

4.50 Brides and bridegrooms, by age and marital status, 1972 (concluded)

Age group	Bridegrooms							
	Number				Percentage			
	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	Total	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced	Total
Under 15 years	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
15-19	15,919	3	3	15,925	9.0	—	—	7.9
20-24	103,097	53	716	103,866	58.4	0.8	4.2	51.8
25-29	40,373	165	3,344	43,882	22.9	2.4	19.7	21.9
30-34	9,305	219	3,414	12,938	5.3	3.2	20.1	6.5
35-39	3,333	288	2,596	6,217	1.9	4.1	15.3	3.1
40-44	1,843	411	2,240	4,494	1.1	5.9	13.2	2.2
45-49	1,092	631	1,835	3,558	0.6	9.1	10.8	1.8
50-54	681	824	1,265	2,770	0.4	11.9	7.4	1.4
55-59	410	987	792	2,189	0.2	14.2	4.7	1.1
60-64	234	997	443	1,674	0.1	14.3	2.6	0.8
65 years and over	247	2,370	337	2,954	0.1	34.1	2.0	1.5
Total, stated ages	176,535	6,948	16,985	200,468	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Age not stated	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Total, all ages	176,537	6,948	16,985	200,470	—	—	—	—
Average age	yr	24.8	57.5	39.0	—	—	—	—
Median age ¹	yr	22.5	58.5	36.0	—	—	—	—

¹The age below and above which half of the marriages occurred.

4.51 Marriages by religious denominations of brides and bridegrooms, 1972

Denomination of bridegroom	Denomination of bride										Total marriages	Percentage of grooms
	Angli- can	Bap- tist	East- ern Ortho- dox	Jewish	Lu- ther- an	Pres- by- terian	Roman Catho- lic ¹	United Church	Other sects	Not stated		
Anglican	8,558	769	130	37	673	932	5,285	4,978	1,469	34	22,865	11.4
Baptist	769	2,183	16	7	135	224	989	1,099	516	10	5,948	3.0
Eastern Orthodox	183	23	1,615	5	73	48	611	293	139	6	2,996	1.5
Jewish	75	7	8	2,065	16	13	180	41	110	6	2,521	1.3
Lutheran	693	138	70	12	1,501	182	1,347	1,184	451	14	5,592	2.8
Presbyterian	1,057	192	22	10	192	1,537	1,294	1,358	352	10	6,024	3.0
Roman Catholic ¹	4,929	931	377	108	1,152	1,137	75,040	6,435	4,272	140	94,521	47.1
United Church	4,889	971	192	22	1,083	1,196	6,252	15,906	1,746	46	32,303	16.1
Other sects	2,012	582	126	92	580	508	5,325	2,824	14,722	44	26,815	13.4
Not stated	80	9	2	3	29	10	194	101	52	405	885	0.4
Total	23,245	5,805	2,558	2,361	5,434	5,787	96,517	34,219	23,829	715	200,470	100.0
Percentage of brides	11.6	2.9	1.3	1.2	2.7	2.9	48.1	17.1	11.8	0.4	100.0	61.6 ²

¹Includes Greek Catholic.

²Percentage of marriages between persons of the same religious denomination.

4.52 Divorces¹ granted to male and female petitioners, by province, 1969-72

Province or territory	1969		1970		1971		1972	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Newfoundland	51	53	52	88	62	88	61	116
Prince Edward Island	23	50	22	43	10	51	23	42
Nova Scotia	229	388	291	486	277	444	325	602
New Brunswick	121	215	141	238	183	299	182	284
Quebec	1,388	1,561	2,278	2,594	2,250	2,951	2,504	3,917
Ontario	2,943	5,298	4,298	7,656	4,559	7,646	4,823	8,360
Manitoba	481	854	472	779	503	880	489	924
Saskatchewan	291	468	293	560	300	515	296	530
Alberta	962	2,480	1,047	2,747	974	2,682	1,057	2,710
British Columbia	1,466	2,601	1,825	3,270	1,757	3,169	1,879	3,157
Yukon Territory	15	27	16	25	23	24	18	29
Northwest Territories	10	14	6	11	9	16	13	23
Canada	7,980	14,009	10,741	18,497	10,907	18,765	11,670	20,694

¹Only those filed under the new divorce laws of July 2, 1968.

4.53 Alleged grounds for divorce¹ by type of offence, 1969-72

Alleged grounds	1969		1970		1971		1972	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Marital offence								
Adultery	6,363	21.1	10,070	25.7	11,261	28.5	12,645	29.6
Physical cruelty	3,404	11.3	4,704	11.9	5,107	12.9	5,579	13.0
Mental cruelty	3,612	12.0	5,244	13.4	5,677	14.4	6,308	14.7
Other	136	0.5	164	0.4	176	0.4	152	0.4
Total	13,515	44.9	20,182	51.4	22,216	56.2	24,684	57.7