

37.—Marriages by Age and Marital Status of Contracting Parties, 1943-45—concluded

Age Group	BRIDES											
	1943				1944				1945			
	Spin- sters	Wid- ows	Di- vorced	Total	Spin- sters	Wid- ows	Di- vorced	Total	Spin- sters	Wid- ows	Di- vorced	Total
NUMBERS												
Under 20 years..	23,277	10	6	23,293	21,822	21	6	21,849	22,624	22	5	22,651
20-24 " ..	48,094	158	207	48,459	43,791	184	220	44,195	47,140	414	325	47,879
25-29 " ..	19,819	345	479	20,643	16,952	284	436	17,672	18,006	473	605	19,084
30-34 " ..	7,330	508	531	8,369	6,671	409	486	7,566	6,758	516	631	7,905
35-39 " ..	3,016	620	411	4,047	3,013	476	356	3,845	2,964	523	493	3,980
40-44 " ..	1,294	729	197	2,220	1,375	599	212	2,186	1,325	646	256	2,227
45-49 " ..	576	684	138	1,398	766	645	132	1,543	677	675	141	1,493
50-54 " ..	250	639	60	949	347	575	69	991	303	659	74	1,036
55-59 " ..	98	502	19	619	201	484	18	703	160	584	29	773
60-64 " ..	46	394	8	448	89	358	9	456	71	388	6	465
65 years or over.....	35	434	3	472	60	410	3	473	49	455	2	506
Totals, Stated Ages	103,835	5,023	2,059	110,917	95,087	4,445	1,947	101,479	100,077	5,355	2,567	107,999
Ages not stated....	20	Nil	Nil	20	17	Nil	Nil	17	26	4	2	32
Totals, All Ages.....	103,855	5,023	2,059	110,937	95,104	4,445	1,947	101,496	100,103	5,359	2,569	108,031
Average age	24.2	46.6	34.2	25.4	24.4	46.9	34.4	25.6	24.3	45.4	33.8	25.5
PERCENTAGES												
Under 20 years..	22.4	0.2	0.3	21.0	22.9	0.5	0.3	21.5	22.6	0.4	0.2	21.0
20-24 " ..	46.3	3.1	10.1	43.7	46.1	4.1	11.3	43.6	47.1	7.7	12.7	44.3
25-29 " ..	19.1	6.9	23.3	18.6	17.8	6.4	22.4	17.4	18.0	8.8	23.6	17.7
30-34 " ..	7.1	10.1	25.8	7.5	7.0	9.2	25.0	7.5	6.8	9.6	24.6	7.3
35-39 " ..	2.9	12.3	20.0	3.6	3.2	10.7	18.3	3.8	3.0	9.8	19.2	3.7
40-44 " ..	1.2	14.5	9.6	2.0	1.4	13.5	10.9	2.2	1.3	12.1	10.0	2.1
45-49 " ..	0.6	13.6	6.7	1.3	0.8	14.5	6.8	1.5	0.7	12.6	5.5	1.4
50-54 " ..	0.2	12.7	2.9	0.9	0.4	12.9	3.5	1.0	0.3	12.3	2.9	1.0
55-59 " ..	0.1	10.0	0.9	0.6	0.2	10.9	0.9	0.7	0.2	10.9	1.1	0.7
60-64 " ..	1	7.8	0.4	0.4	0.1	8.1	0.5	0.4	0.1	7.2	0.2	0.4
65 years or over.....	1	8.6	0.1	0.4	0.1	9.2	0.2	0.5	1	8.5	0.1	0.5
Totals, Stated Ages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percentage..	93.6	4.5	1.9	100.0	93.7	4.4	1.9	100.0	92.7	5.0	2.4	100.0

¹ Less than one-tenth of one per cent.

Religious Denominations of Brides and Bridegrooms.—The distribution of brides and bridegrooms by religious denominations is roughly the same as that for the population as a whole. Table 38 shows the very strong influence that religion has on brides and bridegrooms. Approximately 70 p.c. of all marriages are between persons of the same religious denomination. The proportion of brides and bridegrooms of the same denomination is over 60 p.c. for all denominations except Anglicans, Lutherans, Baptists, Presbyterians and Eastern Orthodox. The proportion of brides and bridegrooms of the same denomination is highest among those of Jewish faith, with 97 p.c. in 1940-42. The percentage among Roman Catholics was 88.