

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

Alleged grounds	1969		1970		1971		1972	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Marriage breakdown by reason of:								
Addition to alcohol	873	2.9	896	2.3	856	2.2	859	2.0
Separation for not less than 3 years	12,539	41.6	14,938	38.1	13,874	35.1	14,803	34.6
Desertion by petitioner for not less than 5 years	2,398	8.0	2,507	6.4	1,988	5.0	1,919	4.5
Other	781	2.6	704	1.8	588	1.5	504	1.2
Total	16,591	55.1	19,045	48.6	17,306	43.8	18,085	42.3
Total, alleged grounds ^a	30,106	100.0	39,227	100.0	39,522	100.0	42,769	100.0

¹See footnote to Table 4.52.^aTotals are higher than the numbers of divorces because some divorce decrees involve more than one alleged ground.**4.54 Divorces¹ by number of dependent children, 1969-72**

Number of children	1969		1970		1971		1972	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	12,072	54.9	13,714	46.9	13,241	44.6	14,305	44.2
1	4,108	18.7	6,013	20.6	6,189	20.9	7,078	21.9
2	3,129	14.2	5,025	17.2	5,430	18.3	5,956	18.4
3	1,587	7.2	2,624	9.0	2,825	9.5	2,963	9.2
4	660	3.0	1,180	4.0	1,250	4.2	1,294	3.9
5 and more	433	2.0	682	2.3	737	2.5	768	2.4
Total, divorces	21,989	100.0	29,238	100.0	29,672	100.0	32,364	100.0
Average number of children	0.92	...	1.11	...	1.17	...	1.15	...

¹See footnote to Table 4.52.**4.55 Divorces¹ by duration of marriage, 1969-72**

Duration of marriage	1969		1970		1971		1972	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Less than 1 year	51	0.2	58	0.2	75	0.3	84	0.3
1 year	281	1.3	390	1.3	472	1.6	524	1.6
2 years	505	2.3	834	2.9	931	3.1	1,022	3.2
3 "	636	2.9	1,094	3.7	1,258	4.2	1,465	4.5
4 "	867	3.9	1,406	4.8	1,638	5.5	1,948	6.0
Total, 1-4 years	2,289	10.4	3,724	12.7	4,299	14.4	4,959	15.3
5 years	909	4.1	1,388	4.7	1,687	5.7	2,020	6.2
6 "	919	4.2	1,430	4.9	1,586	5.3	1,924	5.9
7 "	916	4.2	1,479	5.1	1,468	4.9	1,717	5.3
8 "	945	4.3	1,350	4.6	1,471	5.0	1,523	4.7
9 "	918	4.2	1,251	4.3	1,270	4.3	1,465	4.5
Total, 5-9 years	4,607	21.0	6,898	23.6	7,482	25.2	8,649	26.7
10-14 years	4,091	18.6	5,655	19.3	5,631	18.9	5,905	18.2
15-19 "	3,294	14.9	4,401	15.1	4,290	14.5	4,442	13.7
20-24 "	3,051	13.9	3,615	12.4	3,438	11.6	3,518	10.9
25-29 "	2,299	10.5	2,510	8.6	2,307	7.8	2,445	7.6
30 years and over	2,267	10.3	2,319	7.9	2,123	7.2	2,323	7.2
Not stated	40	0.2	58	0.2	27	0.1	39	0.1
Total, divorces	21,989	100.0	29,238	100.0	29,672	100.0	32,364	100.0
Median duration of marriage	14.9	...	13.5	...	12.6	...	12.1	...

¹See footnote to Table 4.52.**4.56 Divorces¹ by marital status of husband and wife at time of marriage, 1969-72**

Marital status	1969		1970		1971		1972	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Husband								
Single	20,301	92.3	27,150	92.9	27,525	92.8	30,151	93.2
Widowed	464	2.1	525	1.8	482	1.6	470	1.4
Divorced	1,221	5.6	1,560	5.3	1,662	5.6	1,739	5.4
Not stated	3	--	3	--	3	--	4	--
Total	21,989	100.0	29,238	100.0	29,672	100.0	32,364	100.0
Wife								
Single	20,051	91.2	26,799	91.7	27,236	91.8	29,914	92.4
Widowed	665	3.0	708	2.4	712	2.4	727	2.3
Divorced	1,273	5.8	1,730	5.9	1,723	5.8	1,722	5.3
Not stated	—	—	1	--	1	--	1	--

¹See footnote to Table 4.52.