

2.42 Divorces by number of dependent children

Number of children	1977		1978		1979		1980		1981	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	24,670	44.6	25,657	44.9	26,342	46.0	29,205	47.1	32,559	48.1
1	12,576	22.7	12,994	22.7	13,227	23.1	14,021	22.6	15,423	22.8
2	11,166	20.2	11,983	21.0	11,827	20.6	12,877	20.8	13,973	20.7
3	4,536	8.2	4,517	7.9	4,185	7.3	4,371	7.0	4,292	6.3
4	1,659	3.0	1,395	2.4	1,276	2.2	1,168	1.9	1,064	1.6
5 and more	763	1.3	609	1.1	465	0.8	377	0.6	360	0.5
Total, divorces	55,370	100.0	57,155	100.0	57,322	100.0	62,019	100.0	67,671	100.0
Average number of children	1.07	...	1.04	...	1.00	...	0.96	...	0.92	...

2.43 Divorces by duration of marriage

Duration of marriage	1977		1978		1979		1980		1981	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Less than 1 year	148	0.3	139	0.3	157	0.3	152	0.2	163	0.2
1 year	1,144	2.1	1,204	2.1	1,216	2.1	1,124	1.8	1,282	1.9
2 years	2,061	3.7	2,163	3.8	2,214	3.7	2,340	3.8	2,517	3.7
3 "	2,701	4.9	2,916	5.1	3,144	5.3	3,144	5.1	3,263	4.8
4 "	3,610	6.5	3,669	6.4	3,940	6.6	4,264	6.9	4,420	6.6
Total, 1-4 years	9,516	17.2	9,952	17.4	10,514	17.7	10,872	17.6	11,482	17.0
5 years	3,779	6.8	4,064	7.1	4,245	7.1	4,469	7.2	4,873	7.2
6 "	3,583	6.5	3,847	6.7	4,227	7.1	4,487	7.2	4,809	7.1
7 "	3,565	6.4	3,630	6.4	3,855	6.5	4,206	6.8	4,545	6.7
8 "	3,032	5.5	3,270	5.7	3,497	5.9	3,736	6.0	4,090	6.1
9 "	2,781	5.0	2,921	5.1	3,231	5.4	3,413	5.5	3,670	5.4
Total, 5-9 years	16,740	30.2	17,732	31.0	19,055	32.0	20,311	32.7	21,987	32.5
10-14 years	10,033	18.1	10,643	18.6	11,281	19.0	11,944	19.3	13,271	19.6
15-19 "	6,631	12.0	6,651	11.6	6,558	11.0	6,884	11.1	7,668	11.3
20-24 "	5,132	9.3	5,075	8.9	5,092	8.6	5,049	8.1	5,534	8.2
25-29 "	3,567	6.4	3,470	6.1	3,341	5.6	3,387	5.5	3,709	5.5
30 years and over	3,537	6.4	3,424	6.0	3,409	5.7	3,341	5.4	3,760	5.6
Not stated	66	0.1	69	0.1	67	0.1	79	0.1	97	0.1
Total divorces	55,370	100.0	57,155	100.0	59,474	100.0	62,019	100.0	67,671	100.0
Median duration of marriage	10.5	...	10.3	...	10.0	...	9.9	...	10.0	...

2.44 Divorces by marital status of husband and wife at time of marriage

Marital status	1977		1978		1979		1980		1981	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Husband										
Single	51,015	92.2	52,525	91.9	54,338	91.4	56,187	90.6	61,378	90.7
Widowed	717	1.3	726	1.3	723	1.2	743	1.2	751	1.1
Divorced	3,622	6.5	3,885	6.8	4,407	7.4	5,074	8.2	5,528	8.2
Not stated	16	--	19	--	6	--	15	--	14	--
Total	55,370	100.0	57,155	100.0	59,474	100.0	62,019	100.0	67,671	100.0
Wife										
Single	50,815	91.8	52,295	91.5	54,054	90.9	55,959	90.2	61,248	90.6
Widowed	1,005	1.8	973	1.7	1,015	1.7	1,033	1.7	972	1.4
Divorced	3,545	6.4	3,876	6.8	4,399	7.4	5,015	8.1	5,438	8.0
Not stated	5	--	11	--	6	--	12	--	13	--
Total	55,370	100.0	57,155	100.0	59,474	100.0	62,019	100.0	67,671	100.0