

**20.—Numbers and Percentages of Bridegrooms and Brides by Age and Marital Status
1953 and 1954—concluded**

Year and Age Group	BRIDEGROOMS							
	Numbers				Percentages			
	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	Total	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	Total
1954								
Under 20 years.....	6,846	—	—	6,846	5.8	—	—	5.3
20 — 24 “.....	56,469	33	159	56,661	48.1	0.5	3.4	44.1
25 — 29 “.....	33,639	164	786	34,589	28.6	2.6	16.7	26.9
30 — 34 “.....	11,586	321	1,056	12,963	9.9	5.2	22.5	10.1
35 — 39 “.....	4,217	452	866	5,535	3.6	7.3	18.4	4.3
40 — 44 “.....	2,182	574	745	3,501	1.9	9.3	15.9	2.7
45 — 49 “.....	1,187	660	530	2,377	1.0	10.6	11.3	1.9
50 — 54 “.....	685	765	298	1,748	0.6	12.3	6.3	1.4
55 — 59 “.....	331	832	147	1,310	0.3	13.4	3.1	1.0
60 — 64 “.....	171	810	73	1,054	0.1	13.1	1.6	0.8
65 years or over.....	170	1,593	35	1,798	0.1	25.7	0.7	1.4
Ages not stated.....	2	1	—	3	—	—	—	—
Totals, All Ages.....	117,485	6,205	4,695	128,385	91.5	4.8	3.7	100.0
Average ages.....	26.3	54.6	38.3	28.1
	BRIDES							
	Numbers				Percentages			
	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced	Total	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced	Total
Under 20 years.....	33,691	16	11	33,718	28.7	0.2	0.2	26.3
20 — 24 “.....	54,337	157	476	54,970	46.3	2.4	10.3	42.8
25 — 29 “.....	17,888	392	1,137	19,417	15.2	6.1	24.7	15.1
30 — 34 “.....	6,145	631	1,053	7,834	5.2	9.8	23.0	6.1
35 — 39 “.....	2,520	753	761	4,034	2.1	11.7	16.5	3.1
40 — 44 “.....	1,325	814	593	2,732	1.1	12.6	12.9	2.1
45 — 49 “.....	734	842	340	1,916	0.6	13.1	7.4	1.5
50 — 54 “.....	379	821	146	1,346	0.3	12.7	3.2	1.0
55 — 59 “.....	156	705	55	916	0.1	10.9	1.2	0.7
60 — 64 “.....	87	577	20	684	0.1	8.9	0.4	0.5
65 years or over.....	64	742	7	813	0.1	11.5	0.2	0.6
Ages not stated.....	5	—	—	5	—	—	—	—
Totals, All Ages.....	117,331	6,450	4,604	128,385	91.4	5.0	3.6	100.0
Average ages.....	23.6	48.0	34.5	25.2

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 21 shows the very strong influence that religion has on marriage. About 71 p.c. of all marriages are between persons of the same religious denomination; in 1954 among those of Jewish faith it was over 93 p.c.; among Roman Catholics nearly 89 p.c.; United Church 61 p.c.; and Eastern Orthodox over 55 p.c.