

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

Age Group	BRIDES											
	1944				1945				1946			
	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..	21,822	21	6	21,849	22,624	22	5	22,651	28,067	35	13	28,115
20-24 " ..	43,791	184	220	44,195	47,140	414	325	47,879	58,796	595	553	59,944
25-29 " ..	16,952	284	436	17,672	18,006	473	605	19,084	22,695	968	1,113	24,776
30-34 " ..	6,671	409	486	7,566	6,758	516	631	7,905	8,047	761	1,002	9,810
35-39 " ..	3,013	476	356	3,845	2,964	523	493	3,980	3,209	658	699	4,566
40-44 " ..	1,375	599	212	2,186	1,325	646	256	2,227	1,348	666	373	2,387
45-49 " ..	766	645	132	1,543	677	675	141	1,493	650	799	158	1,607
50-54 " ..	347	575	69	991	303	659	74	1,036	271	688	73	1,032
55-59 " ..	201	484	18	703	160	584	29	773	140	578	42	760
60-64 " ..	89	358	9	456	71	388	6	465	52	446	16	514
65 years or over.....	60	410	3	473	49	455	2	506	49	502	4	555
<b>Totals, Stated Ages</b>	<b>95,087</b>	<b>4,445</b>	<b>1,947</b>	<b>101,479</b>	<b>100,077</b>	<b>5,355</b>	<b>2,567</b>	<b>107,999</b>	<b>123,324</b>	<b>6,696</b>	<b>4,046</b>	<b>134,066</b>
Ages not stated....	17	Nil	Nil	17	26	4	2	32	21	1	—	22
<b>Totals, All Ages.....</b>	<b>95,104</b>	<b>4,445</b>	<b>1,947</b>	<b>101,496</b>	<b>100,103</b>	<b>5,359</b>	<b>2,569</b>	<b>108,031</b>	<b>123,345</b>	<b>6,697</b>	<b>4,046</b>	<b>134,088</b>
Average age	24.4	46.9	34.4	25.6	24.3	45.4	33.8	25.5	24.1	43.1	32.9	25.3
PERCENTAGES												
Under 20 years..	22.9	0.5	0.3	21.5	22.6	0.4	0.2	21.0	22.8	0.5	0.3	21.0
20-24 " ..	46.1	4.1	11.3	43.6	47.1	7.7	12.7	44.3	47.7	8.9	13.7	44.7
25-29 " ..	17.8	6.4	22.4	17.4	18.0	8.8	23.6	17.7	18.4	14.5	27.5	18.5
30-34 " ..	7.0	9.2	25.0	7.5	6.8	9.6	24.6	7.3	6.5	11.4	24.8	7.3
35-39 " ..	3.2	10.7	18.3	3.8	3.0	9.8	19.2	3.7	2.6	9.8	17.3	3.4
40-44 " ..	1.4	13.5	10.9	2.2	1.3	12.1	10.0	2.1	1.1	9.9	9.2	1.8
45-49 " ..	0.8	14.5	6.8	1.5	0.7	12.6	5.5	1.4	0.5	11.9	3.9	1.2
50-54 " ..	0.4	12.9	3.5	1.0	0.3	12.3	2.9	1.0	0.2	10.3	1.8	0.8
55-59 " ..	0.2	10.9	0.9	0.7	0.2	10.9	1.1	0.7	0.1	8.6	1.0	0.6
60-64 " ..	0.1	8.1	0.5	0.4	0.1	7.2	0.2	0.4	1	6.7	0.4	0.4
65 years or over.....	0.1	9.2	0.2	0.5	1	8.5	0.1	0.5	1	7.5	0.1	0.4
<b>Totals, Stated Ages</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>
Percentage..	93.7	4.4	1.9	100.0	92.7	5.0	2.4	100.0	92.0	5.0	3.0	100.0

<sup>1</sup> 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 37 shows the very strong influence that religion has on marriage. Approximately 70 p.c. of all marriages are between persons of the same religious denomination. For all denominations except Anglicans, Lutherans, Baptists, and Presbyterians the proportion of brides and bridegrooms of the same denomination is over 60 p.c.; among those of Jewish faith, it was 95 p.c. in 1946; and among Roman Catholics 90 p.c.