

Widowers and widows were each 5 p.c., of all bridegrooms and brides in 1946. This compares with 3.8 and 2.7 p.c. respectively, in 1940-42. Marriages of divorced persons made up 3.1 p.c. of the total.

36.—Marriages, by Age and Marital Status of Contracting Parties, 1944-46

Age Group	BRIDEGRROOMS												
	1944		1945		1946								
	Bach- elors	Wid- owers	Di- vorcee	Total	Bach- elors	Wid- owers	Di- vorcee	Total					
Under 20 years..	4,924	1	Nil	4,925	5,049	Nil	5,049	5,219	1	Nil	5,220		
	37,497	53	40	37,590	40,274	50	40,333	51,621	70	148	51,839		
	27,109	179	258	27,546	29,315	253	29,973	38,940	277	720	39,937		
	30-34 " "	12,498	405	431	13,334	13,156	452	711	14,319	15,767	504	1,052	17,323
	35-39 " "	5,775	514	484	6,773	5,686	603	6,866	6,385	630	667	7,939	
	40-44 " "	2,906	611	354	3,871	2,746	664	3,869	2,863	667	625	4,155	
	45-49 " "	1,432	671	238	2,341	1,346	577	2,393	1,335	924	334	2,467	
	50-54 " "	739	806	147	1,692	1,647	741	1,587	1,591	798	334	2,467	
	55-59 " "	404	822	84	1,310	647	776	1,64	591	765	192	1,548	
	60-64 " "	218	698	34	950	354	925	1,380	336	912	109	1,357	
	65 years or over.....	148	980	19	1,147	160	774	982	150	813	39	1,002	
	Totals, Stated Ages	93,650	5,740	2,089	101,479	98,856	6,252	2,892	108,000	123,323	6,590	4,168	134,081
	Ages not stated.....	15	2	Nil	17	29	2	Nil	31	7	Nil	Nil	7
Totals, All Ages.....	93,665	5,742	2,089	101,496	98,885	6,254	2,892	108,031	123,330	6,590	4,168	134,088	
Average age	27.6	52.0	39.5	29.2	27.3	51.7	38.6	29.0	27.1	51.5	37.2	28.6	
PERCENTAGES													
Under 20 years..	5.3	1	-	4.9	5.1	-	4.7	4.2	1	-	3.9		
	40.0	0.9	1.9	37.0	40.7	0.8	37.4	41.9	1.1	3.6	38.7		
	29.0	3.1	12.4	27.2	29.7	4.0	27.8	31.6	4.2	17.3	29.8		
	30-34 " "	13.3	7.1	20.6	13.1	13.3	7.2	13.3	12.8	7.6	25.2	12.9	
	35-39 " "	6.2	9.0	23.2	6.7	5.8	9.2	6.4	5.2	9.6	22.2	5.9	
	40-44 " "	3.1	10.6	17.0	3.8	2.8	10.6	3.6	2.3	10.1	15.0	3.1	
	45-49 " "	1.5	11.7	11.4	2.3	1.4	11.9	2.2	1.1	12.1	8.0	1.8	
	50-54 " "	0.8	14.0	7.0	1.7	0.7	12.4	1.5	0.5	11.6	4.6	1.2	
	55-59 " "	0.4	14.3	4.0	1.3	0.4	14.8	1.3	0.3	13.8	2.6	1.0	
	60-64 " "	0.2	12.2	1.6	0.9	0.2	12.4	0.9	0.1	12.3	0.9	0.7	
	65 years or over.....	0.2	17.1	0.9	1.1	0.1	16.6	1.1	0.1	17.5	0.6	1.0	
	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	
	Percentage..	92.3	5.7	2.1	100.0	91.5	5.8	2.7	100.0	92.0	4.9	3.1	100.0

¹ Less than one-tenth of one per cent.