

36.—Brides, by Age Groups and Marital Status, 1948-50

(Exclusive of the Territories)

Age Group	1948 ¹				1949				1950			
	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..	28,614	8	7	28,629	29,179	8	8	29,195	30,507	19	11	30,537
20-24 " ..	51,709	238	554	52,501	51,800	199	499	52,498	52,545	181	393	53,119
25-29 " ..	19,645	737	1,321	21,703	19,601	641	1,247	21,489	19,239	560	1,110	20,909
30-34 " ..	6,790	697	1,123	8,610	6,426	720	1,036	8,182	6,311	692	985	7,988
35-39 " ..	2,982	713	848	4,543	3,053	800	773	4,626	2,871	807	837	4,515
40-44 " ..	1,388	701	445	2,534	1,374	777	478	2,629	1,436	782	472	2,690
45-49 " ..	663	800	252	1,715	715	897	273	1,885	647	858	230	1,735
50-54 " ..	278	728	103	1,109	309	895	103	1,307	302	742	128	1,172
55-59 " ..	136	604	41	781	162	570	48	780	176	625	51	852
60-64 " ..	66	488	23	577	68	494	17	579	68	505	14	587
65 years or over.....	43	568	—	611	58	575	8	641	58	647	9	714
Totals, Stated Ages	112,314	6,282	4,717	123,313	112,745	6,576	4,490	123,811	114,160	6,418	4,240	124,818
Ages not stated....	1	—	—	1	62	3	1	66	27	—	—	27
Totals, All Ages	112,315	6,282	4,717	123,314	112,807	6,579	4,491	123,877	114,187	6,418	4,240	124,845
Av. ages....	23.9	45.6	33.3	25.4	23.9	46.0	33.7	25.4	23.8	46.5	34.2	25.3
PERCENTAGES												
Under 20 years..	25.5	0.1	0.1	23.2	25.9	0.1	0.2	23.6	26.7	0.3	0.3	24.5
20-24 " ..	46.0	3.8	11.7	42.6	45.9	3.0	11.1	42.4	46.0	2.8	9.3	42.6
25-29 " ..	17.5	11.7	28.0	17.6	17.4	9.7	27.8	17.4	16.9	8.7	26.2	16.8
30-34 " ..	6.0	1.1	23.8	7.0	5.7	10.9	23.1	6.6	5.5	10.8	23.2	6.4
35-39 " ..	2.7	11.3	18.0	3.7	2.7	12.2	17.2	3.7	2.5	12.6	19.7	3.6
40-44 " ..	1.2	11.2	9.4	2.1	1.2	11.8	10.6	2.1	1.3	12.2	11.1	2.2
45-49 " ..	0.6	12.7	5.3	1.4	0.6	13.6	6.1	1.5	0.6	13.4	5.4	1.4
50-54 " ..	0.2	11.6	2.2	0.9	0.3	13.6	2.3	1.1	0.3	11.6	3.0	0.9
55-59 " ..	0.1	9.6	0.9	0.6	0.1	8.7	1.1	0.6	0.2	9.7	1.2	0.7
60-64 " ..	0.1	7.8	0.5	0.5	0.1	7.5	0.4	0.5	1.1	7.9	0.3	0.5
65 years or over.....	—	9.0	—	0.5	0.1	8.7	0.2	0.5	1.1	10.1	0.2	0.6
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..	91.1	5.1	3.8	100.0	91.1	5.3	3.6	100.0	91.5	5.1	3.4	100.0

¹ Exclusive of Newfoundland.

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. About 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 1950; among Roman Catholics 89 p.c.; United Church 62 p.c.; and Eastern Orthodox 59 p.c.