

5.56 Grounds for divorce, and number and custody of children, 1969-71 (divorces granted under the new legislation) (concluded)

Item	Number			Percentage distribution (based on total divorces)		
	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970	1971
Number of children (at divorce)						
0	12,061	13,683	13,221	54.9	46.9	44.7
1	4,101	6,000	6,171	18.7	20.6	20.8
2	3,124	5,008	5,411	14.2	17.2	18.3
3	1,586	2,616	2,820	7.2	9.0	9.5
4	659	1,180	1,249	3.0	4.0	4.2
5 or more	433	681	733	2.0	2.3	2.5
Total, divorces	21,964	29,168	29,605	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total, children	20,099	32,417	34,526
Custody of children						
Father petitioner						
Father	1,126	1,745	1,860	42.5	37.8	37.7
Mother	896	1,583	1,886	33.8	34.3	38.2
Other or no award	629	1,293	1,190	23.7	27.9	24.1
Total	2,651	4,621	4,936	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mother petitioner						
Father	131	254	304	1.8	2.3	2.7
Mother	6,621	9,633	10,181	91.3	88.7	88.9
Other or no award	500	977	963	6.9	9.0	8.4
Total	7,252	10,864	11,448	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ There may be one or more grounds per divorce.

5.57 Divorces granted under the new legislation, by marital status of husbands and wives at time of marriage, and age at time of divorce, 1969-71

Item	1969		1970		1971	
	Husband	Wife	Husband	Wife	Husband	Wife
Marital status (at marriage)						
Single	20,278	20,029	27,085	26,736	27,459	27,173
Widowed	463	664	522	707	483	712
Divorced	1,223	1,271	1,561	1,725	1,663	1,720
Age (at divorce) ¹						
Under 20 years	11	100	8	149	11	180
20-24 "	815	2,109	1,420	3,487	1,743	3,991
25-29 "	2,940	3,581	4,725	5,648	5,395	6,204
30-34 "	3,004	2,990	4,869	4,748	5,207	4,854
35-39 "	3,058	2,823	4,566	4,069	4,446	3,976
40-44 "	2,780	2,760	3,878	3,619	3,970	3,593
45-49 "	2,581	2,477	3,306	2,943	3,204	2,789
50-54 "	1,899	1,671	2,363	1,885	2,208	1,762
55-59 "	1,581	1,028	1,693	1,161	1,454	1,020
60-64 "	928	525	962	544	920	507
65-69 "	539	273	529	253	446	215
70 years and over	327	148	308	128	261	118
Not stated	1,501	1,479	541	534	340	396
Average age:						
At divorce	42.0	38.8	40.2	37.1	39.4	36.3
Of petitioner	43.9	37.6	41.9	36.2	40.5	35.6
Total, divorces	21,964	21,964	29,168	29,168	29,605	29,605
Total, petitioners	7,968	13,996	10,710	18,458	10,878	18,727

¹ Figures subject to minor revisions.

5.58 Probability of divorce per 100 marriages, by age at marriage, duration of marriage and previous marital status of wife, if 1971 conditions remain constant

Duration of marriage	Marital status and age of wife at marriage									
	Single				Widowed			Divorced		
	<20	20-24	25-29	30-34	<25	25-29	30-34	<25	25-29	30-34
5 years	3.4	1.9	1.2	1.3	4.7	2.0	3.1	8.2	4.2	4.3
10 "	11.5	5.6	3.6	3.2	14.8	7.3	7.5	21.1	13.4	11.8
15 "	18.0	8.6	5.5	5.1	22.6	10.3	10.2	31.4	20.4	17.9
20 "	22.8	11.3	7.3	6.4	27.1	13.8	12.5	39.3	25.4	22.4
25 "	27.2	13.4	8.7	7.3	31.8	15.3	14.0	44.6	29.3	25.3
30 "	30.3	14.9	9.6	7.9	37.8	16.6	15.8	49.6	32.6	28.8