| <b>Greater Manchester (Met County)</b> | <b>10,224</b>  | 5,919                            | 7,165                            | 7,064          | 2,806         | 2,924          | 6,643           | 65                          |
| Bolton                                 | <b>1,232</b>   | 655                              | 816                              | 795            | 368           | 407            | 928             | 75                          |
| Bury                                   | <b>668</b>     | 375                              | 464                              | 452            | 189           | 200            | 374             | 56                          |
| Manchester                             | <b>1,713</b>   | 1,134                            | 1,331                            | 1,293          | 349           | 381            | 1,316           | 77                          |
| Oldham                                 | <b>836</b>     | 455                              | 556                              | 554            | 256           | 260            | 539             | 64                          |
| Rochdale                               | <b>950</b>     | 503                              | 630                              | 611            | 295           | 320            | 640             | 67                          |
| Salford                                | <b>870</b>     | 544                              | 638                              | 638            | 220           | 217            | 492             | 57                          |
| Stockport                              | <b>1,045</b>   | 602                              | 730                              | 725            | 288           | 294            | 663             | 63                          |
| Tameside                               | <b>758</b>     | 423                              | 507                              | 519            | 229           | 220            | 414             | 55                          |
| Trafford                               | <b>886</b>     | 517                              | 611                              | 623            | 252           | 242            | 535             | 60                          |
| Wigan and Leigh                        | <b>1,266</b>   | 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.



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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 |
| <b>Lancashire</b>                   | <b>5,424</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>Merseyside (Met County)</b>      | <b>5,141</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER</b>     | <b>23,862</b> | <b>13,279</b>                    | <b>15,991</b>                    | <b>16,102</b> | <b>7,310</b> | <b>7,224</b>   | <b>15,840</b>   | <b>66</b>                   |
| 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                          |
| <b>South Yorkshire (Met County)</b> | <b>5,556</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>West Yorkshire (Met County)</b>  | <b>8,774</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>EAST MIDLANDS</b>                | <b>21,265</b> | <b>11,670</b>                    | <b>14,288</b>                    | <b>14,128</b> | <b>6,429</b> | <b>6,602</b>   | <b>13,639</b>   | <b>64</b>                   |
| 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                          |
| <b>Derbyshire</b>                   | <b>3,968</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>Leicestershire</b>               | <b>3,067</b>  | 1,737                            | 2,082                            | 2,068         | 907          | 933            | 1,894           | 62                          |
| <b>Lincolnshire<sup>2</sup></b>     | <b>3,527</b>  | 1,737                            | 2,232                            | 2,140         | 1,186        | 1,281          | 2,179           | 62                          |

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|                                    |               |                                  | Single man                       | Single woman  | Divorced man | Divorced woman | Number          | Percentage of all marriages |
| <b>Northamptonshire</b>            | <b>3,337</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>Nottinghamshire</b>             | <b>3,911</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>WEST MIDLANDS</b>               | <b>25,281</b> | <b>14,940</b>                    | <b>17,745</b>                    | <b>17,703</b> | <b>6,926</b> | <b>7,001</b>   | <b>16,089</b>   | <b>64</b>                   |
| <b>Herefordshire, County of UA</b> | <b>967</b>    | 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                          |
| <b>Stoke-on-Trent UA</b>           | <b>847</b>    | 458                              | 565                              | 546           | 262          | 283            | 585             | 69                          |
| <b>Telford and Wrekin UA</b>       | <b>826</b>    | 432                              | 539                              | 521           | 264          | 292            | 583             | 71                          |
| <b>Shropshire</b>                  | <b>1,754</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>Staffordshire</b>               | <b>4,515</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>Warwickshire</b>                | <b>3,395</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>West Midlands (Met County)</b>  | <b>9,887</b>  | 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 <sup>2</sup>                | 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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|                           |               |                                  | Single man                       | Single woman  | Divorced man | Divorced woman | Number          | Percentage of all marriages |
| <b>Worcestershire</b>     | <b>3,090</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>EAST</b>               | <b>28,773</b> | <b>16,797</b>                    | <b>19,830</b>                    | <b>20,057</b> | <b>8,236</b> | <b>8,086</b>   | <b>19,195</b>   | <b>67</b>                   |
| <b>Luton UA</b>           | <b>751</b>    | 487                              | 550                              | 572           | 186          | 166            | 584             | 78                          |
| <b>Peterborough UA</b>    | <b>986</b>    | 544                              | 665                              | 646           | 300          | 317            | 743             | 75                          |
| <b>Southend-on-Sea UA</b> | <b>753</b>    | 389                              | 493                              | 463           | 236          | 270            | 518             | 69                          |
| <b>Thurrock UA</b>        | <b>671</b>    | 443                              | 502                              | 516           | 158          | 139            | 457             | 68                          |
| <b>Bedfordshire</b>       | <b>2,108</b>  | 1,211                            | 1,445                            | 1,466         | 615          | 591            | 1,341           | 64                          |
| <b>Cambridgeshire</b>     | <b>2,808</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>Essex</b>              | <b>6,909</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>Hertfordshire</b>      | <b>5,631</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>Norfolk</b>            | <b>4,404</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>Suffolk</b>            | <b>3,752</b>  | 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 |
| <b>LONDON</b>                    | <b>41,364</b> | <b>29,088</b>                    | <b>33,046</b>                    | <b>33,408</b> | <b>7,720</b>  | <b>7,378</b>   | <b>34,020</b>   | <b>82</b>                   |
| <b>Inner London</b>              | <b>19,194</b> | 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                          |
| <b>Outer London</b>              | <b>22,170</b> | 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                          |
| <b>SOUTH EAST</b>                | <b>44,461</b> | <b>26,237</b>                    | <b>30,884</b>                    | <b>31,378</b> | <b>12,497</b> | <b>12,084</b>  | <b>29,798</b>   | <b>67</b>                   |
| <b>Bracknell Forest UA</b>       | <b>454</b>    | 296                              | 335                              | 337           | 112           | 111            | 238             | 52                          |
| <b>Brighton and Hove UA</b>      | <b>1,479</b>  | 936                              | 1,103                            | 1,103         | 357           | 353            | 1,208           | 82                          |
| <b>Isle of Wight UA</b>          | <b>797</b>    | 398                              | 516                              | 487           | 249           | 280            | 499             | 63                          |
| <b>Medway UA</b>                 | <b>1,007</b>  | 580                              | 696                              | 683           | 286           | 302            | 769             | 76                          |
| <b>Milton Keynes UA</b>          | <b>1,079</b>  | 630                              | 754                              | 748           | 309           | 309            | 745             | 69                          |
| <b>Portsmouth UA</b>             | <b>1,391</b>  | 739                              | 932                              | 919           | 437           | 451            | 1,084           | 78                          |
| <b>Reading UA</b>                | <b>947</b>    | 585                              | 689                              | 699           | 234           | 228            | 738             | 78                          |
| <b>Slough UA</b>                 | <b>614</b>    | 426                              | 499                              | 466           | 106           | 138            | 441             | 72                          |
| <b>Southampton UA</b>            | <b>1,109</b>  | 570                              | 694                              | 691           | 387           | 385            | 858             | 77                          |
| <b>West Berkshire UA</b>         | <b>905</b>    | 546                              | 642                              | 651           | 251           | 232            | 609             | 67                          |
| <b>Windsor and Maidenhead UA</b> | <b>1,058</b>  | 624                              | 740                              | 748           | 301           | 291            | 789             | 75                          |
| <b>Wokingham UA</b>              | <b>592</b>    | 394                              | 451                              | 452           | 122           | 126            | 315             | 53                          |
| <b>Buckinghamshire</b>           | <b>2,355</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>East Sussex</b>               | <b>2,953</b>  | 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 |
| <b>Hampshire</b>                    | <b>6,434</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>Kent<sup>2</sup></b>             | <b>7,791</b>  | 4,495                            | 5,311                            | 5,399         | 2,290        | 2,212          | 5,277           | 68                          |
| <b>Oxfordshire</b>                  | <b>3,532</b>  | 2,178                            | 2,560                            | 2,584         | 901          | 891            | 2,311           | 65                          |
| <b>Surrey</b>                       | <b>5,873</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>West Sussex</b>                  | <b>4,091</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>SOUTH WEST</b>                   | <b>28,323</b> | <b>15,665</b>                    | <b>18,783</b>                    | <b>19,034</b> | <b>8,780</b> | <b>8,557</b>   | <b>18,619</b>   | <b>66</b>                   |
| <b>Bath and North East</b>          |               |                                  |                                  |               |              |                |                 |                             |
| 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                          |
| <b>Poole UA</b>                     | <b>767</b>    | 378                              | 469                              | 478           | 276          | 266            | 541             | 71                          |
| <b>South Gloucestershire UA</b>     | <b>1,241</b>  | 726                              | 876                              | 853           | 338          | 369            | 772             | 62                          |
| <b>Swindon UA</b>                   | <b>859</b>    | 455                              | 574                              | 554           | 260          | 288            | 598             | 70                          |
| <b>Torbay UA</b>                    | <b>889</b>    | 435                              | 533                              | 544           | 326          | 311            | 709             | 80                          |
| <b>Cornwall and Isles of Scilly</b> | <b>3,464</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>Devon</b>                        | <b>4,197</b>  | 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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| 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 |
| <b>Dorset</b>               | <b>2,054</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>Gloucestershire</b>      | <b>3,387</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>Somerset</b>             | <b>2,751</b>  | 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 <sup>2</sup> | 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                          |
| <b>Wiltshire County</b>     | <b>2,459</b>  | 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                          |
| <b>WALES</b>                | <b>14,532</b> | <b>8,205</b>                     | <b>9,763</b>                     | <b>9,950</b> | <b>4,399</b> | <b>4,236</b>   | <b>8,658</b>    | <b>60</b>                   |
| <b>Isle of Anglesey</b>     | <b>342</b>    | 191                              | 231                              | 236          | 100          | 97             | 176             | 51                          |
| <b>Gwynedd</b>              | <b>633</b>    | 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                          |
| <b>Conwy</b>                | <b>542</b>    | 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                          |
| <b>Denbighshire</b>         | <b>543</b>    | 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                          |
| <b>Flintshire</b>           | <b>868</b>    | 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                          |
| <b>Wrexham</b>              | <b>565</b>    | 315                              | 387                              | 374          | 166          | 181            | 319             | 56                          |
| <b>Powys</b>                | <b>736</b>    | 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                          |
| <b>Ceredigion</b>           | <b>312</b>    | 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 |
| <b>Pembrokeshire<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>673</b>    | 376                              | 450                              | 454          | 205          | 203            | 357             | 53                          |
| <b>Carmarthenshire</b>           | <b>795</b>    | 431                              | 517                              | 526          | 259          | 243            | 463             | 58                          |
| Carmarthen                       | <b>395</b>    | 217                              | 256                              | 268          | 129          | 115            | 217             | 55                          |
| Llanelli                         | <b>400</b>    | 214                              | 261                              | 258          | 130          | 128            | 246             | 62                          |
| <b>Swansea</b>                   | <b>1,150</b>  | 659                              | 778                              | 799          | 344          | 323            | 695             | 60                          |
| <b>Neath Port Talbot</b>         | <b>592</b>    | 333                              | 401                              | 402          | 180          | 179            | 343             | 58                          |
| <b>Bridgend</b>                  | <b>697</b>    | 368                              | 442                              | 462          | 248          | 222            | 437             | 63                          |
| <b>The Vale of Glamorgan</b>     | <b>647</b>    | 370                              | 426                              | 458          | 202          | 176            | 341             | 53                          |
| <b>Cardiff</b>                   | <b>1,594</b>  | 968                              | 1,127                            | 1,166        | 433          | 399            | 1,054           | 66                          |
| <b>Rhondda, Cynon, Taff</b>      | <b>842</b>    | 480                              | 577                              | 577          | 242          | 250            | 460             | 55                          |
| <b>Merthyr Tydfil</b>            | <b>232</b>    | 125                              | 150                              | 151          | 72           | 71             | 129             | 56                          |
| <b>Caerphilly</b>                | <b>738</b>    | 425                              | 492                              | 514          | 229          | 203            | 412             | 56                          |
| <b>Blaenau Gwent</b>             | <b>319</b>    | 167                              | 206                              | 211          | 103          | 99             | 189             | 59                          |
| <b>Torfaen</b>                   | <b>357</b>    | 205                              | 244                              | 242          | 102          | 103            | 173             | 48                          |
| <b>Monmouthshire</b>             | <b>687</b>    | 373                              | 449                              | 455          | 216          | 214            | 461             | 67                          |
| Monmouth                         | <b>687</b>    | 373                              | 449                              | 455          | 216          | 214            | 461             | 67                          |
| <b>Newport</b>                   | <b>668</b>    | 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    |
| <b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>               | <b>270,109</b> | <b>183,124</b>  | <b>73,784</b>     | <b>86,985</b>       | <b>60,385</b>                         | <b>9,858</b>   | <b>5,742</b> |
| <b>ENGLAND</b>                         | <b>255,577</b> | <b>174,466</b>  | <b>70,405</b>     | <b>81,111</b>       | <b>56,232</b>                         | <b>9,454</b>   | <b>5,438</b> |
| <b>NORTH EAST</b>                      | <b>11,274</b>  | <b>7,470</b>    | <b>2,399</b>      | <b>3,804</b>        | <b>2,290</b>                          | <b>647</b>     | <b>591</b>   |
| <b>Darlington UA</b>                   | <b>542</b>     | 400             | 161               | 142                 | 96                                    | 20             | 13           |
| <b>Hartlepool UA</b>                   | <b>386</b>     | 251             | 67                | 135                 | 83                                    | 23             | 6            |
| <b>Middlesbrough UA</b>                | <b>603</b>     | 405             | 19                | 198                 | 90                                    | 58             | 35           |
| <b>Redcar and Cleveland UA</b>         | <b>571</b>     | 336             | 141               | 235                 | 186                                   | 21             | 22           |
| <b>Stockton-on-Tees UA</b>             | <b>710</b>     | 406             | 121               | 304                 | 189                                   | 50             | 37           |
| <b>Durham<sup>1</sup></b>              | <b>2,249</b>   | 1,385           | 551               | 864                 | 531                                   | 131            | 173          |
| Durham Central                         | <b>1,058</b>   | 678             | 186               | 380                 | 217                                   | 71             | 74           |
| Durham Eastern                         | <b>345</b>     | 211             | 87                | 134                 | 72                                    | 25             | 32           |
| Durham Western                         | <b>846</b>     | 496             | 278               | 350                 | 242                                   | 35             | 67           |
| <b>Northumberland</b>                  | <b>1,841</b>   | 1,311           | 703               | 530                 | 359                                   | 72             | 47           |
| Northumberland Central                 | <b>994</b>     | 690             | 312               | 304                 | 210                                   | 42             | 23           |
| Northumberland North First             | <b>205</b>     | 153             | 91                | 52                  | 38                                    | 4              | 2            |
| Northumberland North Second            | <b>137</b>     | 90              | 43                | 47                  | 29                                    | 6              | 3            |
| Northumberland West                    | <b>505</b>     | 378             | 257               | 127                 | 82                                    | 20             | 19           |
| <b>Tyne and Wear (Met County)</b>      | <b>4,372</b>   | 2,976           | 636               | 1,396               | 756                                   | 272            | 258          |
| Gateshead                              | <b>759</b>     | 459             | 26                | 300                 | 176                                   | 65             | 39           |
| Newcastle upon Tyne                    | <b>1,153</b>   | 889             | 253               | 264                 | 130                                   | 58             | 44           |
| North Tyneside                         | <b>775</b>     | 544             | 45                | 231                 | 135                                   | 49             | 31           |
| South Tyneside                         | <b>609</b>     | 417             | 176               | 192                 | 108                                   | 36             | 38           |
| Sunderland                             | <b>1,076</b>   | 667             | 136               | 409                 | 207                                   | 64             | 106          |
| <b>NORTH WEST</b>                      | <b>30,974</b>  | <b>19,796</b>   | <b>7,732</b>      | <b>11,178</b>       | <b>6,460</b>                          | <b>2,503</b>   | <b>788</b>   |
| <b>Blackburn with Darwen UA</b>        | <b>511</b>     | 374             | 56                | 137                 | 57                                    | 44             | 7            |
| <b>Blackpool UA</b>                    | <b>654</b>     | 483             | 68                | 171                 | 93                                    | 34             | 21           |
| <b>Halton UA</b>                       | <b>512</b>     | 323             | 65                | 189                 | 104                                   | 51             | 26           |
| <b>Warrington UA</b>                   | <b>926</b>     | 559             | 238               | 367                 | 248                                   | 70             | 32           |
| <b>Cheshire</b>                        | <b>4,221</b>   | 2,803           | 1,863             | 1,418               | 1,013                                 | 132            | 111          |
| Cheshire Central                       | <b>1,420</b>   | 943             | 701               | 477                 | 369                                   | 41             | 51           |
| Cheshire East                          | <b>1,558</b>   | 950             | 672               | 608                 | 391                                   | 49             | 44           |
| Cheshire West                          | <b>1,243</b>   | 910             | 490               | 333                 | 253                                   | 42             | 16           |
| <b>Cumbria</b>                         | <b>3,361</b>   | 2,257           | 1,299             | 1,104               | 851                                   | 143            | 54           |
| Barrow-in-Furness                      | <b>343</b>     | 225             | 87                | 118                 | 77                                    | 21             | 1            |
| Carlisle                               | <b>461</b>     | 301             | 99                | 160                 | 135                                   | 14             | 4            |
| Cockermouth                            | <b>479</b>     | 318             | 197               | 161                 | 128                                   | 16             | 12           |
| Kendal                                 | <b>893</b>     | 660             | 427               | 233                 | 171                                   | 34             | 12           |
| Millom                                 | <b>18</b>      | 6               | -                 | 12                  | 10                                    | -              | -            |
| Penrith                                | <b>440</b>     | 304             | 220               | 136                 | 119                                   | 7              | 7            |
| Ulverston                              | <b>318</b>     | 224             | 168               | 94                  | 73                                    | 13             | 7            |
| Whitehaven                             | <b>299</b>     | 163             | 70                | 136                 | 92                                    | 36             | 7            |
| Wigton                                 | <b>110</b>     | 56              | 31                | 54                  | 46                                    | 2              | 4            |
| <b>Greater Manchester (Met County)</b> | <b>10,224</b>  | 6,643           | 1,635             | 3,581               | 1,943                                 | 814            | 244          |
| Bolton                                 | <b>1,232</b>   | 928             | 181               | 304                 | 195                                   | 60             | 24           |
| Bury                                   | <b>668</b>     | 374             | 53                | 294                 | 169                                   | 60             | 19           |
| Manchester                             | <b>1,713</b>   | 1,316           | 246               | 397                 | 134                                   | 155            | 25           |
| Oldham                                 | <b>836</b>     | 539             | 205               | 297                 | 190                                   | 50             | 37           |
| Rochdale                               | <b>950</b>     | 640             | 114               | 310                 | 173                                   | 64             | 19           |
| Salford                                | <b>870</b>     | 492             | 127               | 378                 | 176                                   | 67             | 12           |
| Stockport                              | <b>1,045</b>   | 663             | 193               | 382                 | 229                                   | 70             | 33           |
| Tameside                               | <b>758</b>     | 414             | 50                | 344                 | 175                                   | 45             | 17           |
| Trafford                               | <b>886</b>     | 535             | 130               | 351                 | 207                                   | 80             | 20           |
| Wigan and Leigh                        | <b>1,266</b>   | 742             | 336               | 524                 | 295                                   | 163            | 38           |
| <b>Lancashire</b>                      | <b>5,424</b>   | 3,297           | 1,491             | 2,127               | 1,199                                 | 487            | 188          |
| Burnley and Pendle                     | <b>605</b>     | 330             | 71                | 275                 | 167                                   | 48             | 26           |
| Chorley                                | <b>569</b>     | 313             | 158               | 256                 | 136                                   | 70             | 12           |
| Fleetwood and Fylde                    | <b>622</b>     | 321             | 114               | 301                 | 146                                   | 49             | 27           |
| Hyndburn and Rossendale                | <b>545</b>     | 332             | 129               | 213                 | 109                                   | 54             | 22           |
| Lancaster                              | <b>820</b>     | 550             | 235               | 270                 | 185                                   | 44             | 14           |

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| Congregat-<br>ionalist | Baptist      | Calvinistic<br>Methodist | United<br>Reformed<br>Church | Other<br>Christian<br>bodies | Jews       | Other<br>bodies |  |
| <b>364</b>             | <b>1,768</b> | <b>109</b>               | <b>1,959</b>                 | <b>4,246</b>                 | <b>751</b> | <b>1,803</b>    | <b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>               |
| <b>186</b>             | <b>1,428</b> | <b>17</b>                | <b>1,890</b>                 | <b>3,923</b>                 | <b>751</b> | <b>1,792</b>    | <b>ENGLAND</b>                         |
| -                      | <b>35</b>    | -                        | <b>95</b>                    | <b>109</b>                   | <b>16</b>  | <b>21</b>       | <b>NORTH EAST</b>                      |
| -                      | 2            | -                        | 1                            | 8                            | -          | 2               | <b>Darlington UA</b>                   |
| -                      | 6            | -                        | 16                           | 1                            | -          | -               | <b>Hartlepool UA</b>                   |
| -                      | 1            | -                        | 1                            | 9                            | -          | 4               | <b>Middlesbrough UA</b>                |
| -                      | 3            | -                        | -                            | 3                            | -          | -               | <b>Redcar and Cleveland UA</b>         |
| -                      | 7            | -                        | 2                            | 15                           | -          | 4               | <b>Stockton-on-Tees UA</b>             |
| -                      | 4            | -                        | 6                            | 19                           | -          | -               | <b>Durham<sup>1</sup></b>              |
| -                      | 2            | -                        | 5                            | 11                           | -          | -               | Durham Central                         |
| -                      | -            | -                        | -                            | 5                            | -          | -               | Durham Eastern                         |
| -                      | 2            | -                        | 1                            | 3                            | -          | -               | Durham Western                         |
| -                      | 1            | -                        | 35                           | 13                           | -          | 3               | <b>Northumberland</b>                  |
| -                      | -            | -                        | 24                           | 4                            | -          | 1               | Northumberland Central                 |
| -                      | -            | -                        | -                            | 8                            | -          | -               | Northumberland North First             |
| -                      | -            | -                        | 8                            | 1                            | -          | -               | Northumberland North Second            |
| -                      | 1            | -                        | 3                            | -                            | -          | 2               | Northumberland West                    |
| -                      | 11           | -                        | 34                           | 41                           | 16         | 8               | <b>Tyne and Wear (Met County)</b>      |
| -                      | 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                             |
| <b>26</b>              | <b>88</b>    | <b>17</b>                | <b>449</b>                   | <b>677</b>                   | <b>128</b> | <b>42</b>       | <b>NORTH WEST</b>                      |
| 3                      | -            | -                        | 24                           | 2                            | -          | -               | <b>Blackburn with Darwen UA</b>        |
| 5                      | 4            | -                        | 7                            | 7                            | -          | -               | <b>Blackpool UA</b>                    |
| -                      | -            | -                        | -                            | 8                            | -          | -               | <b>Halton UA</b>                       |
| -                      | -            | -                        | 4                            | 10                           | -          | 3               | <b>Warrington UA</b>                   |
| 2                      | 10           | -                        | 26                           | 124                          | -          | -               | <b>Cheshire</b>                        |
| -                      | 6            | -                        | 3                            | 7                            | -          | -               | Cheshire Central                       |
| 2                      | 3            | -                        | 14                           | 105                          | -          | -               | Cheshire East                          |
| -                      | 1            | -                        | 9                            | 12                           | -          | -               | Cheshire West                          |
| 1                      | 2            | -                        | 21                           | 32                           | -          | -               | <b>Cumbria</b>                         |
| -                      | 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              | <b>Greater Manchester (Met County)</b> |
| -                      | -            | -                        | 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               | <b>Lancashire</b>                      |
| -                      | 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                              |

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| 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         |
| <b>Merseyside (Met County)</b>        | <b>5,141</b>  | <b>3,057</b>    | <b>1,017</b>      | <b>2,084</b>        | <b>952</b>                            | <b>728</b>     | <b>105</b> |
| 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         |
| <b>YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER</b>       | <b>23,862</b> | <b>15,840</b>   | <b>7,984</b>      | <b>8,022</b>        | <b>5,667</b>                          | <b>734</b>     | <b>938</b> |
| <b>East Riding of Yorkshire UA</b>    | <b>1,634</b>  | 934             | 741               | 700                 | 539                                   | 29             | 106        |
| <b>Kingston upon Hull, City of UA</b> | <b>1,052</b>  | 822             | 140               | 230                 | 150                                   | 15             | 34         |
| <b>North East Lincolnshire UA</b>     | <b>808</b>    | 521             | 73                | 287                 | 248                                   | 9              | 10         |
| <b>North Lincolnshire UA</b>          | <b>737</b>    | 455             | 129               | 282                 | 235                                   | 13             | 27         |
| <b>York UA</b>                        | <b>1,204</b>  | 897             | 545               | 307                 | 217                                   | 33             | 42         |
| <b>North Yorkshire</b>                | <b>4,097</b>  | 2,763           | 2,750             | 1,334               | 1,036                                 | 131            | 108        |
| <b>South Yorkshire (Met County)</b>   | <b>5,556</b>  | 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         |
| <b>West Yorkshire (Met County)</b>    | <b>8,774</b>  | 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         |
| <b>EAST MIDLANDS</b>                  | <b>21,265</b> | <b>13,639</b>   | <b>6,026</b>      | <b>7,626</b>        | <b>5,783</b>                          | <b>476</b>     | <b>547</b> |
| <b>Derby UA</b>                       | <b>855</b>    | 547             | 82                | 308                 | 178                                   | 35             | 15         |
| <b>Leicester UA</b>                   | <b>1,231</b>  | 889             | 70                | 342                 | 143                                   | 38             | 18         |
| <b>Nottingham UA</b>                  | <b>916</b>    | 627             | 58                | 289                 | 160                                   | 45             | 7          |
| <b>Rutland UA</b>                     | <b>453</b>    | 372             | 225               | 81                  | 73                                    | 5              | 3          |
| <b>Derbyshire</b>                     | <b>3,968</b>  | 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          |
| <b>Leicestershire</b>                 | <b>3,067</b>  | 1,894           | 1,472             | 1,173               | 916                                   | 75             | 98         |
| <b>Lincolnshire<sup>1</sup></b>       | <b>3,527</b>  | 2,179           | 1,720             | 1,348               | 1,163                                 | 50             | 83         |
| <b>Northamptonshire</b>               | <b>3,337</b>  | 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         |

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| Congregat-<br>ionalist | Baptist    | Calvinistic<br>Methodist | United<br>Reformed<br>Church | Other<br>Christian<br>bodies | Jews      | Other<br>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               | <b>Merseyside (Met County)</b>        |
| -                      | 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                             |
| <b>7</b>               | <b>101</b> | <b>-</b>                 | <b>152</b>                   | <b>316</b>                   | <b>20</b> | <b>87</b>       | <b>YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER</b>       |
| -                      | -          | -                        | 13                           | 13                           | -         | -               | <b>East Riding of Yorkshire UA</b>    |
| -                      | 6          | -                        | 5                            | 16                           | -         | 4               | <b>Kingston upon Hull, City of UA</b> |
| -                      | 1          | -                        | 10                           | 9                            | -         | -               | <b>North East Lincolnshire UA</b>     |
| -                      | 1          | -                        | 1                            | 4                            | -         | 1               | <b>North Lincolnshire UA</b>          |
| -                      | 2          | -                        | -                            | 13                           | -         | -               | <b>York UA</b>                        |
| -                      | 14         | -                        | 18                           | 25                           | -         | 2               | <b>North Yorkshire</b>                |
| -                      | 22         | -                        | 38                           | 95                           | 1         | 5               | <b>South Yorkshire (Met County)</b>   |
| -                      | 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              | <b>West Yorkshire (Met County)</b>    |
| 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                             |
| <b>48</b>              | <b>162</b> | <b>-</b>                 | <b>147</b>                   | <b>283</b>                   | <b>6</b>  | <b>174</b>      | <b>EAST MIDLANDS</b>                  |
| -                      | 6          | -                        | 5                            | 15                           | -         | 54              | <b>Derby UA</b>                       |
| 1                      | 14         | -                        | 9                            | 37                           | 3         | 79              | <b>Leicester UA</b>                   |
| -                      | 24         | -                        | 1                            | 27                           | 3         | 22              | <b>Nottingham UA</b>                  |
| -                      | -          | -                        | -                            | -                            | -         | -               | <b>Rutland UA</b>                     |
| 33                     | 14         | -                        | 36                           | 55                           | -         | 1               | <b>Derbyshire</b>                     |
| -                      | 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               | <b>Leicestershire</b>                 |
| 1                      | 12         | -                        | 12                           | 27                           | -         | -               | <b>Lincolnshire<sup>1</sup></b>       |
| 2                      | 49         | -                        | 64                           | 49                           | -         | 13              | <b>Northamptonshire</b>               |
| -                      | -          | -                        | 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                        |

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| Area of occurrence                 | All marriages | Civil marriages |                   | Religious marriages |                                       |                |            |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
|                                    |               | All             | Approved Premises | All                 | Church of England and Church in Wales | Roman Catholic | Methodist  |
| <b>Nottinghamshire</b>             | <b>3,911</b>  | 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         |
| <b>WEST MIDLANDS</b>               | <b>25,281</b> | <b>16,089</b>   | <b>5,079</b>      | <b>9,192</b>        | <b>6,237</b>                          | <b>885</b>     | <b>647</b> |
| <b>Herefordshire, County of UA</b> | <b>967</b>    | 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          |
| <b>Stoke-on-Trent UA</b>           | <b>847</b>    | 585             | 61                | 262                 | 137                                   | 39             | 47         |
| <b>Telford and Wrekin UA</b>       | <b>826</b>    | 583             | 189               | 243                 | 174                                   | 20             | 19         |
| <b>Shropshire</b>                  | <b>1,754</b>  | 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          |
| <b>Staffordshire</b>               | <b>4,515</b>  | 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         |
| <b>Warwickshire</b>                | <b>3,395</b>  | 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          |
| <b>West Midlands (Met County)</b>  | <b>9,887</b>  | 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 <sup>1</sup>                | 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         |
| <b>Worcestershire</b>              | <b>3,090</b>  | 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          |

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|------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Congregat-<br>ionalist | Baptist    | Calvinistic<br>Methodist | United<br>Reformed<br>Church | Other<br>Christian<br>bodies | Jews     | Other<br>bodies |                                    |
| 3                      | 19         | -                        | 10                           | 34                           | -        | 2               | <b>Nottinghamshire</b>             |
| -                      | 6          | -                        | 7                            | 13                           | -        | -               | Basford                            |
| -                      | 2          | -                        | -                            | -                            | -        | -               | East Retford                       |
| -                      | 1          | -                        | -                            | 13                           | -        | 2               | Mansfield                          |
| 3                      | 3          | -                        | -                            | 5                            | -        | -               | Newark                             |
| -                      | 7          | -                        | 3                            | -                            | -        | -               | Rushcliffe                         |
| -                      | -          | -                        | -                            | 3                            | -        | -               | Worksop                            |
| <b>15</b>              | <b>141</b> | <b>-</b>                 | <b>146</b>                   | <b>440</b>                   | <b>6</b> | <b>675</b>      | <b>WEST MIDLANDS</b>               |
| -                      | 9          | -                        | 10                           | 3                            | -        | -               | <b>Herefordshire, County of UA</b> |
| -                      | -          | -                        | -                            | -                            | -        | -               | Bromyard                           |
| -                      | 4          | -                        | 9                            | 3                            | -        | -               | Hereford                           |
| -                      | 1          | -                        | 1                            | -                            | -        | -               | Kington                            |
| -                      | 1          | -                        | -                            | -                            | -        | -               | Ledbury                            |
| -                      | -          | -                        | -                            | -                            | -        | -               | Leominster                         |
| -                      | 3          | -                        | -                            | -                            | -        | -               | Ross                               |
| 5                      | 2          | -                        | 10                           | 21                           | -        | 1               | <b>Stoke-on-Trent UA</b>           |
| -                      | 4          | -                        | 3                            | 11                           | -        | 12              | <b>Telford and Wrekin UA</b>       |
| -                      | 7          | -                        | 13                           | 11                           | -        | 1               | <b>Shropshire</b>                  |
| -                      | -          | -                        | -                            | 1                            | -        | -               | Bridgnorth                         |
| -                      | 1          | -                        | -                            | -                            | -        | -               | Clun                               |
| -                      | -          | -                        | 1                            | 1                            | -        | -               | Ludlow                             |
| -                      | 2          | -                        | -                            | -                            | -        | -               | North Shropshire                   |
| -                      | -          | -                        | 7                            | 4                            | -        | 1               | Oswestry                           |
| -                      | 4          | -                        | 5                            | 5                            | -        | -               | Shrewsbury                         |
| 4                      | 10         | -                        | 8                            | 41                           | -        | 1               | <b>Staffordshire</b>               |
| -                      | 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              | <b>Warwickshire</b>                |
| -                      | 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             | <b>West Midlands (Met County)</b>  |
| 2                      | 28         | -                        | 23                           | 122                          | 5        | 236             | Birmingham                         |
| -                      | 24         | -                        | 14                           | 21                           | -        | 93              | Coventry                           |
| 4                      | 6          | -                        | 14                           | 50                           | -        | 11              | Dudley <sup>1</sup>                |
| -                      | 3          | -                        | 2                            | 21                           | -        | 80              | Sandwell                           |
| -                      | 10         | -                        | -                            | 8                            | 1        | -               | Solihull                           |
| -                      | 1          | -                        | 7                            | 20                           | -        | 67              | Walsall                            |
| -                      | 6          | -                        | 12                           | 25                           | -        | 118             | Wolverhampton                      |
| -                      | 16         | -                        | 10                           | 49                           | -        | 1               | <b>Worcestershire</b>              |
| -                      | 10         | -                        | 3                            | 26                           | -        | -               | Bromsgrove                         |
| -                      | -          | -                        | -                            | 2                            | -        | -               | Droitwich                          |
| -                      | -          | -                        | 1                            | 5                            | -        | -               | Evesham                            |
| -                      | 2          | -                        | 3                            | 3                            | -        | -               | Kidderminster                      |
| -                      | -          | -                        | -                            | 1                            | -        | 1               | Malvern                            |
| -                      | -          | -                        | -                            | -                            | -        | -               | Pershore                           |
| -                      | -          | -                        | -                            | 4                            | -        | -               | Redditch                           |
| -                      | -          | -                        | -                            | -                            | -        | -               | Tenbury                            |
| -                      | 4          | -                        | 3                            | 8                            | -        | -               | Worcester                          |

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Table 3.28 - continued

| Area of occurrence        | All marriages | Civil marriages |                   | Religious marriages |                                       |                |            |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
|                           |               | All             | Approved Premises | All                 | Church of England and Church in Wales | Roman Catholic | Methodist  |
| <b>EAST</b>               | <b>28,773</b> | <b>19,195</b>   | <b>8,757</b>      | <b>9,578</b>        | <b>7,252</b>                          | <b>819</b>     | <b>536</b> |
| <b>Luton UA</b>           | <b>751</b>    | 584             | 9                 | 167                 | 60                                    | 69             | 13         |
| <b>Peterborough UA</b>    | <b>986</b>    | 743             | 145               | 243                 | 169                                   | 34             | 11         |
| <b>Southend-on-Sea UA</b> | <b>753</b>    | 518             | 78                | 235                 | 119                                   | 31             | 22         |
| <b>Thurrock UA</b>        | <b>671</b>    | 457             | 248               | 214                 | 182                                   | 9              | 3          |
| <b>Bedfordshire</b>       | <b>2,108</b>  | 1,341           | 916               | 767                 | 568                                   | 76             | 71         |
| <b>Cambridgeshire</b>     | <b>2,808</b>  | 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         |
| <b>Essex</b>              | <b>6,909</b>  | 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          |
| <b>Hertfordshire</b>      | <b>5,631</b>  | 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          |
| <b>Norfolk</b>            | <b>4,404</b>  | 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         |
| <b>Suffolk</b>            | <b>3,752</b>  | 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         |
| <b>LONDON</b>             | <b>41,364</b> | <b>34,020</b>   | <b>9,805</b>      | <b>7,344</b>        | <b>3,357</b>                          | <b>1,584</b>   | <b>273</b> |
| <b>Inner London</b>       | <b>19,194</b> | 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                                     | -              | -          |

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| Congregat-<br>ionalist | Baptist    | Calvinistic<br>Methodist | United<br>Reformed<br>Church | Other<br>Christian<br>bodies | Jews       | Other<br>bodies |                           |
| <b>29</b>              | <b>211</b> | -                        | <b>207</b>                   | <b>357</b>                   | <b>42</b>  | <b>125</b>      | <b>EAST</b>               |
| -                      | 9          | -                        | 2                            | 11                           | -          | 3               | <b>Luton UA</b>           |
| -                      | 6          | -                        | 1                            | 18                           | -          | 4               | <b>Peterborough UA</b>    |
| -                      | 17         | -                        | 27                           | 13                           | 3          | 3               | <b>Southend-on-Sea UA</b> |
| -                      | 3          | -                        | 5                            | 8                            | -          | 4               | <b>Thurrock UA</b>        |
| 5                      | 18         | -                        | -                            | 13                           | -          | 16              | <b>Bedfordshire</b>       |
| 4                      | 24         | -                        | 38                           | 20                           | 1          | 2               | <b>Cambridgeshire</b>     |
| 2                      | 16         | -                        | 24                           | 13                           | 1          | 1               | Cambridge                 |
| 2                      | 3          | -                        | -                            | -                            | -          | 1               | Ely                       |
| -                      | 1          | -                        | -                            | 1                            | -          | -               | Fenland                   |
| -                      | 4          | -                        | 14                           | 6                            | -          | -               | Huntingdon                |
| 14                     | 41         | -                        | 67                           | 96                           | 4          | 1               | <b>Essex</b>              |
| 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              | <b>Hertfordshire</b>      |
| -                      | -          | -                        | 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               | <b>Norfolk</b>            |
| -                      | -          | -                        | 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               | <b>Suffolk</b>            |
| -                      | 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                   |
| <b>17</b>              | <b>208</b> | -                        | <b>142</b>                   | <b>831</b>                   | <b>520</b> | <b>412</b>      | <b>LONDON</b>             |
| 11                     | 67         | -                        | 28                           | 531                          | 259        | 121             | <b>Inner London</b>       |
| -                      | 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                    |

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| 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          |
| <b>Outer London</b>              | <b>22,170</b> | <b>17,691</b>   | <b>4,779</b>      | <b>4,479</b>        | <b>2,238</b>                          | <b>953</b>     | <b>175</b> |
| 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          |
| <b>SOUTH EAST</b>                | <b>44,461</b> | <b>29,798</b>   | <b>15,582</b>     | <b>14,663</b>       | <b>11,447</b>                         | <b>1,244</b>   | <b>525</b> |
| <b>Bracknell Forest UA</b>       | <b>454</b>    | 238             | 101               | 216                 | 169                                   | 14             | 3          |
| <b>Brighton and Hove UA</b>      | <b>1,479</b>  | 1,208           | 351               | 271                 | 157                                   | 44             | 18         |
| <b>Isle of Wight UA</b>          | <b>797</b>    | 499             | 136               | 298                 | 223                                   | 16             | 39         |
| <b>Medway UA</b>                 | <b>1,007</b>  | 769             | 580               | 238                 | 162                                   | 27             | 8          |
| <b>Milton Keynes UA</b>          | <b>1,079</b>  | 745             | 122               | 334                 | 229                                   | 26             | 11         |
| <b>Portsmouth UA</b>             | <b>1,391</b>  | 1,084           | 155               | 307                 | 159                                   | 34             | 10         |
| <b>Reading UA</b>                | <b>947</b>    | 738             | 37                | 209                 | 103                                   | 44             | 10         |
| <b>Slough UA</b>                 | <b>614</b>    | 441             | 23                | 173                 | 35                                    | 35             | 5          |
| <b>Southampton UA</b>            | <b>1,109</b>  | 858             | 509               | 251                 | 157                                   | 28             | 7          |
| <b>West Berkshire UA</b>         | <b>905</b>    | 609             | 365               | 296                 | 246                                   | 20             | 18         |
| <b>Windsor and Maidenhead UA</b> | <b>1,058</b>  | 789             | 497               | 269                 | 192                                   | 45             | 10         |
| <b>Wokingham UA</b>              | <b>592</b>    | 315             | 176               | 277                 | 237                                   | 21             | 5          |
| <b>Buckinghamshire</b>           | <b>2,355</b>  | 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         |
| <b>East Sussex</b>               | <b>2,953</b>  | 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          |
| <b>Hampshire</b>                 | <b>6,434</b>  | 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         |



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| Congregat-<br>ionalist | Baptist    | Calvinistic<br>Methodist | United<br>Reformed<br>Church | Other<br>Christian<br>bodies | Jews      | Other<br>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             | <b>Outer London</b>              |
| -                      | 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                   |
| <b>18</b>              | <b>316</b> | <b>-</b>                 | <b>288</b>                   | <b>599</b>                   | <b>12</b> | <b>214</b>      | <b>SOUTH EAST</b>                |
| -                      | 13         | -                        | -                            | 17                           | -         | -               | <b>Bracknell Forest UA</b>       |
| -                      | 14         | -                        | 6                            | 19                           | 5         | 8               | <b>Brighton and Hove UA</b>      |
| 1                      | 5          | -                        | 5                            | 9                            | -         | -               | <b>Isle of Wight UA</b>          |
| -                      | 2          | -                        | -                            | 28                           | -         | 11              | <b>Medway UA</b>                 |
| -                      | 21         | -                        | 27                           | 17                           | -         | 3               | <b>Milton Keynes UA</b>          |
| -                      | 6          | -                        | 3                            | 94                           | -         | 1               | <b>Portsmouth UA</b>             |
| -                      | 15         | -                        | 4                            | 26                           | 1         | 6               | <b>Reading UA</b>                |
| -                      | 6          | -                        | 2                            | 4                            | -         | 86              | <b>Slough UA</b>                 |
| -                      | 5          | -                        | 9                            | 22                           | -         | 23              | <b>Southampton UA</b>            |
| -                      | 5          | -                        | 5                            | 2                            | -         | -               | <b>West Berkshire UA</b>         |
| -                      | 7          | -                        | 6                            | 3                            | 2         | 4               | <b>Windsor and Maidenhead UA</b> |
| -                      | 8          | -                        | -                            | 6                            | -         | -               | <b>Wokingham UA</b>              |
| 1                      | 25         | -                        | 4                            | 14                           | -         | 12              | <b>Buckinghamshire</b>           |
| 1                      | 9          | -                        | 1                            | 2                            | -         | -               | Aylesbury Vale                   |
| -                      | 16         | -                        | 3                            | 12                           | -         | 12              | Chiltern Hills                   |
| -                      | 30         | -                        | 25                           | 25                           | -         | 1               | <b>East Sussex</b>               |
| -                      | 5          | -                        | 6                            | 1                            | -         | -               | Crowborough                      |
| -                      | 9          | -                        | 7                            | 10                           | -         | -               | Eastbourne                       |
| -                      | 9          | -                        | 11                           | 4                            | -         | -               | Hastings and Rother              |
| -                      | 7          | -                        | 1                            | 10                           | -         | 1               | Lewes                            |
| 1                      | 29         | -                        | 40                           | 56                           | -         | 10              | <b>Hampshire</b>                 |
| -                      | -          | -                        | -                            | 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                       |

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| Area of occurrence                     | All marriages | Civil marriages |                   | Religious marriages |                                       |                |            |
|--|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
|  |               | All             | Approved Premises | All                 | Church of England and Church in Wales | Roman Catholic | Methodist  |
| <b>Kent<sup>1</sup></b>                | <b>7,791</b>  | 5,277           | 5,249             | 2,514               | 2,058                                 | 153            | 69         |
| <b>Oxfordshire</b>                     | <b>3,532</b>  | 2,311           | 1,768             | 1,221               | 932                                   | 119            | 53         |
| <b>Surrey</b>                          | <b>5,873</b>  | 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         |
| <b>West Sussex</b>                     | <b>4,091</b>  | 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         |
| <b>SOUTH WEST</b>                      | <b>28,323</b> | <b>18,619</b>   | <b>7,041</b>      | <b>9,704</b>        | <b>7,739</b>                          | <b>562</b>     | <b>593</b> |
| <b>Bath and North East Somerset UA</b> | <b>1,284</b>  | 942             | 354               | 342                 | 264                                   | 36             | 25         |
| <b>Bournemouth UA</b>                  | <b>1,015</b>  | 738             | 291               | 277                 | 132                                   | 33             | 20         |
| <b>Bristol, City of UA</b>             | <b>1,751</b>  | 1,279           | 256               | 472                 | 298                                   | 58             | 15         |
| <b>North Somerset UA</b>               | <b>908</b>    | 556             | 257               | 352                 | 293                                   | 15             | 22         |
| <b>Plymouth UA</b>                     | <b>1,297</b>  | 988             | 146               | 309                 | 209                                   | 34             | 25         |
| <b>Poole UA</b>                        | <b>767</b>    | 541             | 156               | 226                 | 180                                   | 14             | 6          |
| <b>South Gloucestershire UA</b>        | <b>1,241</b>  | 772             | 255               | 469                 | 381                                   | 29             | 23         |
| <b>Swindon UA</b>                      | <b>859</b>    | 598             | 168               | 261                 | 179                                   | 25             | 19         |
| <b>Torbay UA</b>                       | <b>889</b>    | 709             | 176               | 180                 | 117                                   | 23             | 11         |
| <b>Cornwall and Isles of Scilly</b>    | <b>3,464</b>  | 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         |
| <b>Devon</b>                           | <b>4,197</b>  | 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          |
| Torrige                                | 432           | 289             | 87                | 143                 | 108                                   | 5              | 21         |
| West Devon                             | 336           | 200             | 122               | 136                 | 118                                   | 5              | 11         |
| <b>Dorset</b>                          | <b>2,054</b>  | 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         |
| <b>Gloucestershire</b>                 | <b>3,387</b>  | 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          |

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| Congregat-<br>ionalist | Baptist    | Calvinistic<br>Methodist | United<br>Reformed<br>Church | Other<br>Christian<br>bodies | Jews     | Other<br>bodies |  |
| 2                      | 31         | -                        | 32                           | 141                          | -        | 28              | <b>Kent<sup>1</sup></b>                |
| 4                      | 19         | -                        | 60                           | 31                           | 1        | 2               | <b>Oxfordshire</b>                     |
| 5                      | 43         | -                        | 30                           | 35                           | 3        | 9               | <b>Surrey</b>                          |
| 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              | <b>West Sussex</b>                     |
| 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                               |
| <b>26</b>              | <b>166</b> | <b>-</b>                 | <b>264</b>                   | <b>311</b>                   | <b>1</b> | <b>42</b>       | <b>SOUTH WEST</b>                      |
| -                      | 7          | -                        | 2                            | 8                            | -        | -               | <b>Bath and North East Somerset UA</b> |
| -                      | 4          | -                        | 51                           | 36                           | -        | 1               | <b>Bournemouth UA</b>                  |
| 3                      | 19         | -                        | 11                           | 51                           | -        | 17              | <b>Bristol, City of UA</b>             |
| -                      | 8          | -                        | 3                            | 11                           | -        | -               | <b>North Somerset UA</b>               |
| -                      | 18         | -                        | 12                           | 11                           | -        | -               | <b>Plymouth UA</b>                     |
| -                      | 5          | -                        | 9                            | 11                           | -        | 1               | <b>Poole UA</b>                        |
| -                      | 11         | -                        | 5                            | 20                           | -        | -               | <b>South Gloucestershire UA</b>        |
| -                      | 5          | -                        | 14                           | 15                           | -        | 4               | <b>Swindon UA</b>                      |
| -                      | 6          | -                        | 9                            | 14                           | -        | -               | <b>Torbay UA</b>                       |
| -                      | 4          | -                        | 3                            | 25                           | -        | -               | <b>Cornwall and Isles of Scilly</b>    |
| -                      | -          | -                        | -                            | 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        | -               | <b>Devon</b>                           |
| 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                            | -        | -               | Torrige                                |
| -                      | -          | -                        | -                            | 2                            | -        | -               | West Devon                             |
| -                      | 8          | -                        | 26                           | 20                           | -        | -               | <b>Dorset</b>                          |
| -                      | 2          | -                        | 7                            | 10                           | -        | -               | East Dorset                            |
| -                      | -          | -                        | 8                            | 7                            | -        | -               | North Dorset                           |
| -                      | 6          | -                        | 11                           | 3                            | -        | -               | South and West Dorset                  |
| 7                      | 23         | -                        | 33                           | 29                           | -        | 11              | <b>Gloucestershire</b>                 |
| 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                                 |

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| Area of occurrence               | All marriages | Civil marriages |                   | Religious marriages |                                       |                |            |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
|                                  |               | All             | Approved Premises | All                 | Church of England and Church in Wales | Roman Catholic | Methodist  |
| <b>Somerset</b>                  | <b>2,751</b>  | 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 <sup>1</sup>      | 829           | 495             | 216               | 334                 | 288                                   | 7              | 21         |
| Taunton                          | 617           | 405             | 120               | 212                 | 176                                   | 15             | 7          |
| West Somerset                    | 192           | 107             | 43                | 85                  | 70                                    | 1              | 11         |
| <b>Wiltshire</b>                 | <b>2,459</b>  | 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              | -          |
| <b>WALES</b>                     | <b>14,532</b> | <b>8,658</b>    | <b>3,379</b>      | <b>5,874</b>        | <b>4,153</b>                          | <b>404</b>     | <b>304</b> |
| <b>Isle of Anglesey</b>          | <b>342</b>    | 176             | 87                | 166                 | 124                                   | 8              | -          |
| <b>Gwynedd</b>                   | <b>633</b>    | 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                                     | -              | -          |
| <b>Conwy</b>                     | <b>542</b>    | 340             | 113               | 202                 | 120                                   | 20             | 26         |
| Aberconwy                        | 387           | 271             | 99                | 116                 | 72                                    | 8              | 22         |
| Colwyn                           | 155           | 69              | 14                | 86                  | 48                                    | 12             | 4          |
| <b>Denbighshire</b>              | <b>543</b>    | 321             | 198               | 222                 | 169                                   | 11             | 9          |
| Denbighshire North               | 327           | 191             | 88                | 136                 | 104                                   | 9              | 6          |
| Denbighshire South               | 216           | 130             | 110               | 86                  | 65                                    | 2              | 3          |
| <b>Flintshire</b>                | <b>868</b>    | 560             | 203               | 308                 | 254                                   | 22             | 16         |
| Flintshire East                  | 474           | 316             | 33                | 158                 | 131                                   | 5              | 14         |
| Flintshire West                  | 394           | 244             | 170               | 150                 | 123                                   | 17             | 2          |
| <b>Wrexham</b>                   | <b>565</b>    | 319             | 125               | 246                 | 197                                   | 13             | 7          |
| <b>Powys</b>                     | <b>736</b>    | 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              | -          |
| <b>Ceredigion</b>                | <b>312</b>    | 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                                    | -              | -          |
| <b>Pembrokeshire<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>673</b>    | 357             | 203               | 316                 | 252                                   | 12             | 10         |
| <b>Carmarthenshire</b>           | <b>795</b>    | 463             | 170               | 332                 | 230                                   | 7              | 6          |
| Carmarthen                       | 395           | 217             | 46                | 178                 | 127                                   | 3              | 2          |
| Llanelli                         | 400           | 246             | 124               | 154                 | 103                                   | 4              | 4          |
| <b>Swansea</b>                   | <b>1,150</b>  | 695             | 194               | 455                 | 326                                   | 45             | 17         |
| <b>Neath Port Talbot</b>         | <b>592</b>    | 343             | 123               | 249                 | 176                                   | 15             | 14         |
| <b>Bridgend</b>                  | <b>697</b>    | 437             | 147               | 260                 | 187                                   | 14             | 9          |
| <b>The Vale of Glamorgan</b>     | <b>647</b>    | 341             | 188               | 306                 | 199                                   | 18             | 58         |
| <b>Cardiff</b>                   | <b>1,594</b>  | 1,054           | 402               | 540                 | 307                                   | 112            | 16         |
| <b>Rhondda, Cynon, Taff</b>      | <b>842</b>    | 460             | 141               | 382                 | 265                                   | 13             | 21         |

<sup>1</sup> Registration scheme changes occurred in this area during 2003.

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|                        |            |                          |                              |                              |          |                 | Area of occurrence               |
|------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Congregat-<br>ionalist | Baptist    | Calvinistic<br>Methodist | United<br>Reformed<br>Church | Other<br>Christian<br>bodies | Jews     | Other<br>bodies |                                  |
| 6                      | 14         | -                        | 8                            | 19                           | -        | 8               | <b>Somerset</b>                  |
| 2                      | 3          | -                        | 5                            | 2                            | -        | -               | Mendip                           |
| -                      | -          | -                        | 1                            | 7                            | -        | -               | Sedgemoor                        |
| -                      | 5          | -                        | -                            | 7                            | -        | 6               | South Somerset <sup>1</sup>      |
| 3                      | 5          | -                        | 2                            | 2                            | -        | 2               | Taunton                          |
| 1                      | 1          | -                        | -                            | 1                            | -        | -               | West Somerset                    |
| -                      | 10         | -                        | 17                           | 12                           | -        | -               | <b>Wiltshire</b>                 |
| -                      | 3          | -                        | 2                            | 2                            | -        | -               | Chippenham                       |
| -                      | 2          | -                        | 3                            | -                            | -        | -               | Devizes and Marlborough          |
| -                      | 1          | -                        | 6                            | 6                            | -        | -               | Salisbury                        |
| -                      | 3          | -                        | 6                            | 3                            | -        | -               | Trowbridge                       |
| -                      | 1          | -                        | -                            | 1                            | -        | -               | Warminster                       |
| <b>178</b>             | <b>340</b> | <b>92</b>                | <b>69</b>                    | <b>323</b>                   | <b>-</b> | <b>11</b>       | <b>WALES</b>                     |
| 4                      | 5          | 10                       | -                            | 15                           | -        | -               | <b>Isle of Anglesey</b>          |
| 18                     | 3          | 37                       | -                            | 11                           | -        | -               | <b>Gwynedd</b>                   |
| 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                           | -        | -               | <b>Conwy</b>                     |
| 3                      | -          | 2                        | -                            | 9                            | -        | -               | Aberconwy                        |
| 1                      | 5          | 8                        | -                            | 8                            | -        | -               | Colwyn                           |
| -                      | 1          | 8                        | 5                            | 19                           | -        | -               | <b>Denbighshire</b>              |
| -                      | 1          | 2                        | 5                            | 9                            | -        | -               | Denbighshire North               |
| -                      | -          | 6                        | -                            | 10                           | -        | -               | Denbighshire South               |
| -                      | 3          | 3                        | 1                            | 8                            | -        | 1               | <b>Flintshire</b>                |
| -                      | -          | -                        | 1                            | 7                            | -        | -               | Flintshire East                  |
| -                      | 3          | 3                        | -                            | 1                            | -        | 1               | Flintshire West                  |
| 6                      | 5          | 2                        | 2                            | 13                           | -        | 1               | <b>Wrexham</b>                   |
| 10                     | 6          | 1                        | 7                            | 18                           | -        | -               | <b>Powys</b>                     |
| 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                           | -        | -               | <b>Ceredigion</b>                |
| 4                      | 1          | 3                        | -                            | 8                            | -        | -               | Cardiganshire Central            |
| 3                      | 1          | 3                        | -                            | 1                            | -        | -               | Cardiganshire North              |
| 8                      | 1          | 2                        | -                            | 5                            | -        | -               | Cardiganshire South              |
| 14                     | 15         | -                        | 5                            | 7                            | -        | 1               | <b>Pembrokeshire<sup>1</sup></b> |
| 34                     | 33         | 4                        | 1                            | 16                           | -        | 1               | <b>Carmarthenshire</b>           |
| 17                     | 17         | 2                        | -                            | 9                            | -        | 1               | Carmarthen                       |
| 17                     | 16         | 2                        | 1                            | 7                            | -        | -               | Llanelli                         |
| 13                     | 23         | 3                        | 7                            | 20                           | -        | 1               | <b>Swansea</b>                   |
| 16                     | 11         | 4                        | -                            | 13                           | -        | -               | <b>Neath Port Talbot</b>         |
| 12                     | 17         | -                        | 10                           | 11                           | -        | -               | <b>Bridgend</b>                  |
| 2                      | 14         | -                        | 8                            | 7                            | -        | -               | <b>The Vale of Glamorgan</b>     |
| 4                      | 50         | -                        | 7                            | 40                           | -        | 4               | <b>Cardiff</b>                   |
| 12                     | 46         | 1                        | 2                            | 22                           | -        | -               | <b>Rhondda, Cynon, Taff</b>      |

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Table 3.28 - continued

| Area of occurrence       | All marriages | Civil marriages |                   | Religious marriages |                                       |                |           |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
|                          |               | All             | Approved Premises | All                 | Church of England and Church in Wales | Roman Catholic | Methodist |
| <i>Wales - continued</i> |               |                 |                   |                     |                                       |                |           |
| <b>Merthyr Tydfil</b>    | <b>232</b>    | 129             | 35                | 103                 | 52                                    | 10             | -         |
| <b>Caerphilly</b>        | <b>738</b>    | 412             | 35                | 326                 | 242                                   | 9              | 22        |
| <b>Blaenau Gwent</b>     | <b>319</b>    | 189             | 32                | 130                 | 71                                    | 11             | 8         |
| <b>Torfaen</b>           | <b>357</b>    | 173             | 23                | 184                 | 133                                   | 7              | 13        |
| <b>Monmouthshire</b>     | <b>687</b>    | 461             | 322               | 226                 | 194                                   | 9              | 6         |
| Monmouth                 | <b>687</b>    | 461             | 322               | 226                 | 194                                   | 9              | 6         |
| <b>Newport</b>           | <b>668</b>    | 414             | 129               | 254                 | 186                                   | 21             | 26        |

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

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**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 |
| <b>Numbers</b>   |                |                       |                    |                           |                                       |                |           |                   |         |                        |      |        |
| 1993   | <b>299,197</b> | 152,930               | ..                 | <b>146,267</b>            | 96,060                                | 17,465         | 14,927    | 805               | 3,197   | 5,783                  | 903  | 7,127  |
| 1994   | <b>291,069</b> | 152,113               | ..                 | <b>138,956</b>            | 90,703                                | 16,429         | 14,347    | 782               | 3,178   | 5,449                  | 813  | 7,255  |
| 1995   | <b>283,012</b> | 155,490               | 2,496 <sup>1</sup> | <b>127,522</b>            | 83,685                                | 15,181         | 12,846    | 717               | 2,771   | 4,783                  | 784  | 6,755  |
| 1996   | <b>278,975</b> | 164,158               | 15,210             | <b>114,817</b>            | 75,147                                | 13,989         | 10,919    | 677               | 2,564   | 4,141                  | 815  | 6,565  |
| 1997   | <b>272,536</b> | 165,516               | 22,052             | <b>107,020</b>            | 70,310                                | 13,125         | 9,676     | 585               | 2,319   | 3,581                  | 910  | 6,514  |
| 1998   | <b>267,303</b> | 163,072               | 28,879             | <b>104,231</b>            | 69,494                                | 12,615         | 8,863     | 600               | 2,262   | 3,220                  | 870  | 6,307  |
| 1999   | <b>263,515</b> | 162,679               | 37,709             | <b>100,836</b>            | 67,219                                | 12,399         | 8,248     | 542               | 2,173   | 2,984                  | 905  | 6,366  |
| 2000   | <b>267,961</b> | 170,800               | 45,792             | <b>97,161</b>             | 65,536                                | 11,312         | 7,900     | 503               | 2,110   | 2,769                  | 829  | 6,202  |
| 2001   | <b>249,227</b> | 160,238               | 50,149             | <b>88,989</b>             | 60,878                                | 10,518         | 6,391     | 493               | 1,832   | 2,313                  | 780  | 5,784  |
| 2002   | <b>255,596</b> | 169,210               | 61,749             | <b>86,386</b>             | 58,980                                | 10,044         | 6,090     | 440               | 1,801   | 2,161                  | 763  | 6,107  |
| 2003   | <b>270,109</b> | 183,124               | 73,784             | <b>86,985</b>             | 60,385                                | 9,858          | 5,742     | 364               | 1,768   | 1,959                  | 751  | 6,158  |
| <b>Proportions per 1,000 marriages</b>                           |                |                       |                    |                           |                                       |                |           |                   |         |                        |      |        |
| 1993   | <b>1,000</b>   | 511                   | ..                 | <b>489</b>                | 321                                   | 58             | 50        | 3                 | 11      | 19                     | 3    | 24     |
| 1994   | <b>1,000</b>   | 523                   | ..                 | <b>477</b>                | 312                                   | 56             | 49        | 3                 | 11      | 19                     | 3    | 25     |
| 1995   | <b>1,000</b>   | 549                   | 9 <sup>1</sup>     | <b>451</b>                | 296                                   | 54             | 45        | 3                 | 10      | 17                     | 3    | 24     |
| 1996   | <b>1,000</b>   | 588                   | 55                 | <b>412</b>                | 269                                   | 50             | 39        | 2                 | 9       | 15                     | 3    | 24     |
| 1997   | <b>1,000</b>   | 607                   | 81                 | <b>393</b>                | 258                                   | 48             | 36        | 2                 | 9       | 13                     | 3    | 24     |
| 1998   | <b>1,000</b>   | 610                   | 108                | <b>390</b>                | 260                                   | 47             | 33        | 2                 | 8       | 12                     | 3    | 24     |
| 1999   | <b>1,000</b>   | 617                   | 143                | <b>383</b>                | 255                                   | 47             | 31        | 2                 | 8       | 11                     | 3    | 24     |
| 2000   | <b>1,000</b>   | 637                   | 171                | <b>363</b>                | 245                                   | 42             | 29        | 2                 | 8       | 10                     | 3    | 23     |
| 2001   | <b>1,000</b>   | 643                   | 201                | <b>357</b>                | 244                                   | 42             | 26        | 2                 | 7       | 9                      | 3    | 23     |
| 2002   | <b>1,000</b>   | 662                   | 242                | <b>338</b>                | 231                                   | 39             | 24        | 2                 | 7       | 8                      | 3    | 24     |
| 2003   | <b>1,000</b>   | 678                   | 273                | <b>322</b>                | 224                                   | 36             | 21        | 1                 | 7       | 7                      | 3    | 23     |
| <b>Proportions per 1,000 marriages with religious ceremonies</b> |                |                       |                    |                           |                                       |                |           |                   |         |                        |      |        |
| 1993   |                |                       |                    | <b>1,000</b>              | 657                                   | 119            | 102       | 6                 | 22      | 40                     | 6    | 49     |
| 1994   |                |                       |                    | <b>1,000</b>              | 653                                   | 118            | 103       | 6                 | 23      | 39                     | 6    | 52     |
| 1995   |                |                       |                    | <b>1,000</b>              | 656                                   | 119            | 101       | 6                 | 22      | 38                     | 6    | 53     |
| 1996   |                |                       |                    | <b>1,000</b>              | 654                                   | 122            | 95        | 6                 | 22      | 36                     | 7    | 57     |
| 1997   |                |                       |                    | <b>1,000</b>              | 657                                   | 123            | 90        | 5                 | 22      | 33                     | 9    | 61     |
| 1998   |                |                       |                    | <b>1,000</b>              | 667                                   | 121            | 85        | 6                 | 22      | 31                     | 8    | 61     |
| 1999   |                |                       |                    | <b>1,000</b>              | 667                                   | 123            | 82        | 5                 | 22      | 30                     | 9    | 63     |
| 2000   |                |                       |                    | <b>1,000</b>              | 675                                   | 116            | 81        | 5                 | 22      | 28                     | 9    | 64     |
| 2001   |                |                       |                    | <b>1,000</b>              | 684                                   | 118            | 72        | 6                 | 21      | 26                     | 9    | 65     |
| 2002   |                |                       |                    | <b>1,000</b>              | 683                                   | 116            | 70        | 5                 | 21      | 25                     | 9    | 71     |
| 2003   |                |                       |                    | <b>1,000</b>              | 694                                   | 113            | 66        | 4                 | 20      | 23                     | 9    | 71     |

<sup>1</sup> 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 statuses<sup>1</sup> 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     | <b>Total</b>          | <b>270,109</b> | <b>160,283</b>      | <b>109,826</b>                         | <b>183,124</b> | <b>92,086</b>       | <b>91,038</b>                          | <b>60,385</b>              | <b>49,522</b>       | <b>10,863</b>                          | <b>26,600</b>       | <b>18,675</b>       | <b>7,925</b>                           |
|              | 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     | <b>Total</b>          | <b>6,987</b>   | <b>6,569</b>        | <b>418</b>                             | <b>5,372</b>   | <b>5,010</b>        | <b>362</b>                             | <b>886</b>                 | <b>858</b>          | <b>28</b>                              | <b>729</b>          | <b>701</b>          | <b>28</b>                              |
|              | 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        | <b>Total</b>          | <b>46,850</b>  | <b>42,171</b>       | <b>4,679</b>                           | <b>27,157</b>  | <b>23,486</b>       | <b>3,671</b>                           | <b>13,906</b>              | <b>13,323</b>       | <b>583</b>                             | <b>5,787</b>        | <b>5,362</b>        | <b>425</b>                             |
|              | 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        | <b>Total</b>          | <b>72,790</b>  | <b>60,034</b>       | <b>12,756</b>                          | <b>41,641</b>  | <b>31,619</b>       | <b>10,022</b>                          | <b>22,813</b>              | <b>21,160</b>       | <b>1,653</b>                           | <b>8,336</b>        | <b>7,255</b>        | <b>1,081</b>                           |
|              | 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        | <b>Total</b>          | <b>124,529</b> | <b>50,904</b>       | <b>73,625</b>                          | <b>93,206</b>  | <b>31,495</b>       | <b>61,711</b>                          | <b>20,990</b>              | <b>14,100</b>       | <b>6,890</b>                           | <b>10,333</b>       | <b>5,309</b>        | <b>5,024</b>                           |
|              | 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  | <b>Total</b>          | <b>18,953</b>  | <b>605</b>          | <b>18,348</b>                          | <b>15,748</b>  | <b>476</b>          | <b>15,272</b>                          | <b>1,790</b>               | <b>81</b>           | <b>1,709</b>                           | <b>1,415</b>        | <b>48</b>           | <b>1,367</b>                           |
|              | 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                                    |

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

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

<sup>1</sup> 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 |                     |              |                        |            |              |
|                    |                |                       |                   |                           |                                       |                | Method-ist          | Congre-gation-alist | Baptist      | United Reformed Church | Jews       | Others       |
| <b>Bridegrooms</b> |                |                       |                   |                           |                                       |                |                     |                     |              |                        |            |              |
| <b>All ages</b>    | <b>270,109</b> | <b>183,124</b>        | <b>73,784</b>     | <b>86,985</b>             | <b>60,385</b>                         | <b>9,858</b>   | <b>5,742</b>        | <b>364</b>          | <b>1,768</b> | <b>1,959</b>           | <b>751</b> | <b>6,158</b> |
| 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          |
| <b>Brides</b>      |                |                       |                   |                           |                                       |                |                     |                     |              |                        |            |              |
| <b>All ages</b>    | <b>270,109</b> | <b>183,124</b>        | <b>73,784</b>     | <b>86,985</b>             | <b>60,385</b>                         | <b>9,858</b>   | <b>5,742</b>        | <b>364</b>          | <b>1,768</b> | <b>1,959</b>           | <b>751</b> | <b>6,158</b> |
| 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          |

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**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    |
|                          | <b>Numbers</b>                 |                 |                   |                     |                                       |                |              |
| <b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b> | <b>270,109</b>                 | <b>183,124</b>  | <b>73,784</b>     | <b>86,985</b>       | <b>60,385</b>                         | <b>9,858</b>   | <b>5,742</b> |
| <b>ENGLAND</b>           | <b>255,577</b>                 | <b>174,466</b>  | <b>70,405</b>     | <b>81,111</b>       | <b>56,232</b>                         | <b>9,454</b>   | <b>5,438</b> |
| 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          |
| <b>WALES</b>             | <b>14,532</b>                  | <b>8,658</b>    | <b>3,379</b>      | <b>5,874</b>        | <b>4,153</b>                          | <b>404</b>     | <b>304</b>   |
|                          | <b>Proportions<sup>1</sup></b> |                 |                   |                     |                                       |                |              |
| <b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b> | <b>1,000</b>                   | <b>678</b>      | <b>273</b>        | <b>1,000</b>        | <b>694</b>                            | <b>113</b>     | <b>66</b>    |
| <b>ENGLAND</b>           | <b>1,000</b>                   | <b>683</b>      | <b>275</b>        | <b>1,000</b>        | <b>693</b>                            | <b>117</b>     | <b>67</b>    |
| 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           |
| <b>WALES</b>             | <b>1,000</b>                   | <b>596</b>      | <b>233</b>        | <b>1,000</b>        | <b>707</b>                            | <b>69</b>      | <b>52</b>    |

<sup>1</sup> Civil marriages and Approved Premises are proportions of all marriages; individual denominations are proportions of all religious marriages.

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|                        |              |                          |                              |                              |            |                 | Area of occurrence       |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Congregat-<br>ionalist | Baptist      | Calvinistic<br>Methodist | United<br>Reformed<br>Church | Other<br>Christian<br>bodies | Jews       | Other<br>bodies |                          |
| <b>364</b>             | <b>1,768</b> | <b>109</b>               | <b>1,959</b>                 | <b>4,246</b>                 | <b>751</b> | <b>1,803</b>    | <b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b> |
| <b>186</b>             | <b>1,428</b> | <b>17</b>                | <b>1,890</b>                 | <b>3,923</b>                 | <b>751</b> | <b>1,792</b>    | <b>ENGLAND</b>           |
| -                      | 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               |
| <b>178</b>             | <b>340</b>   | <b>92</b>                | <b>69</b>                    | <b>323</b>                   | <b>-</b>   | <b>11</b>       | <b>WALES</b>             |
| <b>4</b>               | <b>20</b>    | <b>1</b>                 | <b>23</b>                    | <b>49</b>                    | <b>9</b>   | <b>21</b>       | <b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b> |
| <b>2</b>               | <b>18</b>    | <b>0</b>                 | <b>23</b>                    | <b>48</b>                    | <b>9</b>   | <b>22</b>       | <b>ENGLAND</b>           |
| -                      | 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               |
| <b>30</b>              | <b>58</b>    | <b>16</b>                | <b>12</b>                    | <b>55</b>                    | <b>-</b>   | <b>2</b>        | <b>WALES</b>             |

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**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      |
| <b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b> | <b>270,109</b> | <b>183,124</b>  | <b>182,787</b> | <b>337</b>                  | <b>60,385</b>                         | <b>54,221</b> | <b>3,205</b> |
| <b>ENGLAND</b>           | <b>255,577</b> | <b>174,466</b>  | <b>174,149</b> | <b>317</b>                  | <b>56,232</b>                         | <b>50,412</b> | <b>2,895</b> |
| 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          |
| <b>WALES</b>             | <b>14,532</b>  | <b>8,658</b>    | <b>8,638</b>   | <b>20</b>                   | <b>4,153</b>                          | <b>3,809</b>  | <b>310</b>   |

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

| Area of occurrence       | All marriages in registered buildings |              |                   | Roman Catholic |                   | Methodist  |                   |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
|                          | Total                                 | Registrar    | Authorised Person | Registrar      | Authorised Person | Registrar  | Authorised Person |
| <b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b> | <b>25,792</b>                         | <b>2,503</b> | <b>23,289</b>     | <b>797</b>     | <b>9,061</b>      | <b>233</b> | <b>5,509</b>      |
| <b>ENGLAND</b>           | <b>24,071</b>                         | <b>1,837</b> | <b>22,234</b>     | <b>582</b>     | <b>8,872</b>      | <b>203</b> | <b>5,235</b>      |
| 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               |
| <b>WALES</b>             | <b>1,721</b>                          | <b>666</b>   | <b>1,055</b>      | <b>215</b>     | <b>189</b>        | <b>30</b>  | <b>274</b>        |

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England and Wales, Government Office Regions (within England)

|                 |  |               |  |                             | Area of occurrence       |
|-----------------|--|---------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
|                 |  | Others        |  |                             |                          |
| Special Licence | Superintendent Registrar's Certificate | Total         | Superintendent Registrar's Certificate | Registrar General's Licence |                          |
| <b>1,966</b>    | <b>993</b>                             | <b>26,600</b> | <b>26,598</b>                          | <b>2</b>                    | <b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b> |
| <b>1,942</b>    | <b>983</b>                             | <b>24,879</b> | <b>24,877</b>                          | <b>2</b>                    | <b>ENGLAND</b>           |
| 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               |
| <b>24</b>       | <b>10</b>                              | <b>1,721</b>  | <b>1,721</b>                           | <b>-</b>                    | <b>WALES</b>             |

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| Congregationalist |                   | Baptist    |                   | United Reformed Church |                   | Other denominations |                   | Area of occurrence       |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Registrar         | Authorised Person | Registrar  | Authorised Person | Registrar              | Authorised Person | Registrar           | Authorised Person |                          |
| <b>127</b>        | <b>237</b>        | <b>233</b> | <b>1,534</b>      | <b>70</b>              | <b>1,889</b>      | <b>1,043</b>        | <b>5,059</b>      | <b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b> |
| <b>28</b>         | <b>158</b>        | <b>131</b> | <b>1,296</b>      | <b>57</b>              | <b>1,833</b>      | <b>836</b>          | <b>4,840</b>      | <b>ENGLAND</b>           |
| -                 | -                 | 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               |
| <b>99</b>         | <b>79</b>         | <b>102</b> | <b>238</b>        | <b>13</b>              | <b>56</b>         | <b>207</b>          | <b>219</b>        | <b>WALES</b>             |

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**Table 3.36 Proportions<sup>1</sup> 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  |
| <b>Men</b>    |                   |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 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                 |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Women</b>  |                   |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 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.



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**Table 3.37 Proportions<sup>1</sup> 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  |
| <b>Men</b>    |                   |    |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 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                 |    |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Women</b>  |                   |    |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 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**

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|                          | All marriages  |               |                | Civil marriages |               |                | Religious marriages |               |               |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                          | Total          | Different     | Identical      | Total           | Different     | Identical      | Total               | Different     | Identical     |
| <b>Numbers</b>           |                |               |                |                 |               |                |                     |               |               |
| <b>Age of bridegroom</b> |                |               |                |                 |               |                |                     |               |               |
| <b>All ages</b>          | <b>270,109</b> | <b>57,463</b> | <b>212,646</b> | <b>183,124</b>  | <b>23,726</b> | <b>159,398</b> | <b>86,985</b>       | <b>33,737</b> | <b>53,248</b> |
| 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           |
| <b>Age of bride</b>      |                |               |                |                 |               |                |                     |               |               |
| <b>All ages</b>          | <b>270,109</b> | <b>57,463</b> | <b>212,646</b> | <b>183,124</b>  | <b>23,726</b> | <b>159,398</b> | <b>86,985</b>       | <b>33,737</b> | <b>53,248</b> |
| 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            |
| <b>Percentages</b>       |                |               |                |                 |               |                |                     |               |               |
| <b>Age of bridegroom</b> |                |               |                |                 |               |                |                     |               |               |
| <b>All ages</b>          | <b>100</b>     | <b>21.3</b>   | <b>78.7</b>    | <b>100</b>      | <b>13.0</b>   | <b>87.0</b>    | <b>100</b>          | <b>38.8</b>   | <b>61.2</b>   |
| 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          |
| <b>Age of bride</b>      |                |               |                |                 |               |                |                     |               |               |
| <b>All ages</b>          | <b>100</b>     | <b>21.3</b>   | <b>78.7</b>    | <b>100</b>      | <b>13.0</b>   | <b>87.0</b>    | <b>100</b>          | <b>38.8</b>   | <b>61.2</b>   |
| 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 statuses<sup>1</sup> 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     |
| <b>Numbers</b>         |                   |                |                |                 |                |   |               |                     |               |
| <b>All bridegrooms</b> | <b>All brides</b> | <b>270,109</b> | <b>212,646</b> | <b>183,124</b>  | <b>159,398</b> | <b>73,784</b>                                   | <b>66,951</b> | <b>86,985</b>       | <b>53,248</b> |
|                        | 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           |
| <b>Single men</b>      | <b>All brides</b> | <b>189,470</b> | <b>143,320</b> | <b>116,353</b>  | <b>99,729</b>  | <b>49,112</b>                                   | <b>44,539</b> | <b>73,117</b>       | <b>43,591</b> |
|                        | 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           |
| <b>Divorced men</b>    | <b>All brides</b> | <b>74,397</b>  | <b>65,036</b>  | <b>62,292</b>   | <b>56,215</b>  | <b>23,136</b>                                   | <b>21,203</b> | <b>12,105</b>       | <b>8,821</b>  |
|                        | 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           |
| <b>Widowers</b>        | <b>All brides</b> | <b>6,242</b>   | <b>4,290</b>   | <b>4,479</b>    | <b>3,454</b>   | <b>1,536</b>                                    | <b>1,209</b>  | <b>1,763</b>        | <b>836</b>    |
|                        | 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           |
| <b>Percentages</b>     |                   |                |                |                 |                |   |               |                     |               |
| <b>All bridegrooms</b> | <b>All brides</b> | <b>100</b>     | <b>78.7</b>    | <b>100</b>      | <b>87.0</b>    | <b>100</b>                                      | <b>90.7</b>   | <b>100</b>          | <b>61.2</b>   |
|                        | 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          |
| <b>Single men</b>      | <b>All brides</b> | <b>100</b>     | <b>75.6</b>    | <b>100</b>      | <b>85.7</b>    | <b>100</b>                                      | <b>90.7</b>   | <b>100</b>          | <b>59.6</b>   |
|                        | 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          |
| <b>Divorced men</b>    | <b>All brides</b> | <b>100</b>     | <b>87.4</b>    | <b>100</b>      | <b>90.2</b>    | <b>100</b>                                      | <b>91.6</b>   | <b>100</b>          | <b>72.9</b>   |
|                        | 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          |
| <b>Widowers</b>        | <b>All brides</b> | <b>100</b>     | <b>68.7</b>    | <b>100</b>      | <b>77.1</b>    | <b>100</b>                                      | <b>78.7</b>   | <b>100</b>          | <b>47.4</b>   |
|                        | 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          |

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

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

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| Type of ceremony                        | Total          | Different     | Identical      |
|---|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Numbers</b>                          |                |               |                |
| <b>All marriages</b>                    | <b>270,109</b> | <b>57,463</b> | <b>212,646</b> |
| <b>All civil marriages</b>              | <b>183,124</b> | <b>23,726</b> | <b>159,398</b> |
| Register Office and other               | 109,340        | 16,893        | 92,447         |
| Approved Premises                       | 73,784         | 6,833         | 66,951         |
| <b>All religious marriages</b>          | <b>86,985</b>  | <b>33,737</b> | <b>53,248</b>  |
| 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             | -              |
| <b>Percentages</b>                      |                |               |                |
| <b>All marriages</b>                    | <b>100</b>     | <b>21.3</b>   | <b>78.7</b>    |
| <b>All civil marriages</b>              | <b>100</b>     | <b>13.0</b>   | <b>87.0</b>    |
| Register Office and other               | 100            | 15.4          | 84.6           |
| Approved Premises                       | 100            | 9.3           | 90.7           |
| <b>All religious marriages</b>          | <b>100</b>     | <b>38.8</b>   | <b>61.2</b>    |
| 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      |
| <b>Numbers</b>          |   |                |                     |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <b>All marriages</b>    | <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>270,109</b> | <b>7,998</b>        | <b>11,861</b> | <b>14,166</b> | <b>18,066</b> | <b>28,994</b> | <b>28,092</b> | <b>32,860</b> | <b>46,086</b> | <b>32,923</b> | <b>20,432</b> | <b>14,685</b> | <b>13,946</b> |
|                         | 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     | <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>183,124</b> | <b>6,819</b>        | <b>10,081</b> | <b>11,253</b> | <b>13,502</b> | <b>18,906</b> | <b>17,423</b> | <b>19,733</b> | <b>26,806</b> | <b>20,654</b> | <b>15,257</b> | <b>11,723</b> | <b>10,967</b> |
|                         | 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 | <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>86,985</b>  | <b>1,179</b>        | <b>1,780</b>  | <b>2,913</b>  | <b>4,564</b>  | <b>10,088</b> | <b>10,669</b> | <b>13,127</b> | <b>19,280</b> | <b>12,269</b> | <b>5,175</b>  | <b>2,962</b>  | <b>2,979</b>  |
|                         | 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         |
| <b>Percentages</b>      |   |                |                     |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <b>All marriages</b>    | <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>        | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  |
|                         | 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     | <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>        | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  |
|                         | 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 | <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b>        | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  |
|                         | 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          |

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**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   |
|--------------------------|---|----------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| <b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b> | <b>29,861</b>   | <b>3,709</b>   | <b>7,468</b> | <b>1,370</b>      | <b>3,324</b> | <b>1,725</b>           | <b>1,183</b>          | <b>942</b> |
| <b>ENGLAND</b>           | <b>25,461</b>   | <b>3,463</b>   | <b>6,991</b> | <b>576</b>        | <b>2,490</b> | <b>1,591</b>           | <b>62</b>             | <b>882</b> |
| 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        |
| <b>WALES</b>             | <b>4,400</b>  | <b>246</b>     | <b>477</b>   | <b>794</b>        | <b>834</b>   | <b>134</b>             | <b>1,121</b>          | <b>60</b>  |

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**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 |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b> | <b>40,625</b>     | <b>16,475</b>                         | <b>3,341</b>   | <b>6,561</b> | <b>1,254</b>      | <b>3,102</b> | <b>1,653</b>           | <b>1,084</b>          |
| <b>ENGLAND</b>           | <b>35,238</b>     | <b>15,022</b>                         | <b>3,109</b>   | <b>6,150</b> | <b>464</b>        | <b>2,348</b> | <b>1,519</b>           | <b>58</b>             |
| 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                     |
| <b>WALES</b>             | <b>5,387</b>      | <b>1,453</b>                          | <b>232</b>     | <b>411</b>   | <b>790</b>        | <b>754</b>   | <b>134</b>             | <b>1,026</b>          |

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.

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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                     |
|----------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|
| <b>935</b>     | <b>180</b> | <b>367</b>         | <b>926</b>        | <b>6,074</b>           | <b>364</b> | <b>684</b> | <b>187</b> | <b>423</b> | <b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b> |
| <b>857</b>     | <b>156</b> | <b>357</b>         | <b>847</b>        | <b>5,567</b>           | <b>358</b> | <b>667</b> | <b>184</b> | <b>413</b> | <b>ENGLAND</b>           |
| 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               |
| <b>78</b>      | <b>24</b>  | <b>10</b>          | <b>79</b>         | <b>507</b>             | <b>6</b>   | <b>17</b>  | <b>3</b>   | <b>10</b>  | <b>WALES</b>             |

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England and Wales, Government Office Regions (within England)

| Brethren   | Salvation Army | Unitarian  | Jehovah's Witness | Other Christian bodies | Muslim     | Sikh       | Other      | Area                     |
|------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|
| <b>743</b> | <b>745</b>     | <b>165</b> | <b>823</b>        | <b>4,191</b>           | <b>139</b> | <b>149</b> | <b>200</b> | <b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b> |
| <b>690</b> | <b>693</b>     | <b>142</b> | <b>758</b>        | <b>3,811</b>           | <b>137</b> | <b>146</b> | <b>191</b> | <b>ENGLAND</b>           |
| 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               |
| <b>53</b>  | <b>52</b>      | <b>23</b>  | <b>65</b>         | <b>380</b>             | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>   | <b>9</b>   | <b>WALES</b>             |

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**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 |      |        |
| <b>Husbands</b>                           |                        |          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |             |            |      |        |
| <b>Numbers</b>                            |                        |          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |             |            |      |        |
| 1993                                      | <b>165,018</b>         | 27       | 5,469  | 26,105 | 35,762 | 30,308 | 25,009 | 19,937 | 16,731 | 5,665       | 5          | 39.0 | 37.3   |
| 1994                                      | <b>158,175</b>         | 31       | 4,646  | 23,559 | 34,558 | 29,307 | 23,611 | 19,785 | 17,063 | 5,608       | 7          | 39.3 | 37.6   |
| 1995                                      | <b>155,499</b>         | 28       | 3,973  | 22,018 | 34,082 | 29,319 | 22,971 | 19,718 | 17,589 | 5,791       | 10         | 39.6 | 37.9   |
| 1996                                      | <b>157,107</b>         | 22       | 3,425  | 21,186 | 34,228 | 30,446 | 23,296 | 19,948 | 18,489 | 6,058       | 9          | 39.8 | 38.1   |
| 1997                                      | <b>146,689</b>         | 14       | 2,706  | 18,110 | 31,825 | 29,121 | 22,244 | 18,042 | 18,771 | 5,844       | 12         | 40.2 | 38.4   |
| 1998                                      | <b>145,214</b>         | 21       | 2,354  | 16,720 | 30,666 | 29,776 | 22,740 | 17,785 | 19,255 | 5,889       | 8          | 40.4 | 38.7   |
| 1999                                      | <b>144,556</b>         | 14       | 2,030  | 14,768 | 29,612 | 30,268 | 23,584 | 17,521 | 20,576 | 6,174       | 9          | 40.9 | 39.2   |
| 2000                                      | <b>141,135</b>         | 15       | 1,781  | 12,788 | 27,615 | 30,278 | 23,943 | 17,742 | 20,564 | 6,403       | 6          | 41.3 | 39.7   |
| 2001                                      | <b>143,818</b>         | 11       | 1,607  | 11,713 | 27,480 | 31,322 | 25,470 | 18,048 | 21,585 | 6,580       | 2          | 41.5 | 40.0   |
| 2002                                      | <b>147,735</b>         | 13       | 1,695  | 10,916 | 26,792 | 31,937 | 26,989 | 19,601 | 22,852 | 6,940       | -          | 41.9 | 40.4   |
| 2003                                      | <b>153,490</b>         | 13       | 1,764  | 10,312 | 25,890 | 32,755 | 29,437 | 21,062 | 24,724 | 7,531       | 2          | 42.3 | 40.9   |
| <b>Rates per 1,000 married population</b> |                        |          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |             |            |      |        |
| 1993                                      | <b>14.3</b>            | 4.1      | 29.2   | 33.0   | 30.8   | 25.1   | 19.7   | 14.4   | 7.7    | 1.7         |            |      |        |
| 1994                                      | <b>13.8</b>            | 5.1      | 29.0   | 31.5   | 29.9   | 24.3   | 19.1   | 14.2   | 7.8    | 1.7         |            |      |        |
| 1995                                      | <b>13.7</b>            | 4.7      | 29.0   | 31.5   | 29.6   | 24.1   | 19.0   | 14.2   | 7.9    | 1.7         |            |      |        |
| 1996                                      | <b>13.9</b>            | 3.7      | 29.4   | 32.6   | 30.2   | 24.8   | 19.4   | 14.5   | 8.2    | 1.8         |            |      |        |
| 1997                                      | <b>13.1</b>            | 2.3      | 27.5   | 30.4   | 28.7   | 23.6   | 18.6   | 14.0   | 8.0    | 1.7         |            |      |        |
| 1998                                      | <b>13.0</b>            | 3.4      | 27.4   | 30.7   | 28.4   | 24.0   | 18.9   | 14.4   | 8.0    | 1.7         |            |      |        |
| 1999                                      | <b>13.0</b>            | 2.2      | 25.9   | 29.7   | 28.4   | 24.2   | 19.5   | 14.5   | 8.5    | 1.8         |            |      |        |
| 2000                                      | <b>12.7</b>            | 2.5      | 23.9   | 27.9   | 27.4   | 24.1   | 19.5   | 15.0   | 8.4    | 1.9         |            |      |        |
| 2001                                      | <b>13.0</b>            | 2.0      | 21.6   | 27.9   | 28.3   | 25.0   | 20.5   | 15.3   | 8.7    | 1.9         |            |      |        |
| 2002                                      | <b>13.4</b>            | 3.0      | 24.4   | 29.4   | 29.1   | 25.9   | 21.5   | 16.7   | 9.2    | 2.0         |            |      |        |
| 2003                                      | <b>14.0</b>            | 3.4      | 25.7   | 30.6   | 29.8   | 27.1   | 23.3   | 17.9   | 10.0   | 2.1         |            |      |        |
| <b>Wives</b>                              |                        |          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |             |            |      |        |
| <b>Numbers</b>                            |                        |          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |             |            |      |        |
| 1993                                      | <b>165,018</b>         | 280      | 12,644 | 35,362 | 36,300 | 28,162 | 21,891 | 15,910 | 11,324 | 3,140       | 5          | 36.4 | 34.7   |
| 1994                                      | <b>158,175</b>         | 220      | 10,736 | 32,608 | 35,848 | 27,195 | 20,765 | 16,073 | 11,526 | 3,197       | 7          | 36.7 | 34.9   |
| 1995                                      | <b>155,499</b>         | 172      | 9,611  | 30,563 | 35,538 | 27,550 | 20,739 | 16,098 | 12,095 | 3,123       | 10         | 37.0 | 35.3   |
| 1996                                      | <b>157,107</b>         | 159      | 8,456  | 30,075 | 36,274 | 28,727 | 20,774 | 16,546 | 12,850 | 3,237       | 9          | 37.3 | 35.6   |
| 1997                                      | <b>146,689</b>         | 158      | 6,713  | 26,435 | 33,967 | 27,715 | 20,125 | 15,053 | 13,303 | 3,208       | 12         | 37.7 | 36.0   |
| 1998                                      | <b>145,214</b>         | 154      | 6,144  | 24,586 | 33,446 | 28,605 | 20,521 | 14,783 | 13,677 | 3,290       | 8          | 37.9 | 36.3   |
| 1999                                      | <b>144,556</b>         | 130      | 5,188  | 22,173 | 32,837 | 29,663 | 21,325 | 14,924 | 14,841 | 3,466       | 9          | 38.4 | 36.9   |
| 2000                                      | <b>141,135</b>         | 130      | 4,709  | 19,650 | 31,420 | 29,820 | 21,469 | 15,105 | 15,232 | 3,594       | 6          | 38.8 | 37.3   |
| 2001                                      | <b>143,818</b>         | 97       | 4,546  | 18,231 | 31,489 | 31,164 | 23,190 | 15,501 | 15,905 | 3,693       | 2          | 39.1 | 37.7   |
| 2002                                      | <b>147,735</b>         | 87       | 4,721  | 17,227 | 30,982 | 32,282 | 25,017 | 16,591 | 16,915 | 3,913       | -          | 39.4 | 38.2   |
| 2003                                      | <b>153,490</b>         | 94       | 4,773  | 16,539 | 30,345 | 33,519 | 27,610 | 18,225 | 18,127 | 4,256       | 2          | 39.8 | 38.7   |
| <b>Rates per 1,000 married population</b> |                        |          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |             |            |      |        |
| 1993                                      | <b>14.1</b>            | 11.8     | 32.3   | 33.1   | 27.2   | 21.8   | 16.6   | 11.4   | 5.4    | 1.1         |            |      |        |
| 1994                                      | <b>13.6</b>            | 10.2     | 31.1   | 31.9   | 26.8   | 21.0   | 16.1   | 11.4   | 5.4    | 1.2         |            |      |        |
| 1995                                      | <b>13.5</b>            | 8.3      | 32.0   | 31.7   | 26.7   | 21.1   | 16.5   | 11.4   | 5.6    | 1.1         |            |      |        |
| 1996                                      | <b>13.7</b>            | 7.7      | 32.6   | 33.2   | 27.6   | 21.8   | 16.6   | 11.8   | 5.9    | 1.2         |            |      |        |
| 1997                                      | <b>12.9</b>            | 7.8      | 29.8   | 31.3   | 26.3   | 20.8   | 16.1   | 11.4   | 5.8    | 1.2         |            |      |        |
| 1998                                      | <b>12.9</b>            | 7.6      | 30.6   | 31.4   | 26.6   | 21.3   | 16.4   | 11.7   | 5.8    | 1.2         |            |      |        |
| 1999                                      | <b>12.9</b>            | 6.6      | 27.6   | 30.6   | 26.9   | 21.9   | 16.9   | 12.0   | 6.2    | 1.2         |            |      |        |
| 2000                                      | <b>12.6</b>            | 7.4      | 26.2   | 29.0   | 26.6   | 21.9   | 16.8   | 12.4   | 6.3    | 1.3         |            |      |        |
| 2001                                      | <b>12.9</b>            | 6.0      | 25.5   | 29.2   | 27.6   | 23.0   | 17.9   | 12.8   | 6.5    | 1.3         |            |      |        |
| 2002                                      | <b>13.3</b>            | 6.7      | 28.4   | 30.4   | 28.3   | 24.0   | 19.1   | 13.8   | 6.8    | 1.4         |            |      |        |
| 2003                                      | <b>14.0</b>            | 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.



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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 |
| <b>All ages</b>                | <b>153,490</b>                    | <b>13</b> | <b>1,764</b> | <b>10,312</b> | <b>25,890</b> | <b>32,755</b> | <b>29,437</b> | <b>21,062</b> | <b>24,724</b> | <b>7,531</b> | <b>2</b>   |
| 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          |

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

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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 |
| <b>All ages</b>   | <b>153,490</b>   | <b>121,395</b> | <b>994</b>   | <b>31,101</b>    | <b>106,444</b>          | <b>418</b> | <b>14,533</b>  | <b>259</b>            | <b>143</b> | <b>592</b>     | <b>15,193</b>             | <b>642</b> | <b>15,266</b>  |
| 18                | 1                | 1              | -            | -                | 1                       | -          | -              | -                     | -          | -              | -                         | -          | -              |
| 19                | 12               | 12             | -            | -                | 12                      | -          | -              | -                     | -          | -              | -                         | -          | -              |
| <b>Under 20</b>   | <b>13</b>        | <b>13</b>      | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>         | <b>13</b>               | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>       | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>       | <b>-</b>                  | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>       |
| 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              |
| <b>20-24</b>      | <b>1,764</b>     | <b>1,755</b>   | <b>-</b>     | <b>9</b>         | <b>1,643</b>            | <b>4</b>   | <b>108</b>     | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>       | <b>7</b>                  | <b>-</b>   | <b>2</b>       |
| 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             |
| <b>25-29</b>      | <b>10,312</b>    | <b>10,131</b>  | <b>2</b>     | <b>179</b>       | <b>9,291</b>            | <b>15</b>  | <b>825</b>     | <b>2</b>              | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>       | <b>128</b>                | <b>-</b>   | <b>51</b>      |
| 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            |
| <b>30-34</b>      | <b>25,890</b>    | <b>24,327</b>  | <b>9</b>     | <b>1,554</b>     | <b>21,583</b>           | <b>52</b>  | <b>2,692</b>   | <b>5</b>              | <b>-</b>   | <b>4</b>       | <b>1,040</b>              | <b>7</b>   | <b>507</b>     |
| 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            |
| <b>35-39</b>      | <b>32,755</b>    | <b>28,359</b>  | <b>41</b>    | <b>4,355</b>     | <b>24,373</b>           | <b>88</b>  | <b>3,898</b>   | <b>27</b>             | <b>1</b>   | <b>13</b>      | <b>2,663</b>              | <b>34</b>  | <b>1,658</b>   |
| 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            |
| <b>40-44</b>      | <b>29,437</b>    | <b>22,944</b>  | <b>64</b>    | <b>6,429</b>     | <b>19,795</b>           | <b>75</b>  | <b>3,074</b>   | <b>30</b>             | <b>2</b>   | <b>32</b>      | <b>3,452</b>              | <b>66</b>  | <b>2,911</b>   |
| 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            |
| <b>45-49</b>      | <b>21,062</b>    | <b>14,953</b>  | <b>96</b>    | <b>6,013</b>     | <b>12,962</b>           | <b>64</b>  | <b>1,927</b>   | <b>41</b>             | <b>3</b>   | <b>52</b>      | <b>2,947</b>              | <b>99</b>  | <b>2,967</b>   |
| 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            |
| <b>50-54</b>      | <b>14,909</b>    | <b>9,440</b>   | <b>140</b>   | <b>5,329</b>     | <b>8,283</b>            | <b>37</b>  | <b>1,120</b>   | <b>43</b>             | <b>11</b>  | <b>86</b>      | <b>2,315</b>              | <b>126</b> | <b>2,888</b>   |

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Table 4.3 - continued

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

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

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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  |
| <b>All ages</b>   | <b>153,490</b> | <b>121,896</b>   | <b>1,203</b> | <b>30,391</b>      | <b>106,444</b>            | <b>259</b> | <b>15,193</b> | <b>418</b>          | <b>143</b> | <b>642</b>   | <b>14,533</b>               | <b>592</b> | <b>15,266</b> |
| 17                | 1              | 1                | -            | -                  | 1                         | -          | -             | -                   | -          | -            | -                           | -          | -             |
| 18                | 24             | 24               | -            | -                  | 23                        | -          | 1             | -                   | -          | -            | -                           | -          | -             |
| 19                | 69             | 69               | -            | -                  | 66                        | -          | 3             | -                   | -          | -            | -                           | -          | -             |
| <b>Under 20</b>   | <b>94</b>      | <b>94</b>        | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>           | <b>90</b>                 | <b>-</b>   | <b>4</b>      | <b>-</b>            | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>                    | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>      |
| 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             |
| <b>20-24</b>      | <b>4,773</b>   | <b>4,740</b>     | <b>2</b>     | <b>31</b>          | <b>4,341</b>              | <b>6</b>   | <b>393</b>    | <b>1</b>            | <b>-</b>   | <b>1</b>     | <b>19</b>                   | <b>-</b>   | <b>12</b>     |
| 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            |
| <b>25-29</b>      | <b>16,539</b>  | <b>16,023</b>    | <b>6</b>     | <b>510</b>         | <b>14,392</b>             | <b>18</b>  | <b>1,613</b>  | <b>5</b>            | <b>-</b>   | <b>1</b>     | <b>355</b>                  | <b>2</b>   | <b>153</b>    |
| 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           |
| <b>30-34</b>      | <b>30,345</b>  | <b>27,492</b>    | <b>52</b>    | <b>2,801</b>       | <b>23,960</b>             | <b>52</b>  | <b>3,480</b>  | <b>32</b>           | <b>2</b>   | <b>18</b>    | <b>1,773</b>                | <b>13</b>  | <b>1,015</b>  |
| 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           |
| <b>35-39</b>      | <b>33,519</b>  | <b>27,268</b>    | <b>114</b>   | <b>6,137</b>       | <b>23,367</b>             | <b>49</b>  | <b>3,852</b>  | <b>61</b>           | <b>-</b>   | <b>53</b>    | <b>3,542</b>                | <b>50</b>  | <b>2,545</b>  |
| 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           |
| <b>40-44</b>      | <b>27,610</b>  | <b>20,396</b>    | <b>149</b>   | <b>7,065</b>       | <b>17,434</b>             | <b>45</b>  | <b>2,917</b>  | <b>79</b>           | <b>3</b>   | <b>67</b>    | <b>3,569</b>                | <b>72</b>  | <b>3,424</b>  |
| 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           |
| <b>45-49</b>      | <b>18,225</b>  | <b>12,293</b>    | <b>169</b>   | <b>5,763</b>       | <b>10,597</b>             | <b>41</b>  | <b>1,655</b>  | <b>65</b>           | <b>6</b>   | <b>98</b>    | <b>2,519</b>                | <b>98</b>  | <b>3,146</b>  |
| 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           |
| <b>50-54</b>      | <b>11,373</b>  | <b>7,212</b>     | <b>195</b>   | <b>3,966</b>       | <b>6,398</b>              | <b>25</b>  | <b>789</b>    | <b>66</b>           | <b>16</b>  | <b>113</b>   | <b>1,518</b>                | <b>94</b>  | <b>2,354</b>  |

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

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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 |
| <b>Husbands</b> |                 |          |        |        |        |        |       |       |             |
| 1993            | <b>165,018</b>  | 11,691   | 74,713 | 42,486 | 17,205 | 8,746  | 4,965 | 2,629 | 2,583       |
| 1994            | <b>158,175</b>  | 10,414   | 68,934 | 42,335 | 17,640 | 8,792  | 4,893 | 2,562 | 2,605       |
| 1995            | <b>155,499</b>  | 9,316    | 65,899 | 43,075 | 17,905 | 8,928  | 5,039 | 2,683 | 2,654       |
| 1996            | <b>157,107</b>  | 8,931    | 64,611 | 44,409 | 19,132 | 9,293  | 5,031 | 2,834 | 2,866       |
| 1997            | <b>146,689</b>  | 7,419    | 58,730 | 42,911 | 18,486 | 8,802  | 4,875 | 2,809 | 2,657       |
| 1998            | <b>145,214</b>  | 7,176    | 56,192 | 43,068 | 19,214 | 9,215  | 4,970 | 2,804 | 2,575       |
| 1999            | <b>144,556</b>  | 6,477    | 54,364 | 43,540 | 20,120 | 9,220  | 5,042 | 3,049 | 2,744       |
| 2000            | <b>141,135</b>  | 6,163    | 51,219 | 42,935 | 20,168 | 9,813  | 5,131 | 2,938 | 2,768       |
| 2001            | <b>143,818</b>  | 5,893    | 50,348 | 44,709 | 21,394 | 10,305 | 5,276 | 2,930 | 2,963       |
| 2002            | <b>147,735</b>  | 5,572    | 50,028 | 45,913 | 23,042 | 11,038 | 5,897 | 3,165 | 3,080       |
| 2003            | <b>153,490</b>  | 5,785    | 50,145 | 47,499 | 25,040 | 11,920 | 6,319 | 3,523 | 3,259       |
| <b>Wives</b>    |                 |          |        |        |        |        |       |       |             |
| 1993            | <b>165,018</b>  | 38,811   | 76,853 | 27,178 | 10,593 | 5,673  | 3,091 | 1,590 | 1,229       |
| 1994            | <b>158,175</b>  | 34,069   | 73,291 | 28,360 | 11,007 | 5,615  | 3,064 | 1,520 | 1,249       |
| 1995            | <b>155,499</b>  | 31,322   | 71,360 | 29,441 | 11,585 | 5,800  | 3,121 | 1,580 | 1,290       |
| 1996            | <b>157,107</b>  | 29,927   | 71,123 | 31,396 | 12,335 | 6,051  | 3,254 | 1,686 | 1,335       |
| 1997            | <b>146,689</b>  | 25,579   | 66,167 | 31,022 | 12,094 | 5,767  | 3,156 | 1,667 | 1,237       |
| 1998            | <b>145,214</b>  | 24,276   | 64,453 | 31,533 | 12,788 | 6,153  | 3,135 | 1,661 | 1,215       |
| 1999            | <b>144,556</b>  | 22,486   | 62,853 | 32,867 | 13,507 | 6,432  | 3,331 | 1,791 | 1,289       |
| 2000            | <b>141,135</b>  | 20,930   | 59,874 | 33,282 | 13,972 | 6,562  | 3,378 | 1,861 | 1,276       |
| 2001            | <b>143,818</b>  | 20,218   | 60,211 | 34,759 | 14,890 | 6,956  | 3,559 | 1,850 | 1,375       |
| 2002            | <b>147,735</b>  | 19,828   | 60,353 | 36,387 | 16,339 | 7,623  | 3,841 | 1,971 | 1,393       |
| 2003            | <b>153,490</b>  | 20,063   | 61,057 | 38,722 | 17,567 | 8,249  | 4,154 | 2,092 | 1,586       |

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

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

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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 |
| <b>2001-2003</b>                             |                            |          |        |        |       |       |             |                            |          |        |        |       |       |             |
| 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         |
| <b>2000</b>                                  |                            |          |        |        |       |       |             |                            |          |        |        |       |       |             |
| 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         |
| <b>1999</b>                                  |                            |          |        |        |       |       |             |                            |          |        |        |       |       |             |
| 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          |
| <b>1998</b>                                  |                            |          |        |        |       |       |             |                            |          |        |        |       |       |             |
| 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          |
| <b>1997</b>                                  |                            |          |        |        |       |       |             |                            |          |        |        |       |       |             |
| 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          |
| <b>1996</b>                                  |                            |          |        |        |       |       |             |                            |          |        |        |       |       |             |
| 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          |
| <b>1995</b>                                  |                            |          |        |        |       |       |             |                            |          |        |        |       |       |             |
| 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         |
| <b>Pre 1989</b>                              |                            |          |        |        |       |       |             |                            |          |        |        |       |       |             |
| 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 |
| <b>All years</b>                             |                            |              |               |               |               |               |              | <b>1970-1974</b>           |            |              |              |            |            |             |
| <b>All ages</b>                              | <b>153,490</b>             | <b>5,785</b> | <b>50,145</b> | <b>47,499</b> | <b>25,040</b> | <b>18,239</b> | <b>6,782</b> | <b>7,110</b>               | <b>753</b> | <b>4,244</b> | <b>1,545</b> | <b>382</b> | <b>151</b> | <b>35</b>   |
| 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           |
| <b>2000-2003</b>                             |                            |              |               |               |               |               |              | <b>1965-1969</b>           |            |              |              |            |            |             |
| <b>All ages</b>                              | <b>14,049</b>              | <b>255</b>   | <b>2,429</b>  | <b>4,197</b>  | <b>3,167</b>  | <b>2,774</b>  | <b>1,227</b> | <b>3,459</b>               | <b>369</b> | <b>2,239</b> | <b>669</b>   | <b>130</b> | <b>46</b>  | <b>6</b>    |
| 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           |
| <b>1995-1999</b>                             |                            |              |               |               |               |               |              | <b>1960-1964</b>           |            |              |              |            |            |             |
| <b>All ages</b>                              | <b>42,938</b>              | <b>780</b>   | <b>8,402</b>  | <b>14,464</b> | <b>9,481</b>  | <b>6,933</b>  | <b>2,878</b> | <b>1,341</b>               | <b>166</b> | <b>850</b>   | <b>259</b>   | <b>51</b>  | <b>13</b>  | <b>2</b>    |
| 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           |
| <b>1990-1994</b>                             |                            |              |               |               |               |               |              | <b>1955-1959</b>           |            |              |              |            |            |             |
| <b>All ages</b>                              | <b>32,412</b>              | <b>659</b>   | <b>8,992</b>  | <b>11,395</b> | <b>5,685</b>  | <b>4,107</b>  | <b>1,574</b> | <b>405</b>                 | <b>41</b>  | <b>255</b>   | <b>94</b>    | <b>14</b>  | <b>1</b>   | <b>-</b>    |
| 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          | -                          | -          | -            | -            | -          | -          | -           |
| <b>1985-1989</b>                             |                            |              |               |               |               |               |              | <b>1950-1954</b>           |            |              |              |            |            |             |
| <b>All ages</b>                              | <b>23,902</b>              | <b>771</b>   | <b>9,103</b>  | <b>7,574</b>  | <b>3,166</b>  | <b>2,558</b>  | <b>730</b>   | <b>148</b>                 | <b>12</b>  | <b>100</b>   | <b>26</b>    | <b>9</b>   | <b>1</b>   | <b>-</b>    |
| 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          | -                          | -          | -            | -            | -          | -          | -           |
| <b>1980-1984</b>                             |                            |              |               |               |               |               |              | <b>1945-1949</b>           |            |              |              |            |            |             |
| <b>All ages</b>                              | <b>16,504</b>              | <b>982</b>   | <b>7,678</b>  | <b>4,537</b>  | <b>1,917</b>  | <b>1,159</b>  | <b>231</b>   | <b>42</b>                  | <b>3</b>   | <b>31</b>    | <b>6</b>     | <b>1</b>   | <b>-</b>   | <b>1</b>    |
| 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           | -                          | -          | -            | -            | -          | -          | -           |
| <b>1975-1979</b>                             |                            |              |               |               |               |               |              | <b>Before 1945</b>         |            |              |              |            |            |             |
| <b>All ages</b>                              | <b>11,168</b>              | <b>991</b>   | <b>5,815</b>  | <b>2,732</b>  | <b>1,036</b>  | <b>496</b>    | <b>98</b>    | <b>12</b>                  | <b>3</b>   | <b>7</b>     | <b>1</b>     | <b>1</b>   | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>    |
| 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 Proportions<sup>1</sup> 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  |
| <b>Men</b>    |                   |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 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                 |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Women</b>  |                   |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 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.

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**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    |
| <b>All ages</b>                         | 1993            | <b>165,018</b> | 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            | <b>158,175</b> | 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            | <b>155,499</b> | 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            | <b>157,107</b> | 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            | <b>146,689</b> | 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            | <b>145,214</b> | 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            | <b>144,556</b> | 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            | <b>141,135</b> | 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            | <b>143,818</b> | 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            | <b>147,735</b> | 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                                    | <b>153,490</b>  | 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 |       |
| <b>Age of wife at marriage, 2003</b>    |                 |                |  |       |       |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Under 20                                |                 | <b>20,063</b>  | -                                      | 198   | 499   | 593    | 663    | 614    | 563    | 552   | 496   | 423   | 482   | 468   | 524   | 553   |
| 20-24                                   |                 | <b>61,057</b>  | 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                                   |                 | <b>38,722</b>  | 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                                   |                 | <b>17,567</b>  | 7                                      | 582   | 1,168 | 1,347  | 1,465  | 1,513  | 1,495  | 1,314 | 1,176 | 971   | 878   | 786   | 641   | 604   |
| 35-39                                   |                 | <b>8,249</b>   | 1                                      | 322   | 661   | 742    | 739    | 738    | 652    | 619   | 527   | 428   | 358   | 322   | 257   | 278   |
| 40-44                                   |                 | <b>4,154</b>   | 3                                      | 229   | 344   | 359    | 358    | 354    | 332    | 307   | 265   | 205   | 214   | 181   | 148   | 139   |
| 45-49                                   |                 | <b>2,092</b>   | 2                                      | 108   | 169   | 168    | 208    | 181    | 199    | 162   | 141   | 112   | 106   | 96    | 70    | 71    |
| 50 and over                             |                 | <b>1,586</b>   | 11                                     | 119   | 192   | 167    | 157    | 159    | 131    | 122   | 101   | 76    | 66    | 39    | 41    | 45    |
| <b>Age of husband at marriage, 2003</b> |                 |                |  |       |       |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Under 20                                |                 | <b>5,785</b>   | -                                      | 58    | 134   | 158    | 170    | 175    | 149    | 128   | 123   | 118   | 113   | 136   | 151   | 157   |
| 20-24                                   |                 | <b>50,145</b>  | 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                                   |                 | <b>47,499</b>  | 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                                   |                 | <b>25,040</b>  | 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                                   |                 | <b>11,920</b>  | 6                                      | 412   | 857   | 994    | 1,029  | 1,048  | 943    | 785   | 711   | 550   | 562   | 486   | 434   | 393   |
| 40-44                                   |                 | <b>6,319</b>   | 3                                      | 257   | 505   | 513    | 467    | 500    | 454    | 451   | 362   | 344   | 324   | 269   | 258   | 239   |
| 45-49                                   |                 | <b>3,523</b>   | 7                                      | 154   | 271   | 272    | 294    | 299    | 287    | 292   | 230   | 243   | 198   | 158   | 124   | 119   |
| 50 and over                             |                 | <b>3,259</b>   | 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            | <b>All ages</b>                         |
| 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            |   |
|       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |       |             |            |                 |                 | <b>Age of wife at marriage, 2003</b>    |
| 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                             |
|       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |       |             |            |                 |                 | <b>Age of husband at marriage, 2003</b> |
| 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                             |

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

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| Year of divorce  | All divorced      |                         |          | One or more children aged under 16 |                         |          | With children aged 16 or over | No child stated                 |        |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
|  | Number of couples | Number of children aged |          | Number of couples                  | Number of children aged |          | Number of couples             | Number of children (16 or over) |        |
|  |                   | 16 or over              | under 16 |                                    | 16 or over              | under 16 |                               |                                 |        |
| <b>Numbers</b>   |                   |                         |          |                                    |                         |          |                               |                                 |        |
| 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 |
| <b>Proportions per 1,000 divorced couples</b>          |                   |                         |          |                                    |                         |          |                               |                                 |        |
| 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    |
| <b>Average number of children per divorced couples</b> |                   |                         |          |                                    |                         |          |                               |                                 |        |
| 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  |
| <b>Numbers</b>               |  |        |        |        |       |           |   |        |        |        |
| 1993                         | <b>94,915</b>                                    | 36,911 | 40,385 | 13,367 | 3,351 | 901       | <b>175,961</b>                            | 55,451 | 75,189 | 45,321 |
| 1994                         | <b>88,491</b>                                    | 34,423 | 37,254 | 12,556 | 3,344 | 914       | <b>164,834</b>                            | 50,210 | 70,935 | 43,689 |
| 1995                         | <b>85,867</b>                                    | 33,001 | 36,331 | 12,384 | 3,278 | 873       | <b>160,563</b>                            | 46,953 | 69,631 | 43,979 |
| 1996                         | <b>86,933</b>                                    | 33,501 | 36,715 | 12,514 | 3,288 | 915       | <b>162,498</b>                            | 46,029 | 71,620 | 44,849 |
| 1997                         | <b>80,670</b>                                    | 31,339 | 33,996 | 11,482 | 3,018 | 835       | <b>150,309</b>                            | 41,524 | 67,085 | 41,700 |
| 1998                         | <b>80,476</b>                                    | 30,967 | 34,207 | 11,523 | 2,980 | 799       | <b>150,129</b>                            | 39,538 | 67,545 | 43,046 |
| 1999                         | <b>79,298</b>                                    | 30,745 | 33,550 | 11,238 | 2,953 | 812       | <b>147,721</b>                            | 37,706 | 66,442 | 43,573 |
| 2000                         | <b>76,776</b>                                    | 29,883 | 32,633 | 10,757 | 2,759 | 744       | <b>142,457</b>                            | 35,095 | 64,072 | 43,290 |
| 2001                         | <b>79,277</b>                                    | 30,996 | 33,596 | 11,076 | 2,803 | 806       | <b>146,914</b>                            | 34,783 | 65,522 | 46,609 |
| 2002                         | <b>80,997</b>                                    | 31,941 | 34,381 | 11,111 | 2,750 | 814       | <b>149,335</b>                            | 33,682 | 66,351 | 49,302 |
| 2003                         | <b>83,809</b>                                    | 33,588 | 35,355 | 11,265 | 2,821 | 780       | <b>153,527</b>                            | 33,049 | 67,654 | 52,824 |
| <b>Proportions per 1,000</b> |  |        |        |        |       |           |   |        |        |        |
| 1993                         | <b>1,000</b>                                     | 389    | 425    | 141    | 35    | 9         | <b>1,000</b>                              | 315    | 427    | 258    |
| 1994                         | <b>1,000</b>                                     | 389    | 421    | 142    | 38    | 10        | <b>1,000</b>                              | 305    | 430    | 265    |
| 1995                         | <b>1,000</b>                                     | 384    | 423    | 144    | 38    | 10        | <b>1,000</b>                              | 292    | 434    | 274    |
| 1996                         | <b>1,000</b>                                     | 385    | 422    | 144    | 38    | 11        | <b>1,000</b>                              | 283    | 441    | 276    |
| 1997                         | <b>1,000</b>                                     | 388    | 421    | 142    | 37    | 10        | <b>1,000</b>                              | 276    | 446    | 277    |
| 1998                         | <b>1,000</b>                                     | 385    | 425    | 143    | 37    | 10        | <b>1,000</b>                              | 263    | 450    | 287    |
| 1999                         | <b>1,000</b>                                     | 388    | 423    | 142    | 37    | 10        | <b>1,000</b>                              | 255    | 450    | 295    |
| 2000                         | <b>1,000</b>                                     | 389    | 425    | 140    | 36    | 10        | <b>1,000</b>                              | 246    | 450    | 304    |
| 2001                         | <b>1,000</b>                                     | 391    | 424    | 140    | 35    | 10        | <b>1,000</b>                              | 237    | 446    | 317    |
| 2002                         | <b>1,000</b>                                     | 394    | 424    | 137    | 34    | 10        | <b>1,000</b>                              | 226    | 444    | 330    |
| 2003                         | <b>1,000</b>                                     | 401    | 422    | 134    | 34    | 9         | <b>1,000</b>                              | 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        |
|  | <b>Total</b>          | <b>9,046</b>                             | <b>9,152</b>  | <b>5,751</b>  | <b>9,639</b>  | <b>33,588</b>                              | <b>33,588</b>            | <b>14,155</b> |
| 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         |
|  | <b>Total</b>          | <b>3,007</b>                             | <b>15,127</b> | <b>13,207</b> | <b>4,014</b>  | <b>35,355</b>                              | <b>70,710</b>            | <b>5,559</b>  |
| 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           |
|  | <b>Total</b>          | <b>224</b>                               | <b>3,740</b>  | <b>6,009</b>  | <b>1,292</b>  | <b>11,265</b>                              | <b>33,795</b>            | <b>1,871</b>  |
| 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            |
|  | <b>Total</b>          | <b>9</b>                                 | <b>769</b>    | <b>2,353</b>  | <b>470</b>    | <b>3,601</b>                               | <b>15,434</b>            | <b>721</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>0-4</b>            | <b>12,286</b>                            | <b>10,765</b> | <b>3,251</b>  | <b>1,150</b>  | <b>27,452</b>                              | <b>55,245</b>            | <b>1,692</b>  |
|  | <b>5-10</b>           | <b>-</b>                                 | <b>18,023</b> | <b>13,341</b> | <b>4,655</b>  | <b>36,019</b>                              | <b>70,574</b>            | <b>6,749</b>  |
|  | <b>11-15</b>          | <b>-</b>                                 | <b>-</b>      | <b>10,728</b> | <b>9,610</b>  | <b>20,338</b>                              | <b>27,708</b>            | <b>13,865</b> |
|  | <b>Total</b>          | <b>12,286</b>                            | <b>28,788</b> | <b>27,320</b> | <b>15,415</b> | <b>83,809</b>                              | <b>153,527</b>           | <b>22,306</b> |

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

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**Table 4.13 Couples, and children<sup>1</sup> 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 |               |
| <b>All ages</b>                | <b>1</b>                                 | <b>9,286</b>                    | <b>10,702</b> | <b>13,600</b> | <b>33,588</b>  | <b>14,155</b> | <b>23,949</b>                            | <b>9,639</b>                          | <b>33,588</b> |
|                                | <b>2</b>                                 | <b>14,444</b>                   | <b>33,439</b> | <b>22,827</b> | <b>70,710</b>  | <b>5,559</b>  | <b>31,341</b>                            | <b>4,014</b>                          | <b>35,355</b> |
|                                | <b>3</b>                                 | <b>6,232</b>                    | <b>16,303</b> | <b>11,260</b> | <b>33,795</b>  | <b>1,871</b>  | <b>9,973</b>                             | <b>1,292</b>                          | <b>11,265</b> |
|                                | <b>4 or more</b>                         | <b>3,087</b>                    | <b>7,210</b>  | <b>5,137</b>  | <b>15,434</b>  | <b>721</b>    | <b>3,131</b>                             | <b>470</b>                            | <b>3,601</b>  |
|                                | <b>Total</b>                             | <b>33,049</b>                   | <b>67,654</b> | <b>52,824</b> | <b>153,527</b> | <b>22,306</b> | <b>68,394</b>                            | <b>15,415</b>                         | <b>83,809</b> |
| <b>Under 25</b>                | <b>1</b>                                 | 1,229                           | 117           | 14            | 1,360          | 8             | 1,352                                    | 8                                     | <b>1,360</b>  |
|                                | <b>2</b>                                 | 1,156                           | 255           | 29            | 1,440          | 14            | 712                                      | 8                                     | <b>720</b>    |
|                                | <b>3</b>                                 | 290                             | 99            | 19            | 408            | 2             | 134                                      | 2                                     | <b>136</b>    |
|                                | <b>4 or more</b>                         | 76                              | 53            | 9             | 138            | -             | 33                                       | -                                     | <b>33</b>     |
|                                | <b>Total</b>                             | <b>2,751</b>                    | <b>524</b>    | <b>71</b>     | <b>3,346</b>   | <b>24</b>     | <b>2,231</b>                             | <b>18</b>                             | <b>2,249</b>  |
| <b>25-34</b>                   | <b>1</b>                                 | 5,750                           | 3,959         | 782           | 10,491         | 257           | 10,280                                   | 211                                   | <b>10,491</b> |
|                                | <b>2</b>                                 | 8,517                           | 12,631        | 2,904         | 24,052         | 240           | 11,839                                   | 187                                   | <b>12,026</b> |
|                                | <b>3</b>                                 | 3,574                           | 6,924         | 2,510         | 13,008         | 136           | 4,241                                    | 95                                    | <b>4,336</b>  |
|                                | <b>4 or more</b>                         | 1,729                           | 3,370         | 1,590         | 6,689          | 77            | 1,511                                    | 51                                    | <b>1,562</b>  |
|                                | <b>Total</b>                             | <b>19,570</b>                   | <b>26,884</b> | <b>7,786</b>  | <b>54,240</b>  | <b>710</b>    | <b>27,871</b>                            | <b>544</b>                            | <b>28,415</b> |
| <b>35-44</b>                   | <b>1</b>                                 | 2,137                           | 5,480         | 8,057         | 15,674         | 8,214         | 9,772                                    | 5,902                                 | <b>15,674</b> |
|                                | <b>2</b>                                 | 4,572                           | 18,794        | 16,384        | 39,750         | 4,020         | 16,870                                   | 3,005                                 | <b>19,875</b> |
|                                | <b>3</b>                                 | 2,279                           | 8,610         | 7,834         | 18,723         | 1,448         | 5,208                                    | 1,033                                 | <b>6,241</b>  |
|                                | <b>4 or more</b>                         | 1,222                           | 3,497         | 3,245         | 7,964          | 540           | 1,484                                    | 370                                   | <b>1,854</b>  |
|                                | <b>Total</b>                             | <b>10,210</b>                   | <b>36,381</b> | <b>35,520</b> | <b>82,111</b>  | <b>14,222</b> | <b>33,334</b>                            | <b>10,310</b>                         | <b>43,644</b> |
| <b>45 and over</b>             | <b>1</b>                                 | 170                             | 1,146         | 4,746         | 6,062          | 5,674         | 2,545                                    | 3,517                                 | <b>6,062</b>  |
|                                | <b>2</b>                                 | 199                             | 1,759         | 3,510         | 5,468          | 1,285         | 1,920                                    | 814                                   | <b>2,734</b>  |
|                                | <b>3</b>                                 | 89                              | 670           | 897           | 1,656          | 285           | 390                                      | 162                                   | <b>552</b>    |
|                                | <b>4 or more</b>                         | 60                              | 290           | 293           | 643            | 104           | 103                                      | 49                                    | <b>152</b>    |
|                                | <b>Total</b>                             | <b>518</b>                      | <b>3,865</b>  | <b>9,446</b>  | <b>13,829</b>  | <b>7,348</b>  | <b>4,958</b>                             | <b>4,542</b>                          | <b>9,500</b>  |
| <b>Not stated</b>              | <b>1</b>                                 | -                               | -             | 1             | 1              | 2             | -  | 1                                     | <b>1</b>      |
|                                | <b>2</b>                                 | -                               | -             | -             | -              | -             | -  | -                                     | <b>-</b>      |
|                                | <b>3</b>                                 | -                               | -             | -             | -              | -             | -  | -                                     | <b>-</b>      |
|                                | <b>4 or more</b>                         | -                               | -             | -             | -              | -             | -  | -                                     | <b>-</b>      |
|                                | <b>Total</b>                             | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>      | <b>1</b>      | <b>1</b>       | <b>2</b>      | <b>-</b>                                 | <b>1</b>                              | <b>1</b>      |

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   |

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**Table 4.14 Couples, and children<sup>1</sup> 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   |  |
| <b>All ages</b>         | <b>1</b>                                 | <b>9,286</b>                    | <b>10,702</b> | <b>13,600</b> | <b>33,588</b>  | <b>14,155</b> | <b>33,588</b>                            |
|                         | <b>2</b>                                 | <b>14,444</b>                   | <b>33,439</b> | <b>22,827</b> | <b>70,710</b>  | <b>5,559</b>  | <b>35,355</b>                            |
|                         | <b>3</b>                                 | <b>6,232</b>                    | <b>16,303</b> | <b>11,260</b> | <b>33,795</b>  | <b>1,871</b>  | <b>11,265</b>                            |
|                         | <b>4</b>                                 | <b>2,191</b>                    | <b>5,336</b>  | <b>3,757</b>  | <b>11,284</b>  | <b>509</b>    | <b>2,821</b>                             |
|                         | <b>5 and over</b>                        | <b>896</b>                      | <b>1,874</b>  | <b>1,380</b>  | <b>4,150</b>   | <b>212</b>    | <b>780</b>                               |
|                         | <b>Total</b>                             | <b>33,049</b>                   | <b>67,654</b> | <b>52,824</b> | <b>153,527</b> | <b>22,306</b> | <b>83,809</b>                            |
| 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                                      |
|                         | <b>Total</b>                             | <b>4,154</b>                    | <b>7,786</b>  | <b>7,932</b>  | <b>19,872</b>  | <b>4,912</b>  | <b>10,601</b>                            |
| 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                                      |
|                         | <b>Total</b>                             | <b>14,150</b>                   | <b>30,317</b> | <b>22,674</b> | <b>67,141</b>  | <b>8,629</b>  | <b>36,181</b>                            |
| 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                                      |
|                         | <b>Total</b>                             | <b>9,999</b>                    | <b>19,339</b> | <b>12,127</b> | <b>41,465</b>  | <b>4,029</b>  | <b>22,650</b>                            |
| 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                                      |
|                         | <b>Total</b>                             | <b>3,669</b>                    | <b>7,542</b>  | <b>6,462</b>  | <b>17,673</b>  | <b>2,746</b>  | <b>9,749</b>                             |
| 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                                       |
|                         | <b>Total</b>                             | <b>911</b>                      | <b>2,116</b>  | <b>2,657</b>  | <b>5,684</b>   | <b>1,472</b>  | <b>3,454</b>                             |
| 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  |
|                         | <b>Total</b>                             | <b>146</b>                      | <b>467</b>    | <b>781</b>    | <b>1,394</b>   | <b>441</b>    | <b>959</b>                               |
| 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                               | -                               | -             | -             | -              | -             | -  |
|                         | <b>Total</b>                             | <b>20</b>                       | <b>87</b>     | <b>191</b>    | <b>298</b>     | <b>77</b>     | <b>215</b>                               |

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 <sup>2</sup>            | 0-2 <sup>1</sup> | 3            | 4            | 5            | 6            | 7            |
| <b>All ages</b>                | 0 <sup>3</sup>                           | 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           |
|                                | <b>Total couples</b>                     | <b>153,490</b>                        | <b>10,316</b>    | <b>8,288</b> | <b>8,907</b> | <b>8,983</b> | <b>8,671</b> | <b>8,249</b> |
|                                | <b>With children under 16</b>            | <b>83,809</b>                         | <b>4,121</b>     | <b>3,645</b> | <b>4,338</b> | <b>4,754</b> | <b>4,836</b> | <b>4,821</b> |
| <b>Total children under 16</b> | <b>153,527</b>                           | <b>7,168</b>                          | <b>6,269</b>     | <b>7,482</b> | <b>8,355</b> | <b>8,699</b> | <b>8,816</b> |              |
| Under 20                       | 0 <sup>3</sup>                           | 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            |
|                                | <b>Total couples</b>                     | <b>20,063</b>                         | <b>697</b>       | <b>593</b>   | <b>663</b>   | <b>614</b>   | <b>563</b>   | <b>552</b>   |
|                                | <b>With children under 16</b>            | <b>10,601</b>                         | <b>295</b>       | <b>292</b>   | <b>363</b>   | <b>364</b>   | <b>364</b>   | <b>369</b>   |
| <b>Total children under 16</b> | <b>19,872</b>                            | <b>379</b>                            | <b>410</b>       | <b>567</b>   | <b>592</b>   | <b>644</b>   | <b>687</b>   |              |
| 20-24                          | 0 <sup>3</sup>                           | 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           |
|                                | <b>Total couples</b>                     | <b>61,057</b>                         | <b>2,743</b>     | <b>2,354</b> | <b>2,594</b> | <b>2,641</b> | <b>2,571</b> | <b>2,573</b> |
|                                | <b>With children under 16</b>            | <b>36,181</b>                         | <b>969</b>       | <b>986</b>   | <b>1,276</b> | <b>1,447</b> | <b>1,537</b> | <b>1,635</b> |
| <b>Total children under 16</b> | <b>67,141</b>                            | <b>1,499</b>                          | <b>1,565</b>     | <b>2,073</b> | <b>2,463</b> | <b>2,758</b> | <b>3,001</b> |              |
| 25-29                          | 0 <sup>3</sup>                           | 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           |
|                                | <b>Total couples</b>                     | <b>38,722</b>                         | <b>2,958</b>     | <b>2,558</b> | <b>2,723</b> | <b>2,783</b> | <b>2,728</b> | <b>2,600</b> |
|                                | <b>With children under 16</b>            | <b>22,650</b>                         | <b>1,131</b>     | <b>1,133</b> | <b>1,309</b> | <b>1,528</b> | <b>1,597</b> | <b>1,658</b> |
| <b>Total children under 16</b> | <b>41,465</b>                            | <b>2,002</b>                          | <b>2,001</b>     | <b>2,347</b> | <b>2,754</b> | <b>2,899</b> | <b>3,085</b> |              |
| 30-34                          | 0 <sup>3</sup>                           | 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           |
|                                | <b>Total couples</b>                     | <b>17,567</b>                         | <b>1,757</b>     | <b>1,347</b> | <b>1,465</b> | <b>1,513</b> | <b>1,495</b> | <b>1,314</b> |
|                                | <b>With children under 16</b>            | <b>9,749</b>                          | <b>876</b>       | <b>698</b>   | <b>874</b>   | <b>936</b>   | <b>945</b>   | <b>805</b>   |
| <b>Total children under 16</b> | <b>17,673</b>                            | <b>1,773</b>                          | <b>1,398</b>     | <b>1,643</b> | <b>1,766</b> | <b>1,774</b> | <b>1,507</b> |              |
| 35-39                          | 0 <sup>3</sup>                           | 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            |
|                                | <b>Total couples</b>                     | <b>8,249</b>                          | <b>984</b>       | <b>742</b>   | <b>739</b>   | <b>738</b>   | <b>652</b>   | <b>619</b>   |
|                                | <b>With children under 16</b>            | <b>3,454</b>                          | <b>541</b>       | <b>387</b>   | <b>383</b>   | <b>344</b>   | <b>295</b>   | <b>278</b>   |
| <b>Total children under 16</b> | <b>5,684</b>                             | <b>1,021</b>                          | <b>671</b>       | <b>658</b>   | <b>585</b>   | <b>488</b>   | <b>436</b>   |              |
| 40-44                          | 0 <sup>3</sup>                           | 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            | -            |
|                                | <b>Total couples</b>                     | <b>4,154</b>                          | <b>576</b>       | <b>359</b>   | <b>358</b>   | <b>354</b>   | <b>332</b>   | <b>307</b>   |
|                                | <b>With children under 16</b>            | <b>959</b>                            | <b>236</b>       | <b>118</b>   | <b>106</b>   | <b>112</b>   | <b>77</b>    | <b>67</b>    |
| <b>Total children under 16</b> | <b>1,394</b>                             | <b>384</b>                            | <b>184</b>       | <b>160</b>   | <b>159</b>   | <b>111</b>   | <b>89</b>    |              |
| 45 and over                    | 0 <sup>3</sup>                           | 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                               | -                                     | -                | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            |
|                                | <b>Total couples</b>                     | <b>3,678</b>                          | <b>601</b>       | <b>335</b>   | <b>365</b>   | <b>340</b>   | <b>330</b>   | <b>284</b>   |
|                                | <b>With children under 16</b>            | <b>215</b>                            | <b>73</b>        | <b>31</b>    | <b>27</b>    | <b>23</b>    | <b>21</b>    | <b>9</b>     |
| <b>Total children under 16</b> | <b>298</b>                               | <b>110</b>                            | <b>40</b>        | <b>34</b>    | <b>36</b>    | <b>25</b>    | <b>11</b>    |              |

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 |                         |  |
| <b>2,853</b> | <b>2,440</b> | <b>8,000</b>  | <b>4,731</b>  | <b>7,411</b>  | <b>7,811</b> | <b>9,535</b> | <b>1</b>   | <b>All ages</b>         | <b>0<sup>3</sup></b>                     |
| <b>1,858</b> | <b>1,607</b> | <b>6,341</b>  | <b>5,033</b>  | <b>4,646</b>  | <b>1,417</b> | <b>334</b>   | <b>1</b>   |                         | <b>1</b>                                 |
| <b>2,119</b> | <b>2,093</b> | <b>10,960</b> | <b>7,800</b>  | <b>2,316</b>  | <b>356</b>   | <b>49</b>    | <b>-</b>   |                         | <b>2</b>                                 |
| <b>648</b>   | <b>650</b>   | <b>3,498</b>  | <b>2,617</b>  | <b>519</b>    | <b>58</b>    | <b>16</b>    | <b>-</b>   |                         | <b>3</b>                                 |
| <b>171</b>   | <b>161</b>   | <b>817</b>    | <b>590</b>    | <b>108</b>    | <b>16</b>    | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>   |                         | <b>4</b>                                 |
| <b>49</b>    | <b>47</b>    | <b>215</b>    | <b>152</b>    | <b>28</b>     | <b>4</b>     | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>   |                         | <b>5 and over</b>                        |
| <b>7,698</b> | <b>6,998</b> | <b>29,831</b> | <b>20,923</b> | <b>15,028</b> | <b>9,662</b> | <b>9,934</b> | <b>2</b>   |                         | <b>Total couples</b>                     |
| <b>4,845</b> | <b>4,558</b> | <b>21,831</b> | <b>16,192</b> | <b>7,617</b>  | <b>1,851</b> | <b>399</b>   | <b>1</b>   |                         | <b>With children under 16</b>            |
| <b>8,985</b> | <b>8,639</b> | <b>43,185</b> | <b>31,642</b> | <b>11,419</b> | <b>2,387</b> | <b>480</b>   | <b>1</b>   |                         | <b>Total children under 16</b>           |
| 128          | 108          | 345           | 307           | 1,519         | 2,253        | 3,167        | -          | Under 20                | 0 <sup>3</sup>                           |
| 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                               |
| <b>496</b>   | <b>423</b>   | <b>2,622</b>  | <b>2,920</b>  | <b>3,573</b>  | <b>2,988</b> | <b>3,359</b> | <b>-</b>   |                         | <b>Total couples</b>                     |
| 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 <sup>3</sup>                           |
| 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                               |
| <b>2,625</b> | <b>2,564</b> | <b>12,316</b> | <b>10,440</b> | <b>7,564</b>  | <b>4,731</b> | <b>5,339</b> | <b>2</b>   |                         | <b>Total couples</b>                     |
| 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 <sup>3</sup>                           |
| 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                               |
| <b>2,367</b> | <b>2,219</b> | <b>8,558</b>  | <b>4,517</b>  | <b>2,415</b>  | <b>1,339</b> | <b>957</b>   | <b>-</b>   |                         | <b>Total couples</b>                     |
| 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 <sup>3</sup>                           |
| 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                               |
| <b>1,176</b> | <b>971</b>   | <b>3,409</b>  | <b>1,664</b>  | <b>910</b>    | <b>359</b>   | <b>187</b>   | <b>-</b>   |                         | <b>Total couples</b>                     |
| 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 <sup>3</sup>                           |
| 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                               |
| <b>527</b>   | <b>428</b>   | <b>1,463</b>  | <b>788</b>    | <b>357</b>    | <b>157</b>   | <b>55</b>    | <b>-</b>   |                         | <b>Total couples</b>                     |
| 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 <sup>3</sup>                           |
| 32           | 23           | 103           | 29            | 4             | -            | -            | -          |                         | 1  |
| 13           | 5            | 19            | 4             | -             | 1            | -            | -          |                         | 2  |
| 3            | 1            | 3             | 1             | -             | -            | -            | -          |                         | 3  |
| -            | -            | 2             | -             | -             | -            | -            | -          |                         | 4  |
| -            | -            | -             | -             | -             | -            | -            | -          |                         | 5 and over                               |
| <b>265</b>   | <b>205</b>   | <b>823</b>    | <b>374</b>    | <b>128</b>    | <b>51</b>    | <b>22</b>    | <b>-</b>   |                         | <b>Total couples</b>                     |
| 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 <sup>3</sup>                           |
| 5            | 5            | 11            | -             | 1             | -            | -            | -          |                         | 1  |
| 3            | -            | 2             | 2             | -             | -            | -            | -          |                         | 2  |
| -            | 1            | 1             | -             | -             | -            | -            | -          |                         | 3  |
| -            | -            | -             | -             | -             | -            | -            | -          |                         | 4  |
| -            | -            | -             | -             | -             | -            | -            | -          |                         | 5 and over                               |
| <b>242</b>   | <b>188</b>   | <b>640</b>    | <b>220</b>    | <b>81</b>     | <b>37</b>    | <b>15</b>    | <b>-</b>   |                         | <b>Total couples</b>                     |
| 8            | 6            | 14            | 2             | 1             | -            | -            | -          |                         | With children under 16                   |
| 11           | 8            | 18            | 4             | 1             | -            | -            | -          |                         | Total children under 16                  |

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

| Year of divorce | Total          | Husband's previous marital status |         |          | Wife's previous marital status |         |          | Combination of husband's and wife's previous marital status |                               |                                  |        |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|--------------------------------|---------|----------|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
|                 |                | Single                            | Widowed | Divorced | Single                         | Widowed | Divorced | First marriage of both parties                              | One party previously divorced | Both parties previously divorced | Others |
| 1993            | <b>165,018</b> | 133,529                           | 1,408   | 30,081   | 134,857                        | 1,523   | 28,638   | 119,911   | 29,173                        | 14,773                           | 1,161  |
| 1994            | <b>158,175</b> | 127,513                           | 1,356   | 29,306   | 128,889                        | 1,421   | 27,865   | 114,174   | 28,641                        | 14,265                           | 1,095  |
| 1995            | <b>155,499</b> | 125,068                           | 1,307   | 29,124   | 126,011                        | 1,482   | 28,006   | 111,485   | 28,708                        | 14,211                           | 1,095  |
| 1996            | <b>157,107</b> | 125,827                           | 1,374   | 29,906   | 126,919                        | 1,421   | 28,767   | 111,977   | 29,413                        | 14,630                           | 1,087  |
| 1997            | <b>146,689</b> | 117,272                           | 1,242   | 28,175   | 118,329                        | 1,294   | 27,066   | 104,205   | 27,653                        | 13,794                           | 1,037  |
| 1998            | <b>145,214</b> | 115,972                           | 1,122   | 28,120   | 116,756                        | 1,227   | 27,231   | 102,677   | 27,859                        | 13,746                           | 932    |
| 1999            | <b>144,556</b> | 115,108                           | 1,174   | 28,274   | 115,426                        | 1,213   | 27,917   | 101,548   | 27,915                        | 14,138                           | 955    |
| 2000            | <b>141,135</b> | 112,068                           | 1,129   | 27,938   | 112,605                        | 1,097   | 27,433   | 98,824  | 27,595                        | 13,888                           | 828    |
| 2001            | <b>143,818</b> | 114,311                           | 1,057   | 28,450   | 114,631                        | 1,131   | 28,056   | 100,541   | 28,306                        | 14,100                           | 871    |
| 2002            | <b>147,735</b> | 116,913                           | 1,113   | 29,709   | 117,533                        | 1,146   | 29,056   | 102,774   | 29,389                        | 14,688                           | 884    |
| 2003            | <b>153,490</b> | 121,395                           | 994     | 31,101   | 121,896                        | 1,203   | 30,391   | 106,444   | 30,960                        | 15,266                           | 820    |

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

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**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 |
| <b>Single bridegrooms</b> |                            |              |               |               |               |              |              |            |             |
| <b>All years</b>          | <b>121,395</b>             | <b>5,779</b> | <b>49,441</b> | <b>42,364</b> | <b>16,686</b> | <b>4,816</b> | <b>1,501</b> | <b>489</b> | <b>319</b>  |
| 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           |

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| 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 |
| <b>Single brides</b> |                         |               |               |               |              |              |            |            |             |
| <b>All years</b>     | <b>121,896</b>          | <b>20,036</b> | <b>58,726</b> | <b>30,959</b> | <b>8,929</b> | <b>2,305</b> | <b>632</b> | <b>201</b> | <b>108</b>  |
| 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            | -            | -          | -          | -           |

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| 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 |
| <b>Widowed bridegrooms</b> |                            |          |          |           |           |            |            |            |             |
| <b>All years</b>           | <b>994</b>                 | -        | <b>9</b> | <b>47</b> | <b>97</b> | <b>112</b> | <b>129</b> | <b>137</b> | <b>463</b>  |
| 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         | -         | -          | -          | -          | -           |

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| 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 |
| <b>Widowed brides</b> |                         |          |           |            |            |            |            |            |             |
| <b>All years</b>      | <b>1,203</b>            | <b>2</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>153</b> | <b>189</b> | <b>205</b> | <b>175</b> | <b>150</b> | <b>293</b>  |
| 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          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -           |

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| 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  |
| <b>Divorced bridegrooms</b> |                            |          |            |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>All years</b>            | <b>31,101</b>              | <b>6</b> | <b>695</b> | <b>5,088</b> | <b>8,257</b> | <b>6,992</b> | <b>4,689</b> | <b>2,897</b> | <b>2,477</b> |
| 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                 | -                          | -        | -          | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            |



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| 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  |
| <b>Divorced brides</b> |                         |           |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>All years</b>       | <b>30,391</b>           | <b>25</b> | <b>2,295</b> | <b>7,610</b> | <b>8,449</b> | <b>5,739</b> | <b>3,347</b> | <b>1,741</b> | <b>1,185</b> |
| 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            | -                       | -         | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            |

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**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 |
|                              | <b>Single bridegrooms</b>   |             |             |             |             |             | <b>Single brides</b>    |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>All years<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>7.0</b>                  | <b>6.1</b>  | <b>6.1</b>  | <b>8.2</b>  | <b>9.3</b>  | <b>5.6</b>  | <b>6.9</b>              | <b>5.4</b>  | <b>6.6</b>  | <b>9.9</b>  | <b>8.9</b>  | <b>3.8</b>  |
| 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 <sup>2</sup>     | 0.0                         | 0.0         | 0.0         | 0.0         | 0.0         | 0.0         | 0.0                     | 0.0         | 0.0         | 0.0         | 0.0         | -           |
|                              | <b>Widowed bridegrooms</b>  |             |             |             |             |             | <b>Widowed brides</b>   |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>All years<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>0.9</b>                  | -           | <b>2.1</b>  | <b>2.0</b>  | <b>2.2</b>  | <b>0.9</b>  | <b>1.3</b>              | <b>3.1</b>  | <b>1.7</b>  | <b>2.7</b>  | <b>2.6</b>  | <b>1.0</b>  |
| 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 <sup>2</sup>     | 0.0                         | -           | -           | 0.1         | -           | -           | 0.0                     | -           | -           | 0.0         | -           | -           |
|                              | <b>Divorced bridegrooms</b> |             |             |             |             |             | <b>Divorced brides</b>  |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>All years<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>11.0</b>                 | <b>26.7</b> | <b>11.9</b> | <b>12.5</b> | <b>13.6</b> | <b>9.8</b>  | <b>11.3</b>             | <b>12.4</b> | <b>12.3</b> | <b>13.1</b> | <b>13.8</b> | <b>9.1</b>  |
| 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 <sup>2</sup>     | -                           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -                       | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           |

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.

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**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 <sup>1</sup> |
| <b>Total Divorces (dissolution &amp; annulment)</b>                           | <b>153,490</b>        | <b>47,009</b> | <b>106,310</b> | <b>171</b>        |
| Annulments  | 196                   | 94            | 102            | -                 |
| <b>Dissolutions granted</b>   | <b>153,294</b>        | <b>46,915</b> | <b>106,208</b> | <b>171</b>        |
| 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                           | -                        | -        | -         | -         | -                                | -                    | -      |

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**Table 4.21 Divorces granted to a sole party (numbers and proportions): age of party at divorce and fact proven at divorce, 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     |
| <b>Numbers</b>                              |                       |                |               |               |            |                                  |                      |            |
| <b>All ages</b>                             | <b>Husband</b>        | <b>46,915</b>  | <b>12,172</b> | <b>13,978</b> | <b>267</b> | <b>14,587</b>                    | <b>5,903</b>         | <b>8</b>   |
|   | <b>Wife</b>           | <b>106,208</b> | <b>21,159</b> | <b>54,966</b> | <b>398</b> | <b>22,344</b>                    | <b>7,336</b>         | <b>5</b>   |
| 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                  | -          |
| <b>Proportions per 1,000 by fact proven</b> |                       |                |               |               |            |                                  |                      |            |
| <b>All ages</b>                             | <b>Husband</b>        | <b>1,000</b>   | <b>259</b>    | <b>298</b>    | <b>6</b>   | <b>311</b>                       | <b>126</b>           | <b>0</b>   |
|   | <b>Wife</b>           | <b>1,000</b>   | <b>199</b>    | <b>518</b>    | <b>4</b>   | <b>210</b>                       | <b>69</b>            | <b>0</b>   |
| 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                  | -          |
| <b>Proportions per 1,000 by party</b>       |                       |                |               |               |            |                                  |                      |            |
| <b>All ages</b>                             | <b>Husband</b>        | <b>306</b>     | <b>365</b>    | <b>203</b>    | <b>402</b> | <b>395</b>                       | <b>446</b>           | <b>615</b> |
|   | <b>Wife</b>           | <b>694</b>     | <b>635</b>    | <b>797</b>    | <b>598</b> | <b>605</b>                       | <b>554</b>           | <b>385</b> |

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

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**Table 4.22 Decrees awarded: type, fact proven at divorce, couples with children aged under 16, and interval between petition and divorce, 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 |
| <b>All divorces</b>                   | <b>153,319</b> | <b>59,388</b> | <b>54,511</b>           | <b>19,596</b>            | <b>8,969</b>              | <b>6,403</b>              | <b>4,452</b>      |
| <b>couples with children under 16</b> | <b>83,700</b>  | <b>27,726</b> | <b>31,239</b>           | <b>12,285</b>            | <b>5,863</b>              | <b>4,151</b>              | <b>2,436</b>      |
| <b>other couples</b>                  | <b>69,619</b>  | <b>31,662</b> | <b>23,272</b>           | <b>7,311</b>             | <b>3,106</b>              | <b>2,252</b>              | <b>2,016</b>      |
| <b>Annulments</b>                     | <b>196</b>     | <b>55</b>     | <b>85</b>               | <b>23</b>                | <b>11</b>                 | <b>7</b>                  | <b>15</b>         |
| couples with children under 16        | 18             | 7             | 3                       | 3                        | 1                         | -                         | 4                 |
| other couples                         | 178            | 48            | 82                      | 20                       | 10                        | 7                         | 11                |
| <b>Dissolutions</b>                   | <b>153,123</b> | <b>59,333</b> | <b>54,426</b>           | <b>19,573</b>            | <b>8,958</b>              | <b>6,396</b>              | <b>4,437</b>      |
| <b>couples with children under 16</b> | <b>83,682</b>  | <b>27,719</b> | <b>31,236</b>           | <b>12,282</b>            | <b>5,862</b>              | <b>4,151</b>              | <b>2,432</b>      |
| <b>other couples</b>                  | <b>69,441</b>  | <b>31,614</b> | <b>23,190</b>           | <b>7,291</b>             | <b>3,096</b>              | <b>2,245</b>              | <b>2,005</b>      |
| Adultery:                             | <b>33,331</b>  | 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:                            | <b>68,944</b>  | 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:                            | <b>665</b>     | 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:       | <b>36,931</b>  | 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:                   | <b>13,239</b>  | 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):              | <b>13</b>      | 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.

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

**England and Wales**

| Year of petition | Petitions filed for <sup>1</sup> : |         |                     | 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             |

<sup>1</sup> 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 Orders<sup>1</sup> 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          |

<sup>1</sup> 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

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Table 5.1 New widowers and widows: age, 2003

|                 |               |                | England and Wales |          |        |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|----------|--------|
| Age             | Widowers      | Widows         | Age               | Widowers | Widows |
| <b>All ages</b> | <b>68,115</b> | <b>135,199</b> | 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.

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**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   |
| <b>All ages</b>     | <b>68,115</b>     | <b>30</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>306</b> | <b>601</b> | <b>1,010</b> | <b>1,558</b> | <b>2,551</b> | <b>4,290</b> | <b>5,129</b> | <b>7,161</b> | <b>9,811</b> | <b>12,278</b> | <b>11,968</b> | <b>9,121</b> | <b>2,201</b> |
| 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          |

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**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   |
| <b>All ages</b>        | <b>135,199</b>  | <b>106</b> | <b>308</b> | <b>726</b> | <b>1,355</b> | <b>2,247</b> | <b>3,609</b> | <b>5,911</b> | <b>10,088</b> | <b>12,947</b> | <b>17,965</b> | <b>22,819</b> | <b>23,844</b> | <b>19,338</b> | <b>9,929</b> | <b>4,007</b> |
| 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.



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**Table 6.1a Adoption orders by date of entry in Adopted Children Register: sex, and whether adopted child born within/outside marriage, 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              | <b>6,240</b> | 3,142 | 3,098   | <b>2,472</b>                  | 1,199 | 1,273   | <b>3,694</b>                   | 1,910 | 1,784   | 74                        |
| 1995              | <b>5,797</b> | 2,880 | 2,917   | <b>2,140</b>                  | 1,012 | 1,128   | <b>3,597</b>                   | 1,843 | 1,754   | 60                        |
| 1996              | <b>5,962</b> | 2,988 | 2,974   | <b>2,303</b>                  | 1,115 | 1,188   | <b>3,605</b>                   | 1,850 | 1,755   | 54                        |
| 1997              | <b>5,307</b> | 2,610 | 2,697   | <b>1,965</b>                  | 954   | 1,011   | <b>3,257</b>                   | 1,617 | 1,640   | 85                        |
| 1998 <sup>1</sup> | <b>4,386</b> | 2,214 | 2,172   | <b>1,441</b>                  | 730   | 711     | <b>2,945</b>                   | 1,484 | 1,461   | -                         |
| 1999              | <b>4,317</b> | 2,115 | 2,202   | <b>1,012</b>                  | 505   | 507     | <b>2,451</b>                   | 1,190 | 1,261   | 854                       |
| 2000              | <b>4,940</b> | 2,452 | 2,488   | <b>1,400</b>                  | 676   | 724     | <b>3,433</b>                   | 1,723 | 1,710   | 107                       |
| 2001              | <b>5,981</b> | 3,011 | 2,970   | <b>1,507</b>                  | 758   | 749     | <b>4,204</b>                   | 2,138 | 2,066   | 270                       |
| 2002              | <b>5,680</b> | 2,871 | 2,809   | <b>1,320</b>                  | 645   | 675     | <b>4,113</b>                   | 2,120 | 1,993   | 247                       |
| 2003              | <b>4,821</b> | 2,339 | 2,482   | <b>1,067</b>                  | 494   | 573     | <b>3,490</b>                   | 1,738 | 1,752   | 264                       |
| 2004              | <b>5,525</b> | 2,763 | 2,762   | <b>1,174</b>                  | 588   | 586     | <b>4,114</b>                   | 2,072 | 2,042   | 237                       |

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**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              | <b>6,165</b> | 3,111 | 3,054   | <b>2,403</b>                  | 1,175 | 1,228   | <b>3,690</b>                   | 1,904 | 1,786   | 72                        |
| 1995              | <b>5,840</b> | 2,912 | 2,928   | <b>2,172</b>                  | 1,042 | 1,130   | <b>3,609</b>                   | 1,845 | 1,764   | 59                        |
| 1996              | <b>5,741</b> | 2,887 | 2,854   | <b>2,200</b>                  | 1,070 | 1,130   | <b>3,480</b>                   | 1,792 | 1,688   | 61                        |
| 1997              | <b>5,212</b> | 2,554 | 2,658   | <b>1,917</b>                  | 936   | 981     | <b>3,206</b>                   | 1,575 | 1,631   | 89                        |
| 1998 <sup>1</sup> | <b>4,617</b> | 2,314 | 2,303   | <b>1,490</b>                  | 749   | 741     | <b>3,127</b>                   | 1,565 | 1,562   | -                         |
| 1999              | <b>4,987</b> | 2,454 | 2,533   | <b>1,341</b>                  | 662   | 679     | <b>3,303</b>                   | 1,611 | 1,692   | 343                       |
| 2000              | <b>5,086</b> | 2,548 | 2,538   | <b>1,393</b>                  | 677   | 716     | <b>3,530</b>                   | 1,804 | 1,726   | 163                       |
| 2001              | <b>5,386</b> | 2,689 | 2,697   | <b>1,293</b>                  | 649   | 644     | <b>3,852</b>                   | 1,929 | 1,923   | 241                       |
| 2002              | <b>5,486</b> | 2,773 | 2,713   | <b>1,295</b>                  | 628   | 667     | <b>3,947</b>                   | 2,036 | 1,911   | 244                       |
| 2003              | <b>5,362</b> | 2,630 | 2,732   | <b>1,163</b>                  | 555   | 608     | <b>3,950</b>                   | 1,977 | 1,973   | 249                       |
| 2004              | <b>5,360</b> | 2,667 | 2,693   | <b>1,129</b>                  | 556   | 573     | <b>3,973</b>                   | 1,997 | 1,976   | 258                       |

<sup>1</sup> Where missing, marital status has been imputed - see section 5.4.

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**Table 6.2a Adoptions by date of entry in Adopted Children Register (numbers and percentages): sex and age, 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 |
| <b>Total</b>      |          |            |         |            |        |            |        |            |        |            |        |            |
| 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 <sup>1</sup> | 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          |
| <b>Males</b>      |          |            |         |            |        |            |        |            |        |            |        |            |
| 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 <sup>2</sup> | 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          |
| <b>Females</b>    |          |            |         |            |        |            |        |            |        |            |        |            |
| 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 <sup>2</sup> | 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.

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**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 |
| <b>Total</b>      |              |            |         |            |        |            |        |            |        |            |        |            |
| 1994              | <b>6,165</b> | <b>100</b> | 347     | 6          | 1,586  | 26         | 2,430  | 39         | 1,435  | 23         | 367    | 6          |
| 1995              | <b>5,840</b> | <b>100</b> | 319     | 5          | 1,521  | 26         | 2,221  | 38         | 1,438  | 25         | 341    | 6          |
| 1996              | <b>5,741</b> | <b>100</b> | 231     | 4          | 1,559  | 27         | 2,210  | 38         | 1,383  | 24         | 358    | 6          |
| 1997              | <b>5,212</b> | <b>100</b> | 227     | 4          | 1,604  | 31         | 1,854  | 36         | 1,239  | 24         | 288    | 6          |
| 1998              | <b>4,617</b> | <b>100</b> | 214     | 5          | 1,574  | 34         | 1,640  | 36         | 963    | 21         | 226    | 5          |
| 1999              | <b>4,987</b> | <b>100</b> | 212     | 4          | 1,940  | 39         | 1,671  | 34         | 925    | 19         | 239    | 5          |
| 2000 <sup>1</sup> | <b>5,086</b> | <b>100</b> | 268     | 5          | 2,101  | 41         | 1,595  | 31         | 900    | 18         | 221    | 4          |
| 2001 <sup>1</sup> | <b>5,386</b> | <b>100</b> | 223     | 4          | 2,421  | 45         | 1,654  | 31         | 866    | 16         | 221    | 4          |
| 2002              | <b>5,486</b> | <b>100</b> | 272     | 5          | 2,466  | 45         | 1,657  | 30         | 877    | 16         | 214    | 4          |
| 2003              | <b>5,362</b> | <b>100</b> | 216     | 4          | 2,487  | 46         | 1,693  | 32         | 750    | 14         | 216    | 4          |
| 2004              | <b>5,360</b> | <b>100</b> | 243     | 5          | 2,636  | 49         | 1,548  | 29         | 712    | 13         | 221    | 4          |
| <b>Males</b>      |              |            |         |            |        |            |        |            |        |            |        |            |
| 1994              | <b>3,111</b> | <b>100</b> | 185     | 6          | 817    | 26         | 1,248  | 40         | 668    | 21         | 193    | 6          |
| 1995              | <b>2,912</b> | <b>100</b> | 165     | 6          | 790    | 27         | 1,094  | 38         | 705    | 24         | 158    | 5          |
| 1996              | <b>2,887</b> | <b>100</b> | 131     | 5          | 800    | 28         | 1,139  | 39         | 656    | 23         | 161    | 6          |
| 1997              | <b>2,554</b> | <b>100</b> | 122     | 5          | 831    | 33         | 876    | 34         | 604    | 24         | 121    | 5          |
| 1998              | <b>2,314</b> | <b>100</b> | 112     | 5          | 816    | 35         | 790    | 34         | 495    | 21         | 101    | 4          |
| 1999              | <b>2,454</b> | <b>100</b> | 110     | 4          | 957    | 39         | 818    | 33         | 451    | 18         | 118    | 5          |
| 2000              | <b>2,548</b> | <b>100</b> | 140     | 5          | 1,072  | 42         | 791    | 31         | 440    | 17         | 105    | 4          |
| 2001 <sup>1</sup> | <b>2,689</b> | <b>100</b> | 105     | 4          | 1,273  | 47         | 789    | 29         | 417    | 16         | 104    | 4          |
| 2002              | <b>2,773</b> | <b>100</b> | 149     | 5          | 1,274  | 46         | 816    | 29         | 441    | 16         | 93     | 3          |
| 2003              | <b>2,630</b> | <b>100</b> | 109     | 4          | 1,238  | 47         | 829    | 32         | 342    | 13         | 112    | 4          |
| 2004              | <b>2,667</b> | <b>100</b> | 125     | 5          | 1,325  | 50         | 791    | 30         | 325    | 12         | 101    | 4          |
| <b>Females</b>    |              |            |         |            |        |            |        |            |        |            |        |            |
| 1994              | <b>3,054</b> | <b>100</b> | 162     | 5          | 769    | 25         | 1,182  | 39         | 767    | 25         | 174    | 6          |
| 1995              | <b>2,928</b> | <b>100</b> | 154     | 5          | 731    | 25         | 1,127  | 38         | 733    | 25         | 183    | 6          |
| 1996              | <b>2,854</b> | <b>100</b> | 100     | 4          | 759    | 27         | 1,071  | 38         | 727    | 25         | 197    | 7          |
| 1997              | <b>2,658</b> | <b>100</b> | 105     | 4          | 773    | 29         | 978    | 37         | 635    | 24         | 167    | 6          |
| 1998              | <b>2,303</b> | <b>100</b> | 102     | 4          | 758    | 33         | 850    | 37         | 468    | 20         | 125    | 5          |
| 1999              | <b>2,533</b> | <b>100</b> | 102     | 4          | 983    | 39         | 853    | 34         | 474    | 19         | 121    | 5          |
| 2000 <sup>1</sup> | <b>2,538</b> | <b>100</b> | 128     | 5          | 1,029  | 41         | 804    | 32         | 460    | 18         | 116    | 5          |
| 2001              | <b>2,679</b> | <b>100</b> | 118     | 4          | 1,148  | 43         | 865    | 32         | 449    | 17         | 117    | 4          |
| 2002              | <b>2,713</b> | <b>100</b> | 123     | 5          | 1,192  | 44         | 841    | 31         | 436    | 16         | 121    | 4          |
| 2003              | <b>2,732</b> | <b>100</b> | 107     | 4          | 1,249  | 46         | 864    | 32         | 408    | 15         | 104    | 4          |
| 2004              | <b>2,693</b> | <b>100</b> | 118     | 4          | 1,311  | 49         | 757    | 28         | 387    | 14         | 120    | 4          |

<sup>1</sup> Includes one case where age was greater than 17.

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Table 6.3 Adoption applications and orders granted, 1994-2004

England and Wales

| Year of application/<br>order | Number of children:       |             |       | Adoption orders granted <sup>1</sup> |       |             |             |       |             |       |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|
|                               | Applications for adoption |             |       | Contested                            |       |             | Uncontested |       |             |       |
|                               | Total                     | Step-parent | Other | All orders                           | Total | Step-parent | Other       | Total | Step-parent | Other |
|                               |                           |             |       |                                      |       |             |             |       |             |       |
| 1994 <sup>2</sup>             | <b>6,580</b>              | 3,333       | 3,247 | <b>5,616</b>                         | ..    | ..          | ..          | ..    | ..          | ..    |
| 1995                          | <b>4,723</b>              | 2,503       | 2,220 | <b>4,634</b>                         | 1,190 | 463         | 727         | 3,444 | 1,844       | 1,600 |
| 1996 <sup>2</sup>             | <b>4,699</b>              | 2,410       | 2,289 | <b>4,287</b>                         | 835   | 328         | 507         | 3,452 | 1,883       | 1,569 |
| 1997                          | <b>3,595</b>              | 1,604       | 1,991 | <b>3,571</b>                         | 769   | 221         | 548         | 2,802 | 1,391       | 1,411 |
| 1998 <sup>2</sup>             | <b>3,943</b>              | 1,696       | 2,247 | <b>3,693</b>                         | 854   | 277         | 577         | 2,839 | 1,409       | 1,430 |
| 1999 <sup>3</sup>             | <b>3,313</b>              | 1,139       | 2,174 | <b>2,982</b>                         | 880   | 183         | 697         | 2,102 | 915         | 1,187 |
| 2000 <sup>2</sup>             | <b>3,159</b>              | 995         | 2,164 | <b>2,889</b>                         | 743   | 152         | 591         | 2,146 | 708         | 1,438 |
| 2001 <sup>2</sup>             | <b>3,471</b>              | 808         | 2,663 | <b>3,286</b>                         | 728   | 112         | 616         | 2,558 | 685         | 1,873 |
| 2002                          | <b>3,360</b>              | 637         | 2,723 | <b>3,277</b>                         | 766   | 87          | 679         | 2,511 | 550         | 1,961 |
| 2003                          | <b>3,419</b>              | 588         | 2,831 | <b>3,591</b>                         | 997   | 100         | 897         | 2,594 | 504         | 2,090 |
| 2004                          | <b>3,481</b>              | 545         | 2,936 | <b>3,359</b>                         | 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

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

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**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   |
| <b>Intending to apply for birth certificate</b>           |          |       |       |    |       |     |       |     |       |     |       |     |       |     |       |     |             |     |
| 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 |
| <b>Intending to obtain information from court records</b> |          |       |       |    |       |     |       |     |       |     |       |     |       |     |       |     |             |     |
| 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 |
| <b>Intending to trace natural parents</b>                 |          |       |       |    |       |     |       |     |       |     |       |     |       |     |       |     |             |     |
| 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  |
| <b>Intending to apply for birth certificate</b> |          |     |       |   |       |   |       |    |       |    |       |    |       |    |       |    |             |    |
| 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 |
| <b>Intending to apply for court records</b>     |          |     |       |   |       |   |       |    |       |    |       |    |       |    |       |    |             |    |
| 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 |
| <b>Intending to trace natural parents</b>       |          |     |       |   |       |   |       |    |       |    |       |    |       |    |       |    |             |    |
| 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 ..... 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,  
 { ..... } in the presence of us, .....  
 This marriage was solemnized between 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

<sup>8</sup> 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

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| Husband | 136 | Wife | 140 |  |  |  |  |
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| On Answer | 144 | Cross Decrees | 145 | Section 3 Proceedings |  |  | 1 |
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# Appendix C Draft entry form used in the current system for registering deaths (Form 310(Rev))

|              |  |                                   |                                      |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>DEATH</b> |  | District & SD Nos.                | Register No.                         |
| D            | Date of registration   |                                   | Entry No.                            |
| E            | <input type="checkbox"/> * 6 months or over<br><input type="checkbox"/> * Under 6 months   | (i)                               |                                      |
| (ii)         | (iii)  | (iv)                              |                                      |
| Z            | <p><b>CONFIDENTIAL PARTICULARS</b></p> <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*</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Single<br/>                 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Married<br/>                 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed<br/>                 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced<br/>                 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Not known</p> <p>(If married insert date of birth of spouse)<br/>                 Day    Month    Year</p> |                                   |                                      |
| G(a)         | Deceased or †Mother  | POSTCODE                          | (vib)                                |
| H(a)*        | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/>   |                                   |                                      |
| G(b)         | Husband or †Father   |                                   |                                      |
| H(b)*        | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/>   |                                   |                                      |
| J            | (iv)   | title                             |                                      |
| R            | Last seen alive  | Day                               | Month                                |
| S            | a <input type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/>   | Day                               | Month                                |
| T            | Referred to Coroner by   | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Registrar |
| B            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>   | SD                                | ME                                   |
| U            | 1 (v)  | 3                                 | 4                                    |
| N            | (ix) a <input type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> z <input type="checkbox"/> e <input type="checkbox"/>  |                                   |                                      |
| M            | W* Employment  | (x)                               | Edit control                         |

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

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|---|--|--|
| <b>DEATH</b>  | 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) .....<br>(b) .....<br>(c) .....<br>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. Date   | <i>Registration District</i> |
| and   | <i>Sub-district</i>          |
| country of birth of child   |                              |
| 3. Name and surname of child  |                              |
| 4. Sex of child   |                              |
| 5. Name and surname,<br>address<br><br>and<br><br>occupation of adopter or adopters | SPECIMEN                     |
| 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            |                              |
|   |                              |

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

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| 1. No. of entry<br>Rhif y gofnod  |
| 2. Date and ..... <i>Registration District</i> <i>Dosbarth Cofrestru</i><br>Dyddiad a'r .....<br>country of birth of child ..... <i>Sub-district</i> <i>Is-ddosbarth</i><br>wlad lle ganwyd y plentyn ..... |
| 3. Name and surname of child<br>Enw a chyfenw y plentyn   |
| 4. Sex of child <span style="float: right;">Rhyw y plentyn</span>   |
| 5. Name and surname,<br>Enw a chyfenw,<br>address and<br>cyfeiriad a<br><br>occupation of adopter or adopters<br>gwaith y mabwysiadwr neu'r mabwysiadwyr.   |
| 6. Date of adoption order .....<br>Dyddiad y gorchymyn mabwysiadu .....<br>and description or court by which made .....<br>a disgrifiad o'r llys a'i gwnaeth .....  |
| 7. Date of entry <span style="float: right;">Dyddiad y gofnod</span>  |
| 8. Signature of officer deputed by Registrar General to attest the entry<br>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"/> |

General comments (if any):-

2. Applicant did not attend for interview.

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

Signed .....Counsellor. Date .....

Area .....

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