

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, 1963

Age Group	BRIDES							
	Numbers				Percentages			
	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced	Total	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced	Total
12-14 years.....	92	—	—	92	0.1	—	—	0.1
15-19 ".....	40,122	17	30	40,169	33.7	0.3	0.6	30.6
20-24 ".....	58,462	177	674	59,313	49.0	2.7	12.5	45.2
25-29 ".....	12,303	316	1,193	13,812	10.3	4.9	22.2	10.5
30-34 ".....	4,069	442	1,162	5,673	3.4	6.8	21.6	4.3
35-39 ".....	1,874	569	855	3,298	1.6	8.8	15.9	2.5
40-44 ".....	996	734	625	2,355	0.8	11.3	11.6	1.8
45-49 ".....	587	892	428	1,907	0.5	13.7	8.0	1.5
50-54 ".....	365	914	223	1,502	0.3	14.1	4.1	1.1
55-59 ".....	209	769	105	1,083	0.2	11.8	2.0	0.8
60-64 ".....	84	688	49	821	0.1	10.6	0.9	0.6
65 years or over.....	70	984	30	1,084	0.1	15.1	0.6	0.8
Totals, Stated Ages..	119,233	6,502	5,374	131,109	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Age not stated.....	2	—	—	2	...	...	...	...
Totals, All Ages.....	119,235	6,502	5,374	131,111	90.9	5.0	4.1	100.0
Average ages..... yrs.	22.8	50.2	35.0	24.6	...	...	...	...
Median ages ¹ "	21.2	50.5	33.4	21.5	...	...	...	...
	BRIDEGROOMS							
	Numbers				Percentages			
	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	Total	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	Total
15-19 years.....	8,516	—	—	8,516	7.1	—	—	6.5
20-24 ".....	65,017	37	229	65,283	54.2	0.6	4.2	49.8
25-29 ".....	29,373	114	974	30,461	24.5	2.0	17.9	23.2
30-34 ".....	9,433	240	1,192	10,865	7.9	4.2	21.8	8.3
35-39 ".....	3,723	350	998	5,071	3.1	6.1	18.3	3.9
40-44 ".....	1,713	436	722	2,871	1.4	7.6	13.2	2.2
45-49 ".....	846	520	598	1,964	0.7	9.0	11.0	1.5
50-54 ".....	557	723	359	1,639	0.5	12.5	6.6	1.3
55-59 ".....	345	758	232	1,335	0.3	13.1	4.3	1.0
60-64 ".....	172	768	91	1,031	0.1	13.3	1.7	0.8
65 years or over.....	186	1,825	61	2,072	0.2	31.6	1.1	1.6
Totals, Stated Ages..	119,881	5,771	5,456	131,108	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Age not stated.....	3	—	—	3	...	...	...	...
Totals, All Ages.....	119,884	5,771	5,456	131,111	91.4	4.4	4.2	100.0
Average ages..... yrs.	25.6	56.4	38.4	27.5	...	...	...	...
Median ages ¹ "	23.8	58.1	36.7	24.3	...	...	...	...

¹ The ages below and above which half of 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 marriage. About