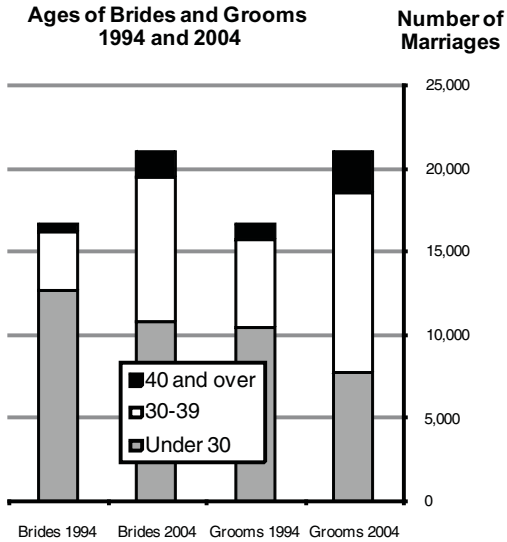




## Marriages 2004



	2004	2002	1994
<b>Marriages</b>	20,979	20,556	16,621
<b>Average Age of Groom</b>	33.0	32.5	29.8
<b>Average Age of Bride</b>	30.9	30.4	27.8
<b>Civil Marriages</b>	4,286	3,683	850

### Civil marriages account for over 20% of marriages

The number of marriages registered in 2004 was 20,979, which equates to a crude marriage rate of 5.2 per 1,000 of the population. This compares with a total of 20,556 and a corresponding marriage rate of 5.2 per thousand in 2002. See table 1.

The number of Roman Catholic marriage ceremonies was 15,978 in 2004 and accounted for 76% of all marriages in the year. Roman Catholic marriages accounted for 77% of all marriages in 2002 and 91% of all marriages in 1994. The number of civil marriages in 2004 was 4,286 or just over 20% of all marriages, an increase of 603 on the 2002 figure. In 1994, there were 850 civil marriages (5%) in Ireland, when divorce was not yet legalised. See table 1 and fig 2.

The average age of grooms in 2004 was 33 years, compared with 32.5 years in 2002 and 29.8 years in 1994. The pattern for brides is similar with the average age increasing from 27.8 years in 1994 to 30.4 and 30.9 years in 2002 and 2004 respectively. See table 1.

Marriages where both the bride and groom were residing in Ireland before marriage accounted for 90% (18,903) of marriages. Of these, 81% were residing in the same local authority area before marriage. See tables 11 and 12.

The Marriages figures in this release also show that:

- ◆ The most popular month for marriage in 2004 was September, with 2,917 marriages, just one additional marriage to the number occurring in August. January was the least popular month with just 3% of marriages occurring during that month. See table 16 and fig 6.
- ◆ Saturday was the most popular day of the week to get married with almost 38% of marriages occurring on that day. The least popular day was Sunday when just over 2% of marriages were recorded. See table 16 and fig 5.

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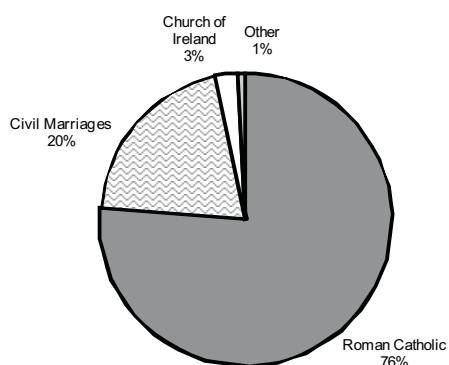
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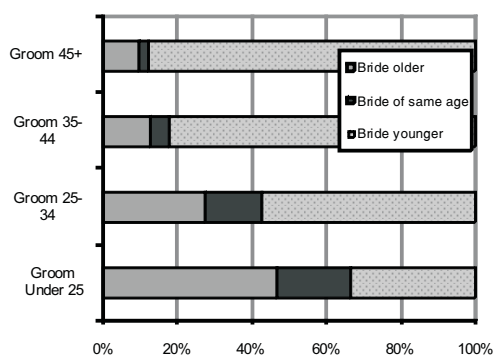
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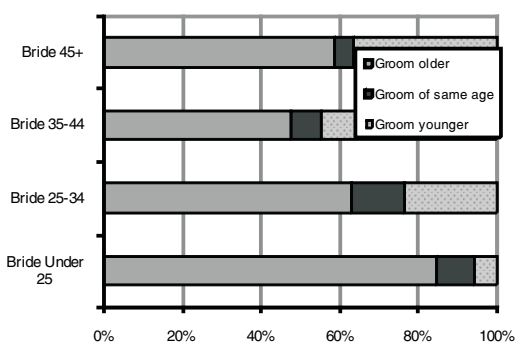
**Fig. 2 Marriages by form of ceremony, 2004**



**Fig. 3 Groom by relative age of bride**



**Fig. 4 Bride by relative age of groom**



## Marriages by form of ceremony

There were 20,979 marriages registered in 2004. Of these, 15,978 were Roman Catholic marriage ceremonies (76%), 4,286 civil marriages (20%), 539 Church of Ireland ceremonies (3%) and the remaining 1% made up of Presbyterian, Methodist, Jewish and other ceremonies. *See table 1 and fig 2.*

In 1994, civil marriages accounted for 5% of all marriages in the state. Civil marriages increased to 18% in 2002 and to 20% in 2004, of all marriages. A contributing factor to the increases was the legislation of divorce in 1997. Of the 4,286 civil marriages in 2004, 1,640 (38%) involved at least one divorced person. *See tables 1 and 17.*

The average age of the groom in 2004, in Roman Catholic marriages, was 31.9 years and the average age of the groom in civil marriages was 37.0 years. The average age of the bride in Roman Catholic marriages was 30.1 years and the average age of the bride in civil marriages was 33.8 years. *See table 3.*

In 2004, civil marriage ceremonies were the most common form of ceremony for grooms aged 45 and over and for brides aged 40 and over. In marriage ceremonies, where the bride was aged 40 or over, civil marriages accounted for 65% of ceremonies, while the comparable figure for grooms in the same age category was just over 55%. *See table 3.*

At a NUTS3 regional level, 32% of grooms and brides in the Dublin region had civil marriages. By contrast, almost 14% of grooms and 13% of brides in the Border region had civil marriages. *See tables 14 and 15.*

Just over 39% of brides and grooms residing in Dublin City had civil marriages. On the other hand, just over 8% of brides living in County Donegal and Waterford County and almost 9% of grooms residing in Offaly, Donegal and Waterford County, had civil marriages. *See tables 14 and 15.*

## Marriages by age of bride and groom

The average age of grooms in 2004 was 33.0 years, while the average age of brides was 30.9 years in 2004. The average age of grooms marrying for the first time was 31.9 years. The average age among widowers was 53.7 years, and the average age among divorced men was 46.0 years. For brides, women marrying for the first time had an average age of 30.1 years, widows 48.7 years, and divorced women 42.1 years. *See tables 22 and 23.*

In 2004, the groom was older than the bride in 63% of marriages, the same age in a further 12% of marriages and in the remaining 25% of cases the bride was older than the groom. This was generally witnessed across all age groups except in the case of males under 25, where the bride was older in 47% of marriages, the same age in 20% and younger in 33% of marriages. *See tables 7, 8 and figs 3 and 4.*

In 2004, over 63% of grooms were aged thirty or over on their wedding day which compares with a little over 59% and 37% in 2002 and 1994 respectively. The proportion of older brides has also increased, with over 48% aged thirty or over in 2004 compared with just over 44% in 2002 and almost 24% in 1994. *See table 1.*

The highest average age for grooms was in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, with an average age of 34.6 years, with the lowest average age of 31.3 years in Waterford City. The highest average age for brides was also in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, 32.6 years, with Monaghan having the lowest average age of 29.2 years. *See tables 9 and 10.*

Fig. 5 Marriages by day of week, 2004

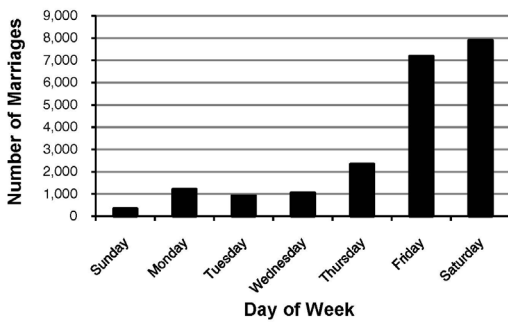
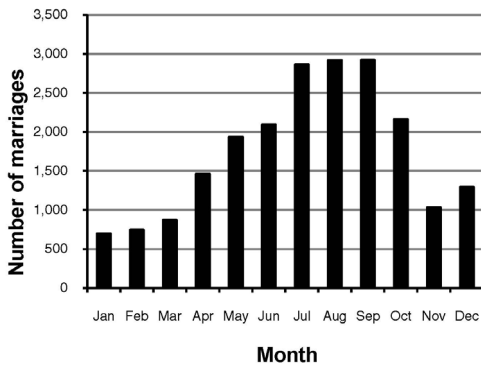


Fig. 6 Marriages by month, 2004



### Marriages by marital status

There were 19,462 (92.8%) grooms and 19,774 (94.3%) brides marrying for the first time in 2004. There were 195 (0.9%) widowers and 177 (0.8%) widows who married in 2004. Divorced men accounted for 6.3% (1,322) of grooms while divorced women accounted for 4.9% (1,028) of brides. See tables 22 & 23.

There were 1,983 marriages involving at least one divorced person in 2004, including 367 marriages where both parties were divorced. Civil ceremonies accounted for 1,640 of these marriages, 258 were Roman Catholic ceremonies, and 85 were other religious ceremonies. See table 17.

Over 7.7% of grooms in the Dublin region were divorced men, the highest proportion in the country. In contrast, only 5.0% of grooms in the Border regions were divorced. For brides the highest proportion of divorcees was in the Mid-East region (6.0%) while the lowest proportion was in the Border region (3.5%). See tables 18 and 19.

### Marriages by residence of bride and groom

Marriages where both the bride and groom were residing in Ireland before marriage accounted for 90% (18,903) of marriages. Of these, 81% were residing in the same local authority area before marriage, 88% within the same regional authority and 93% within the same province. See tables 11 and 12.

Almost 91% of grooms residing in Donegal married brides residing in Donegal. On the other hand, only 65% of Leitrim grooms married brides residing in Leitrim. In relation to brides, just over 85% of brides residing in Fingal married grooms residing in Fingal, while at the other end of the scale just over 63% of Monaghan brides married grooms residing in Monaghan. See tables 11 and 12.

In 2004, 1,514 (7%) marriages involved both the bride and groom living outside the State before marriage. In a further 452 cases a non-resident groom married a bride resident in the State while just 110 non-resident brides married grooms living here. See tables 11 and 12.

The future permanent residence of married couples was stated to be outside Ireland in 9.8% (2,057) of marriages, compared with 16.0% (2,661) in 1994. See table 1.

### Marriages by socio-economic group

Almost 20% (4,094) of all marriages in 2004 involved the bride and groom being of the same socio-economic group.

Almost 29% of grooms and just over 29% of brides in the 'higher professional' category married persons in the same socio-economic group. Similarly, just over 25% of grooms and 28% of brides in the 'employer and managers' socio-economic group married a spouse in the same group and 22.2% of grooms and 20.7% of brides in the 'other non-manual' married within their own group. See table 6 and background notes page 27.

For those in the 'lower professional' group, 40.7% of grooms and 17.3% of brides married within the group and in the 'intermediate non-manual workers' group, 34.7% of grooms and 11.8% of brides married spouses from the same socio-economic group. See table 6 and background notes page 27.

**Table 1 Summary data for marriages 1993-1996, 2002 and 2004**

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	2002	2004
<b>State</b>	<b>17,441</b>	<b>16,636</b>	<b>16,824</b>	<b>16,621</b>	<b>15,604</b>	<b>16,174</b>	<b>20,556</b>	<b>20,979</b>
<b>Marriages per 1,000 population</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.2</b>
<b>Average age of groom</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>33.0</b>
<b>Average age of bride</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>30.9</b>
<b>Percentage of marriages by age of groom</b>								
Under 20	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6
20-24	22.0	19.6	17.3	14.9	12.8	10.8	5.4	4.5
25-29	47.4	47.9	47.9	47.4	46.5	46.3	34.6	31.5
30-34	20.0	21.6	23.0	24.3	27.3	29.0	34.9	36.6
35-39	5.7	5.9	6.5	7.3	7.8	8.2	13.6	14.9
Over 40	4.0	4.2	4.6	5.4	5.1	5.2	10.8	11.9
<b>Percentage of marriages by age of bride</b>								
Under 20	3.2	2.5	2.1	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.1
20-24	35.1	32.4	29.9	27.3	23.7	21.6	11.7	9.5
25-29	43.5	46.2	46.8	47.5	49.1	49.5	42.9	40.9
30-34	12.6	13.5	14.8	16.7	18.8	19.9	28.3	31.5
35-39	3.6	3.3	4.0	4.1	4.4	5.1	9.4	9.7
Over 40	2.0	2.1	2.4	2.8	2.4	2.7	6.5	7.2
<b>Form of ceremony</b>								
Roman Catholic	16,293	15,255	15,400	15,200	14,158	14,607	15,908	15,978
Church of Ireland	392	521	444	434	425	483	781	539
Presbyterian	52	98	58	51	76	91	112	127
Methodist	30	35	43	33	25	38	40	21
Jewish	-	-	1	3	1	2	6	4
Other religious	25	32	41	50	28	25	26	24
Civil marriages	649	695	837	850	891	928	3,683	4,286
<b>Country of future residence</b>								
Outside Republic of Ireland	2,887	2,656	2,740	2,661	2,502	2,604	2,293	2,057
Northern Ireland	202	176	204	235	216	271	256	281
England and Wales	1,768	1,647	1,559	1,477	1,338	1,295	1,119	1,047
Scotland	77	63	55	60	66	64	86	78
Europe (remainder)	162	193	242	166	203	222	182	130
U.S.A	438	363	415	509	490	570	480	353
Elsewhere	240	214	265	214	189	182	170	168
Percentage of marriages with country of residence outside Republic of Ireland	16.6	16.0	16.3	16.0	16.0	16.1	11.2	9.9

**Table 2 Age specific marriage rates in 1996, 2002 and 2004**

Age	Marriages per 1,000 males at specified ages			Marriages per 1,000 females at specified ages		
	1996	2002	2004	1996	2002	2004
<b>All ages, 16-49</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>19.9</b>
<b>16-19</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>
20	1.9	2.0	2.1	6.1	4.7	3.8
21	4.7	3.0	2.5	12.0	7.3	5.0
22	9.1	5.6	3.9	21.7	12.1	9.1
23	16.3	8.2	6.9	32.9	20.8	14.6
24	28.3	15.8	12.1	50.8	30.2	26.1
<b>20-24</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>11.9</b>
25	45.2	25.6	21.3	60.4	43.1	39.4
26	55.4	35.8	31.1	67.4	52.7	46.5
27	67.4	51.0	42.2	70.3	61.2	53.6
28	65.6	57.4	52.8	60.7	64.9	62.5
29	57.5	57.3	55.5	50.0	59.4	62.9
<b>25-29</b>	<b>57.9</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>56.4</b>	<b>52.8</b>
30	53.1	59.5	59.6	38.1	52.7	57.3
31	44.7	54.4	55.9	29.5	45.2	46.5
32	34.9	46.0	47.7	22.2	38.2	38.8
33	27.9	41.1	39.5	17.9	29.0	32.5
34	23.0	33.3	34.4	13.1	23.9	26.7
<b>30-34</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>40.5</b>
35	16.1	28.4	28.5	10.5	18.3	21.1
36	12.3	23.1	24.6	7.9	16.0	15.4
37	10.3	17.9	19.7	5.8	12.8	12.6
38	7.6	14.6	17.1	3.8	10.6	9.5
39	6.1	12.5	11.9	3.2	8.0	8.9
<b>35-39</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>13.5</b>
40	4.9	10.6	11.7	2.7	6.9	7.2
41	4.2	8.1	9.3	2.4	6.2	6.1
42	3.4	6.7	7.6	1.4	4.4	4.9
43	2.7	6.3	6.0	0.9	3.7	4.1
44	2.8	5.6	6.9	1.4	3.1	4.2
<b>40-44</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.3</b>
45	2.1	4.9	4.9	1.2	2.7	4.1
46	1.7	4.7	4.5	0.8	3.0	2.9
47	1.3	4.4	4.8	0.5	2.2	2.3
48	1.4	3.7	3.9	0.7	2.5	2.2
49	1.3	3.3	3.2	0.7	2.3	2.3
<b>45-49</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>

**Table 3 Marriages registered in 2004 classified according to age of groom/age of bride and form of ceremony**

Age	Form of ceremony*					Total
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	Other religious denominations	Civil Marriages	
<b>Age of groom</b>						
Under 20	74	0	0	0	44	118
20-24	589	16	14	11	322	952
25-29	5,600	170	30	17	789	6,606
30-34	6,394	201	45	13	1,027	7,680
35-39	2,280	92	18	5	722	3,117
40-44	649	34	8	1	495	1,187
45-49	194	9	5	0	347	555
50-54	82	7	2	1	259	351
55-59	45	4	2	1	154	206
60 and over	62	5	3	0	126	196
Not stated	9	1	0	0	1	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,978</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4,286</b>	<b>20,979</b>
<b>Age of bride</b>						
Under 20	134	1	0	0	98	233
20-24	1,386	40	17	14	543	2,000
25-29	7,293	215	40	13	1,016	8,577
30-34	5,343	198	42	12	1,016	6,611
35-39	1,326	57	15	4	636	2,038
40-44	287	12	4	3	457	763
45-49	97	8	3	2	252	362
50-54	47	0	2	1	148	198
55-59	19	3	1	0	72	95
60 and over	32	3	3	0	44	82
Not stated	14	2	0	0	4	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,978</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4,286</b>	<b>20,979</b>
<b>Average age of groom</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>33.0</b>
<b>Average age of bride</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>30.9</b>

\*There is at present no provision for the civil registration of Muslim marriage ceremonies solemnised in the State.

**Table 4 Marriages registered in 2004 classified by socio-economic group and age of groom**

Socio-economic group of groom	Age of groom											Average age of groom	
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated		All ages
Farmers, relatives assisting and farm managers	0	8	184	256	156	64	25	14	8	16	0	731	35.1
Other agricultural occupations and fishermen													
Higher professional	4	11	76	82	59	15	10	4	1	4	0	266	33.5
Lower professional	0	26	695	1,077	364	112	46	32	24	22	1	2,399	33.3
Employers and managers	0	26	541	712	305	97	34	35	16	12		1,778	33.4
Salaried employees	2	69	828	1,320	574	217	110	73	42	33	2	3,270	34.2
Intermediate non-manual workers	1	16	181	257	73	21	16	7	4	9	0	585	32.9
Other non-manual workers	5	113	581	611	188	92	38	20	11	8	0	1,667	32.0
Skilled manual workers	6	146	712	776	355	165	86	59	41	31	1	2,378	33.7
Other manual workers	11	284	2,121	1,978	750	276	134	69	38	35	5	5,701	32.2
Other	12	102	477	439	202	80	37	24	13	7	1	1,394	32.4
Not stated	76	146	178	140	81	35	13	5	6	2	1	683	29.4
Total	1	5	32	32	10	13	6	9	2	17	0	127	39.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>6,606</b>	<b>7,680</b>	<b>3,117</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20,979</b>	<b>33.0</b>

**Table 5 Marriages registered in 2004 classified by socio-economic group and age of bride**

Socio-economic group of bride	Age of bride											Average age of bride	
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated		All ages
Farmers, relatives assisting and farm managers	0	0	10	15	5	2	1	1	1	0	2	37	34.3
Other agricultural occupations and fishermen													
Higher professional	0	4	17	14	8	0	0	3	1	0	0	47	32.2
Lower professional	2	90	1,003	921	223	52	23	13	7	1	2	2,337	31.0
Employers and managers	2	192	1,898	1,421	401	117	65	40	13	13	0	4,162	31.1
Salaried employees	3	148	1,133	1,118	337	97	44	13	16	5	3	2,917	31.4
Intermediate non-manual workers	1	41	247	166	39	17	3	0	1	0	1	516	30.1
Other non-manual workers	14	615	2,109	1,403	460	164	69	45	14	11	3	4,907	30.4
Skilled manual workers	29	356	1,003	689	233	128	56	33	10	9	3	2,549	30.8
Other manual workers	1	22	161	153	40	17	8	5	0	0	0	407	31.3
Other	7	98	295	201	62	35	22	10	3	4	1	738	30.9
Not stated	170	407	629	446	206	124	68	35	29	36	3	2,153	30.8
Total	4	27	72	64	24	10	3	0	0	3	2	209	31.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>8,577</b>	<b>6,611</b>	<b>2,038</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20,979</b>	<b>30.9</b>

**Table 6 Marriages registered in 2004 classified by socio-economic group of bride and groom**

Socio-economic group of groom	Socio-economic group of bride												Total
	Farmers, relatives assisting and farm managers	Other agricultural occupations and fishermen	Higher professional	Lower professional	Employers and managers	Salaried employees	Intermediate non-manual workers	Other non-manual workers	Skilled manual workers	Other manual workers	Other	Not stated	
Farmers, relatives assisting and farm managers	17	5	74	197	64	17	198	78	8	28	40	5	<b>731</b>
Other agricultural occupations and fishermen	3	12	21	44	23	5	58	48	6	11	32	3	<b>266</b>
Higher professional	2	3	681	646	376	53	338	110	56	14	99	21	<b>2,399</b>
Lower professional	2	3	265	720	258	46	248	93	26	5	101	11	<b>1,778</b>
Employers and managers	2	6	388	616	826	96	707	292	48	38	225	26	<b>3,270</b>
Salaried employees	1	0	71	110	96	45	133	67	11	9	34	8	<b>585</b>
Intermediate non-manual workers	0	2	148	326	209	39	575	194	23	35	106	10	<b>1,667</b>
Other non-manual workers	3	3	106	280	258	53	638	524	33	117	350	13	<b>2,378</b>
Skilled manual workers	7	8	472	1,010	654	132	1,532	805	169	274	590	48	<b>5,701</b>
Other manual workers	0	3	64	142	105	24	385	249	18	179	213	12	<b>1,394</b>
Other	0	2	37	64	40	5	80	75	5	27	346	2	<b>683</b>
Not stated	0	0	10	7	8	1	15	14	4	1	17	50	<b>127</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2,337</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>2,917</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>4,907</b>	<b>2,549</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>2,153</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>20,979</b>

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**Table 7 Marriages registered in 2004 classified by groom's age and bride's relative age**

Age of groom	Relative age of bride							Not stated	Total
	10 or more years older	5 to 9 years older	1 to 4 years older	Same age	1 to 4 years younger	5 to 9 years younger	10 or more years younger		
<b>All ages</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>4,121</b>	<b>2,571</b>	<b>8,324</b>	<b>3,539</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20,969</b>
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	5
18	1	7	15	21	5	0	0	0	49
19	3	4	14	17	26	0	0	0	64
<b>Under 20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>118</b>
20	5	3	8	10	40	0	0	0	66
21	4	5	27	17	29	0	0	0	82
22	8	21	42	19	43	0	0	1	134
23	9	18	99	45	66	7	0	0	244
24	14	32	159	81	129	11	0	0	426
<b>20-24</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>952</b>
25	17	64	215	159	240	16	0	0	711
26	13	49	331	186	402	22	0	0	1,003
27	5	94	400	246	549	53	0	1	1,348
28	9	72	459	305	763	85	5	5	1,703
29	10	81	478	332	812	125	2	1	1,841
<b>25-29</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>2,766</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6,606</b>
30	12	51	429	275	952	189	8	1	1,917
31	14	76	378	232	856	261	13	3	1,833
32	7	47	250	170	747	337	11	1	1,570
33	10	39	186	111	566	314	27	0	1,253
34	7	43	133	92	478	315	39	0	1,107
<b>30-34</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>3,599</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7,680</b>
35	6	20	93	52	364	301	67	0	903
36	5	24	90	48	264	250	68	1	750
37	5	20	41	26	206	201	86	1	586
38	3	13	55	22	156	196	73	0	518
39	4	8	22	18	95	135	78	0	360
<b>35-39</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3,117</b>
40	2	13	35	7	84	128	71	1	341
41	4	7	23	12	70	87	68	1	272
42	0	8	16	11	44	70	66	0	215
43	1	2	17	11	42	49	48	1	171
44	1	5	15	12	43	55	57	0	188
<b>40-44</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,187</b>
45	2	3	6	3	27	38	51	0	130
46	1	5	9	6	28	36	35	0	120
47	1	3	7	3	20	32	59	0	125
48	0	3	9	5	17	35	29	0	98
49	1	1	5	1	25	18	31	0	82
<b>45-49</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>555</b>
50-54	2	9	27	7	73	81	151	1	351
55-59	1	3	9	5	42	38	108	0	206
60-64	0	2	9	1	14	28	48	0	102
65-69	0	2	5	0	3	15	31	0	56
70-74	0	1	2	1	2	8	10	0	24
75 and over	0	0	0	1	2	3	8	0	14
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11

**Table 8 Marriages registered in 2004 classified by bride's age and groom's relative age**

Age of bride	Relative age of groom							Not stated	Total
	10 or more years older	5 to 9 years older	1 to 4 years older	Same age	1 to 4 years younger	5 to 9 years younger	10 or more years younger		
<b>All ages</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>3,539</b>	<b>8,324</b>	<b>2,571</b>	<b>4,121</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20,960</b>
16	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
17	0	1	15	1	0	0	0	0	17
18	15	20	59	21	2	0	0	0	117
19	11	21	37	17	9	0	0	0	95
<b>Under 20</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>233</b>
20	18	32	52	10	9	0	0	0	121
21	32	41	68	17	7	0	0	0	165
22	38	94	146	19	13	1	0	1	312
23	56	151	234	45	26	2	0	0	514
24	80	214	449	81	58	5	0	1	888
<b>20-24</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,000</b>
25	103	329	603	159	107	3	0	0	1,304
26	93	340	763	186	166	2	0	0	1,550
27	91	303	907	246	221	7	0	0	1,775
28	95	311	916	305	337	13	0	2	1,979
29	67	296	858	332	387	29	0	0	1,969
<b>25-29</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>4,047</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8,577</b>
30	72	256	728	275	481	42	1	0	1,855
31	70	210	590	232	427	39	4	1	1,573
32	49	156	426	170	411	65	2	0	1,279
33	52	138	336	111	337	72	4	2	1,052
34	44	96	252	92	274	85	7	2	852
<b>30-34</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>2,332</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>1,930</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6,611</b>
35	49	78	170	52	210	64	13	0	636
36	30	66	126	48	122	66	13	0	471
37	33	41	97	26	108	64	6	0	375
38	19	36	74	22	75	48	10	1	285
39	34	50	57	18	58	47	7	0	271
<b>35-39</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,038</b>
40	31	29	51	7	46	39	10	0	213
41	22	28	36	12	36	28	16	0	178
42	15	22	33	11	30	19	10	0	140
43	18	17	22	11	19	20	10	0	117
44	10	18	26	12	26	11	12	0	115
<b>40-44</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>763</b>
45	25	17	28	3	15	14	9	0	111
46	8	14	17	6	13	15	6	0	79
47	5	15	13	3	10	8	5	0	59
48	8	12	15	5	6	6	2	0	54
49	14	10	15	1	8	3	8	0	59
<b>45-49</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>362</b>
50-54	23	34	66	7	32	20	16	0	198
55-59	10	22	21	5	16	12	9	0	95
60-64	4	14	10	1	5	4	4	0	42
65-69	3	3	2	0	11	3	3	0	25
70-74	1	3	3	1	2	2	0	0	12
75 and over	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20

**Table 9 Marriages registered in 2004 classified by age and area of residence of groom before marriage**

Area of residence of groom	Age of groom											Average age of groom	
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated		Total
<b>Total</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>6,606</b>	<b>7,680</b>	<b>3,117</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20,979</b>	<b>33.0</b>
<b>LEINSTER</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>3,212</b>	<b>3,963</b>	<b>1,588</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10,696</b>	<b>33.2</b>
Carlow	1	16	91	68	37	9	5	2	3	4	0	236	32.3
Dublin City	24	135	577	911	409	165	69	64	38	22	2	2,416	33.8
South Dublin	16	62	392	479	159	66	39	29	15	8	0	1,265	32.8
Fingal	2	52	367	485	154	64	31	16	9	13	0	1,193	32.9
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	5	24	174	311	142	60	25	18	11	13	0	783	34.6
Kildare	4	34	293	345	120	37	19	9	9	9	0	879	32.5
Kilkenny	2	13	106	135	55	16	10	6	3	1	0	347	33.0
Laois	5	19	107	75	33	12	5	4	2	2	0	264	31.6
Longford	3	10	53	52	18	6	3	2	2	1	0	150	31.8
Louth	0	20	197	163	73	34	11	4	5	5	1	513	32.6
Meath	5	35	264	314	117	38	22	11	4	6	0	816	32.6
Offaly	2	14	91	90	37	10	4	3	2	1	0	254	31.8
Westmeath	2	18	124	128	52	20	8	7	6	5	0	370	33.1
Wexford	1	28	196	193	85	42	11	13	7	8	0	584	33.3
Wicklow	1	31	180	214	97	41	23	18	5	15	1	626	34.1
<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>1,860</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5,219</b>	<b>32.8</b>
Clare	4	23	174	184	71	32	12	7	3	4	0	514	32.7
Cork City	2	29	197	203	79	42	14	15	5	4	1	591	33.0
Cork County	1	46	494	603	205	85	57	26	19	18	0	1,554	33.4
Kerry	2	25	209	212	92	38	28	8	10	2	1	627	33.2
Limerick City	3	20	83	89	30	12	7	4	3	2	0	253	32.3
Limerick County	3	21	228	198	80	29	12	10	1	2	0	584	32.1
North Tipperary	1	17	99	119	42	15	12	4	1	4	0	314	32.8
South Tipperary	1	27	123	105	50	25	11	2	4	1	0	349	32.2
Waterford City	1	8	89	55	23	6	4	1	1	2	0	190	31.3
Waterford County	0	11	86	92	33	10	3	4	0	4	0	243	32.4
<b>CONNACHT</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,998</b>	<b>33.0</b>
Galway City	5	15	75	109	50	25	10	13	1	3	0	306	34.0
Galway County	5	28	225	238	95	33	14	8	8	4	0	658	32.5
Leitrim	0	4	37	42	17	8	1	1	1	2	0	113	33.4
Mayo	2	13	170	175	67	27	12	5	3	1	1	476	32.4
Roscommon	2	10	73	54	35	11	7	2	2	5	0	201	33.3
Sligo	3	13	79	79	33	18	4	2	5	8	0	244	33.6
<b>ULSTER (part of)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>31.8</b>
Cavan	0	18	106	94	40	14	6	4	4	3	0	289	32.4
Donegal	2	52	233	174	71	29	14	6	5	3	2	591	31.6
Monaghan	1	12	83	78	34	7	2	2	1	0	0	220	31.5
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES</b>													
Border	6	119	735	630	268	110	38	19	21	21	3	1,970	32.3
Midland West	12	61	375	345	140	48	20	16	12	9	0	1,038	32.2
Dublin	14	66	543	576	247	96	43	28	14	13	1	1,641	32.8
Mid-East	47	273	1,510	2,186	864	355	164	127	73	56	2	5,657	33.5
Mid-West	10	100	737	873	334	116	64	38	18	30	1	2,321	33.0
South-East	11	81	584	590	223	88	43	25	8	12	0	1,665	32.4
South-West	6	103	691	648	283	108	44	28	18	20	0	1,949	32.6
	5	100	900	1,018	376	165	99	49	34	24	2	2,772	33.3
<b>REPUBLIC OF IRELAND</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>6,075</b>	<b>6,866</b>	<b>2,735</b>	<b>1,086</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19,013</b>	<b>33.0</b>
Northern Ireland	1	16	105	132	39	20	5	4	2	3	1	328	32.4
Britain	6	26	288	435	213	48	21	10	5	4	1	1,057	33.0
Elsewhere	0	7	138	247	130	33	14	7	1	4	0	581	33.8
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 10 Marriages registered in 2004 classified by age and area of residence of bride before marriage**

Area of residence of bride	Age of bride											Average age of bride	
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated		Total
<b>Total</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>8,577</b>	<b>6,611</b>	<b>2,038</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20,979</b>	<b>30.9</b>
<b>LEINSTER</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>4,206</b>	<b>3,335</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10,682</b>	<b>31.1</b>
Carlow	4	32	100	76	17	5	5	3	2	0	0	244	30.2
Dublin City	43	239	821	781	299	123	62	23	15	13	0	2,419	31.6
South Dublin	23	126	515	364	111	49	25	24	7	3	0	1,247	30.9
Fingal	13	88	454	383	123	50	15	12	3	5	2	1,148	31.2
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	7	46	239	298	102	42	20	9	9	8	0	780	32.6
Kildare	8	92	356	277	79	26	12	6	3	3	0	862	30.5
Kilkenny	2	29	152	122	31	11	4	3	4	0	0	358	30.8
Laois	6	35	130	63	16	9	4	4	1	1	0	269	29.8
Longford	5	25	75	31	14	7	3	2	1	0	1	164	29.9
Louth	2	52	256	169	47	18	6	3	1	3	0	557	30.4
Meath	4	67	355	262	76	37	10	6	1	1	5	824	30.8
Offaly	4	33	103	72	25	5	3	0	1	0	0	246	29.7
Westmeath	7	38	162	96	39	13	5	0	1	2	0	363	30.3
Wexford	4	64	243	163	50	23	12	6	7	3	0	575	30.9
Wicklow	6	71	245	178	62	30	19	8	4	2	1	626	31.3
<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>2,323</b>	<b>1,653</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5,388</b>	<b>30.7</b>
Clare	6	47	223	172	43	16	8	3	5	3	1	527	30.8
Cork City	5	64	249	175	67	24	15	8	2	3	0	612	31.2
Cork County	8	130	708	514	145	47	26	19	6	7	0	1,610	30.8
Kerry	8	71	245	192	71	29	14	8	1	2	1	642	31.0
Limerick City	5	30	98	77	17	9	3	3	2	2	0	246	30.6
Limerick County	7	52	268	179	57	20	5	5	3	0	0	596	30.4
North Tipperary	3	36	154	97	20	13	6	1	2	1	0	333	30.3
South Tipperary	5	35	145	115	27	16	6	1	0	1	1	352	30.5
Waterford City	6	21	107	54	21	3	2	0	0	0	0	214	29.4
Waterford County	1	15	126	78	16	9	4	1	2	4	0	256	31.1
<b>CONNACHT</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2,074</b>	<b>30.7</b>
Galway City	11	21	109	109	45	17	7	2	1	3	0	325	31.8
Galway County	8	65	294	214	60	17	11	7	1	2	1	680	30.4
Leitrim	1	12	35	43	15	1	1	0	1	2	1	112	31.3
Mayo	8	59	223	148	34	19	5	5	3	1	3	508	30.2
Roscommon	3	18	94	61	19	4	5	2	0	1	0	207	30.5
Sligo	4	28	101	72	18	8	4	3	2	2	0	242	30.6
<b>ULSTER (part of)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,211</b>	<b>29.5</b>
Cavan	3	36	142	71	23	9	6	2	1	1	0	294	30.1
Donegal	1	119	282	166	46	9	12	5	1	3	0	644	29.4
Monaghan	2	36	141	67	23	2	1	1	0	0	0	273	29.2
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES</b>													
Border	13	283	957	588	172	47	30	14	6	11	1	2,122	30.0
Midland	22	131	470	262	94	34	15	6	4	3	1	1,042	30.0
West	30	163	720	532	158	57	28	16	5	7	4	1,720	30.6
Dublin	86	499	2,029	1,826	635	264	122	68	34	29	2	5,594	31.5
Mid-East	18	230	956	717	217	93	41	20	8	6	6	2,312	30.8
Mid-West	21	165	743	525	137	58	22	12	12	6	1	1,702	30.5
South-East	22	196	873	608	162	67	33	14	15	8	1	1,999	30.6
South-West	21	265	1,202	881	283	100	55	35	9	12	1	2,864	31.0
<b>REPUBLIC OF IRELAND</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>7,950</b>	<b>5,939</b>	<b>1,858</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19,355</b>	<b>30.8</b>
Northern Ireland	0	14	75	63	20	7	3	3	0	0	1	186	31.1
Britain	0	41	377	373	94	24	7	7	0	0	2	925	31.0
Elsewhere	0	13	175	236	66	12	6	3	2	0	0	513	31.8
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

**Table 11 Marriages registered in 2004 classified by area of residence of groom before marriage, also showing whether bride has same area of residence**

Area of residence of groom	Total	Area of residence of bride			Percentage of brides from same area as groom
		Same area as groom	Different area from groom: Republic of Ireland	Different area from groom: Not Republic of Ireland	
<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS</b>	<b>19,013</b>	<b>15,241</b>	<b>3,662</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>80.2</b>
Carlow	236	189	47	0	80.1
Dublin City	2,416	1,999	411	6	82.7
South Dublin	1,265	1,021	238	6	80.7
Fingal	1,193	977	210	6	81.9
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	783	587	190	6	75.0
Kildare	879	712	164	3	81.0
Kilkenny	347	261	85	1	75.2
Laois	264	204	59	1	77.3
Longford	150	106	41	3	70.7
Louth	513	440	69	4	85.8
Meath	816	664	148	4	81.4
Offaly	254	175	77	2	68.9
Westmeath	370	287	82	1	77.6
Wexford	584	487	94	3	83.4
Wicklow	626	526	96	4	84.0
Clare	514	413	101	0	80.4
Cork City	591	452	135	4	76.5
Cork County	1,554	1,282	264	8	82.5
Kerry	627	523	98	6	83.4
Limerick City	253	189	63	1	74.7
Limerick County	584	419	163	2	71.7
North Tipperary	314	241	73	0	76.8
South Tipperary	349	278	69	2	79.7
Waterford City	190	164	24	2	86.3
Waterford County	243	190	52	1	78.2
Galway City	306	247	58	1	80.7
Galway County	658	507	147	4	77.1
Leitrim	113	73	39	1	64.6
Mayo	476	387	85	4	81.3
Roscommon	201	132	69	0	65.7
Sligo	244	182	59	3	74.6
Cavan	289	216	69	4	74.7
Donegal	591	538	39	14	91.0
Monaghan	220	173	44	3	78.6
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES</b>	<b>19,013</b>	<b>16,691</b>	<b>2,212</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>87.8</b>
Border	1,970	1,717	224	29	87.2
Midland	1,038	815	216	7	78.5
West	1,641	1,425	207	9	86.8
Dublin	5,657	5,132	501	24	90.7
Mid-East	2,321	1,940	370	11	83.6
Mid-West	1,665	1,419	243	3	85.2
South-East	1,949	1,696	244	9	87.0
South-West	2,772	2,547	207	18	91.9
<b>PROVINCES</b>	<b>19,013</b>	<b>17,667</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>92.9</b>
Leinster	10,696	10,057	589	50	94.0
Munster	5,219	4,907	286	26	94.0
Connaught	1,998	1,748	237	13	87.5
Ulster (part of)	1,100	955	124	21	86.8
<b>REPUBLIC OF IRELAND</b>	<b>19,013</b>	<b>18,903</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>99.4</b>
Northern Ireland	328	144	178	6	43.9
Britain	1,057	875	171	11	82.8
Elsewhere	581	473	103	5	81.4

**Table 12 Marriages registered in 2004 classified by area of residence of bride before marriage, also showing whether groom has same area of residence**

Area of residence of bride	Total	Area of residence of groom			Percentage of grooms from same area as bride
		Same area as bride	Different area from bride: Republic of Ireland	Different area from bride: Not Republic of Ireland	
<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS</b>	<b>19,355</b>	<b>15,241</b>	<b>3,662</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>78.7</b>
Carlow	244	189	51	4	77.5
Dublin City	2,419	1,999	380	40	82.6
South Dublin	1,247	1,021	213	13	81.9
Fingal	1,148	977	155	16	85.1
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	780	587	169	24	75.3
Kildare	862	712	136	14	82.6
Kilkenny	358	261	90	7	72.9
Laois	269	204	58	7	75.8
Longford	164	106	50	8	64.6
Louth	557	440	83	34	79.0
Meath	824	664	148	12	80.6
Offaly	246	175	66	5	71.1
Westmeath	363	287	66	10	79.1
Wexford	575	487	79	9	84.7
Wicklow	626	526	95	5	84.0
Clare	527	413	103	11	78.4
Cork City	612	452	147	13	73.9
Cork County	1,610	1,282	298	30	79.6
Kerry	642	523	114	5	81.5
Limerick City	246	189	56	1	76.8
Limerick County	596	419	172	5	70.3
North Tipperary	333	241	87	5	72.4
South Tipperary	352	278	69	5	79.0
Waterford City	214	164	47	3	76.6
Waterford County	256	190	57	9	74.2
Galway City	325	247	69	9	76.0
Galway County	680	507	150	23	74.6
Leitrim	112	73	36	3	65.2
Mayo	508	387	113	8	76.2
Roscommon	207	132	70	5	63.8
Sligo	242	182	51	9	75.2
Cavan	294	216	66	12	73.5
Donegal	644	538	53	53	83.5
Monaghan	273	173	65	35	63.4
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES</b>	<b>19,355</b>	<b>16,691</b>	<b>2,212</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>86.2</b>
Border	2,122	1,717	259	146	80.9
Midland	1,042	815	197	30	78.2
West	1,720	1,425	250	45	82.8
Dublin	5,594	5,132	369	93	91.7
Mid-East	2,312	1,940	341	31	83.9
Mid-West	1,702	1,419	261	22	83.4
South-East	1,999	1,696	266	37	84.8
South-West	2,864	2,547	269	48	88.9
<b>PROVINCES</b>	<b>19,355</b>	<b>17,667</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>91.3</b>
Leinster	10,682	10,057	417	208	94.1
Munster	5,388	4,907	394	87	91.1
Connaught	2,074	1,748	269	57	84.3
Ulster (part of)	1,211	955	156	100	78.9
<b>REPUBLIC OF IRELAND</b>	<b>19,355</b>	<b>18,903</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>97.7</b>
Northern Ireland	186	144	33	9	77.4
Britain	925	875	43	7	94.6
Elsewhere	513	473	34	6	92.2

**Table 13 Marriages registered in each county and city during 2004 classified by form of ceremony**

Province, county or city	Form of ceremony*					Total
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	Other religious denominations	Civil marriages	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,978</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4,286</b>	<b>20,979</b>
<b>LEINSTER</b>	<b>7,430</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2,789</b>	<b>10,610</b>
Carlow	187	9	1	0	55	252
Dublin City	2,289	112	61	16	1,811	4,289
South Dublin	233	2	0	0	0	235
Fingal	156	1	0	1	0	158
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	185	0	0	0	0	185
Kildare	718	30	1	2	181	932
Kilkenny	350	12	1	0	60	423
Laois	275	14	0	0	40	329
Longford	146	2	0	1	52	201
Louth	564	4	0	0	85	653
Meath	590	24	1	0	153	768
Offaly	323	4	0	1	22	350
Westmeath	323	4	0	0	56	383
Wexford	525	30	0	0	91	646
Wicklow	566	49	7	1	183	806
<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>5,013</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1,049</b>	<b>6,214</b>
Clare	426	1	0	0	0	427
Cork City	1,018	54	0	8	475	1,555
Cork County	809	9	0	0	0	818
Kerry	706	20	0	3	162	891
Limerick City	593	18	1	6	264	882
Limerick County	257	2	0	0	0	259
North Tipperary	333	11	0	1	45	390
South Tipperary	345	9	0	0	59	413
Waterford City	162	1	0	0	25	188
Waterford County	364	8	0	0	19	391
<b>CONNACHT</b>	<b>2,210</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>2,575</b>
Galway City	322	13	0	0	189	524
Galway County	629	2	0	1	0	632
Leitrim	119	4	0	0	0	123
Mayo	648	5	0	0	63	716
Roscommon	232	0	0	0	2	234
Sligo	260	12	1	1	72	346
<b>ULSTER (part of)</b>	<b>1,325</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>1,580</b>
Cavan	310	20	5	2	33	370
Donegal	762	39	31	5	63	900
Monaghan	253	14	17	0	26	310
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES</b>						
Border	2,268	93	54	8	279	2,702
Midland	1,067	24	0	2	170	1,263
West	1,831	20	0	1	254	2,106
Dublin	2,863	115	61	17	1,811	4,867
Mid-East	1,874	103	9	3	517	2,506
Mid-West	1,609	32	1	7	309	1,958
South-East	1,933	69	2	0	309	2,313
South-West	2,533	83	0	11	637	3,264

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**Table 14 Marriages registered in 2004 classified by area of residence of groom and form of ceremony**

Area of residence of groom	Form of ceremony*					Total
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	Other religious denominations	Civil marriages	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,978</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4,286</b>	<b>20,979</b>
<b>LEINSTER</b>	<b>7,578</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2,766</b>	<b>10,696</b>
Carlow	170	9	0	0	57	236
Dublin City	1,419	40	19	1	937	2,416
South Dublin	895	32	6	5	327	1,265
Fingal	840	25	12	4	312	1,193
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	513	31	6	7	226	783
Kildare	680	11	7	2	179	879
Kilkenny	280	6	1	0	60	347
Laois	217	9	0	1	37	264
Longford	113	5	0	1	31	150
Louth	419	5	0	0	89	513
Meath	641	19	4	0	152	816
Offaly	226	5	1	0	22	254
Westmeath	306	4	1	0	59	370
Wexford	462	30	2	0	90	584
Wicklow	397	35	5	1	188	626
<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>4,080</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>5,219</b>
Clare	413	6	0	3	92	514
Cork City	396	11	0	2	182	591
Cork County	1,222	43	1	3	285	1,554
Kerry	452	13	0	1	161	627
Limerick City	171	4	0	1	77	253
Limerick County	490	4	0	2	88	584
North Tipperary	263	9	0	0	42	314
South Tipperary	285	5	0	0	59	349
Waterford City	170	0	0	0	20	190
Waterford County	218	3	0	1	21	243
<b>CONNACHT</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>1,998</b>
Galway City	195	2	0	0	109	306
Galway County	570	6	0	0	82	658
Leitrim	91	3	0	1	18	113
Mayo	417	2	0	1	56	476
Roscommon	174	3	0	0	24	201
Sligo	187	7	0	0	50	244
<b>ULSTER (part of)</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>1,100</b>
Cavan	233	15	7	1	33	289
Donegal	489	27	21	2	52	591
Monaghan	183	4	6	0	27	220
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:</b>						
Border	1,602	61	34	4	269	1,970
Midland	862	23	2	2	149	1,038
West	1,356	13	0	1	271	1,641
Dublin	3,667	128	43	17	1,802	5,657
Mid-East	1,718	65	16	3	519	2,321
Mid-West	1,337	23	0	6	299	1,665
South-East	1,585	53	3	1	307	1,949
South-West	2,070	67	1	6	628	2,772
<b>REPUBLIC OF IRELAND</b>	<b>14,197</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4,244</b>	<b>19,013</b>
Northern Ireland	284	20	15	3	6	328
Britain	945	62	11	4	35	1,057
Elsewhere	552	24	2	2	1	581
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**Table 15 Marriages registered in 2004 classified by area of residence of bride and form of ceremony**

Area of residence of bride	Form of ceremony*					Total
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	Other religious denominations	Civil marriages	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,978</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4,286</b>	<b>20,979</b>
<b>LEINSTER</b>	<b>7,561</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2,759</b>	<b>10,682</b>
Carlow	179	12	0	0	53	244
Dublin City	1,426	34	23	1	935	2,419
South Dublin	877	34	6	5	325	1,247
Fingal	789	28	11	4	316	1,148
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	505	38	7	6	224	780
Kildare	659	14	7	1	181	862
Kilkenny	286	11	1	0	60	358
Laois	223	7	1	0	38	269
Longford	132	2	0	1	29	164
Louth	463	5	0	0	89	557
Meath	644	21	5	0	154	824
Offaly	219	4	1	1	21	246
Westmeath	301	3	0	0	59	363
Wexford	459	25	2	0	89	575
Wicklow	399	36	4	1	186	626
<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>4,225</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>5,388</b>
Clare	422	6	0	1	98	527
Cork City	418	9	0	3	182	612
Cork County	1,264	42	1	5	298	1,610
Kerry	471	11	0	1	159	642
Limerick City	169	2	0	1	74	246
Limerick County	498	5	0	3	90	596
North Tipperary	277	10	0	1	45	333
South Tipperary	286	8	0	0	58	352
Waterford City	192	0	0	0	22	214
Waterford County	228	7	0	0	21	256
<b>CONNACHT</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>2,074</b>
Galway City	210	5	0	0	110	325
Galway County	594	6	0	0	80	680
Leitrim	90	4	0	1	17	112
Mayo	444	3	0	0	61	508
Roscommon	186	0	0	0	21	207
Sligo	181	10	1	1	49	242
<b>ULSTER (part of)</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>1,211</b>
Cavan	236	17	5	2	34	294
Donegal	532	31	26	2	53	644
Monaghan	226	7	14	0	26	273
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:</b>						
Border	1,728	74	46	6	268	2,122
Midland	875	16	2	2	147	1,042
West	1,434	14	0	0	272	1,720
Dublin	3,597	134	47	16	1,800	5,594
Mid-East	1,702	71	16	2	521	2,312
Mid-West	1,366	23	0	6	307	1,702
South-East	1,630	63	3	0	303	1,999
South-West	2,153	62	1	9	639	2,864
<b>REPUBLIC OF IRELAND</b>	<b>14,485</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>4,257</b>	<b>19,355</b>
Northern Ireland	161	11	5	1	8	186
Britain	843	53	5	5	19	925
Elsewhere	489	18	2	2	2	513
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**Table 16 Marriages registered in 2004 classified by month and day of week of marriage**

Month of occurrence	Day of occurrence							Total
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
January	2	49	38	45	71	243	248	<b>696</b>
February	5	49	37	38	74	232	308	<b>743</b>
March	7	50	73	42	83	322	293	<b>870</b>
April	24	96	65	85	159	572	461	<b>1,462</b>
May	31	95	62	88	166	619	874	<b>1,935</b>
June	51	107	86	96	211	726	816	<b>2,093</b>
July	29	91	75	113	349	1,025	1,180	<b>2,862</b>
August	81	203	98	148	369	954	1,063	<b>2,916</b>
September	40	110	73	153	404	1,051	1,086	<b>2,917</b>
October	37	89	71	73	178	838	877	<b>2,163</b>
November	6	66	67	59	111	351	370	<b>1,030</b>
December	31	208	175	127	169	255	327	<b>1,292</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>1,067</b>	<b>2,344</b>	<b>7,188</b>	<b>7,903</b>	<b>20,979</b>

**Table 17 Marriages registered in 2004 classified by form of ceremony and previous status of partners**

Marriages contracted between	Form of ceremony*					Total
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	Other religious denominations	Civil marriages	
Single men and single women	15,574	491	92	42	2,565	18,764
Single men and widows	51	1	1	1	39	93
Widowers and single women	63	0	0	0	35	98
Widowers and widows	32	2	0	0	7	41
Divorced men and single women	132	27	20	1	736	916
Single men and divorced women	95	10	10	4	482	601
Divorced men and widows	5	2	2	0	34	43
Widowers and divorced women	8	1	1	0	46	56
Divorced men and divorced women	18	5	1	1	342	367
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,978</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4,286</b>	<b>20,979</b>

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**Table 18 Marriages registered in 2004 classified by area of residence and previous marital status of the groom**

Area of residence of groom	Single men	Widowers	Divorcees	Total
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,462</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>1,322</b>	<b>20,979</b>
<b>LEINSTER</b>	<b>9,814</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>10,696</b>
Carlow	216	3	17	236
Dublin City	2,198	20	198	2,416
South Dublin	1,161	11	93	1,265
Fingal	1,094	16	83	1,193
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	709	11	63	783
Kildare	813	7	59	879
Kilkenny	326	2	19	347
Laois	251	1	12	264
Longford	140	3	7	150
Louth	482	3	28	513
Meath	757	7	52	816
Offaly	240	1	13	254
Westmeath	337	6	27	370
Wexford	536	5	43	584
Wicklow	554	6	66	626
<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>4,855</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>5,219</b>
Clare	480	4	30	514
Cork City	545	5	41	591
Cork County	1,427	23	104	1,554
Kerry	578	6	43	627
Limerick City	236	4	13	253
Limerick County	543	6	35	584
North Tipperary	293	2	19	314
South Tipperary	330	1	18	349
Waterford City	184	1	5	190
Waterford County	239	1	3	243
<b>CONNACHT</b>	<b>1,869</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>1,998</b>
Galway City	265	6	35	306
Galway County	631	2	25	658
Leitrim	106	0	7	113
Mayo	452	2	22	476
Roscommon	189	6	6	201
Sligo	226	2	16	244
<b>ULSTER (part of)</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1,100</b>
Cavan	272	2	15	289
Donegal	562	4	25	591
Monaghan	212	1	7	220
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:</b>				
Border	1,860	12	98	1,970
Midland	968	11	59	1,038
West	1,537	16	88	1,641
Dublin	5,162	58	437	5,657
Mid-East	2,124	20	177	2,321
Mid-West	1,552	16	97	1,665
South-East	1,831	13	105	1,949
South-West	2,550	34	188	2,772
<b>REPUBLIC OF IRELAND</b>	<b>17,584</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>19,013</b>
Northern Ireland	315	3	10	328
Britain	1,010	7	40	1,057
Elsewhere	553	5	23	581
Not stated	0	0	0	0

**Table 19 Marriages registered in 2004 classified by county of residence and previous marital status of bride**

Area of residence of bride	Single women	Widows	Divorcees	Total
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,774</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>20,979</b>
<b>LEINSTER</b>	<b>10,007</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>10,682</b>
Carlow	232	1	11	244
Dublin City	2,272	18	129	2,419
South Dublin	1,171	14	62	1,247
Fingal	1,070	8	70	1,148
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	724	9	47	780
Kildare	811	3	48	862
Kilkenny	336	5	17	358
Laois	254	3	12	269
Longford	153	3	8	164
Louth	527	7	23	557
Meath	773	5	46	824
Offaly	238	1	7	246
Westmeath	333	2	28	363
Wexford	537	7	31	575
Wicklow	576	6	44	626
<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>5,059</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>5,388</b>
Clare	493	7	27	527
Cork City	570	5	37	612
Cork County	1,512	15	83	1,610
Kerry	599	0	43	642
Limerick City	233	4	9	246
Limerick County	559	5	32	596
North Tipperary	310	2	21	333
South Tipperary	335	3	14	352
Waterford City	209	2	3	214
Waterford County	239	6	11	256
<b>CONNACHT</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2,074</b>
Galway City	301	2	22	325
Galway County	648	6	26	680
Leitrim	111	0	1	112
Mayo	481	4	23	508
Roscommon	196	3	8	207
Sligo	227	1	14	242
<b>ULSTER (part of)</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1,211</b>
Cavan	279	2	13	294
Donegal	621	8	15	644
Monaghan	264	1	8	273
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:</b>	<b>18,194</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>19,355</b>
Border	2,029	19	74	2,122
Midland	978	9	55	1,042
West	1,626	15	79	1,720
Dublin	5,237	49	308	5,594
Mid-East	2,160	14	138	2,312
Mid-West	1,595	18	89	1,702
South-East	1,888	24	87	1,999
South-West	2,681	20	163	2,864
<b>REPUBLIC OF IRELAND</b>	<b>18,194</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>19,355</b>
Northern Ireland	903	3	19	925
Britain	178	3	5	186
Elsewhere	499	3	11	513
Not stated	0	0	0	0

**Table 20 Marriages in 2004 classified by age of groom and**

Age of groom	Age of bride																	
	16 & under	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
All ages	4	17	117	95	121	165	312	514	888	1,304	1,550	1,775	1,979	1,969	1,855	1,573	1,279	1,052
17	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	0	5	21	9	3	2	1	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
19	1	4	21	17	5	4	3	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	2	4	19	15	10	1	3	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0
21	0	2	9	12	6	17	6	9	5	7	1	1	0	2	1	2	0	0
22	0	0	10	6	12	15	19	13	11	10	8	4	5	7	3	2	2	1
23	0	0	7	4	16	16	30	45	40	22	25	12	8	2	6	2	0	3
24	0	1	5	5	18	14	39	58	81	68	34	28	29	17	7	4	1	3
25	1	0	3	5	7	23	48	66	103	159	99	54	38	24	25	17	10	7
26	0	0	4	1	5	12	29	63	137	173	186	127	101	47	56	14	15	8
27	0	0	1	8	5	10	29	47	113	150	239	246	169	114	76	41	39	25
28	0	0	5	2	9	9	21	44	96	151	209	307	305	202	120	85	52	29
29	0	0	0	2	6	8	14	37	60	129	165	230	288	332	229	122	78	49
30	0	0	0	4	4	2	18	29	52	88	150	210	278	314	275	179	114	89
31	0	0	2	0	3	8	12	18	42	87	102	160	186	251	259	232	167	85
32	0	0	1	0	2	4	4	23	41	68	99	106	164	169	203	211	170	114
33	0	0	1	1	3	4	9	9	19	41	67	68	119	124	162	152	128	111
34	0	0	2	2	0	5	5	12	13	45	42	59	60	109	104	129	126	119
35	0	0	0	0	1	2	7	7	17	33	30	46	60	79	86	98	95	104
36	0	0	1	0	2	2	4	3	14	17	25	24	40	41	70	75	77	62
37	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	9	9	17	18	27	32	37	35	49	48	51
38	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	9	7	16	13	22	30	41	39	43	43
39	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	4	6	11	15	22	17	24	27	25	34
40	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	4	2	6	8	8	9	16	15	20	26	23
41	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	3	5	6	6	9	12	23	14	20
42	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	2	8	9	10	12	9	11	18
43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	3	1	5	3	3	9	9	9
44	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	1	2	1	4	11	8	7	9
45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	4	1	3	8	6	6
46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	4	2	3	3
47	0	0		1		2	0	1	0	1	1	1	3	2	7	4	4	6
48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	2	2
49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	2	1	2	2
50-54	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	1	1	6	2	2	3	4	10
55-59	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	0	3	1	5
60-64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 & over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	2

**bride in single years; all marriages**

Age of bride																					
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65 & over	Not stated	All ages
852	636	471	375	285	271	213	178	140	117	115	111	79	59	54	59	198	95	42	40	20	20,979
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	64
0		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66
0		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	134
1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	244
5	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	426
5	7	4	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	711
8	4	4	2	0	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1,003
19	4	7	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1,348
18	11	6	8	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	1,703
35	24	12	8	2	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1,841
47	21	14	6	5	5	2	2	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1,917
76	50	27	18	17	7	7	7	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1,833
67	49	20	24	10	6	4	3	3	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1,570
84	49	32	21	14	12	6	6	1	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,253
92	62	30	32	9	17	13	4	4	5	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1,107
67	52	40	16	22	15	9	7	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	903
72	53	48	39	21	16	14	8	7	3	1	5	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	750
68	50	37	26	23	7	8	3	5	6	3	2	4	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	586
45	45	39	27	22	20	20	9	6	5	3	1	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	518
25	22	24	28	21	18	4	8	5	5	3	0	2	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	360
30	29	26	23	21	14	7	16	11	4	4	6	3	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	1	341
14	17	22	19	19	18	14	12	8	6	7	2	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	272
16	10	16	10	13	16	8	7	11	4	8	3	1	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	215
11	8	13	11	6	9	14	11	8	11	7	4	4	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	171
6	14	12	9	8	12	15	12	11	5	12	6	5	2	2	0	5	1	0	0	0	188
5	12	3	5	10	13	7	6	7	6	8	3	3	2	1	0	3	1	1	0	0	130
5	7	4	6	9	6	5	10	7	9	6	6	6	4	2	2	5	2	0	0	0	120
9	4	8	5	3	12	7	6	4	2	7	8	3	3	1	3	3	4	0	0	0	125
5	5	4	5	1	7	6	5	9	8	5	6	3	3	5	3	9	0	0	0	0	98
1	3	4	2	3	6	4	5	5	2	2	8	10	3	4	1	5	1	1	0	0	82
8	15	8	12	11	16	19	16	9	12	18	17	14	16	19	20	63	17	3	1	1	351
3	2	1	6	3	8	8	3	8	10	7	16	7	9	8	9	49	26	5	2	0	206
1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	2	2	1	9	2	0	1	5	25	22	11	9	0	102
1	0	0	2	0	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	5	10	16	20	27	0	94
2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11

**Table 21 Marriages in 2004 classified by age of groom and**

Age of groom	Age of bride																	
	16 & under	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
All ages	4	17	114	93	120	160	304	498	870	1,281	1,519	1,745	1,924	1,916	1,780	1,493	1,188	947
17	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	0	5	21	9	3	2	1	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
19	1	4	21	17	5	4	3	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	2	4	19	15	10	1	3	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0
21	0	2	9	12	6	17	6	9	5	7	1	1	0	2	1	2	0	0
22	0	0	10	6	12	15	19	12	10	10	8	4	5	6	3	2	1	1
23	0	0	7	4	16	16	30	45	40	21	25	12	7	2	6	2	0	3
24	0	1	5	5	18	14	39	57	81	68	34	27	29	16	7	4	1	3
25	1	0	3	5	7	23	48	66	103	159	98	53	38	24	22	17	10	7
26	0	0	4	1	5	12	29	62	136	173	186	126	101	43	54	14	12	8
27	0	0	0	8	5	10	29	47	112	149	239	246	164	114	73	41	37	24
28	0	0	5	2	9	9	21	44	96	149	206	306	304	201	118	84	52	26
29	0	0	0	2	6	7	14	37	60	129	164	229	288	327	228	119	74	48
30	0	0	0	3	4	2	18	28	50	87	150	210	278	312	273	177	111	83
31	0	0	2	0	3	7	11	17	40	86	102	157	183	250	258	228	162	82
32	0	0	1	0	2	4	3	22	40	67	97	105	161	167	199	206	166	112
33	0	0	1	1	3	4	9	6	19	41	66	67	115	122	156	146	120	104
34	0	0	2	2	0	5	4	11	12	43	37	58	58	106	102	127	121	116
35	0	0	0	0	1	2	6	7	17	30	28	43	54	76	85	91	89	95
36	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	3	13	16	22	23	39	39	63	67	72	57
37	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	9	7	14	18	25	28	36	32	47	42	41
38	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	9	7	13	13	19	24	38	36	40	40
39	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	6	8	15	20	16	20	25	23	27
40	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	5	8	7	8	12	12	17	20	18
41	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	3	3	3	3	5	7	15	10	14
42	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	6	5	8	9	4	7	11
43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	1	4	1	1	6	8	7
44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	3	3	6	5	7
45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	1	3	1	4
46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	1	1	1
47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	4	1	2	1
48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0
50-54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	1	1	1	0	4
55-59	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
60-64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 & over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	2



**bride in single years; first marriages only**

Age of bride																					
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65 & over	Not stated	All ages
743	532	370	280	200	158	111	81	58	41	43	37	22	15	11	11	32	16	6	7	17	18,764
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65
0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	127
1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	240
5	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	421
4	7	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	702
7	3	4	2	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	986
18	3	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1,327
14	11	3	7	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1,676
33	22	11	6	2	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1,814
45	18	13	4	5	3	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1,881
72	46	25	16	16	4	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1,779	
63	45	17	21	7	5	2	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1,519	
78	43	29	19	10	8	4	4	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,180
83	53	25	29	7	13	11	3	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1,035
64	50	34	13	15	11	7	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	825
66	51	43	35	14	12	9	5	4	2	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	667	
59	44	33	22	17	5	3	1	3	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	497	
42	41	32	21	19	13	14	5	3	1	2	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	439
18	17	19	23	19	10	4	5	3	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	289
24	20	15	14	14	11	6	7	5	0	2	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	239	
9	10	16	12	17	10	10	6	4	3	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	170
10	9	8	6	9	12	3	5	6	4	4	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	135
7	5	6	9	3	4	8	6	5	5	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
3	7	9	6	1	6	5	6	4	3	7	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91
5	10	2	3	7	6	6	3	2	2	3	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	68
2	4	0	2	5	2	1	4	3	1	1	3	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	43
4	1	4	2	2	6	3	2	1	0	3	4	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	49
4	0	2	3	1	0	1	1	4	3	1	2	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	30
0	1	1	0	0	4	3	1	0	0	0	3	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
0	5	4	3	3	4	2	3	0	2	4	2	2	3	3	7	10	3	0	0	0	73
1	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	6	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	8	4	0	0	0	33
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	6	1	2	0	16
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	4	5	0	14
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	

**Table 22 Marriages registered in 2004 classified by age and previous marital status of groom**

Age	Single Men	Widowers	Divorcees	Total
<b>Age of groom</b>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,462</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>1,322</b>	<b>20,979</b>
Under 20	118	0	0	118
20-24	949	2	1	952
25-29	6,584	3	19	6,606
30-34	7,561	11	108	7,680
35-39	2,891	13	213	3,117
40-44	848	20	319	1,187
45-49	278	25	252	555
50-54	121	32	198	351
55-59	52	31	123	206
60 and over	51	58	87	196
Not stated	9	0	2	11
<b>Average age of groom</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>33.0</b>

**Table 23 Marriages registered in 2004 classified by age and previous marital status of bride**

Age	Single women	Widows	Divorcees	Total
<b>Age of bride</b>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,774</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>20,979</b>
Under 20	232	0	1	233
20-24	1,997	0	3	2,000
25-29	8,530	6	41	8,577
30-34	6,429	12	170	6,611
35-39	1,778	29	231	2,038
40-44	481	30	252	763
45-49	183	25	154	362
50-54	71	20	107	198
55-59	30	21	44	95
60 and over	24	33	25	82
Not stated	19	1	0	20
<b>Average age of bride</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<b>30.9</b>

## Background Notes

<b>Source</b>	<p>These statistics have been compiled from the marriage registration forms of all marriages registered in the Republic of Ireland in 2004.</p> <p>The release has been prepared by the Central Statistics Office for the Minister for Health and Children in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Vital Statistics and Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1952 and Section 73 of the Civil Registration Act, 2004.</p>
<b>Methodology</b>	<p>Where the weekday and month of a marriage are specified in this release, it refers to the date on which the marriage occurred. Note that some marriages registered in 2004 (and hence included in these statistics) occurred in years before 2004.</p>
<b>Form of Ceremony</b>	<p>Marriages celebrated according to the rites and ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church, the rites and ceremonies of the Church of Ireland, the forms and disciplines of the Presbyterian Church, the usages of the Society of Friends, the usages of people professing the Jewish religion, and the usages of certain other Religious Bodies have been classified under their respective religions.</p> <p>There is at present no provision for the civil registration of Muslim Marriage Ceremonies solemnised in the State.</p>
<b>Socio-Economic Group (SEG)</b>	<p>This classification is determined by a person's occupation or, in some cases by a combination of occupation and employment status. The men and women whose marriages were registered in 2004 were classified by SEG on the basis of the information on occupation given in the marriage register.</p>
<b>Area of residence</b>	<p>Four classifications of district are available: that in which the marriage took place, the areas of residence of the bride and groom prior to marriage, and the intended future residence.</p>
<b>Age specific marriage rates</b>	<p>The age specific marriage rates are calculated as follows:  <math display="block">\text{Age Specific Rate} = \frac{\text{Number of Males (or Females) of that age whose marriages were registered} \times 1,000}{\text{Population of Males (or Females) of that age}}</math> The small number of marriages for which the age is not stated are distributed in proportion before this calculation is made.</p>
<b>Marriages per 1,000 population</b>	<p>This is calculated for each year as follows:  <math display="block">\text{Marriages per 1,000 population} = \frac{\text{Number of Marriages registered} \times 1,000}{\text{Population}}</math> 2004 population is 4,045.2 thousands.</p>

**NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions**

The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions. The composition of the regions is set out below.

**Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region**

<b>Border</b>	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
<b>Midland</b>	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath
<b>West</b>	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon

**Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region**

<b>Dublin</b>	Dublin Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
<b>Mid-East</b>	Kildare Meath Wicklow
<b>Mid-West</b>	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
<b>South-East</b>	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
<b>South-West</b>	Cork City Cork County Kerry