

almost 4 p.c. of the marriages were of divorced persons. The average age at marriage of bachelors was just under 26 years and that of spinsters just under 23 years. The average age of widowers and widows at time of remarriage was slightly more than double that of bachelors and spinsters.

28.—Brides and Bridegrooms, by Age and Marital Status, 1962

Age Group	BRIDES							
	Numbers				Percentages			
	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced	Total	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced	Total
12-14 years.....	116	—	—	116	0.1	—	—	0.1
15-19 ".....	40,906	22	31	40,959	34.7	0.3	0.6	31.6
20-24 ".....	55,875	169	608	56,652	47.4	2.7	12.0	43.8
25-29 ".....	12,477	324	1,032	13,833	10.6	5.1	20.4	10.7
30-34 ".....	4,227	444	1,064	5,735	3.6	7.0	21.1	4.4
35-39 ".....	2,021	559	891	3,471	1.7	8.8	17.7	2.7
40-44 ".....	1,000	796	633	2,429	0.8	12.5	12.5	1.9
45-49 ".....	579	868	407	1,854	0.5	13.7	8.1	1.4
50-54 ".....	370	893	232	1,495	0.3	14.1	4.6	1.2
55-59 ".....	203	767	89	1,059	0.2	12.1	1.8	0.8
60-64 ".....	115	629	39	783	0.1	9.9	0.8	0.6
65 years or over.....	84	884	22	990	0.1	13.9	0.4	0.8
Totals, Stated Ages..	117,973	6,355	5,048	129,376	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Age not stated.....	5	—	—	5	...	...	...	...
Totals, All Ages.....	117,978	6,355	5,048	129,381	91.2	4.9	3.9	100.0
Average ages.....yrs.	22.8	49.7	35.3	24.6	...	...	...	...
Median ages ¹"	21.1	50.0	34.0	21.5	...	...	...	...
	BRIDEGROOMS							
	Numbers				Percentages			
	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	Total	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	Total
15-19 years.....	9,068	—	2	9,070	7.7	—	—	7.0
20-24 ".....	62,496	25	206	62,727	52.7	0.4	3.9	48.5
25-29 ".....	29,660	130	867	30,657	25.0	2.3	16.6	23.7
30-34 ".....	9,616	244	1,111	10,971	8.1	4.3	21.3	8.5
35-39 ".....	3,915	328	975	5,218	3.3	5.8	18.7	4.0
40-44 ".....	1,659	367	761	2,787	1.4	6.5	14.6	2.2
45-49 ".....	934	585	569	2,088	0.8	10.4	10.9	1.6
50-54 ".....	508	650	394	1,552	0.4	11.5	7.5	1.2
55-59 ".....	286	764	217	1,267	0.2	13.5	4.2	1.0
60-64 ".....	170	847	74	1,091	0.1	15.0	1.4	0.8
65 years or over.....	195	1,711	46	1,952	0.2	30.3	0.9	1.5
Totals, Stated Ages..	118,507	5,651	5,222	129,380	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Age not stated.....	1	—	—	1	...	...	...	...
Totals, All Ages.....	118,508	5,651	5,222	129,381	91.6	4.4	4.0	100.0
Average ages.....yrs.	25.6	56.4	38.6	27.5	...	...	...	...
Median ages ¹"	23.9	58.2	37.2	24.4	...	...	...	...

¹ The ages below and above which half the marriages occurred.

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 29 shows the very strong influence that religion has on