

KEY INDICATORS ON MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES, 2006 – 2011

Total Marriages & Divorces	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Number of Marriages	23,706	23,966	24,596	26,081	24,363	27,258
Number of Divorces & Annulments	6,904	7,110	7,134	7,280	7,338	7,604
General Marriage Rate						
Males (Per 1,000 unmarried resident males aged 15-44 years)	44.1	43.8	43.9	43.6	39.4	43.7
Females (Per 1,000 unmarried resident females aged 15-44 years)	42.7	42.6	41.9	41.1	37.2	41.4
General Divorce Rate						
Males (Per 1,000 married resident males aged 20 years & over)	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.6
Females (Per 1,000 married resident females aged 20 years & over)	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2	7.2
Crude Marriage Rate (Per 1,000 resident population)	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.1	6.7
Crude Divorce Rate (Per 1,000 resident population)	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0
Median Age at First Marriage (Years)						
Grooms	29.7	29.8	29.8	29.8	30.0	30.1
Brides	27.0	27.2	27.3	27.5	27.7	28.0
Median Age at Divorce (Years)						
Male Divorcees	39.6	39.8	39.9	40.5	41.0	41.3
Females Divorcees	35.7	36.1	36.3	36.9	37.4	37.7
Median Duration of Marriage for Divorces (Years)	9.6	9.6	9.9	10.1	10.6	10.5

	Women's Charter			Administration of Muslim Law Act		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
Marriages						
Number of Marriages	22,060	20,230	22,840	4,021	4,133	4,418
Inter-ethnic Marriages (% of total marriages)	15.7	17.5	17.4	32.8	33.3	32.2
First Marriages (% of total marriages)	76.0	75.4	75.9	65.6	66.5	67.4
Median Age at First Marriage (Years)						
Grooms	30.2	30.4	30.6	27.8	28.1	28.1
Brides	27.7	28.0	28.3	25.7	25.8	26.0
Marriages of Minors						
Grooms below 21 Years (% of total grooms)	0.6	0.6	0.5	2.3	1.6	1.7
Brides below 21 Years (% of total brides)	2.5	2.3	1.9	6.9	6.6	5.5
Divorces & Annulments						
Number of Divorces	5,416	5,433	5,696	1,511	1,536	1,538
Number of Annulments	353	369	370	-	-	-
Inter-ethnic Divorces (% of total divorces)	9.1	10.1	10.6	23.9	24.0	22.4
Median Age at Divorce (Years)						
Male Divorcees	40.9	41.5	41.6	38.6	38.9	39.5
Female Divorcees	37.2	37.7	37.9	35.5	35.8	36.5
Median Duration of Marriage for Divorces (Years)	10.5	11.0	11.1	8.5	9.0	8.4
Female Plaintiffs (% of total divorces)	64.2	64.5	64.7	69.6	69.2	69.5

Note: Data on divorces for 1994-2010 and data on annulments for 2008 have been revised in 2012 following the inclusion of new information from administrative data sources.