

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 40 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 95 p.c. in 1948; among Roman Catholics 89 p.c.; United Church 61 p.c.; and Eastern Orthodox 59 p.c.

40.—Marriages, by Religious Denominations of Contracting Parties, 1946-48

(Exclusive of the Territories)

Year and Denominations of Bridegrooms	Denominations of Brides										Total Marriages	Percentage
	Anglican	Baptist	Eastern Orthodox	Jewish	Lutheran	Presbyterian	Roman Catholic ¹	United Church	Other Sects	Not Stated		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
1946												
Anglican.....	10,027	968	109	13	435	1,343	2,028	4,838	578	4	20,343	15.2
Baptist.....	947	2,520	15	5	119	326	478	1,214	285	1	5,910	4.4
Eastern Orthodox.....	71	18	913	1	34	18	285	103	37	1	1,481	1.1
Jewish.....	30	3	3	2,122	4	12	34	26	11	1	2,246	1.7
Lutheran.....	472	155	42	5	1,638	203	481	781	271	3	4,051	3.0
Presbyterian.....	1,632	426	40	9	197	2,868	788	1,911	240	—	8,111	6.0
Roman Catholic ¹	1,655	364	225	34	391	565	50,212	1,807	507	10	55,770	41.6
United Church.....	4,459	1,164	133	15	711	1,534	2,126	17,658	748	8	28,556	21.3
Other sects.....	619	286	27	14	210	254	707	839	4,628	2	7,586	5.7
Not stated.....	6	2	1	—	—	3	6	5	2	9	34	—
Totals, 1946.....	19,918	5,906	1,508	2,218	3,739	7,126	57,145	29,182	7,307	39	134,088	100.0
Percentages.....	14.9	4.4	1.1	1.7	2.8	5.3	42.6	21.8	5.4	--	100.0	69.1 ²
1947												
Anglican.....	9,207	778	103	9	442	1,164	1,920	4,420	620	6	18,669	14.7
Baptist.....	853	2,347	24	1	104	266	413	1,109	276	1	5,394	4.2
Eastern Orthodox.....	90	19	868	1	51	32	293	99	33	2	1,488	1.2
Jewish.....	20	8	1	1,978	2	9	27	29	30	1	2,105	1.7
Lutheran.....	485	125	45	2	1,627	189	476	742	223	2	3,916	3.1
Presbyterian.....	1,549	343	35	4	212	2,667	737	1,721	264	2	7,534	5.9
Roman Catholic ¹	1,580	344	235	14	392	524	47,941	1,647	608	16	53,301	41.9
United Church.....	4,408	1,126	137	13	700	1,461	2,073	16,787	813	6	27,524	21.6
Other sects.....	566	252	49	10	232	202	704	744	4,591	2	7,352	5.8
Not stated.....	9	—	1	—	—	3	5	4	2	4	28	—
Totals, 1947.....	18,767	5,342	1,498	2,032	3,762	6,517	54,589	27,302	7,466	42	127,311	100.0
Percentages.....	14.7	4.2	1.2	1.6	3.0	5.1	42.9	21.4	5.9	--	100.0	69.1 ²
1948												
Anglican.....	8,790	800	98	7	372	1,095	1,884	4,094	539	1	17,680	14.3
Baptist.....	837	2,302	28	—	124	257	331	1,045	259	—	5,183	4.2
Eastern Orthodox.....	93	18	914	2	43	26	281	115	37	1	1,530	1.2
Jewish.....	37	3	2	2,020	1	5	48	29	24	—	2,169	1.8
Lutheran.....	443	107	50	1	1,746	160	457	772	227	2	3,965	3.2
Presbyterian.....	1,320	317	31	2	175	2,542	696	1,612	235	2	6,932	5.6
Roman Catholic ¹	1,623	313	275	11	364	506	47,517	1,709	529	12	52,858	42.9
United Church.....	3,951	923	119	13	684	1,399	1,901	15,781	693	5	25,469	20.7
Other sects.....	568	232	46	13	229	197	693	838	4,669	1	7,486	6.1
Not stated.....	7	—	—	—	1	3	9	5	5	12	42	—
Totals, 1948.....	17,669	5,015	1,563	2,069	3,739	6,189	53,817	26,000	7,217	36	123,314	100.0
Percentages.....	14.3	4.1	1.3	1.7	3.0	5.0	43.6	21.1	5.9	--	100.0	70.0 ²

¹ Includes Greek Catholic religious denomination.

² Percentage of marriages between contracting parties of the same