

2.30 Alleged grounds for divorce by type of offence (concluded)

Alleged grounds	1981		1982		1983		1984		1985	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Marriage breakdown by reason of:										
Addition to alcohol										
Separation for not less than 3 years	1,543	1.7	1,425	1.5	1,204	1.3	1,071	1.2	880	1.1
Desertion by petitioner for not less than 5 years	26,059	28.8	27,285	29.1	26,553	29.2	26,472	30.9	25,948	32.7
Other	1,066	1.2	1,108	1.2	1,016	1.1	926	1.1	727	0.9
	400	0.4	405	0.4	335	0.4	340	0.4	310	0.4
Total	29,068	32.1	30,223	32.2	29,108	32.0	28,809	33.6	27,865	35.1
Total, alleged grounds	90,678	100.0	93,822	100.0	91,014	100.0	85,781	100.0	79,433	100.0

2.31 Divorces by number of dependent children

Number of children	1981		1982		1983		1984		1985	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
None	32,559	48.1	33,388	47.4	32,213	47.0	31,156	47.8	30,076	48.5
1	15,423	22.8	16,235	23.1	15,745	23.0	14,756	22.6	13,719	22.1
2	13,973	20.7	15,033	21.3	14,987	21.9	14,174	21.8	13,548	21.9
3	4,292	6.3	4,467	6.3	4,380	6.4	4,008	6.1	3,732	6.0
4	1,064	1.6	1,019	1.5	991	1.4	834	1.3	715	1.2
5 or more	360	0.5	294	0.4	251	0.4	244	0.4	190	0.3
Total, divorces	67,671	100.0	70,436	100.0	68,567	100.0	65,172	100.0	61,980	100.0
Mean number of children	0.92	...	0.93	...	0.94	...	0.92	...	0.90	...

2.32 Divorces by duration of marriage

Duration of marriage	1981		1982		1983		1984		1985	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Less than 1 year	163	0.2	195	0.3	162	0.2	174	0.3	177	0.3
1 year	1,282	1.9	1,403	2.0	1,306	1.9	1,246	1.9	1,220	2.0
2 years	2,517	3.7	2,586	3.7	2,540	3.7	2,259	3.5	2,052	3.3
3 "	3,263	4.8	3,493	4.9	3,364	4.9	2,944	4.6	2,776	4.5
4 "	4,420	6.6	4,425	6.3	4,257	6.2	3,913	6.0	3,628	5.8
Total, 1 - 4 years	11,645	17.2	12,102	17.2	11,629	16.9	10,536	16.3	9,853	15.9
5 years	4,873	7.2	4,766	6.8	4,687	6.8	4,206	6.4	4,018	6.5
6 "	4,809	7.1	4,811	6.8	4,538	6.6	4,101	6.3	3,914	6.3
7 "	4,545	6.7	4,598	6.5	4,424	6.5	3,979	6.1	3,690	6.0
8 "	4,090	6.1	4,327	6.1	4,236	6.2	3,780	5.8	3,432	5.5
9 "	3,670	5.4	4,071	5.8	3,750	5.5	3,663	5.6	3,258	5.3
Total, 5 - 9 years	21,987	32.5	22,573	32.0	21,635	31.6	19,729	30.2	18,312	29.6
10 - 14 years	13,271	19.6	14,569	20.7	14,655	21.4	14,151	21.6	13,439	21.7
15 - 19 "	7,668	11.3	8,215	11.7	8,356	12.2	8,366	12.8	8,413	13.6
20 - 24 "	5,534	8.2	5,685	8.1	5,253	7.7	5,253	8.1	5,156	8.3
25 - 29 "	3,709	5.5	3,633	5.2	3,570	5.2	3,564	5.5	3,396	5.5
30 years and over	3,760	5.6	3,576	5.1	3,384	4.9	3,496	5.4	3,343	5.4
Not stated	97	0.1	83	0.1	85	0.1	77	0.1	68	0.1
Total divorces	67,671	100.0	70,436	100.0	68,567	100.0	65,172	100.0	61,980	100.0
Median duration of marriage	10.0	...	10.1	...	10.3	...	10.7	...	10.9	...