

37.—Marriages, by Age and Marital Status of Contracting Parties, 1945-47—concluded

Age Group	BRIDES											
	1945				1946				1947			
	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..	22,624	22	5	22,651	28,067	35	13	28,115	28,313	13	13	28,339
20-24 " ..	47,140	414	325	47,879	58,796	595	553	59,944	54,429	391	631	55,451
25-29 " ..	18,006	473	605	19,084	22,695	968	1,113	24,776	20,523	815	1,404	22,742
30-34 " ..	6,758	516	631	7,905	8,047	761	1,002	9,810	7,201	709	1,189	9,099
35-39 " ..	2,964	523	493	3,980	3,209	658	699	4,566	3,216	617	775	4,608
40-44 " ..	1,325	646	256	2,227	1,348	666	373	2,387	1,339	680	423	2,442
45-49 " ..	677	675	141	1,493	650	799	158	1,607	655	749	240	1,644
50-54 " ..	303	659	74	1,036	271	688	73	1,032	289	672	108	1,069
55-59 " ..	160	584	29	773	140	578	42	760	148	561	31	740
60-64 " ..	71	388	6	465	52	446	16	514	58	532	8	598
65 years or over.....	49	455	2	506	49	502	4	555	37	536	5	578
Totals, Stated Ages	100,077	5,355	2,567	107,999	123,324	6,696	4,046	134,066	116,208	6,275	4,827	127,310
Ages not stated.....	26	4	2	32	21	1	—	22	—	1	—	1
Totals, All Ages	100,103	5,359	2,569	108,031	123,345	6,697	4,046	134,088	116,208	6,276	4,827	127,311
Avg. ages.	24.3	45.4	33.8	25.5	24.1	43.1	32.9	25.3	24.0	44.7	32.8	25.3
PERCENTAGES												
Under 20 years..	22.6	0.4	0.2	21.0	22.8	0.5	0.3	21.0	24.4	0.2	0.3	22.3
20-24 " ..	47.1	7.7	12.7	44.3	47.7	8.9	13.7	44.7	46.8	6.2	13.1	43.6
25-29 " ..	18.0	8.8	23.6	17.7	18.4	14.5	27.5	18.5	17.7	13.0	29.1	17.9
30-34 " ..	6.8	9.6	24.6	7.3	6.5	11.4	24.8	7.3	6.2	11.3	24.6	7.1
35-39 " ..	3.0	9.8	19.2	3.7	2.6	9.8	17.3	3.4	2.8	9.8	16.1	3.6
40-44 " ..	1.3	12.1	10.0	2.1	1.1	9.9	9.2	1.8	1.2	10.8	8.8	1.9
45-49 " ..	0.7	12.6	5.5	1.4	0.5	11.9	3.9	1.2	0.6	11.9	5.0	1.3
50-54 " ..	0.3	12.3	2.9	1.0	0.2	10.3	1.8	0.8	0.2	10.7	2.2	0.8
55-59 " ..	0.2	10.9	1.1	0.7	0.1	8.6	1.0	0.6	0.1	8.9	0.6	0.6
60-64 " ..	0.1	7.2	0.2	0.4	--	6.7	0.4	0.4	--	8.5	0.2	0.5
65 years or over.....	--	8.5	0.1	0.5	--	7.5	0.1	0.4	--	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
Percentages of All Ages.	92.7	5.0	2.4	100.0	92.0	5.0	3.0	100.0	91.3	4.9	3.8	100.0

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 marriage. Approximately 70 p.c. of all marriages are between persons of the same religious denomination; among those of Jewish faith, it was 96 p.c. in 1947; and among Roman Catholics 88 p.c.; United Church 61 p.c. and Eastern Orthodox 58 p.c.