

## 21.—Brides and Bridegrooms by Age and Marital Status 1955 and 1956—concluded

| Year and Age Group           | BRIDEGROOMS    |              |              |                |             |            |            |              |
|------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|
|                              | Numbers        |              |              |                | Percentages |            |            |              |
|                              | Bachelors      | Widowers     | Divorced     | Total          | Bachelors   | Widowers   | Divorced   | Total        |
| <b>1955</b>                  |                |              |              |                |             |            |            |              |
| Under 20 years.....          | 6,699          | 1            | 2            | 6,702          | 5.7         | --         | --         | 5.2          |
| 20 — 24 ".....               | 56,315         | 39           | 160          | 56,514         | 48.1        | 0.6        | 3.5        | 44.2         |
| 25 — 29 ".....               | 34,135         | 177          | 717          | 35,029         | 29.1        | 2.9        | 15.6       | 27.4         |
| 30 — 34 ".....               | 11,385         | 329          | 1,043        | 12,757         | 9.7         | 5.5        | 22.7       | 10.0         |
| 35 — 39 ".....               | 4,157          | 387          | 869          | 5,413          | 3.5         | 6.4        | 18.9       | 4.2          |
| 40 — 44 ".....               | 2,109          | 498          | 752          | 3,359          | 1.8         | 8.3        | 16.4       | 2.6          |
| 45 — 49 ".....               | 1,082          | 629          | 496          | 2,207          | 0.9         | 10.5       | 10.8       | 1.7          |
| 50 — 54 ".....               | 653            | 696          | 288          | 1,637          | 0.6         | 11.6       | 6.3        | 1.3          |
| 55 — 59 ".....               | 318            | 785          | 161          | 1,264          | 0.3         | 13.1       | 3.5        | 1.0          |
| 60 — 64 ".....               | 176            | 827          | 55           | 1,058          | 0.2         | 13.8       | 1.2        | 0.8          |
| 65 years or over.....        | 150            | 1,633        | 43           | 1,826          | 0.1         | 27.2       | 0.9        | 1.4          |
| Ages not stated.....         | 11             | —            | —            | 11             | --          | --         | --         | --           |
| <b>Totals, All Ages.....</b> | <b>117,190</b> | <b>6,001</b> | <b>4,586</b> | <b>127,777</b> | <b>91.7</b> | <b>4.7</b> | <b>3.6</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Average ages.....            | 26.2           | 54.9         | 38.4         | 28.0           | ...         | ...        | ...        | ...          |
| <b>1956</b>                  |                |              |              |                |             |            |            |              |
| Under 20 years.....          | 7,486          | —            | 2            | 7,488          | 6.1         | --         | --         | 5.6          |
| 20 — 24 ".....               | 58,880         | 39           | 163          | 59,082         | 48.3        | 0.7        | 3.4        | 44.5         |
| 25 — 29 ".....               | 35,552         | 140          | 813          | 36,505         | 29.1        | 2.4        | 16.8       | 27.5         |
| 30 — 34 ".....               | 11,350         | 286          | 1,070        | 12,706         | 9.3         | 4.9        | 22.1       | 9.6          |
| 35 — 39 ".....               | 4,297          | 388          | 885          | 5,570          | 3.5         | 6.6        | 18.3       | 4.2          |
| 40 — 44 ".....               | 2,031          | 494          | 731          | 3,256          | 1.7         | 8.4        | 15.1       | 2.5          |
| 45 — 49 ".....               | 1,168          | 640          | 546          | 2,354          | 1.0         | 10.9       | 11.3       | 1.8          |
| 50 — 54 ".....               | 597            | 676          | 339          | 1,612          | 0.5         | 11.6       | 7.0        | 1.2          |
| 55 — 59 ".....               | 344            | 792          | 168          | 1,304          | 0.3         | 13.5       | 3.5        | 1.0          |
| 60 — 64 ".....               | 168            | 805          | 72           | 1,045          | 0.1         | 13.8       | 1.5        | 0.8          |
| 65 years or over.....        | 154            | 1,587        | 45           | 1,786          | 0.1         | 27.1       | 0.9        | 1.3          |
| Ages not stated.....         | 5              | —            | —            | 5              | --          | --         | --         | --           |
| <b>Totals, All Ages.....</b> | <b>122,032</b> | <b>5,847</b> | <b>4,834</b> | <b>132,713</b> | <b>92.0</b> | <b>4.4</b> | <b>3.6</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Average ages.....            | 26.1           | 55.1         | 38.5         | 27.9           | ...         | ...        | ...        | ...          |

**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 22 shows the very strong influence that religion has on marriage. About 71 p.c. of all marriages are between persons of the same religious denomination; in 1956 among those of Jewish faith it was over 93 p.c.; among Roman Catholics nearly 89 p.c.; United Church 62 p.c.; and Eastern Orthodox over 59 p.c.

## 22.—Marriages by Religious Denominations of Contracting Parties 1955 and 1956

(Exclusive of the Yukon and Northwest Territories)

| Denomination of Bridegroom | Denomination of Bride |              |                  |              |              |              |                |               |              |            | Total Marriages | P.C. of Grooms    |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|
|                            | Anglican              | Baptist      | Eastern Orthodox | Jewish       | Lutheran     | Presbyterian | Roman Catholic | United Church | Other Sects  | Not Stated |                 |                   |
| <b>1955</b>                |                       |              |                  |              |              |              |                |               |              |            |                 |                   |
| Anglican.....              | No.                   | No.          | No.              | No.          | No.          | No.          | No.            | No.           | No.          | No.        | No.             | No.               |
| Baptist.....               | 7,860                 | 617          | 95               | 13           | 390          | 783          | 1,936          | 3,540         | 532          | 3          | 15,769          | 12.3              |
| Eastern Orthodox.....      | 632                   | 2,094        | 17               | 4            | 116          | 191          | 435            | 925           | 297          | —          | 4,711           | 3.7               |
| Jewish.....                | 128                   | 25           | 1,197            | 2            | 92           | 26           | 373            | 191           | 63           | —          | 2,097           | 1.6               |
| Lutheran.....              | 32                    | 2            | 7                | 1,428        | 3            | 5            | 50             | 29            | 20           | —          | 1,576           | 1.2               |
| Presbyterian.....          | 483                   | 129          | 68               | 4            | 2,870        | 148          | 818            | 805           | 282          | —          | 5,607           | 4.4               |
| Roman Catholic.....        | 891                   | 193          | 33               | 2            | 147          | 2,030        | 608            | 1,286         | 204          | —          | 5,394           | 4.2               |
| United Church.....         | 1,720                 | 362          | 294              | 22           | 892          | 484          | 52,218         | 2,130         | 763          | 6          | 58,891          | 46.1              |
| Others.....                | 3,344                 | 795          | 150              | 6            | 748          | 1,009        | 2,148          | 15,055        | 872          | 3          | 24,130          | 18.9              |
| Not stated.....            | 634                   | 281          | 59               | —            | 326          | 208          | 991            | 1,024         | 6,041        | 1          | 9,577           | 7.5               |
|                            | —                     | —            | —                | —            | 3            | —            | 9              | 2             | 1            | 8          | 25              | --                |
| <b>Totals.....</b>         | <b>15,726</b>         | <b>4,498</b> | <b>1,920</b>     | <b>1,493</b> | <b>5,587</b> | <b>4,884</b> | <b>59,586</b>  | <b>24,937</b> | <b>9,075</b> | <b>21</b>  | <b>127,777</b>  | <b>100.0</b>      |
| P.C. of brides.....        | 12.3                  | 3.5          | 1.5              | 1.2          | 4.4          | 3.8          | 46.6           | 19.6          | 7.1          | --         | 100.0           | 71.1 <sup>2</sup> |