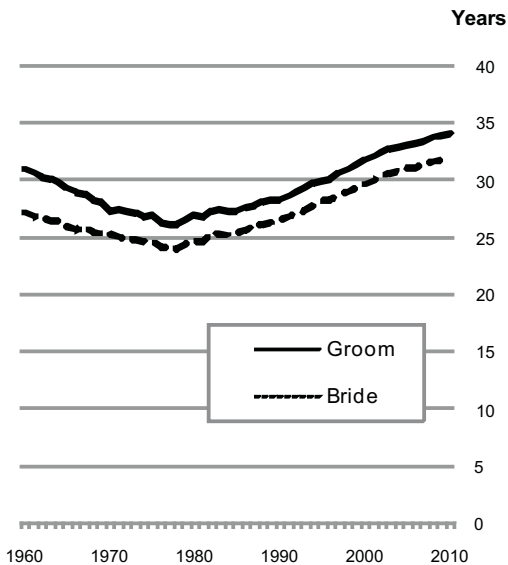




Fig.1 Average age of bride and groom, 1960 - 2010



Marriages 2010

	2010	2009
Marriages	20,594	21,627
Marriages per 1,000 Population	4.5	4.8
Average Age of Groom	34.1	34.0
Average Age of Bride	32.0	31.8
Civil Marriages	5,991	6,214

Marriage rate falls as average age of bride and groom continues to rise

The average age of grooms in 2010 was 34.1 years, 0.1 years more than the average age in 2009. In the past fifty years, the average age of grooms has decreased from 30.9 years in 1960 to a low of 26.2 years in 1977 and has increased to a high of 34.1 years in 2010. A similar trend is evident for brides with the average age decreasing from 27.1 in 1960 to 24.0 in 1977 and has increased to a high of 32.0 in 2010. *See table 1 and fig 1.*

The number of marriages registered in 2010 was 20,594, which equates to a crude marriage rate of 4.5 per 1,000 of the population. This compares with a total of 21,627 marriages and a marriage rate of 4.8 per thousand of the population in 2009. The 2010 marriage rate was the lowest in the state since 1998 when the recorded rate was 4.5 per 1,000 of the population. *See table 1.*

Of the 20,594 marriages registered in 2010, there were 13,781 Roman Catholic marriage ceremonies (67%), 5,991 civil marriages (29%), 427 Church of Ireland ceremonies (2%) and the remaining 2% was made up of Presbyterian, Methodist, Jewish and other ceremonies. *See table 1.*

- ◆ July was the most popular month for marriage in 2010, when 13% of marriages occurred. Marriages in July, August and September accounted for 39% of marriages. January continued to be the least popular month for marriage ceremonies with almost 4% of marriages occurring during that month. *See table 16.*
- ◆ Friday and Saturday were the most popular days of the week to get married with 69% of marriages occurring on those days. The least popular day was Sunday when just over 1% of marriages took place. *See table 16.*
- ◆ Saturday 31st July was the most popular date for marriage in 2010 with 257 (1%) marriages taking place. This was closely followed by Friday 10th September, when 255 (1%) marriages occurred.
- ◆ Cyprus had the highest crude marriage rate in the EU 27 with a rate of 7.3 per 1,000 population and Slovenia and Bulgaria had the lowest rates, both with 3.2 marriages per 1,000 population. Ireland, along with Austria, Netherlands and the United Kingdom, was ranked 13th with a rate of 4.5 per 1,000 of the population. This was higher than the European (EU 27) average rate which was 4.4 marriages per thousand population.

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Fig. 2 Crude marriage rates per 1,000 population in the European Union, 2010

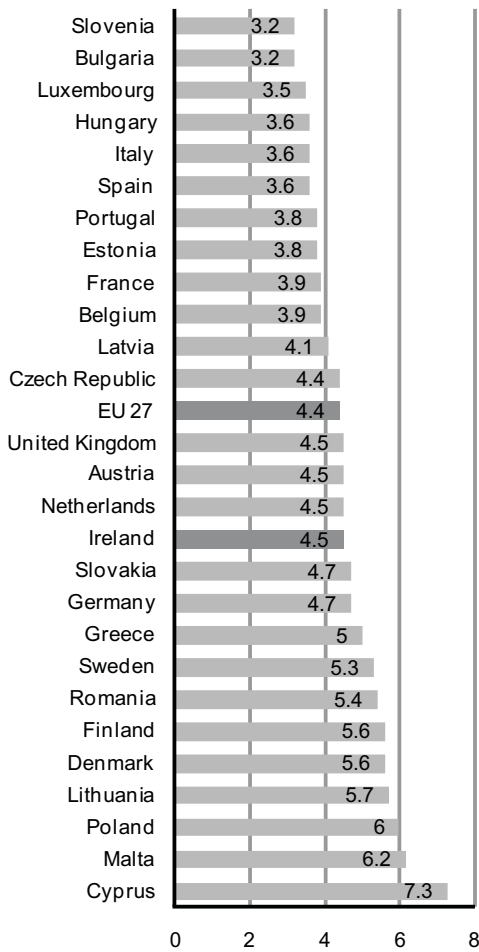
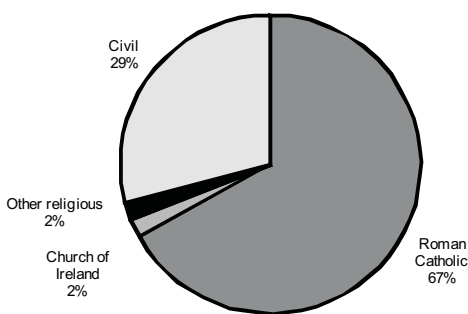


Fig. 3 Marriages by form of ceremony, 2010



Civil marriages account for 29% of all marriages

In 2010, civil marriages accounted for 29% of all marriages, the same rate as in 2009. Of the 5,991 civil marriages in 2010, there were 4,045 (68%) where both the bride and groom were single. *See tables 1, 17 and fig 3.*

In 2010, the average age of the groom in civil marriages was 37.1 years and the average age of the groom in Roman Catholic marriages was 32.8 years. The average age of the bride in civil marriages was 34.2 years and the average age of the bride in Roman Catholic marriages was 31.0 years. *See table 3.*

In 2010, civil marriage ceremonies were the most common form of ceremony for grooms aged 45 and over (73%), and for brides aged 40 and over (68%). *See table 3.*

At a NUTS3 regional level, almost 40% of grooms and just over 39% of brides in the Dublin region had civil marriages. By contrast, just over 20% of grooms and just over 19% of brides living in the border region had civil marriages. *See tables 14 and 15.*

Grooms older than bride in 63% of marriages

The average age of grooms and brides in 2010 was 34.1 and 32.0 respectively. The average age of grooms marrying for the first time was 32.8 years and for brides the average age was 31.2 years. *See tables 22 and 23.*

In 2010, the groom was older than the bride in 63% of marriages. This was generally witnessed across all age groups except in the case of grooms under 25, where the bride was older in 45% of marriages. *See tables 7, 8 and fig 4.*

In 2010, almost 4% of grooms were under the age of 25 and 33% of grooms were aged 35 and over on their wedding day. For brides, just over 7% were under the age of 25 and 22% were aged 35 and over on their wedding day. *See table 1.*

At a local authority level, Longford had the lowest average age for grooms at 32.5 years and Cavan had the lowest average age for brides at 30.5 years. At the other end of the scale, Wicklow had the highest average age for grooms at 35.4 years and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown had the highest average age for brides at 33.3 years. *See tables 9 and 10.*

88% of marriages were first time marriages

In 2010, 88% (18,175) of marriages were the first marriage for both the groom and bride. The breakdown between grooms and brides was 18,930 (92%) grooms and 19,304 (94%) brides marrying for the first time. *See tables 17, 22 and 23.*

There were 2,226 marriages involving at least one divorced person in 2010, including 414 marriages where both parties were divorced. Civil ceremonies accounted for 1,872 of these marriages, 219 were Roman Catholic ceremonies, and the remaining 135 were other religious ceremonies. *See table 17.*

Couples residing outside Ireland before marriage account for 8% of marriages

Marriages where both the bride and groom were residing in Ireland before marriage accounted for 90% (18,606) of marriages. *See tables 11 and 12.*

Over 93% of grooms residing in Donegal married brides who were also residing in Donegal. In contrast, only 73% of Roscommon grooms married brides living in Roscommon. In relation to brides, almost 91% of brides residing in Wexford married grooms from the same area, while at the other end of the scale 75% of Longford brides married grooms residing in Longford. *See tables 11 and 12.*

Fig. 4 Groom by relative age of bride

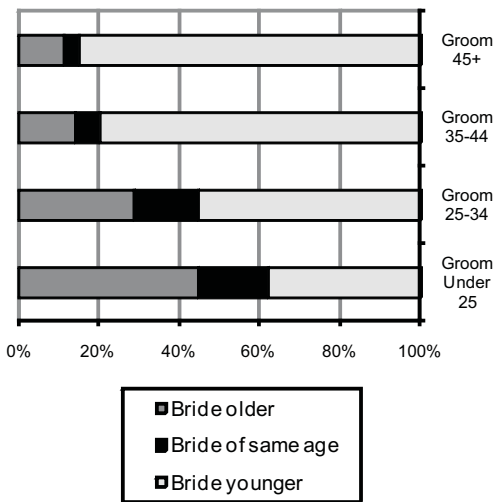
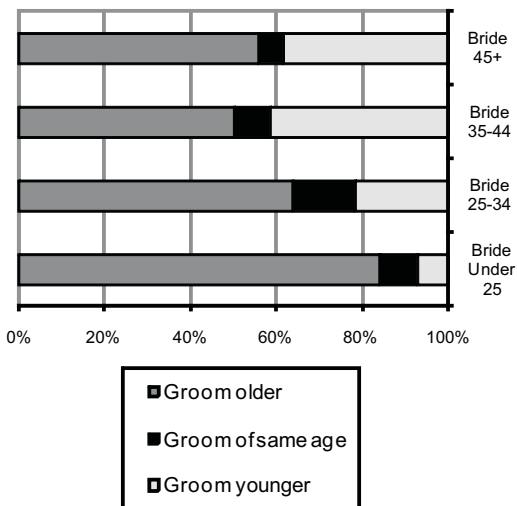


Fig. 5 Bride by relative age of groom



In 2010, 1,545 (8%) marriages involved both the bride and groom living outside the State before marriage. See tables 11 and 12.

The future permanent residence of married couples was stated to be outside Ireland in 9% (1,762) of marriages in 2010. This compares to 1,835 (8%) in 2009. See table 1.

One in five marriages were between brides and grooms of the same socio-economic group

Almost 21% (4,231) of all marriages involved the bride and groom being of the same socio-economic group.

31% of grooms and 28% of brides in the ‘higher professional’ category married persons in the same socio-economic group. Almost 24% of grooms and brides in the ‘employer and managers’ socio-economic group married an individual in the same group, 23% of grooms and 20% of brides in the ‘other non-manual’ group married within their own group, and 12% of grooms and 13% of brides in the ‘salaried employees’ group married within their own group. There was a greater disparity apparent for the following socio-economic groups - for those in the ‘lower professional’ group, 42% of grooms and 18% of brides married within the group, in the ‘intermediate non-manual workers’ group, 32% of grooms and 14% of brides married within the group, in the ‘skilled manual workers’ group, 2% of grooms and 43% of brides married within the group, and in the ‘other manual workers’ group, 10% of grooms and 26% of brides married within the group. In the combined socio-economic groups of ‘farmers, relatives assisting and farm managers’ and ‘other agricultural occupations and fisherman’ 2% of grooms and 29% of brides married within those groups. See table 6 and background notes page 27.

Number of divorces granted down by 7%

There were 3,113 divorces granted by the Circuit Court and the High Court in 2010. This was a decrease of 228 (7%) on the 2009 figure. See appendix table A.

Tables

Table 1 Summary data for marriages 1994-1996, 2002 and 2004-2010

	1994	1995	1996	2002	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
State	16,621	15,604	16,174	20,556	20,979	21,355	22,089	22,756	22,187	21,627	20,594
Marriages per 1,000 population	4.6	4.3	4.5	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.5
Average age of groom	29.8	30.0	30.2	32.5	33.0	33.1	33.2	33.4	33.8	34.0	34.1
Average age of bride	27.8	28.1	28.4	30.4	30.9	31.0	31.2	31.3	31.7	31.8	32.0
Percentage of marriages by age of groom											
Under 20	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
20-24	14.9	12.8	10.8	5.4	4.5	4.8	4.7	4.0	3.0	3.3	3.0
25-29	47.4	46.5	46.3	34.6	31.5	30.3	29.4	29.1	27.7	27.2	25.4
30-34	24.3	27.3	29.0	34.9	36.6	37.0	37.0	37.5	37.5	36.8	38.3
35-39	7.3	7.8	8.2	13.6	14.9	14.7	15.7	16.3	17.0	17.3	17.8
Over 40	5.4	5.1	5.2	10.8	11.9	12.6	12.7	12.7	14.1	14.9	15.0
Percentage of marriages by age of bride											
Under 20	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.3	1.4
20-24	27.3	23.7	21.6	11.7	9.5	9.6	8.6	7.8	6.8	7.2	5.7
25-29	47.5	49.1	49.5	42.9	40.9	39.7	39.0	39.4	38.1	36.0	34.9
30-34	16.7	18.8	19.9	28.3	31.5	31.5	32.1	32.4	33.6	33.8	36.2
35-39	4.1	4.4	5.1	9.4	9.7	10.3	11.1	11.4	11.9	12.1	12.6
Over 40	2.8	2.4	2.7	6.5	7.2	7.6	7.9	7.8	8.7	9.6	9.3
Form of ceremony											
Roman Catholic	15,200	14,158	14,607	15,908	15,978	15,867	16,211	16,854	15,978	14,624	13,781
Church of Ireland	434	425	483	781	539	553	530	526	534	447	427
Presbyterian	51	76	91	112	127	119	161	176	160	111	89
Methodist	33	25	38	40	21	17	26	20	32	21	27
Jewish	3	1	2	6	4	5	2	1	0	5	0
Other religious	50	28	25	26	24	32	32	33	184	205	279
Civil marriages	850	891	928	3,683	4,286	4,762	5,127	5,146	5,299	6,214	5,991
Country of future residence											
Outside Republic of Ireland	2,661	2,502	2,604	2,293	2,057	1,890	1,917	1,798	1,909	1,835	1,762
Northern Ireland	235	216	271	256	281	257	346	330	367	362	289
England and Wales	1,477	1,338	1,295	1,119	1,047	990	932	915	981	899	810
Scotland	60	66	64	86	78	67	84	75	95	86	76
Europe (remainder)	166	203	222	182	130	129	115	113	114	124	146
U.S.A	509	490	570	480	353	281	248	211	165	158	164
Elsewhere	214	189	182	170	168	166	192	154	187	206	277
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	12	1
Percentage of marriages with country of residence outside Republic of Ireland	16.0	16.0	16.1	11.2	9.9	8.9	8.7	7.9	8.6	8.5	8.6

Table 2 Age specific marriage rates, 2007-2010

Age	Marriages per 1,000 males at specified ages				Marriages per 1,000 females at specified ages			
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
All ages, 16-49	18.9	18.1	17.6	17.2	19.7	18.6	18.1	17.4
16-19	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	2.2	1.8	2.3	2.5
20	2.3	1.4	1.8	1.9	4.6	3.7	5.0	3.7
21	2.6	2.0	2.4	2.6	5.2	4.5	5.7	5.0
22	3.3	2.3	3.5	3.1	7.4	5.3	7.0	5.6
23	5.9	4.2	4.5	4.8	11.5	8.8	9.2	7.9
24	9.2	7.1	7.8	6.4	17.9	16.3	14.8	12.3
20-24	4.8	3.5	4.1	3.9	9.7	8.1	8.6	7.1
25	13.9	13.3	13.0	11.8	27.1	23.5	21.9	19.0
26	22.0	21.4	21.3	18.9	36.6	34.1	30.9	30.2
27	33.4	29.9	29.2	26.8	50.2	42.8	41.3	36.9
28	45.3	38.5	37.7	36.5	56.9	53.1	47.1	44.7
29	50.6	47.6	45.2	43.6	58.5	54.8	51.1	50.8
25-29	32.7	30.1	29.6	28.1	45.5	41.5	38.6	36.7
30	54.6	52.1	46.2	45.7	55.3	52.8	51.3	49.0
31	52.5	50.7	50.2	47.8	50.8	49.2	48.1	46.8
32	48.1	44.4	44.6	42.5	41.0	40.1	37.6	38.9
33	40.1	41.1	38.4	38.7	33.4	32.4	31.8	31.5
34	35.4	34.3	32.0	32.3	27.9	29.1	26.3	26.6
30-34	46.2	44.6	42.3	41.5	41.7	40.8	39.3	38.9
35	29.5	27.8	27.0	26.9	22.3	21.9	20.7	20.8
36	25.3	24.8	22.5	23.4	18.5	17.6	16.5	17.2
37	19.3	20.4	21.6	19.5	14.6	13.8	14.2	13.7
38	17.9	17.5	18.0	17.7	11.7	12.8	11.8	10.4
39	15.2	15.3	14.5	13.5	10.6	10.5	10.5	10.0
35-39	21.6	21.3	20.8	20.3	15.8	15.5	14.8	14.5
40	13.1	13.0	12.4	13.1	7.8	9.1	9.0	8.5
41	9.7	10.7	10.7	10.8	6.1	7.5	7.3	5.7
42	8.9	9.1	9.0	9.2	5.5	5.2	6.6	6.0
43	7.6	7.9	7.1	7.6	4.3	3.9	5.0	4.5
44	6.5	6.9	7.2	6.4	4.5	4.1	4.4	4.8
40-44	9.2	9.6	9.3	9.5	5.6	6.0	6.5	5.9
45	5.3	6.4	6.0	5.2	3.5	4.0	4.2	3.6
46	4.4	5.0	5.3	4.4	3.9	4.1	3.1	3.0
47	3.8	4.8	5.0	4.5	2.6	3.0	3.7	2.9
48	4.3	4.6	4.2	4.1	3.1	2.9	3.1	2.4
49	3.7	3.6	4.1	3.5	2.9	3.1	3.1	2.7
45-49	4.3	4.9	4.9	4.3	3.2	3.4	3.5	2.9

Table 3 Marriages registered in 2010 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	
Age of groom						
Under 20	88	0	0	1	13	102
20-24	271	7	7	24	314	623
25-29	3,835	114	30	55	1,194	5,228
30-34	6,045	168	32	77	1,559	7,881
35-39	2,445	83	13	71	1,056	3,668
40-44	755	31	2	32	719	1,539
45-49	194	11	1	23	421	650
50-54	67	5	2	13	304	391
55-59	36	3	1	6	178	224
60 and over	45	5	1	4	233	288
Total	13,781	427	89	306	5,991	20,594
Age of bride						
Under 20	135	0	0	4	143	282
20-24	535	24	12	32	580	1,183
25-29	5,489	153	30	78	1,434	7,184
30-34	5,575	161	32	93	1,587	7,448
35-39	1,526	60	11	45	948	2,590
40-44	350	20	1	26	551	948
45-49	94	4	0	17	329	444
50-54	32	3	3	7	231	276
55-59	25	1	0	1	97	124
60 and over	20	1	0	3	91	115
Total	13,781	427	89	306	5,991	20,594
Average age of groom	32.8	33.9	32.2	35.7	37.1	34.1
Average age of bride	31.0	31.7	30.8	33.2	34.2	32.0

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

Table 4 Marriages registered in 2010 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	All ages	
Farmers, relatives assisting and farm managers	1	3	91	189	156	91	27	18	6	10	592	36.6
Other agricultural occupations and fishermen	3	12	70	98	47	25	12	7	2	1	277	33.8
Higher professional	0	7	520	965	381	109	53	15	21	24	2,095	33.8
Lower professional	2	19	466	911	397	128	45	25	25	14	2,032	33.9
Employers and managers	2	31	521	1,080	638	260	132	63	39	32	2,798	35.4
Salaried employees	0	2	167	285	109	48	11	18	6	7	653	34.2
Intermediate non-manual workers	4	85	572	742	285	116	33	28	11	10	1,886	32.8
Other non-manual workers	4	102	557	736	439	261	109	67	38	36	2,349	35.1
Skilled manual workers	14	116	1,661	2,263	905	349	160	102	44	26	5,640	33.3
Other manual workers	4	41	269	382	229	101	37	25	10	15	1,113	34.3
Other	68	202	334	230	82	51	31	23	22	113	1,156	34.2
Not stated	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	21.2
Total	102	623	5,228	7,881	3,668	1,539	650	391	224	288	20,594	34.1

Table 5 Marriages registered in 2010 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	All ages	
Farmers, relatives assisting and farm managers	0	0	5	6	4	4	1	0	1	0	21	36.2
Other agricultural occupations and fishermen	0	2	11	19	5	2	3	3	0	0	45	34.4
Higher professional	0	39	842	1,029	268	81	29	14	6	4	2,312	31.9
Lower professional	8	78	1,786	1,988	544	180	70	46	22	9	4,731	32.0
Employers and managers	2	70	877	1,156	447	139	55	32	11	6	2,795	32.7
Salaried employees	1	8	220	259	85	20	11	1	0	1	606	32.0
Intermediate non-manual workers	24	224	1,559	1,422	546	170	98	71	25	13	4,152	32.0
Other non-manual workers	38	295	1,010	791	339	145	83	45	20	14	2,780	31.6
Skilled manual workers	0	7	108	127	41	13	6	5	2	0	309	32.4
Other manual workers	9	47	113	123	55	37	20	11	6	2	423	32.9
Other	200	410	653	527	256	157	68	48	31	66	2,416	31.5
Not stated	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	23.8
Total	282	1,183	7,184	7,448	2,590	948	444	276	124	115	20,594	32.0

Table 6 Marriages registered in 2010 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	12	4	54	189	65	16	129	86	5	8	24	0	592
Other agricultural occupations and fishermen	1	7	24	57	37	7	48	50	2	4	39	1	277
Higher professional	1	4	648	655	285	70	221	104	30	5	72	0	2,095
Lower professional	1	2	263	857	308	64	257	127	25	12	116	0	2,032
Employers and managers	1	2	335	616	659	106	528	271	30	21	229	0	2,798
Salaried employees	0	1	85	152	110	77	113	70	9	4	32	0	653
Intermediate non-manual workers	0	4	157	378	216	61	602	241	18	35	174	0	1,886
Other non-manual workers	2	8	124	326	262	45	542	543	30	67	400	0	2,349
Skilled manual workers	1	10	530	1,251	700	146	1,287	906	133	120	556	0	5,640
Other manual workers	2	2	52	147	91	11	284	203	16	112	193	0	1,113
Other	0	1	40	103	62	3	141	179	11	35	581	0	1,156
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Total	21	45	2,312	4,731	2,795	606	4,152	2,780	309	423	2,416	4	20,594

Table 7 Marriages registered in 2010 classified by groom's age and bride's relative age

Age of groom	Relative age of bride							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	
All ages	183	873	3,972	2,600	8,108	3,554	1,304	20,594
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	1	0	4	2	1	0	0	8
18	0	3	14	21	9	0	0	47
19	1	1	11	16	18	0	0	47
Under 20	2	4	29	39	28	0	0	102
20	1	3	17	6	30	0	0	57
21	8	9	19	10	32	0	0	78
22	6	12	31	14	33	2	0	98
23	5	21	51	24	52	11	0	164
24	10	31	68	32	67	18	0	226
20-24	30	76	186	86	214	31	0	623
25	16	32	144	61	138	23	0	414
26	8	55	218	134	216	41	1	673
27	13	73	313	212	333	57	0	1,001
28	11	67	441	293	512	46	8	1,378
29	14	86	466	366	739	85	6	1,762
25-29	62	313	1,582	1,066	1,938	252	15	5,228
30	8	76	425	327	876	127	20	1,859
31	13	72	364	275	909	178	18	1,829
32	13	43	304	189	799	207	17	1,572
33	6	44	236	149	692	281	16	1,424
34	6	38	160	107	586	277	23	1,197
30-34	46	273	1,489	1,047	3,862	1,070	94	7,881
35	6	28	138	88	409	304	27	1,000
36	4	29	95	54	344	286	37	849
37	4	18	82	38	237	275	52	706
38	2	21	63	28	223	235	60	632
39	2	14	39	33	149	181	63	481
35-39	18	110	417	241	1,362	1,281	239	3,668
40	5	10	36	18	128	172	86	455
41	3	17	31	13	115	113	59	351
42	2	14	37	12	72	92	64	293
43	4	11	23	8	61	73	60	240
44	0	4	15	13	50	60	58	200
40-44	14	56	142	64	426	510	327	1,539
45	2	5	15	7	29	59	43	160
46	1	7	8	4	32	30	53	135
47	2	4	12	6	28	35	48	135
48	2	2	13	3	26	36	37	119
49	1	2	6	2	18	26	46	101
45-49	8	20	54	22	133	186	227	650
50-54	1	13	35	20	85	93	144	391
55-59	2	7	23	7	27	61	97	224
60-64	0	1	9	5	23	37	67	142
65-69	0	0	4	2	5	22	53	86
70-74	0	0	2	0	2	7	22	33
75 and over	0	0	0	1	3	4	19	27

Table 8 Marriages registered in 2010 classified by bride's age and groom's relative age

Age of bride	Relative age of groom							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	
All ages	1,304	3,554	8,108	2,600	3,972	873	183	20,594
16	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	7
17	1	3	22	2	0	0	0	28
18	22	34	35	21	4	0	0	116
19	27	37	44	16	7	0	0	131
Under 20	51	74	107	39	11	0	0	282
20	26	38	35	6	8	0	0	113
21	21	59	54	10	12	0	0	156
22	23	62	66	14	19	0	0	184
23	35	81	118	24	14	1	0	273
24	44	110	235	32	35	1	0	457
20-24	149	350	508	86	88	2	0	1,183
25	45	175	371	61	51	2	0	705
26	63	267	578	134	97	4	0	1,143
27	82	282	706	212	154	7	1	1,444
28	80	308	862	293	237	13	0	1,793
29	84	329	953	366	346	21	0	2,099
25-29	354	1,361	3,470	1,066	885	47	1	7,184
30	88	303	869	327	403	19	0	2,009
31	72	277	707	275	448	51	3	1,833
32	71	225	547	189	390	44	2	1,468
33	51	158	394	149	349	61	4	1,166
34	45	124	292	107	324	75	5	972
30-34	327	1,087	2,809	1,047	1,914	250	14	7,448
35	33	112	242	88	206	70	8	759
36	48	75	178	54	179	85	6	625
37	41	77	149	38	128	55	7	495
38	24	44	106	28	97	51	16	366
39	25	49	103	33	74	54	7	345
35-39	171	357	778	241	684	315	44	2,590
40	27	39	83	18	70	37	10	284
41	21	27	41	13	35	34	11	182
42	19	36	48	12	39	21	14	189
43	14	23	29	8	33	24	12	143
44	16	21	32	13	38	21	9	150
40-44	97	146	233	64	215	137	56	948
45	16	17	25	7	24	18	8	115
46	15	18	22	4	15	13	6	93
47	11	16	22	6	14	12	7	88
48	12	9	15	3	13	12	5	69
49	16	16	13	2	19	11	2	79
45-49	70	76	97	22	85	66	28	444
50-54	51	51	59	20	42	32	21	276
55-59	19	32	22	7	25	9	10	124
60-64	10	11	18	5	16	12	6	78
65-69	5	7	3	2	2	2	1	22
70-74	0	1	2	0	5	1	1	10
75 and over	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	5

Table 9 Marriages registered in 2010 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	Total	
Total	102	623	5,228	7,881	3,668	1,539	650	391	224	288	20,594	34.1
LEINSTER	57	348	2,716	4,133	1,845	784	348	220	121	156	10,728	34.1
Carlow	1	16	63	89	35	15	9	9	5	2	244	34.0
Dublin City	9	99	589	892	417	156	82	46	31	46	2,367	34.2
South Dublin	9	40	268	375	166	72	28	19	16	11	1,004	33.7
Fingal	3	41	326	575	237	86	36	21	6	15	1,346	33.7
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	3	10	172	376	154	72	28	15	15	20	865	35.1
Kildare	6	17	246	398	162	68	27	20	9	12	965	34.0
Kilkenny	3	9	85	130	59	27	10	3	5	2	333	33.7
Laois	2	10	105	114	55	28	12	9	5	1	341	33.6
Longford	2	8	45	58	24	9	6	1	1	0	154	32.5
Louth	1	19	137	187	66	47	25	13	3	6	504	34.1
Meath	3	17	223	331	171	71	22	11	6	7	862	33.8
Offaly	1	13	77	113	47	6	9	7	1	3	277	33.2
Westmeath	6	9	102	123	59	24	9	11	7	4	354	33.9
Wexford	4	28	148	178	98	53	26	14	7	11	567	34.7
Wicklow	4	12	130	194	95	50	19	21	4	16	545	35.4
MUNSTER	15	138	1,213	1,850	896	343	166	90	52	77	4,840	34.2
Clare	3	17	105	159	70	27	8	8	5	7	409	33.8
Cork City	2	25	91	119	68	21	16	8	5	8	363	34.1
Cork County	3	32	427	703	358	110	59	31	16	22	1,761	34.2
Kerry	3	11	115	181	91	37	18	9	7	9	481	34.5
Limerick City	3	17	59	62	40	12	8	6	3	1	211	33.2
Limerick County	0	13	171	251	90	46	17	6	5	9	608	33.8
North Tipperary	0	7	80	118	54	28	9	4	4	5	309	34.3
South Tipperary	1	6	70	103	49	26	12	4	3	11	285	35.3
Waterford City	0	5	34	64	25	15	7	8	2	2	162	35.0
Waterford County	0	5	61	90	51	21	12	6	2	3	251	34.8
CONNACHT	25	70	543	778	390	165	45	40	27	29	2,112	33.9
Galway City	5	15	66	109	42	22	3	6	3	4	275	33.5
Galway County	9	26	192	291	168	53	18	10	10	12	789	33.9
Leitrim	1	4	24	63	21	10	3	4	2	1	133	34.4
Mayo	6	11	118	158	83	37	10	11	4	4	442	33.9
Roscommon	1	6	80	78	40	17	3	4	5	5	239	34.1
Sligo	3	8	63	79	36	26	8	5	3	3	234	34.2
ULSTER (part of)	3	40	333	415	178	77	12	12	6	5	1,081	32.8
Cavan	2	10	85	99	51	24	5	5	1	1	283	33.2
Donegal	0	24	159	230	86	36	3	4	3	3	548	32.6
Monaghan	1	6	89	86	41	17	4	3	2	1	250	32.6
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES												
Border	8	71	557	744	301	160	48	34	14	15	1,952	33.4
Midland	11	40	329	408	185	67	36	28	14	8	1,126	33.4
West	21	58	456	636	333	129	34	31	22	25	1,745	33.9
Dublin	24	190	1,355	2,218	974	386	174	101	68	92	5,582	34.1
Mid-East	13	46	599	923	428	189	68	52	19	35	2,372	34.2
Mid-West	6	54	415	590	254	113	42	24	17	22	1,537	33.8
South-East	9	69	461	654	317	157	76	44	24	31	1,842	34.5
South-West	8	68	633	1,003	517	168	93	48	28	39	2,605	34.3
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	100	596	4,805	7,176	3,309	1,369	571	362	206	267	18,761	34.0
NORTHERN IRELAND	1	9	105	102	51	28	13	3	6	1	319	33.6
BRITAIN	1	12	216	361	179	83	41	13	6	10	922	34.6
ELSEWHERE	0	6	102	242	129	59	25	13	6	10	592	35.5
NOT STATED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

Table 10 Marriages registered in 2010 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	Total	
Total	282	1,183	7,184	7,448	2,590	948	444	276	124	115	20,594	32.0
LEINSTER	175	633	3,686	3,860	1,372	532	244	142	66	65	10,775	32.1
Carlow	5	16	84	86	21	8	7	7	2	1	237	31.9
Dublin City	46	195	691	880	307	132	55	32	13	17	2,368	32.1
South Dublin	22	92	349	334	116	51	25	12	5	5	1,011	31.6
Fingal	23	52	451	547	178	59	27	10	6	6	1,359	32.0
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	5	24	253	370	133	46	18	17	10	9	885	33.3
Kildare	5	36	363	351	121	33	25	8	6	6	954	32.0
Kilkenny	5	11	117	133	42	11	9	4	0	0	332	31.7
Laois	6	30	143	87	41	14	9	7	1	2	340	31.4
Longford	3	12	66	45	22	6	1	1	0	0	156	30.7
Louth	8	24	204	169	61	29	12	5	7	2	521	32.0
Meath	8	40	339	294	109	42	17	10	0	2	861	31.6
Offaly	7	17	97	111	22	11	4	1	2	1	273	31.2
Westmeath	9	25	138	103	50	21	11	5	2	2	366	32.0
Wexford	13	31	211	165	77	36	6	12	9	5	565	32.4
Wicklow	10	28	180	185	72	33	18	11	3	7	547	32.7
MUNSTER	54	276	1,722	1,748	595	221	110	67	34	32	4,859	32.1
Clare	4	31	138	135	53	17	14	4	5	5	406	32.5
Cork City	7	35	129	132	52	19	10	8	4	3	399	32.0
Cork County	7	78	629	671	216	75	31	17	10	10	1,744	32.1
Kerry	9	28	177	162	62	24	19	6	6	2	495	32.3
Limerick City	8	22	77	69	19	12	2	8	1	2	220	31.5
Limerick County	8	31	220	221	73	20	9	3	1	4	590	31.4
North Tipperary	3	11	117	105	31	16	6	5	2	2	298	32.1
South Tipperary	2	13	108	102	29	10	8	9	4	2	287	32.4
Waterford City	2	12	43	61	27	8	4	5	1	1	164	33.0
Waterford County	4	15	84	90	33	20	7	2	0	1	256	32.4
CONNACHT	41	111	763	743	296	90	36	27	8	13	2,128	31.8
Galway City	15	22	74	103	42	8	4	7	1	0	276	31.4
Galway County	13	37	301	282	111	36	12	11	4	6	813	31.9
Leitrim	0	7	51	41	25	6	2	2	0	0	134	32.1
Mayo	6	23	160	155	58	22	6	3	1	4	438	31.8
Roscommon	4	14	84	76	27	6	6	1	0	1	219	31.2
Sligo	3	8	93	86	33	12	6	3	2	2	248	32.3
ULSTER (part of)	6	97	480	365	102	34	11	11	4	0	1,110	30.6
Cavan	3	26	126	76	32	9	5	1	2	0	280	30.5
Donegal	3	53	239	210	54	14	5	3	2	0	583	30.6
Monaghan	0	18	115	79	16	11	1	7	0	0	247	30.7
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES												
Border	17	136	828	661	221	81	31	21	13	4	2,013	31.3
Midland	25	84	444	346	135	52	25	14	5	5	1,135	31.4
West	38	96	619	616	238	72	28	22	6	11	1,746	31.7
Dublin	96	363	1,744	2,131	734	288	125	71	34	37	5,623	32.2
Mid-East	23	104	882	830	302	108	60	29	9	15	2,362	32.1
Mid-West	23	95	552	530	176	65	31	20	9	13	1,514	31.9
South-East	31	98	647	637	229	93	41	39	16	10	1,841	32.2
South-West	23	141	935	965	330	118	60	31	20	15	2,638	32.1
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	276	1,117	6,651	6,716	2,365	877	401	247	112	110	18,872	31.9
NORTHERN IRELAND	1	18	101	91	36	4	7	8	1	1	268	31.8
BRITAIN	4	31	267	390	107	35	18	10	4	2	868	32.3
ELSEWHERE	1	17	165	251	82	32	18	11	7	2	586	33.3
NOT STATED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

Table 11 Marriages registered in 2010 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	Not stated	
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS	18,761	16,340	2,266	155	0	87.1
Carlow	244	204	40	0	0	83.6
Dublin City	2,367	2,112	237	18	0	89.2
South Dublin	1,004	892	105	7	0	88.8
Fingal	1,346	1,207	122	17	0	89.7
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	865	761	98	6	0	88.0
Kildare	965	862	98	5	0	89.3
Kilkenny	333	278	52	3	0	83.5
Laois	341	293	45	3	0	85.9
Longford	154	117	35	2	0	76.0
Louth	504	456	40	8	0	90.5
Meath	862	757	102	3	0	87.8
Offaly	277	233	42	2	0	84.1
Westmeath	354	312	40	2	0	88.1
Wexford	567	512	52	3	0	90.3
Wicklow	545	479	63	3	0	87.9
Clare	409	347	60	2	0	84.8
Cork City	363	305	55	3	0	84.0
Cork County	1,761	1,564	187	10	0	88.8
Kerry	481	422	57	2	0	87.7
Limerick City	211	180	28	3	0	85.3
Limerick County	608	515	88	5	0	84.7
North Tipperary	309	241	65	3	0	78.0
South Tipperary	285	245	37	3	0	86.0
Waterford City	162	142	18	2	0	87.7
Waterford County	251	220	30	1	0	87.6
Galway City	275	226	47	2	0	82.2
Galway County	789	674	110	5	0	85.4
Leitrim	133	102	29	2	0	76.7
Mayo	442	361	75	6	0	81.7
Roscommon	239	174	65	0	0	72.8
Sligo	234	202	29	3	0	86.3
Cavan	283	233	49	1	0	82.3
Donegal	548	511	23	14	0	93.2
Monaghan	250	201	43	6	0	80.4
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES	18,761	17,204	1,402	155	0	91.7
Border	1,952	1,780	138	34	0	91.2
Midland	1,126	989	128	9	0	87.8
West	1,745	1,549	183	13	0	88.8
Dublin	5,582	5,266	268	48	0	94.3
Mid-East	2,372	2,122	239	11	0	89.5
Mid-West	1,537	1,365	159	13	0	88.8
South-East	1,842	1,679	151	12	0	91.2
South-West	2,605	2,454	136	15	0	94.2
PROVINCES	18,761	17,832	774	155	0	95.0
Leinster	10,728	10,342	304	82	0	96.4
Munster	4,840	4,614	192	34	0	95.3
Connacht	2,112	1,906	188	18	0	90.2
Ulster (part of)	1,081	970	90	21	0	89.7
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	18,761	18,606	0	155	0	99.2
NORTHERN IRELAND	319	221	97	1	0	69.3
BRITAIN	922	819	93	10	0	88.8
ELSEWHERE	592	505	76	11	0	85.3
NOT STATED	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

Table 12 Marriages registered in 2010 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	Not stated	
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS	18,872	16,340	2,266	266	0	86.6
Carlow	237	204	32	1	0	86.1
Dublin City	2,368	2,112	224	32	0	89.2
South Dublin	1,011	892	108	11	0	88.2
Fingal	1,359	1,207	140	12	0	88.8
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	885	761	107	17	0	86.0
Kildare	954	862	82	10	0	90.4
Kilkenny	332	278	47	7	0	83.7
Laois	340	293	44	3	0	86.2
Longford	156	117	36	3	0	75.0
Louth	521	456	52	13	0	87.5
Meath	861	757	93	11	0	87.9
Offaly	273	233	39	1	0	85.3
Westmeath	366	312	49	5	0	85.2
Wexford	565	512	48	5	0	90.6
Wicklow	547	479	67	1	0	87.6
Clare	406	347	57	2	0	85.5
Cork City	399	305	89	5	0	76.4
Cork County	1,744	1,564	161	19	0	89.7
Kerry	495	422	68	5	0	85.3
Limerick City	220	180	38	2	0	81.8
Limerick County	590	515	73	2	0	87.3
North Tipperary	298	241	56	1	0	80.9
South Tipperary	287	245	41	1	0	85.4
Waterford City	164	142	22	0	0	86.6
Waterford County	256	220	33	3	0	85.9
Galway City	276	226	47	3	0	81.9
Galway County	813	674	129	10	0	82.9
Leitrim	134	102	32	0	0	76.1
Mayo	438	361	65	12	0	82.4
Roscommon	219	174	38	7	0	79.5
Sligo	248	202	41	5	0	81.5
Cavan	280	233	43	4	0	83.2
Donegal	583	511	35	37	0	87.7
Monaghan	247	201	30	16	0	81.4
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES	18,872	17,204	1,402	266	0	91.2
Border	2,013	1,780	158	75	0	88.4
Midland	1,135	989	134	12	0	87.1
West	1,746	1,549	165	32	0	88.7
Dublin	5,623	5,266	285	72	0	93.7
Mid-East	2,362	2,122	218	22	0	89.8
Mid-West	1,514	1,365	142	7	0	90.2
South-East	1,841	1,679	145	17	0	91.2
South-West	2,638	2,454	155	29	0	93.0
PROVINCES	18,872	17,832	774	266	0	94.5
Leinster	10,775	10,342	301	132	0	96.0
Munster	4,859	4,614	205	40	0	95.0
Connacht	2,128	1,906	185	37	0	89.6
Ulster (part of)	1,110	970	83	57	0	87.4
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	18,872	18,606	0	266	0	98.6
NORTHERN IRELAND	268	221	41	6	0	82.5
BRITAIN	868	819	40	9	0	94.4
ELSEWHERE	586	505	74	7	0	86.2
NOT STATED	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

Table 13 Marriages celebrated in each county and city during 2010 classified by form of ceremony

Province, county or city	Form of ceremony*					Total
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	Other religious denominations	Civil marriages	
Total	13,781	427	89	306	5,991	20,594
LEINSTER	6,126	219	25	222	3,460	10,052
Carlow	190	16	0	1	97	304
Dublin City	825	31	11	93	1,431	2,391
South Dublin	358	7	1	5	49	420
Fingal	442	15	3	11	93	564
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	333	29	0	16	48	426
Kildare	583	20	3	9	402	1,017
Kilkenny	335	8	2	0	108	453
Laois	303	14	0	2	57	376
Longford	126	3	0	1	61	191
Louth	373	5	3	20	242	643
Meath	698	10	1	26	196	931
Offaly	249	8	0	2	60	319
Westmeath	325	3	0	6	81	415
Wexford	538	18	0	4	171	731
Wicklow	448	32	1	26	364	871
MUNSTER	4,273	87	2	49	1,518	5,929
Clare	487	4	0	4	19	514
Cork City	323	3	0	7	509	842
Cork County	1,322	42	1	21	149	1,535
Kerry	657	12	1	7	189	866
Limerick City	106	2	0	0	289	397
Limerick County	478	12	0	1	14	505
North Tipperary	328	4	0	1	58	391
South Tipperary	276	1	0	1	115	393
Waterford City	50	1	0	7	105	163
Waterford County	246	6	0	0	71	323
CONNACHT	2,158	41	1	13	666	2,879
Galway City	160	5	0	2	33	200
Galway County	713	8	0	4	340	1,065
Leitrim	158	0	0	1	22	181
Mayo	603	11	0	4	98	716
Roscommon	251	5	0	1	54	311
Sligo	273	12	1	1	119	406
ULSTER (part of)	1,224	80	61	22	347	1,734
Cavan	299	23	3	5	130	460
Donegal	669	39	39	11	165	923
Monaghan	256	18	19	6	52	351
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES						
Border	2,028	97	65	44	730	2,964
Midland	1,003	28	0	11	259	1,301
West	1,727	29	0	11	525	2,292
Dublin	1,958	82	15	125	1,621	3,801
Mid-East	1,729	62	5	61	962	2,819
Mid-West	1,399	22	0	6	380	1,807
South-East	1,635	50	2	13	667	2,367
South-West	2,302	57	2	35	847	3,243

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Table 14 Marriages registered in 2010 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	
Total	13,781	427	89	306	5,991	20,594
LEINSTER	6,747	210	28	203	3,540	10,728
Carlow	166	9	1	1	67	244
Dublin City	1,151	38	9	59	1,110	2,367
South Dublin	600	14	3	18	369	1,004
Fingal	841	28	2	30	445	1,346
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	516	32	3	32	282	865
Kildare	664	22	3	11	265	965
Kilkenny	258	5	1	1	68	333
Laois	238	5	1	2	95	341
Longford	105	4	1	0	44	154
Louth	357	3	0	11	133	504
Meath	644	8	0	14	196	862
Offaly	230	2	0	3	42	277
Westmeath	254	5	1	8	86	354
Wexford	403	14	1	3	146	567
Wicklow	320	21	2	10	192	545
MUNSTER	3,431	73	2	32	1,302	4,840
Clare	297	4	0	1	107	409
Cork City	174	5	0	5	179	363
Cork County	1,296	35	1	13	416	1,761
Kerry	355	7	1	3	115	481
Limerick City	118	2	0	1	90	211
Limerick County	467	10	0	3	128	608
North Tipperary	246	7	0	0	56	309
South Tipperary	208	1	0	0	76	285
Waterford City	90	1	0	5	66	162
Waterford County	180	1	0	1	69	251
CONNACHT	1,577	28	0	9	498	2,112
Galway City	160	3	0	2	110	275
Galway County	609	6	0	1	173	789
Leitrim	109	1	0	0	23	133
Mayo	344	7	0	5	86	442
Roscommon	187	5	0	1	46	239
Sligo	168	6	0	0	60	234
ULSTER (part of)	812	46	35	9	179	1,081
Cavan	208	16	1	2	56	283
Donegal	413	22	22	7	84	548
Monaghan	191	8	12	0	39	250
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:						
Border	1,446	56	35	20	395	1,952
Midland	827	16	3	13	267	1,126
West	1,300	21	0	9	415	1,745
Dublin	3,108	112	17	139	2,206	5,582
Mid-East	1,628	51	5	35	653	2,372
Mid-West	1,128	23	0	5	381	1,537
South-East	1,305	31	3	11	492	1,842
South-West	1,825	47	2	21	710	2,605
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	12,567	357	65	253	5,519	18,761
NORTHERN IRELAND	193	17	14	16	79	319
BRITAIN	664	36	6	21	195	922
ELSEWHERE	357	17	4	16	198	592
NOT STATED	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Table 15 Marriages registered in 2010 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	
Total	13,781	427	89	306	5,991	20,594
LEINSTER	6,792	218	27	205	3,533	10,775
Carlow	160	11	1	0	65	237
Dublin City	1,161	39	10	63	1,095	2,368
South Dublin	598	13	3	19	378	1,011
Fingal	850	27	2	30	450	1,359
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	528	34	2	35	286	885
Kildare	651	21	3	10	269	954
Kilkenny	263	2	2	0	65	332
Laois	235	8	1	1	95	340
Longford	111	4	0	2	39	156
Louth	377	5	1	9	129	521
Meath	631	13	0	15	202	861
Offaly	222	3	0	2	46	273
Westmeath	273	5	0	7	81	366
Wexford	411	10	0	2	142	565
Wicklow	321	23	2	10	191	547
MUNSTER	3,451	65	2	33	1,308	4,859
Clare	292	3	0	1	110	406
Cork City	208	4	0	6	181	399
Cork County	1,276	32	1	11	424	1,744
Kerry	369	6	1	5	114	495
Limerick City	128	3	0	2	87	220
Limerick County	454	8	0	2	126	590
North Tipperary	241	7	0	0	50	298
South Tipperary	211	0	0	0	76	287
Waterford City	93	1	0	4	66	164
Waterford County	179	1	0	2	74	256
CONNACHT	1,589	28	1	13	497	2,128
Galway City	163	4	1	3	105	276
Galway County	631	6	0	2	174	813
Leitrim	111	0	0	0	23	134
Mayo	341	5	0	5	87	438
Roscommon	164	6	0	1	48	219
Sligo	179	7	0	2	60	248
ULSTER (part of)	832	50	37	11	180	1,110
Cavan	202	20	1	2	55	280
Donegal	440	26	24	7	86	583
Monaghan	190	4	12	2	39	247
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:						
Border	1,499	62	38	22	392	2,013
Midland	841	20	1	12	261	1,135
West	1,299	21	1	11	414	1,746
Dublin	3,137	113	17	147	2,209	5,623
Mid-East	1,603	57	5	35	662	2,362
Mid-West	1,115	21	0	5	373	1,514
South-East	1,317	25	3	8	488	1,841
South-West	1,853	42	2	22	719	2,638
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	12,664	361	67	262	5,518	18,872
NORTHERN IRELAND	149	9	14	13	83	268
BRITAIN	632	41	6	19	170	868
ELSEWHERE	336	16	2	12	220	586
NOT STATED	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Table 16 Marriages registered in 2010 classified by month and day of week of marriage

Month of occurrence	Day of occurrence							Total
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
January	4	50	49	43	80	302	206	734
February	4	49	54	47	91	340	208	793
March	2	70	80	70	130	447	330	1,129
April	5	72	57	67	197	626	395	1,419
May	28	74	74	69	193	624	782	1,844
June	28	84	88	91	249	743	772	2,055
July	12	88	56	102	433	1,026	1,040	2,757
August	46	151	114	132	393	888	876	2,600
September	18	74	91	139	402	979	873	2,576
October	33	70	60	77	227	790	764	2,021
November	2	53	41	56	112	405	302	971
December	26	215	245	284	338	323	264	1,695
Total	208	1,050	1,009	1,177	2,845	7,493	6,812	20,594

Table 17 Marriages registered in 2010 classified by form of ceremony and previous status of partners

Marriages contracted between	Form of ceremony*					
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	Other religious denominations	Civil marriages	Total
Total	13,781	427	89	306	5,991	20,594
Single men and single women	13,459	384	82	205	4,045	18,175
Single men and widows	31	2	0	3	33	69
Widowers and single women	58	3	0	7	32	100
Widowers and widows	14	0	0	1	9	24
Divorced men and single women	111	28	3	50	837	1,029
Single men and divorced women	92	8	2	20	564	686
Divorced men and widows	1	0	0	1	43	45
Widowers and divorced women	4	0	0	0	48	52
Divorced men and divorced women	11	2	2	19	380	414

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Table 18 Marriages registered in 2010 classified by county of residence and previous marital status of groom

Area of residence of groom	Single men	Widowers	Divorcees	Total
Total	18,930	176	1,488	20,594
LEINSTER	9,827	93	808	10,728
Carlow	221	4	19	244
Dublin City	2,182	21	164	2,367
South Dublin	925	8	71	1,004
Fingal	1,230	11	105	1,346
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	789	10	66	865
Kildare	888	12	65	965
Kilkenny	307	2	24	333
Laois	317	1	23	341
Longford	148	0	6	154
Louth	455	1	48	504
Meath	795	6	61	862
Offaly	261	2	14	277
Westmeath	317	4	33	354
Wexford	500	7	60	567
Wicklow	492	4	49	545
MUNSTER	4,470	43	327	4,840
Clare	374	5	30	409
Cork City	329	1	33	363
Cork County	1,639	16	106	1,761
Kerry	442	4	35	481
Limerick City	197	2	12	211
Limerick County	577	3	28	608
North Tipperary	288	2	19	309
South Tipperary	258	6	21	285
Waterford City	142	1	19	162
Waterford County	224	3	24	251
CONNACHT	1,972	21	119	2,112
Galway City	258	4	13	275
Galway County	739	7	43	789
Leitrim	127	0	6	133
Mayo	407	7	28	442
Roscommon	224	2	13	239
Sligo	217	1	16	234
ULSTER (part of)	1,028	3	50	1,081
Cavan	268	0	15	283
Donegal	523	2	23	548
Monaghan	237	1	12	250
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:				
Border	1,827	5	120	1,952
Midland	1,043	7	76	1,126
West	1,628	20	97	1,745
Dublin	5,126	50	406	5,582
Mid-East	2,175	22	175	2,372
Mid-West	1,436	12	89	1,537
South-East	1,652	23	167	1,842
South-West	2,410	21	174	2,605
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	17,297	160	1,304	18,761
NORTHERN IRELAND	289	0	30	319
BRITAIN	827	9	86	922
ELSEWHERE	517	7	68	592
NOT STATED	0	0	0	0

Table 19 Marriages registered in 2010 classified by county of residence and previous marital status of bride

Area of residence of bride	Single women	Widows	Divorcees	Total
Total	19,304	138	1,152	20,594
LEINSTER	10,121	76	578	10,775
Carlow	221	1	15	237
Dublin City	2,244	15	109	2,368
South Dublin	952	3	56	1,011
Fingal	1,291	8	60	1,359
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	830	6	49	885
Kildare	889	9	56	954
Kilkenny	315	3	14	332
Laois	312	4	24	340
Longford	148	2	6	156
Louth	482	5	34	521
Meath	815	4	42	861
Offaly	261	0	12	273
Westmeath	337	5	24	366
Wexford	520	6	39	565
Wicklow	504	5	38	547
MUNSTER	4,522	30	307	4,859
Clare	376	3	27	406
Cork City	374	2	23	399
Cork County	1,636	11	97	1,744
Kerry	461	2	32	495
Limerick City	199	4	17	220
Limerick County	558	2	30	590
North Tipperary	284	3	11	298
South Tipperary	257	0	30	287
Waterford City	144	0	20	164
Waterford County	233	3	20	256
CONNACHT	2,003	18	107	2,128
Galway City	255	3	18	276
Galway County	767	8	38	813
Leitrim	127	1	6	134
Mayo	409	3	26	438
Roscommon	208	1	10	219
Sligo	237	2	9	248
ULSTER (part of)	1,059	7	44	1,110
Cavan	263	3	14	280
Donegal	558	4	21	583
Monaghan	238	0	9	247
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:				
Border	1,905	15	93	2,013
Midland	1,058	11	66	1,135
West	1,639	15	92	1,746
Dublin	5,317	32	274	5,623
Mid-East	2,208	18	136	2,362
Mid-West	1,417	12	85	1,514
South-East	1,690	13	138	1,841
South-West	2,471	15	152	2,638
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	17,705	131	1,036	18,872
NORTHERN IRELAND	245	2	21	268
BRITAIN	821	2	45	868
ELSEWHERE	533	3	50	586
NOT STATED	0	0	0	0

Table 20 Marriages in 2010 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	7	28	116	131	113	156	184	273	457	705	1,143	1,444	1,793	2,099	2,009	1,833	1,468	1,166
16 & under	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	2	7	21	7	4	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	1	5	12	16	4	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
20	2	7	12	9	6	7	6	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
21	0	3	4	14	11	10	8	4	4	3	3	2	1	3	0	2	0	2
22	0	2	7	7	8	11	14	8	10	7	6	4	4	1	1	2	2	0
23	0	0	11	14	9	16	13	24	19	16	9	7	8	5	1	5	2	2
24	0	1	9	8	7	11	17	32	32	25	21	13	9	11	7	7	2	4
25	0	0	4	9	10	16	15	37	70	61	61	39	26	18	10	10	7	4
26	1	0	3	10	12	16	21	27	58	110	134	95	52	41	30	27	11	6
27	0	0	7	7	8	14	21	22	54	101	156	212	150	77	53	33	22	22
28	0	1	7	3	4	10	10	19	53	73	167	219	293	210	113	88	30	25
29	0	0	4	2	4	14	10	22	35	87	136	198	318	366	207	128	74	57
30	0	0	5	6	9	5	11	25	32	54	119	158	242	357	327	199	118	54
31	0	0	1	7	4	6	10	7	20	42	99	131	175	261	342	275	168	99
32	0	0	1	2	5	2	7	8	13	28	65	93	127	206	210	256	189	139
33	0	0	3	1	1	3	2	6	10	35	51	75	110	129	179	195	189	149
34	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	4	13	16	29	56	69	107	138	153	156	139
35	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	6	2	14	23	37	55	88	101	103	109	109
36	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	5	7	7	12	21	44	61	80	80	93	81
37	0	0	0	2	1	1	3	3	4	6	14	18	30	44	57	64	80	65
38	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	2	4	6	7	16	21	29	43	61	54	48
39	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	4	1	4	16	9	23	22	40	36	45
40	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	3	4	13	7	12	14	29	32	26	35
41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	4	8	14	12	14	29	16
42	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	3	4	8	7	4	12	19	14
43	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	3	8	2	12	11	8	10
44	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	7	12	8	7	10
45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	2	4	8	8	4
46	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	3	4	4	4	6
47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	3	5	2
48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	4	2	3
49	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	5	2	2	5
50-54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	2	4	4	4	13	10
55-59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	1	2	2	0
60-64	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
65 & over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

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	All ages
972	759	625	495	366	345	284	182	189	143	150	115	93	88	69	79	276	124	78	37	20,594
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78
1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	98
0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	164
3	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	226
1	4	3	2	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	414
9	2	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	673
15	8	6	4	4	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,001
18	11	9	4	4	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,378
32	22	18	8	6	2	2	4	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1,762
54	27	21	13	10	5	2	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,859
61	36	31	17	10	8	6	5	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1,829
97	46	22	13	13	10	3	4	3	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1,572
112	56	42	26	12	14	7	6	5	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1,424
107	68	53	28	11	17	8	5	6	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1,197
88	88	62	37	27	12	13	8	3	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	1,000
85	85	54	37	25	15	18	11	4	7	5	2	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	849
61	51	60	38	34	21	15	12	3	7	2	5	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	706
58	65	56	44	28	26	18	6	13	6	6	7	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	632
38	41	38	35	35	33	19	8	5	7	6	1	4	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	481
41	38	24	40	28	36	18	9	12	7	8	3	1	2	3	1	4	1	0	0	455
14	26	28	30	27	31	27	13	9	9	9	4	6	4	2	2	4	1	1	0	351
15	23	11	29	16	19	19	18	12	10	12	9	6	4	2	4	5	1	0	0	293
16	12	15	17	13	17	16	12	16	8	9	5	5	4	3	3	8	1	0	0	240
7	13	10	16	8	13	21	8	10	11	13	6	3	3	3	1	3	0	0	0	200
6	5	11	9	9	15	15	3	12	4	10	7	1	4	4	6	5	1	1	0	160
9	9	7	6	9	5	7	3	10	7	8	7	4	3	2	2	8	1	0	0	135
8	4	9	11	5	8	6	8	8	7	6	8	7	6	4	5	6	1	2	0	135
2	2	6	8	6	8	5	4	10	9	8	5	5	8	3	6	8	2	1	0	119
2	2	4	8	4	7	6	6	4	3	7	5	4	5	4	2	7	1	1	0	101
8	9	16	10	10	11	19	12	21	16	16	17	20	18	17	15	91	16	7	1	391
3	1	4	2	3	3	6	12	9	3	9	11	12	11	7	18	46	36	13	4	224
0	1	1	0	1	2	2	3	3	5	2	4	5	3	6	6	35	27	28	2	142
0	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	3	1	2	4	2	6	34	32	24	30	146

Table 21 Marriages in 2010 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	7	28	115	129	107	151	178	260	440	695	1,113	1,416	1,746	2,046	1,933	1,737	1,344	1,079
16 & under	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	2	7	21	7	4	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	1	5	12	16	4	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
20	2	7	12	9	6	7	6	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	0	3	4	14	11	10	8	4	3	3	3	2	1	3	0	1	0	1
22	0	2	7	7	8	11	14	8	10	7	6	4	4	1	0	2	2	0
23	0	0	11	14	8	16	13	24	19	16	9	7	8	5	1	5	2	2
24	0	1	9	8	7	11	17	32	32	25	21	13	8	11	6	7	2	4
25	0	0	4	9	9	16	14	37	69	60	60	39	26	18	10	10	6	4
26	1	0	3	10	12	16	21	27	57	110	133	95	52	41	30	26	10	4
27	0	0	7	7	8	13	21	21	52	101	156	211	149	77	53	30	22	22
28	0	1	7	3	4	10	9	18	53	73	166	219	288	210	112	85	27	24
29	0	0	3	2	4	14	10	22	34	86	135	198	317	365	206	126	71	56
30	0	0	5	6	9	5	11	23	32	54	116	155	242	355	325	196	116	53
31	0	0	1	6	2	6	9	6	19	42	94	131	171	257	339	273	159	97
32	0	0	1	2	5	2	6	7	13	28	64	91	125	205	205	251	183	134
33	0	0	3	1	1	3	2	5	9	33	49	74	110	127	172	189	187	146
34	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	11	16	28	54	65	104	137	151	149	135
35	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	5	2	14	21	37	51	84	95	97	106	106
36	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	5	5	7	12	20	42	60	76	75	84	73
37	0	0	0	2	1	1	3	3	4	5	12	15	28	39	51	61	70	59
38	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	4	5	7	14	18	26	36	51	50	44
39	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	3	1	3	12	8	21	20	32	26	40
40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	2	11	5	8	11	23	26	20	29
41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	4	6	10	9	10	21	10
42	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	2	4	7	5	2	11	13	11
43	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	6	0	7	7	3	7
44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	9	1	2	6
45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	2	3	4	4	3
46	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	2	3	3	1	3
47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1
48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	2
49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	1
50-54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	2
55-59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	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	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	All ages
881	662	503	401	275	252	181	105	88	67	64	43	28	20	15	14	32	10	9	1	18,175
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	161
3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	222
1	4	3	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	404
9	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	664
13	7	6	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	985
17	11	7	3	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,354
29	19	18	8	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,732
48	21	17	10	7	4	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,816
56	32	30	14	8	5	3	5	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,768
94	41	19	12	11	7	3	3	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,519
107	55	37	24	12	13	6	3	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,374
105	65	50	25	9	14	6	4	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,142
81	86	56	35	24	8	12	6	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	933
82	81	49	34	21	13	14	7	3	5	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	778
57	45	53	35	29	18	6	7	1	4	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	614
54	55	46	36	24	20	11	4	11	2	4	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	529
34	32	33	33	29	29	16	5	2	5	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	396
33	32	20	35	24	30	12	7	5	3	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	347
9	24	18	25	21	24	23	8	6	6	5	3	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	252
14	15	5	24	12	11	14	12	8	4	5	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	195
12	7	10	10	8	15	9	8	10	5	6	1	4	2	2	3	2	0	0	0	149
3	8	4	9	5	7	14	4	5	6	7	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	102
5	5	4	8	3	10	10	1	2	0	6	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	81
6	5	4	2	3	4	5	2	5	4	1	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	65
4	2	3	5	2	4	0	3	2	3	1	3	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	49
1	1	3	2	3	3	2	3	4	3	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	39
1	1	2	4	2	4	3	2	2	1	2	3	1	4	1	1	2	0	1	0	44
2	4	3	2	2	0	3	6	6	5	4	6	4	2	4	3	12	1	1	0	78
0	0	1	0	0	3	3	3	2	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	3	3	1	0	34
0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	3	0	11
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	4	0	2	1	12

Table 22 Marriages registered in 2010 classified by age and previous marital status of groom

Age	Single Men	Widowers	Divorcees	Total
Total	18,930	176	1,488	20,594
Age of groom				
Under 20	102	0	0	102
20-24	622	0	1	623
25-29	5,206	8	14	5,228
30-34	7,794	8	79	7,881
35-39	3,426	12	230	3,668
40-44	1,189	15	335	1,539
45-49	359	17	274	650
50-54	128	15	248	391
55-59	59	22	143	224
60 and over	45	79	164	288
Average age of groom	32.8	56.2	47.6	34.1

Table 23 Marriages registered in 2010 classified by age and previous marital status of bride

Age	Single women	Widows	Divorcees	Total
Total	19,304	138	1,152	20,594
Age of bride				
Under 20	282	0	0	282
20-24	1,176	0	7	1,183
25-29	7,148	2	34	7,184
30-34	7,284	16	148	7,448
35-39	2,354	17	219	2,590
40-44	683	21	244	948
45-49	211	14	219	444
50-54	102	14	160	276
55-59	34	19	71	124
60 and over	30	35	50	115
Average age of bride	31.2	50.6	43.8	32.0

Table A Divorce, Judicial Separation and Nullity applications received and granted by the courts in year ending December 2010

Circuit Court	County	Divorce Applications		Judicial Separation Applications		Nullity Applications	
		Received	Granted	Received	Granted	Received	Granted
TOTAL		3,381	3,113	1,420	990	41	17
Leinster		1,914	1,874	723	553	18	5
Carlow	Carlow	45	38	18	10	-	-
Dublin	Dublin	1,212	1,153	460	370	14	2
Naas	Kildare	113	115	35	40	-	-
Kilkenny	Kilkenny	70	79	20	18	1	-
Portlaoise	Laois	41	40	15	6	-	-
Longford	Longford	21	28	9	2	-	-
Dundalk	Louth	82	93	39	28	2	2
Trim	Meath	78	53	50	24	-	-
Tullamore	Offaly	45	53	20	15	-	-
Mullingar	Westmeath	11	10	6	2	-	-
Wexford	Wexford	89	107	23	18	1	-
Wicklow	Wicklow	107	105	28	20	-	1
Munster		918	883	435	288	15	6
Ennis	Clare	63	49	50	27	-	1
Cork	Cork	394	394	216	144	8	3
Tralee	Kerry	90	94	35	27	3	1
Limerick	Limerick	167	138	65	41	1	1
Clonmel	Tipperary	118	131	34	35	1	-
Waterford	Waterford	86	77	35	14	2	-
Connacht		329	237	141	94	2	4
Galway	Galway	166	67	74	40	1	4
Carrick on Shannon	Leitrim	18	19	8	7	1	-
Castlebar	Mayo	59	76	31	23	-	-
Roscommon	Roscommon	40	39	17	9	-	-
Sligo	Sligo	46	36	11	15	-	-
Ulster		196	99	94	30	4	1
Cavan	Cavan	39	22	19	6	2	-
Letterkenny	Donegal	102	61	42	12	1	1
Monaghan	Monaghan	55	16	33	12	1	-
Total Circuit Court		3,357	3,093	1,393	965	39	16
High Court		24	20	27	25	2	1
Supreme Court		-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Courts Service

Background Notes

Source These statistics have been compiled from the marriage registration forms of all marriages registered in the Republic of Ireland in 2010.

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.

Methodology 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 2010 (and hence included in these statistics) occurred in years before 2010.

Form of Ceremony 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.

There is at present no provision for the civil registration of Muslim Marriage Ceremonies solemnised in the State.

Socio-Economic Group (SEG) 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 2010 were classified by SEG on the basis of the information on occupation given in the marriage register.

Socio-Economic Group (SEG)	Occupations included are as listed
Farmers, relatives assisting and farm managers	Farmers, farm/stud managers, relatives assisting
Other agricultural occupations and fishermen	Fisherman, agricultural worker, stud farm/groom
Higher professional	Doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect and dentist
Lower professional	Teacher, journalist, nurse, pharmacist and programmer
Employers and managers	Self-employed, managing director and shopkeeper
Salaried employees	Agent, contractor insurance broker and sales rep.
Intermediate non-manual workers	Bar person, civil servant, garda and secretary
Other non-manual workers	Air hostess, waiter, driver, postman, hairdresser, hospital worker, salesman
Skilled manual workers	Carpenter, builder, painter, electrician, mechanic, mechanist etc;
Other manual workers	Labourer, CIE worker, Co. Council worker, porter, ESB worker, corporation worker, construction worker, factory worker, docker, miner and boilerman

Area of residence	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.	
Age specific marriage rates	The age specific marriage rates are calculated as follows: Age Specific Rate = Number of Males(or Females) of that age whose marriages were registered multiplied by 1,000 and divided by Population of Males (or Females) of that age. The small number of marriages for which the age is not stated are distributed in proportion before this calculation is made.	
Marriages per 1,000 population	This is calculated for each year as follows: Marriages per 1,000 population = Number of Marriages registered multiplied by 1,000 and divided by population. 2010 population is 4,554,800.	
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		Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region
Border	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo	Dublin Dublin Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
Midland	Laois Longford Offaly Westmeath	Mid-East Kildare Meath Wicklow
West	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon	Mid-West Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
		South-East Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
		South-West Cork City Cork County Kerry
EU-27 countries	Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.	