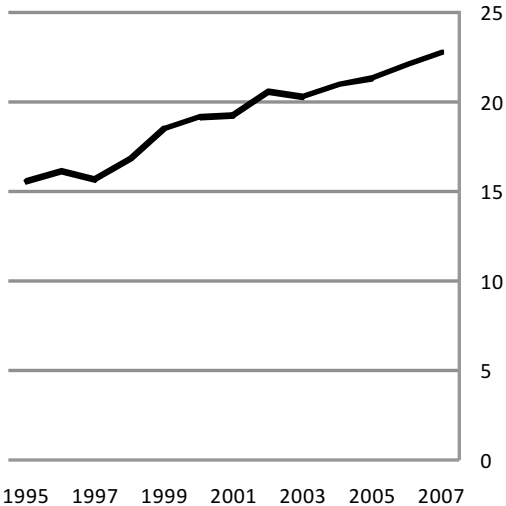




Marriages 2007

No. of marriages registered, 1995 - 2007 '000



	2007	2006	1996
Marriages	22,756	22,089	16,174
Average Age of Groom	33.4	33.2	30.2
Average Age of Bride	31.3	31.2	28.4
Civil Marriages	5,146	5,127	928

Average age of bride and groom continues to rise

The number of marriages registered in 2007 was 22,756, which equates to a crude marriage rate of 5.2 per 1,000 of the population. This compares with a total of 22,089 and a similar marriage rate of 5.2 per thousand in 2006. *See table 1.*

The average age of grooms in 2007 was 33.4 years, slightly higher than 33.2 years in 2006 but an increase of 3.2 on the 1996 figure. The pattern for brides is similar with the average age increasing from 28.4 years in 1996 to 31.2 and 31.3 years in 2006 and 2007 respectively. *See table 1.*

The number of Roman Catholic marriage ceremonies was 16,854 in 2007 and accounted for 74% of all marriages in the year. Roman Catholic marriages accounted for 73% of all marriages in 2006 and 90% of all marriages in 1996. The number of civil marriages was 5,146 or just under 23% of all marriages in 2007, a slight increase of 19 on the 2006 figure. In 1996, there were 928 civil marriages (6%) in Ireland, when divorce was not yet legalised. *See table 1 and fig 2.*

Marriages where both the bride and groom were residing in Ireland before marriage accounted for 92% (20,926) of marriages. Of these, 84% 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 2007 was August, when 15% of marriages occurred. Marriages in June, July, August and September accounted for 54% of all marriages in the year. January was the least popular month with just 3% of marriages occurring during that month. *See table 16 and fig 6.*
- ◆ Friday and Saturday were the most popular days of the week to get married in 2007, accounting for 72% of all marriages. The least popular day was Sunday when just over 1% of marriages were recorded. *See table 16 and fig 5.*

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Fig. 2 Marriages by form of ceremony, 2007

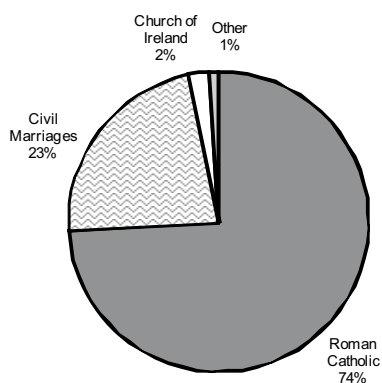


Fig. 3 Groom by relative age of bride

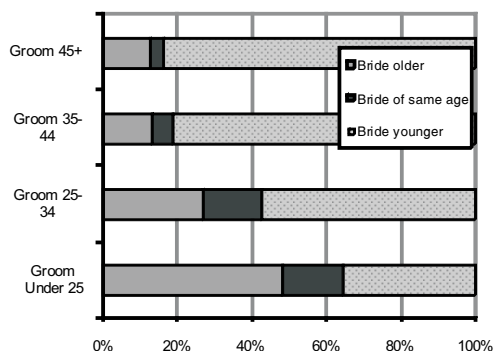
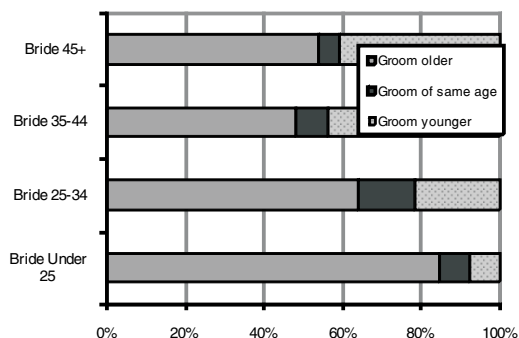


Fig. 4 Bride by relative age of groom



Marriages by form of ceremony

There were 22,756 marriages registered in 2007. Of these, 16,854 were Roman Catholic marriage ceremonies (74%), 5,146 civil marriages (23%), 526 Church of Ireland ceremonies (2%) and the remaining 1% made up of Presbyterian, Methodist, Jewish and other ceremonies. See table 1 and fig 2.

In 1996, civil marriages accounted for 6% of all marriages and increased to 18% in 2002. A contributing factor to the increases was the legislation of divorce in 1997. In more recent years, the number of civil partnerships has remained somewhat more constant at 22%, 23% and 23% of marriages in 2005, 2006 and 2007 respectively. Of the 5,146 civil marriages in 2007, 1,872 (36%) involved at least one divorced person. See tables 1 and 17.

The average age of the groom in 2007, in Roman Catholic marriages, was 32.3 years and the average age of the groom in civil marriages was 36.8 years. The average age of the bride in Roman Catholic marriages was 30.5 years and the average age of the bride in civil marriages was 33.9 years. See table 3.

In 2007, 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 54%. See table 3.

At a NUTS3 regional level, over 30% of grooms and brides in the Dublin region had civil marriages. By contrast, 17% of grooms in the Midlands and Western regions and over 16% of brides living in the Western region, had civil marriages. See tables 14 and 15.

Just over 40% of grooms residing in Galway City had civil marriages. On the other hand, 10.5% of brides living in County Donegal had civil marriages. See tables 14 and 15.

Marriages by age of bride and groom

The average age of grooms in 2007 was 33.4 years, while the average age of brides was 31.3 years in 2007. The average age of grooms marrying for the first time was 32.3 years. The average age among widowers was 55.6 years, and the average age among divorced men was 46.8 years. Women marrying for the first time had an average age of 30.5 years, widows 51.6 years, and divorced women 42.7 years. See tables 22 and 23.

In 2007, the groom was older than the bride in 63% of marriages, the same age in a further 12% of marriages and in the remaining 24% 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 49% of marriages, the same in 16% and younger in 35% of marriages. See tables 7, 8 and figs 3 and 4.

In 2007, over 66% of grooms were aged thirty or over on their wedding day which compares with a little over 65% and 42% in 2006 and 1996 respectively. The proportion of older brides has also increased, with over 52% aged thirty or over in 2007 compared with just over 51% in 2006 and almost 28% in 1996. See table 1.

At a provincial level, Ulster had the lowest average age for grooms and brides at 31.8 years and 29.5 years respectively, while at a county level, the highest average age for grooms was in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, with an average age of 35.2 years, with the lowest average age of 32.0 years in County Monaghan. Similarly, for brides the highest average age was in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, 32.9 years, with Monaghan having the lowest average age of 29.3 years. See tables 9 and 10.

Fig. 5 Marriages by day of week, 2007

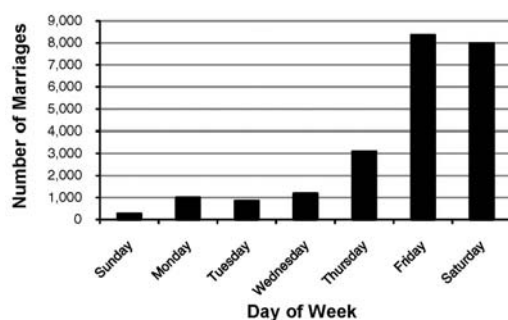
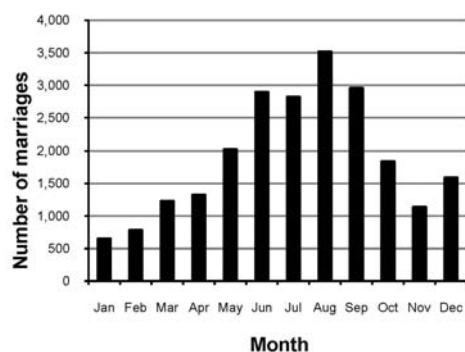


Fig. 6 Marriages by month, 2007



Marriages by marital status

There were 21,095 (92.7%) grooms and 21,319 (93.7%) brides marrying for the first time in 2007. There were 175 (0.8%) widowers and 154 (0.7%) widows who married in 2007. Divorced men accounted for 6.5% (1,486) of grooms while divorced women accounted for 5.6% (1,283) of brides. See tables 22 & 23.

There were 2,320 marriages involving at least one divorced person in 2007, including 449 marriages where both parties were divorced. Civil ceremonies accounted for 1,872 of these marriages, 330 were Roman Catholic ceremonies, and 118 were other religious ceremonies. See table 17.

Over 8.4% of grooms in the South-East region were divorced men, the highest proportion in the country. In contrast, only 4.9% of grooms in the Midland region were divorced. For brides the highest proportion of divorcees was in the Mid-East region (7.0%) while the lowest proportion was in the West (4.3%). 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 92% (20,926) of marriages. Of these, 84% were residing in the same local authority area before marriage, 90% within the same regional authority and 94% within the same province. See tables 11 and 12.

Almost 91% of grooms residing in Louth married brides residing in Louth. On the other hand, only 64% of Roscommon grooms married brides residing in Roscommon. In relation to brides, 89% of brides residing in Wicklow married grooms residing in Wicklow, while at the other end of the scale just under 64% of Roscommon brides married grooms residing in Roscommon. See tables 11 and 12.

In 1996, 1,813 (11%) marriages involved both the bride and groom living outside the State before marriage. In 2007, this was the case for 1,352 (6%) marriages. In a further 381 cases a non-resident groom married a bride resident in the State while just 97 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 7.9% (1,798) of marriages, compared with 16.1% (2,604) in 1996. See table 1.

Marriages by socio-economic group

Almost 19% (4,277) of all marriages involved the bride and groom being of the same socio-economic group.

Almost 27% of grooms and just over 27% of brides in the 'higher professional' category married persons in the same socio-economic group. Similarly, almost 25% of grooms and 26% of brides in the 'employer and managers' socio-economic group married a spouse in the same group and 21.5% of grooms and 21.4% 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, 42.7% of grooms and 16.9% of brides married within the group and in the 'intermediate non-manual workers' group, 32.7% of grooms and 11.0% 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 2004-2007

	1993	1994	1995	1996	2002	2004	2005	2006	2007
State	16,824	16,621	15,604	16,174	20,556	20,979	21,355	22,089	22,756
Marriages per 1,000 population	4.7	4.6	4.3	4.5	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2
Average age of groom	29.3	29.8	30.0	30.2	32.5	33.0	33.1	33.2	33.4
Average age of bride	27.4	27.8	28.1	28.4	30.4	30.9	31.0	31.2	31.3
Percentage of marriages by age of groom									
Under 20	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5
20-24	17.3	14.9	12.8	10.8	5.4	4.5	4.8	4.7	4.0
25-29	47.9	47.4	46.5	46.3	34.6	31.5	30.3	29.4	29.1
30-34	23.0	24.3	27.3	29.0	34.9	36.6	37.0	37.0	37.5
35-39	6.5	7.3	7.8	8.2	13.6	14.9	14.7	15.7	16.3
Over 40	4.6	5.4	5.1	5.2	10.8	11.9	12.6	12.7	12.7
Percentage of marriages by age of bride									
Under 20	2.1	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.1
20-24	29.9	27.3	23.7	21.6	11.7	9.5	9.6	8.6	7.8
25-29	46.8	47.5	49.1	49.5	42.9	40.9	39.7	39.0	39.4
30-34	14.8	16.7	18.8	19.9	28.3	31.5	31.5	32.1	32.4
35-39	4.0	4.1	4.4	5.1	9.4	9.7	10.3	11.1	11.4
Over 40	2.4	2.8	2.4	2.7	6.5	7.2	7.6	7.9	7.8
Form of ceremony									
Roman Catholic	15,400	15,200	14,158	14,607	15,908	15,978	15,867	16,211	16,854
Church of Ireland	444	434	425	483	781	539	553	530	526
Presbyterian	58	51	76	91	112	127	119	161	176
Methodist	43	33	25	38	40	21	17	26	20
Jewish	1	3	1	2	6	4	5	2	1
Other religious	41	50	28	25	26	24	32	32	33
Civil marriages	837	850	891	928	3,683	4,286	4,762	5,127	5,146
Country of future residence									
Outside Republic of Ireland	2,740	2,661	2,502	2,604	2,293	2,057	1,890	1,917	1,798
Northern Ireland	204	235	216	271	256	281	257	346	330
England and Wales	1,559	1,477	1,338	1,295	1,119	1,047	990	932	915
Scotland	55	60	66	64	86	78	67	84	75
Europe (remainder)	242	166	203	222	182	130	129	115	113
U.S.A	415	509	490	570	480	353	281	248	211
Elsewhere	265	214	189	182	170	168	166	192	154
Percentage of marriages with country of residence outside Republic of Ireland	16.3	16.0	16.0	16.1	11.2	9.9	8.9	8.7	7.9

Table 2 Age specific marriage rates, 2004-2007

Age	Marriages per 1,000 males at specified ages				Marriages per 1,000 females at specified ages			
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2004	2005	2006	2007
All ages, 16-49	19.4	19.2	19.1	19.2	19.9	19.8	19.9	20.0
16-19	1.0	0.9	1.2	0.9	2.0	2.1	2.8	2.2
20	2.1	2.0	2.5	2.5	3.8	4.3	4.8	4.9
21	2.5	3.2	3.4	2.8	5.0	4.9	6.1	5.6
22	3.9	4.8	5.2	3.6	9.1	9.7	9.2	7.9
23	6.9	7.4	6.8	6.4	14.6	14.9	14.0	12.2
24	12.1	11.6	11.3	9.7	26.1	24.6	20.2	19.2
20-24	5.7	6.0	6.0	5.2	11.9	12.1	11.1	10.3
25	21.3	17.1	17.0	13.8	39.4	32.9	29.8	26.1
26	31.1	29.8	24.7	21.7	46.5	43.3	40.5	36.5
27	42.2	37.6	35.0	32.9	53.6	53.5	48.5	48.6
28	52.8	45.2	44.6	45.0	62.5	56.0	58.9	57.4
29	55.5	55.0	52.4	50.2	62.9	61.2	58.3	57.5
25-29	40.5	36.4	34.3	32.3	52.8	48.9	46.8	44.8
30	59.6	54.6	53.8	55.2	57.3	57.4	54.8	55.6
31	55.9	53.7	50.7	52.8	46.5	48.6	49.6	50.6
32	47.7	50.1	47.7	48.0	38.8	40.0	40.7	41.4
33	39.5	43.8	42.2	40.8	32.5	33.9	33.6	34.2
34	34.4	35.1	35.6	36.2	26.7	25.3	27.1	28.1
30-34	47.5	47.6	46.0	46.7	40.5	41.1	41.2	42.1
35	28.5	28.2	30.6	30.0	21.1	21.4	23.0	22.2
36	24.6	24.0	23.4	25.6	15.4	17.0	17.5	18.9
37	19.7	19.4	19.0	19.6	12.6	13.5	15.0	14.7
38	17.1	15.3	16.7	18.1	9.5	11.2	11.4	11.8
39	11.9	14.0	14.7	15.4	8.9	9.3	9.5	10.7
35-39	20.5	20.3	21.1	21.9	13.5	14.6	15.5	15.9
40	11.7	11.5	12.0	13.3	7.2	7.1	7.8	7.8
41	9.3	10.3	10.3	9.7	6.1	6.1	6.9	6.2
42	7.6	8.7	9.2	9.0	4.9	4.8	4.8	5.5
43	6.0	7.6	7.7	7.7	4.1	4.7	4.6	4.3
44	6.9	6.3	6.4	6.6	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.5
40-44	8.3	8.9	9.2	9.3	5.3	5.3	5.7	5.7
45	4.9	5.7	5.3	5.3	4.1	3.5	3.5	3.6
46	4.5	5.3	5.2	4.4	2.9	3.0	2.4	3.9
47	4.8	4.2	4.2	3.8	2.3	3.1	3.6	2.6
48	3.9	4.1	3.4	4.4	2.2	2.8	2.9	3.1
49	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.7	2.3	2.9	3.2	3.0
45-49	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.3	2.8	3.1	3.1	3.2

Table 3 Marriages registered in 2007 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	83	0	0	0	22	105
20-24	455	15	4	3	425	902
25-29	5,326	152	45	13	1,081	6,617
30-34	7,105	197	41	11	1,174	8,528
35-39	2,695	81	42	16	871	3,705
40-44	786	40	19	5	576	1,426
45-49	214	23	8	3	360	608
50-54	94	4	8	2	271	379
55-59	35	8	6	0	169	218
60 and over	60	6	3	1	194	264
Not stated	1	0	0	0	3	4
Total	16,854	526	176	54	5,146	22,756
Age of bride						
Under 20	136	1	0	0	115	252
20-24	1,036	24	18	4	702	1,784
25-29	7,497	232	52	21	1,173	8,975
30-34	5,918	167	52	15	1,227	7,379
35-39	1,711	55	34	9	774	2,583
40-44	370	24	8	2	461	865
45-49	96	9	7	1	337	450
50-54	34	3	3	1	201	242
55-59	25	4	1	1	98	129
60 and over	30	7	1	0	58	96
Not stated	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	16,854	526	176	54	5,146	22,756
Average age of groom	32.3	33.9	36.2	35.0	36.8	33.4
Average age of bride	30.5	31.8	32.7	31.9	33.9	31.3

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

Table 4 Marriages registered in 2007 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	1	4	127	279	160	63	29	11	4	15	0	693	35.4
Other agricultural occupations and fishermen	6	15	67	90	52	30	16	3	3	5	0	287	34.4
Higher professional	0	18	661	1,045	375	111	38	31	18	19	0	2,316	33.3
Lower professional	1	32	512	842	365	121	33	38	11	17	1	1,973	33.7
Employers and managers	4	56	732	1,287	575	271	99	59	45	51	0	3,179	34.7
Salaried employees	0	22	256	398	152	56	23	10	8	10	0	935	33.4
Intermediate non-manual workers	1	87	561	628	258	87	47	31	12	14	1	1,727	32.8
Other non-manual workers	4	166	752	935	501	214	108	65	38	39	1	2,823	34.1
Skilled manual workers	11	250	2,367	2,427	950	347	160	90	49	51	1	6,703	32.6
Other manual workers	12	85	374	453	246	95	43	29	21	15	0	1,373	33.6
Other	65	165	199	124	66	29	10	10	8	26	0	702	30.4
Not stated	0	2	9	20	5	2	2	2	1	2	0	45	35.9
Total	105	902	6,617	8,528	3,705	1,426	608	379	218	264	4	22,756	33.4

Table 5 Marriages registered in 2007 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	1	9	6	4	1	1	1	2	1	0	26	35.6
Other agricultural occupations and fishermen	0	4	12	12	13	5	1	1	0	0	0	48	33.3
Higher professional	0	51	954	915	252	52	25	17	6	2	0	2,274	31.4
Lower professional	1	169	2,151	1,817	554	137	82	38	18	11	0	4,978	31.4
Employers and managers	3	114	1,125	1,144	393	135	56	24	15	10	0	3,019	32.0
Salaried employees	0	31	405	362	84	36	7	6	4	3	0	938	31.3
Intermediate non-manual workers	25	445	2,266	1,487	555	174	95	48	28	13	1	5,137	30.9
Other non-manual workers	38	399	991	762	327	140	87	52	16	8	0	2,820	31.2
Skilled manual workers	0	26	189	196	51	16	12	3	0	4	0	497	31.7
Other manual workers	11	71	191	193	77	32	20	7	6	2	0	610	31.9
Other	168	462	649	448	267	129	64	45	33	41	0	2,306	31.0
Not stated	6	11	33	37	6	8	0	0	1	1	0	103	30.4
Total	252	1,784	8,975	7,379	2,583	865	450	242	129	96	1	22,756	31.3

Table 6 Marriages registered in 2007 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	15	2	56	203	70	27	180	70	8	19	42	1	693
Other agricultural occupations and fishermen	1	11	21	52	23	9	63	46	2	11	46	2	287
Higher professional	0	4	623	680	308	114	312	127	48	17	77	6	2,316
Lower professional	0	3	248	840	245	102	261	123	40	13	93	5	1,973
Employers and managers	3	6	333	672	785	154	629	280	50	41	220	6	3,179
Salaried employees	0	1	114	203	183	116	161	77	17	11	49	3	935
Intermediate non-manual workers	1	0	146	339	204	69	562	218	32	27	123	6	1,727
Other non-manual workers	1	6	133	396	309	72	740	604	53	101	396	12	2,823
Skilled manual workers	4	11	523	1,383	739	234	1,746	969	209	216	643	26	6,703
Other manual workers	0	3	46	162	125	30	376	227	28	131	232	13	1,373
Other	1	1	28	43	27	10	101	76	9	22	381	3	702
Not stated	0	0	3	5	1	1	6	3	1	1	4	20	45
Total	26	48	2,274	4,978	3,019	938	5,137	2,820	497	610	2,306	103	22,756

Table 7 Marriages registered in 2007 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	Not stated	
All ages	203	961	4,350	2,843	9,148	3,888	1,358	1	22,752
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	4
18	1	3	21	18	4	0	0	0	47
19	2	4	16	12	20	0	0	0	54
Under 20	3	7	39	31	25	0	0	0	105
20	11	9	18	5	35	0	0	0	78
21	8	17	21	17	30	0	0	0	93
22	5	11	45	18	44	3	0	0	126
23	8	19	95	39	63	6	0	0	230
24	14	36	124	52	139	10	0	0	375
20-24	46	92	303	131	311	19	0	0	902
25	8	45	195	108	180	27	0	0	563
26	10	60	286	188	345	41	0	0	930
27	13	86	425	331	482	66	3	0	1,406
28	16	109	473	343	760	78	11	0	1,790
29	14	99	465	320	882	143	5	0	1,928
25-29	61	399	1,844	1,290	2,649	355	19	0	6,617
30	7	80	427	331	1,016	169	10	1	2,041
31	12	66	381	267	999	205	17	0	1,947
32	3	63	302	200	877	327	15	0	1,787
33	11	35	218	132	707	330	26	0	1,459
34	9	40	173	132	579	327	34	0	1,294
30-34	42	284	1,501	1,062	4,178	1,358	102	1	8,528
35	6	26	140	59	443	323	53	0	1,050
36	6	23	82	56	336	337	63	0	903
37	4	15	72	46	237	232	71	0	677
38	6	13	64	27	203	200	75	0	588
39	2	18	41	25	155	162	84	0	487
35-39	24	95	399	213	1,374	1,254	346	0	3,705
40	1	16	35	21	115	147	82	0	417
41	3	8	20	14	85	105	69	0	304
42	3	7	26	13	61	102	64	0	276
43	2	10	28	5	50	77	61	0	233
44	0	7	17	15	42	63	52	0	196
40-44	9	48	126	68	353	494	328	0	1,426
45	0	3	25	4	27	53	43	0	155
46	5	1	7	3	30	42	41	0	129
47	4	0	13	8	15	33	34	0	107
48	1	6	17	6	23	25	40	0	118
49	1	4	16	2	30	22	24	0	99
45-49	11	14	78	23	125	175	182	0	608
50-54	2	8	35	14	65	112	143	0	379
55-59	2	5	16	5	32	60	98	0	218
60-64	3	6	7	3	21	40	68	0	148
65-69	0	3	0	1	10	18	36	0	68
70-74	0	0	1	0	2	2	19	0	24
75 and over	0	0	1	2	3	1	17	0	24
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4

Table 8 Marriages registered in 2007 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		
All ages	1,358	3,888	9,148	2,843	4,350	961	203	4	22,755
16	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
17	3	3	16	1	0	0	0	0	23
18	21	23	42	18	2	0	0	0	106
19	24	28	44	12	10	0	0	0	118
Under 20	48	54	107	31	12	0	0	0	252
20	27	57	49	5	11	0	0	0	149
21	27	63	64	17	15	0	0	0	186
22	31	74	131	18	18	0	0	0	272
23	45	129	203	39	33	1	0	0	450
24	55	217	340	52	60	2	0	1	727
20-24	185	540	787	131	137	3	0	1	1,784
25	94	230	571	108	87	5	0	0	1,095
26	100	313	765	188	121	10	0	0	1,497
27	95	389	964	331	229	12	0	0	2,020
28	84	382	1,038	343	343	12	0	1	2,203
29	93	312	1,020	320	388	26	1	0	2,160
25-29	466	1,626	4,358	1,290	1,168	65	1	1	8,975
30	75	290	840	331	419	31	3	0	1,989
31	72	248	704	267	464	38	2	0	1,795
32	59	175	522	200	428	50	5	1	1,440
33	41	147	408	132	337	99	6	0	1,170
34	43	134	303	132	275	89	9	0	985
30-34	290	994	2,777	1,062	1,923	307	25	1	7,379
35	37	107	230	59	245	89	6	0	773
36	27	77	194	56	175	94	12	0	635
37	29	69	134	46	130	67	8	0	483
38	19	57	96	27	99	51	14	0	363
39	33	43	73	25	87	52	16	0	329
35-39	145	353	727	213	736	353	56	0	2,583
40	26	33	64	21	52	36	8	0	240
41	15	26	45	14	49	29	12	0	190
42	18	30	45	13	33	24	9	0	172
43	20	35	21	5	28	17	4	0	130
44	19	20	26	15	27	18	8	0	133
40-44	98	144	201	68	189	124	41	0	865
45	11	21	19	4	25	17	5	0	102
46	19	18	24	3	21	15	12	1	113
47	3	8	22	8	17	9	6	0	73
48	7	22	23	6	12	9	4	0	83
49	15	14	14	2	15	9	10	0	79
45-49	55	83	102	23	90	59	37	1	450
50-54	38	53	39	14	57	22	19	0	242
55-59	18	27	29	5	22	14	14	0	129
60-64	10	13	11	3	10	4	4	0	55
65-69	5	1	5	1	4	4	2	0	22
70-74	0	0	3	0	1	6	3	0	13
75 and over	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	6
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Table 9 Marriages registered in 2007 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
Total	105	902	6,617	8,528	3,705	1,426	608	379	218	264	4	22,756	33.4
LEINSTER	61	476	3,362	4,270	1,840	764	321	202	126	159	1	11,582	33.5
Carlow	1	15	90	98	54	21	12	3	8	2	0	304	33.7
Dublin City	16	130	526	778	356	167	81	44	25	38	0	2,161	34.0
South Dublin	7	36	322	406	158	54	21	17	13	14	0	1,048	33.2
Fingal	3	39	385	560	238	86	31	30	5	15	0	1,392	33.4
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	1	14	178	334	135	60	22	16	15	20	1	796	35.2
Kildare	4	48	327	384	172	65	30	18	11	10	0	1,069	33.2
Kilkenny	2	12	137	157	75	30	15	9	2	5	0	444	33.5
Laois	3	14	111	117	49	17	8	7	2	3	0	331	32.8
Longford	1	11	50	59	27	9	1	2	2	1	0	163	32.5
Louth	0	33	208	203	94	39	11	7	4	6	0	605	32.6
Meath	6	29	299	353	161	72	24	13	11	10	0	978	33.4
Offaly	5	19	122	132	62	23	6	5	2	3	0	379	32.5
Westmeath	4	15	137	168	59	19	12	3	3	4	0	424	32.6
Wexford	6	29	228	237	78	47	18	14	9	15	0	681	33.6
Wicklow	2	32	242	284	122	55	29	14	14	13	0	807	33.9
MUNSTER	23	215	1,743	2,257	962	330	167	110	49	60	0	5,916	33.3
Clare	4	22	156	211	99	32	17	14	9	6	0	570	33.9
Cork City	5	33	152	206	99	29	18	7	4	6	0	559	33.1
Cork County	3	43	543	798	306	119	52	30	15	23	0	1,932	33.5
Kerry	1	22	212	242	95	48	20	16	4	11	0	671	33.7
Limerick City	2	16	97	105	43	14	12	2	3	1	0	295	32.4
Limerick County	1	30	219	231	115	24	14	11	8	2	0	655	32.6
North Tipperary	2	9	111	142	51	24	10	4	1	2	0	356	33.0
South Tipperary	1	11	102	127	64	18	9	11	3	5	0	351	33.8
Waterford City	4	14	52	66	29	9	3	3	0	2	0	182	32.2
Waterford County	0	15	99	129	61	13	12	12	2	2	0	345	33.4
CONNACHT	15	93	658	867	336	147	47	34	21	30	2	2,250	33.3
Galway City	5	15	61	96	44	20	7	1	1	1	0	251	32.8
Galway County	4	31	234	335	124	59	15	12	8	8	2	832	33.4
Leitrim	0	6	40	59	18	12	4	3	3	5	0	150	34.3
Mayo	5	28	160	198	86	31	10	9	5	6	0	538	32.9
Roscommon	0	5	81	72	30	15	3	5	3	5	0	219	33.7
Sligo	1	8	82	107	34	10	8	4	1	5	0	260	33.2
ULSTER (part of)	2	73	463	395	200	64	39	18	11	10	0	1,275	32.6
Cavan	2	21	118	111	61	20	14	6	5	1	0	359	33.0
Donegal	0	33	247	188	103	29	17	10	5	8	0	640	32.6
Monaghan	0	19	98	96	36	15	8	2	1	1	0	276	32.0
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES													
Border	3	120	793	764	346	125	62	32	19	26	0	2,290	32.8
Midland	13	59	420	476	197	68	27	17	9	11	0	1,297	32.6
West	14	79	536	701	284	125	35	27	17	20	2	1,840	33.2
Dublin	27	219	1,411	2,078	887	367	155	107	58	87	1	5,397	33.9
Mid-East	12	109	868	1,021	455	192	83	45	36	33	0	2,854	33.5
Mid-West	9	77	583	689	308	94	53	31	21	11	0	1,876	33.0
South-East	14	96	708	814	361	138	69	52	24	31	0	2,307	33.5
South-West	9	98	907	1,246	500	196	90	53	23	40	0	3,162	33.5
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	101	857	6,226	7,789	3,338	1,305	574	364	207	259	3	21,023	33.4
Northern Ireland	1	20	120	153	71	25	4	6	3	0	1	404	32.8
Britain	3	13	201	405	184	57	13	4	8	3	0	891	33.5
Elsewhere	0	12	70	181	112	39	17	5	0	2	0	438	34.4
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 10 Marriages registered in 2007 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
Total	252	1,784	8,975	7,379	2,583	865	450	242	129	96	1	22,756	31.3
LEINSTER	135	911	4,509	3,695	1,328	476	258	143	69	53	0	11,577	31.5
Carlow	2	38	131	87	25	17	11	5	0	1	0	317	31.0
Dublin City	30	192	700	685	279	104	69	33	15	15	0	2,122	32.1
South Dublin	16	81	426	323	99	37	25	19	7	4	0	1,037	31.3
Fingal	13	78	528	480	181	48	24	10	9	6	0	1,377	31.6
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	1	26	276	298	115	38	24	13	5	6	0	802	32.9
Kildare	8	94	448	324	114	40	20	15	3	3	0	1,069	31.0
Kilkenny	6	32	183	159	49	17	10	4	1	1	0	462	31.1
Laois	6	42	141	102	37	9	6	0	2	1	0	346	30.3
Longford	8	11	69	43	20	7	0	2	1	0	0	161	30.3
Louth	9	57	290	200	55	23	8	5	3	0	0	650	30.3
Meath	11	68	374	300	100	46	16	10	5	4	1	935	31.5
Offaly	3	41	156	106	51	10	2	1	3	1	0	374	30.6
Westmeath	9	33	198	135	49	13	10	2	0	2	0	451	30.7
Wexford	8	64	292	193	56	35	15	11	4	5	0	683	31.3
Wicklow	5	54	297	260	98	32	18	13	11	3	0	791	32.0
MUNSTER	61	467	2,409	1,970	663	229	122	60	34	22	0	6,037	31.3
Clare	1	49	229	194	66	29	12	6	6	2	0	594	31.6
Cork City	8	63	212	164	54	23	13	6	6	4	0	553	31.2
Cork County	11	109	803	674	199	78	29	19	8	7	0	1,937	31.4
Kerry	4	52	241	248	96	33	17	9	5	3	0	708	32.1
Limerick City	11	33	128	82	29	11	5	3	1	2	0	305	30.4
Limerick County	11	55	297	210	71	20	15	10	2	0	0	691	30.8
North Tipperary	3	29	149	112	43	10	4	2	2	0	0	354	30.7
South Tipperary	2	28	140	117	44	11	9	4	3	1	0	359	31.5
Waterford City	7	27	63	56	20	4	4	0	0	2	0	183	30.3
Waterford County	3	22	147	113	41	10	14	1	1	1	0	353	31.4
CONNACHT	32	174	917	757	281	79	35	18	18	12	0	2,323	31.3
Galway City	6	21	93	92	42	13	5	1	0	1	0	274	31.3
Galway County	7	52	321	287	106	27	10	5	8	3	0	826	31.4
Leitrim	3	11	59	45	18	8	3	5	2	1	0	155	32.0
Mayo	10	58	223	190	59	21	8	4	4	2	0	579	30.9
Roscommon		16	103	59	27	5	4	1	1	3	0	219	31.2
Sligo	6	16	118	84	29	5	5	2	3	2	0	270	31.0
ULSTER (part of)	20	175	613	367	118	34	17	14	6	6	0	1,370	30.1
Cavan	7	33	170	120	24	14	5	3	0	2	0	378	30.4
Donegal	5	98	306	175	71	14	8	10	5	3	0	695	30.3
Monaghan	8	44	137	72	23	6	4	1	1	1	0	297	29.3
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES													
Border	38	259	1,080	696	220	70	33	26	14	9	0	2,445	30.5
Midland	26	127	564	386	157	39	18	5	6	4	0	1,332	30.5
West	23	147	740	628	234	66	27	11	13	9	0	1,898	31.1
Dublin	60	377	1,930	1,786	674	227	142	75	36	31	0	5,338	31.9
Mid-East	24	216	1,119	884	312	118	54	38	19	10	1	2,795	31.4
Mid-West	26	166	803	598	209	70	36	21	11	4	0	1,944	31.0
South-East	28	211	956	725	235	94	63	25	9	11	0	2,357	31.2
South-West	23	224	1,256	1,086	349	134	59	34	19	14	0	3,198	31.5
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	248	1,727	8,448	6,789	2,390	818	432	235	127	92	1	21,307	31.3
Northern Ireland	3	21	101	84	27	8	3	3	1	1	0	252	31.0
Britain	0	22	297	334	111	20	8	4	1	2	0	799	31.7
Elsewhere	1	14	129	172	55	19	7	0	0	1	0	398	32.1
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 11 Marriages registered in 2007 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	
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS	21,023	17,585	3,341	97	83.6
Carlow	304	257	46	1	84.5
Dublin City	2,161	1,832	313	16	84.8
South Dublin	1,048	899	149	0	85.8
Fingal	1,392	1,186	203	3	85.2
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	796	635	154	7	79.8
Kildare	1,069	939	129	1	87.8
Kilkenny	444	362	80	2	81.5
Laois	331	266	63	2	80.4
Longford	163	121	41	1	74.2
Louth	605	549	52	4	90.7
Meath	978	821	155	2	83.9
Offaly	379	286	91	2	75.5
Westmeath	424	372	50	2	87.7
Wexford	681	603	76	2	88.5
Wicklow	807	704	102	1	87.2
Clare	570	487	81	2	85.4
Cork City	559	438	118	3	78.4
Cork County	1,932	1,642	283	7	85.0
Kerry	671	577	92	2	86.0
Limerick City	295	244	50	1	82.7
Limerick County	655	528	127	0	80.6
North Tipperary	356	270	85	1	75.8
South Tipperary	351	276	75	0	78.6
Waterford City	182	161	21	0	88.5
Waterford County	345	290	54	1	84.1
Galway City	251	207	43	1	82.5
Galway County	832	635	192	5	76.3
Leitrim	150	116	34	0	77.3
Mayo	538	436	95	7	81.0
Roscommon	219	140	79	0	63.9
Sligo	260	215	44	1	82.7
Cavan	359	293	66	0	81.6
Donegal	640	576	47	17	90.0
Monaghan	276	222	51	3	80.4
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES	21,023	18,849	2,077	97	89.7
Border	2,290	2,062	203	25	90.0
Midland	1,297	1,098	192	7	84.7
West	1,840	1,597	230	13	86.8
Dublin	5,397	4,945	426	26	91.6
Mid-East	2,854	2,507	343	4	87.8
Mid-West	1,876	1,664	208	4	88.7
South-East	2,307	2,066	235	6	89.6
South-West	3,162	2,910	240	12	92.0
PROVINCES	21,023	19,740	1,186	97	93.9
Leinster	11,582	11,012	524	46	95.1
Munster	5,916	5,612	287	17	94.9
Connaught	2,250	2,001	235	14	88.9
Ulster (part of)	1,275	1,115	140	20	87.5
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	21,023	20,926	0	97	99.5
Northern Ireland	404	223	179	2	55.2
Britain	891	759	125	7	85.2
Elsewhere	438	355	77	6	81.1

Table 12 Marriages registered in 2007 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	
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS	21,307	17,585	3,341	381	82.5
Carlow	317	257	59	1	81.1
Dublin City	2,122	1,832	267	23	86.3
South Dublin	1,037	899	125	13	86.7
Fingal	1,377	1,186	174	17	86.1
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	802	635	148	19	79.2
Kildare	1,069	939	125	5	87.8
Kilkenny	462	362	95	5	78.4
Laois	346	266	73	7	76.9
Longford	161	121	38	2	75.2
Louth	650	549	70	31	84.5
Meath	935	821	107	7	87.8
Offaly	374	286	82	6	76.5
Westmeath	451	372	74	5	82.5
Wexford	683	603	71	9	88.3
Wicklow	791	704	79	8	89.0
Clare	594	487	102	5	82.0
Cork City	553	438	109	6	79.2
Cork County	1,937	1,642	271	24	84.8
Kerry	708	577	125	6	81.5
Limerick City	305	244	57	4	80.0
Limerick County	691	528	157	6	76.4
North Tipperary	354	270	82	2	76.3
South Tipperary	359	276	81	2	76.9
Waterford City	183	161	21	1	88.0
Waterford County	353	290	57	6	82.2
Galway City	274	207	62	5	75.5
Galway County	826	635	171	20	76.9
Leitrim	155	116	32	7	74.8
Mayo	579	436	128	15	75.3
Roscommon	219	140	70	9	63.9
Sligo	270	215	49	6	79.6
Cavan	378	293	73	12	77.5
Donegal	695	576	57	62	82.9
Monaghan	297	222	50	25	74.7
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES	21,307	18,849	2,077	381	88.5
Border	2,445	2,062	240	143	84.3
Midland	1,332	1,098	214	20	82.4
West	1,898	1,597	252	49	84.1
Dublin	5,338	4,945	321	72	92.6
Mid-East	2,795	2,507	268	20	89.7
Mid-West	1,944	1,664	263	17	85.6
South-East	2,357	2,066	267	24	87.7
South-West	3,198	2,910	252	36	91.0
PROVINCES	21,307	19,740	1,186	381	92.6
Leinster	11,577	11,012	407	158	95.1
Munster	6,037	5,612	363	62	93.0
Connaught	2,323	2,001	260	62	86.1
Ulster (part of)	1,370	1,115	156	99	81.4
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	21,307	20,926	0	381	98.2
Northern Ireland	252	223	24	5	88.5
Britain	799	757	35	7	94.7
Elsewhere	398	349	38	11	87.7

Table 13 Marriages registered in each county and city during 2007 classified by form of ceremony

Province, county or city	Form of ceremony*					Total
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	Other religious denominations	Civil marriages	
Total	16,854	526	176	55	5,145	22,756
LEINSTER	7,681	287	121	29	3,088	11,206
Carlow	244	12	1	0	82	339
Dublin City	1,110	42	101	16	1,592	2,861
South Dublin	533	7	6	0	0	546
Fingal	568	14	4	1	0	587
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	360	39	5	2	0	406
Kildare	708	18	1	1	323	1,051
Kilkenny	416	10	0	0	86	512
Laois	388	13	0	1	61	463
Longford	145	5	0	0	55	205
Louth	541	5	0	3	143	692
Meath	671	12	2	0	226	911
Offaly	362	22	0	0	57	441
Westmeath	430	0	0	0	72	502
Wexford	603	30	0	3	143	779
Wicklow	602	58	1	2	248	911
MUNSTER	5,370	111	2	12	1,387	6,882
Clare	608	12	0	0	0	620
Cork City	460	3	2	1	555	1,021
Cork County	1,618	53	0	2	3	1,676
Kerry	774	7	0	1	173	955
Limerick City	202	2	0	3	383	590
Limerick County	564	2	0	4	3	573
North Tipperary	373	11	0	0	43	427
South Tipperary	338	8	0	0	67	413
Waterford City	76	1	0	0	78	155
Waterford County	357	12	0	1	82	452
CONNACHT	2,359	54	4	5	421	2,843
Galway City	237	4	1	1	204	447
Galway County	756	23	0	0	13	792
Leitrim	168	3	0	0	3	174
Mayo	726	10	2	3	89	830
Roscommon	201	2	0	0	2	205
Sligo	271	12	1	1	110	395
ULSTER (part of)	1,444	74	49	9	249	1,825
Cavan	370	24	3	1	84	482
Donegal	832	37	31	8	102	1,010
Monaghan	242	13	15	0	63	333
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES						
Border	2,424	94	50	13	505	3,086
Midland	1,325	40	0	1	245	1,611
West	1,920	39	3	4	308	2,274
Dublin	2,571	102	116	19	1,592	4,400
Mid-East	1,981	88	4	3	797	2,873
Mid-West	1,747	27	0	7	429	2,210
South-East	2,034	73	1	4	538	2,650
South-West	2,852	63	2	4	731	3,652

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Table 14 Marriages registered in 2007 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	16,854	526	176	54	5,146	22,756
LEINSTER	8,067	282	106	23	3,104	11,582
Carlow	222	12	1	0	69	304
Dublin City	1,265	38	41	9	808	2,161
South Dublin	759	22	13	0	254	1,048
Fingal	1,000	24	17	2	349	1,392
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	516	45	12	2	221	796
Kildare	724	18	8	2	317	1,069
Kilkenny	344	7	1	0	92	444
Laois	262	6	1	1	61	331
Longford	129	3	0	0	31	163
Louth	455	4	1	1	144	605
Meath	722	15	5	0	236	978
Offaly	310	13	0	0	56	379
Westmeath	349	1	1	0	73	424
Wexford	507	24	1	2	147	681
Wicklow	503	50	4	4	246	807
MUNSTER	4,479	75	1	8	1,353	5,916
Clare	421	7	0	1	141	570
Cork City	343	2	1	2	211	559
Cork County	1,523	39	0	1	369	1,932
Kerry	505	6	0	0	160	671
Limerick City	185	1	0	2	107	295
Limerick County	529	1	0	2	123	655
North Tipperary	307	10	0	0	39	356
South Tipperary	281	4	0	0	66	351
Waterford City	119	0	0	0	63	182
Waterford County	266	5	0	0	74	345
CONNACHT	1,793	34	3	6	414	2,250
Galway City	147	2	1	0	101	251
Galway County	696	14	0	3	119	832
Leitrim	115	2	0	0	33	150
Mayo	459	7	2	3	67	538
Roscommon	188	1	0	0	30	219
Sligo	188	8	0	0	64	260
ULSTER (part of)	964	50	36	7	218	1,275
Cavan	255	16	4	1	83	359
Donegal	521	22	19	6	72	640
Monaghan	188	12	13	0	63	276
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:						
Border	1,722	64	37	8	459	2,290
Midland	1,050	23	2	1	221	1,297
West	1,490	24	3	6	317	1,840
Dublin	3,540	129	83	13	1,632	5,397
Mid-East	1,949	83	17	6	799	2,854
Mid-West	1,442	19	0	5	410	1,876
South-East	1,739	52	3	2	511	2,307
South-West	2,371	47	1	3	740	3,162
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	15,303	441	146	44	5,089	21,023
Northern Ireland	337	23	15	7	22	404
Britain	805	52	9	2	23	891
Elsewhere	409	10	6	1	12	438
Not stated						

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Table 15 Marriages registered in 2007 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	16,854	526	176	54	5,146	22,756
LEINSTER	8,056	285	112	23	3,101	11,577
Carlow	228	14	1	0	74	317
Dublin City	1,233	32	43	11	803	2,122
South Dublin	738	24	16	1	258	1,037
Fingal	983	20	20	2	352	1,377
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	535	46	9	1	211	802
Kildare	727	14	7	1	320	1,069
Kilkenny	362	7	1	0	92	462
Laois	272	9	1	1	63	346
Longford	123	4	0	0	34	161
Louth	503	3	1	0	143	650
Meath	686	14	5	0	230	935
Offaly	298	17	0	0	59	374
Westmeath	376	0	1	0	74	451
Wexford	508	25	2	3	145	683
Wicklow	484	56	5	3	243	791
MUNSTER	4,595	76	1	8	1,357	6,037
Clare	444	6	0	1	143	594
Cork City	340	2	1	1	209	553
Cork County	1,533	38	0	1	365	1,937
Kerry	538	5	0	0	165	708
Limerick City	194	1	0	2	108	305
Limerick County	562	3	0	3	123	691
North Tipperary	306	10	0	0	38	354
South Tipperary	291	2	0	0	66	359
Waterford City	114	0	0	0	69	183
Waterford County	273	9	0	0	71	353
CONNACHT	1,870	34	2	6	411	2,323
Galway City	168	2	1	0	103	274
Galway County	693	14	0	3	116	826
Leitrim	119	2	0	0	34	155
Mayo	502	6	1	3	67	579
Roscommon	193	1	0	0	25	219
Sligo	195	9	0	0	66	270
ULSTER (part of)	1,043	58	42	9	218	1,370
Cavan	270	22	4	0	82	378
Donegal	567	23	24	8	73	695
Monaghan	206	13	14	1	63	297
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:						
Border	1,860	72	43	9	461	2,445
Midland	1,069	30	2	1	230	1,332
West	1,556	23	2	6	311	1,898
Dublin	3,489	122	88	15	1,624	5,338
Mid-East	1,897	84	17	4	793	2,795
Mid-West	1,506	20	0	6	412	1,944
South-East	1,776	57	4	3	517	2,357
South-West	2,411	45	1	2	739	3,198
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	15,564	453	157	46	5,087	21,307
Northern Ireland	200	17	9	5	21	252
Britain	724	46	6	1	22	799
Elsewhere	366	10	4	2	16	398
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Table 16 Marriages registered in 2007 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	67	56	53	79	254	139	650
February	2	56	31	93	75	306	218	781
March	4	46	49	41	134	531	424	1,229
April	12	96	72	69	184	405	485	1,323
May	21	84	86	98	287	721	726	2,023
June	37	85	80	114	324	1,139	1,115	2,894
July	33	142	115	119	406	924	1,081	2,820
August	55	155	105	182	557	1,384	1,078	3,516
September	28	93	77	127	370	1,021	1,240	2,956
October	22	79	83	76	222	692	664	1,838
November	7	39	52	61	134	474	371	1,138
December	53	56	50	153	322	509	445	1,588
Total	276	998	856	1,186	3,094	8,360	7,986	22,756

Table 17 Marriages registered in 2007 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	
Total	16,854	526	176	54	5,146	22,756
Single men and single women	16,407	463	123	42	3,208	20,243
Single men and widows	40	3	2	0	32	77
Widowers and single women	56	3	0	0	30	89
Widowers and widows	21	2	0	0	4	27
Divorced men and single women	176	27	35	7	742	987
Single men and divorced women	130	15	9	3	618	775
Divorced men and widows	1	2	0	0	47	50
Widowers and divorced women	10	2	0	1	46	59
Divorced men and divorced women	13	9	7	1	419	449

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Table 18 Marriages registered in 2007 classified by county of residence and previous marital status of groom

Area of residence of groom	Single men	Widowers	Divorcees	Total
Total	21,095	175	1,486	22,756
LEINSTER	10,644	90	848	11,582
Carlow	268	3	33	304
Dublin City	1,978	16	167	2,161
South Dublin	966	10	72	1,048
Fingal	1,293	5	94	1,392
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	733	7	56	796
Kildare	974	11	84	1,069
Kilkenny	407	5	32	444
Laois	303	3	25	331
Longford	154	1	8	163
Louth	566	3	36	605
Meath	892	11	75	978
Offaly	369	1	9	379
Westmeath	401	2	21	424
Wexford	611	4	66	681
Wicklow	729	8	70	807
MUNSTER	5,505	43	368	5,916
Clare	527	1	42	570
Cork City	517	3	39	559
Cork County	1,806	16	110	1,932
Kerry	622	6	43	671
Limerick City	276	2	17	295
Limerick County	612	3	40	655
North Tipperary	335	6	15	356
South Tipperary	322	2	27	351
Waterford City	169	0	13	182
Waterford County	319	4	22	345
CONNACHT	2,109	15	126	2,250
Galway City	233	1	17	251
Galway County	794	1	37	832
Leitrim	130	2	18	150
Mayo	503	5	30	538
Roscommon	207	3	9	219
Sligo	242	3	15	260
ULSTER (part of)	1,195	14	66	1,275
Cavan	329	3	27	359
Donegal	605	7	28	640
Monaghan	261	4	11	276
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:				
Border	2,133	22	135	2,290
Midland	1,227	7	63	1,297
West	1,737	10	93	1,840
Dublin	4,970	38	389	5,397
Mid-East	2,595	30	229	2,854
Mid-West	1,750	12	114	1,876
South-East	2,096	18	193	2,307
South-West	2,945	25	192	3,162
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	19,453	162	1,408	21,023
Northern Ireland	381	5	18	404
Britain	850	5	36	891
Elsewhere	411	3	24	438
Not stated	0	0	0	0

Table 19 Marriages registered in 2007 classified by county of residence and previous marital status of bride

Area of residence of bride	Single women	Widows	Divorcees	Total
Total	21,319	154	1,283	22,756
LEINSTER	10,785	75	717	11,577
Carlow	288	2	27	317
Dublin City	1,976	17	129	2,122
South Dublin	963	10	64	1,037
Fingal	1,297	5	75	1,377
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	751	4	47	802
Kildare	987	9	73	1,069
Kilkenny	437	0	25	462
Laois	326	2	18	346
Longford	152	1	8	161
Louth	616	1	33	650
Meath	866	5	64	935
Offaly	356	3	15	374
Westmeath	423	3	25	451
Wexford	622	7	54	683
Wicklow	725	6	60	791
MUNSTER	5,644	43	350	6,037
Clare	554	3	37	594
Cork City	502	6	45	553
Cork County	1,825	9	103	1,937
Kerry	650	6	52	708
Limerick City	286	3	16	305
Limerick County	646	6	39	691
North Tipperary	341	2	11	354
South Tipperary	336	2	21	359
Waterford City	174	2	7	183
Waterford County	330	4	19	353
CONNACHT	2,198	14	111	2,323
Galway City	256	1	17	274
Galway County	790	6	30	826
Leitrim	140	1	14	155
Mayo	553	4	22	579
Roscommon	205	1	13	219
Sligo	254	1	15	270
ULSTER (part of)	1,300	13	57	1,370
Cavan	357	1	20	378
Donegal	661	9	25	695
Monaghan	282	3	12	297
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:				
Border	2,310	16	119	2,445
Midland	1,257	9	66	1,332
West	1,804	12	82	1,898
Dublin	4,987	36	315	5,338
Mid-East	2,578	20	197	2,795
Mid-West	1,827	14	103	1,944
South-East	2,187	17	153	2,357
South-West	2,977	21	200	3,198
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	19,927	145	1,235	21,307
Northern Ireland	237	3	12	252
Britain	772	6	21	799
Elsewhere	383	0	15	398
Not stated	0	0	0	0

Table 20 Marriages in 2007 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	5	23	106	118	149	186	272	450	727	1,095	1,497	2,020	2,203	2,160	1,989	1,795	1,440	1,170
16 & under	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	2	2	18	10	5	4	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
19	1	8	11	12	6	5	1	4	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
20	1	4	13	17	5	6	5	4	3	5	2	0	1	1	3	1	2	2
21	0	2	10	11	7	17	10	5	2	4	6	7	3	1	0	0	2	0
22	0	3	8	7	17	12	18	20	14	7	4	3	1	1	4	2	0	0
23	0	0	6	9	8	19	27	39	41	23	15	16	7	3	5	2	2	4
24	0	0	4	6	17	24	37	61	52	53	25	25	21	20	4	4	4	4
25	0	0	5	6	16	9	37	55	79	108	77	59	37	22	18	12	3	11
26	0	0	6	3	13	19	30	52	111	152	188	129	73	51	33	18	14	14
27	0	3	2	8	12	16	28	35	73	151	223	331	212	96	62	55	27	25
28	0	0	11	5	11	9	17	36	77	152	223	308	343	219	114	82	58	45
29	0	0	1	4	5	9	13	36	80	116	179	256	331	320	210	133	69	53
30	0	0	1	5	4	10	7	23	48	81	140	217	305	354	331	194	123	63
31	0	0	1	4	5	7	9	17	37	56	86	183	222	278	316	267	178	92
32	0	0	1	2	2	4	6	17	31	39	99	141	180	222	220	255	200	129
33	0	0	2	1	4	4	5	10	21	31	57	87	134	166	165	186	190	132
34	0	0	0	2	2	1	5	12	12	23	39	75	74	116	139	160	141	139
35	0	0	1	3	2	3	4	6	12	22	32	55	74	70	92	103	110	108
36	0	0	0	0	3	2	4	5	8	14	27	31	70	54	82	100	81	99
37	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	5	6	12	22	23	30	37	50	56	59	62
38	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	11	15	24	18	35	33	45	44	43
39	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	1	3	11	6	11	19	27	33	27	25	38
40	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	7	10	10	11	18	22	20	31	25
41	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	4	3	12	12	14	18	16	20
42	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	3	5	6	6	9	6	11	13	21
43	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	6	6	9	4	14	13
44	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	4	6	6	2	7	8	6
45	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	4	0	3	5	7	5	1
46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	4	0	3	5	2	4
47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	4	4	2
48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	3	0	3	3	5
49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	3	2	4	2	1
50-54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	2	0	2	6	5	5	5
55-59	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	3	1	2	1	3
60-64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
65 & over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	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	Not stated	All ages
985	773	635	483	363	329	240	190	172	130	133	102	113	73	83	79	242	129	55	41	1	22,756
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	0	0	4
0	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	0	54
0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78
1	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93
1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	126
2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	230
5	1	2	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	375
1	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	563
8	6	4	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	930
12	14	8	2	1	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1,406
25	16	14	9	9	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1,790
43	22	19	6	9	9	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,928
47	31	24	12	9	4	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2,041
64	47	29	16	11	8	2	4	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1,947
79	56	38	24	14	14	6	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,787
85	71	38	24	8	8	10	5	4	0	2	2	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1,459
132	71	51	29	22	18	8	4	6	4	3	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	1,294
122	59	48	42	23	27	10	6	5	2	3	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1,050
83	73	56	35	23	16	8	9	5	4	4	1	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	903
48	71	56	46	31	16	15	10	4	4	1	4	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	677
50	43	61	49	27	28	16	11	9	3	4	3	1	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	588
39	43	46	39	27	25	13	14	7	7	6	4	5	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	487
39	32	31	26	36	22	21	14	8	6	7	5	6	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	417
25	22	22	20	18	28	19	14	9	6	4	1	1	2	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	304
18	25	17	21	15	11	17	18	13	9	7	7	3	2	1	3	2	2	0	0	0	276
13	18	16	16	14	12	14	9	15	5	9	9	4	6	1	2	7	2	0	0	0	233
10	10	13	14	13	13	14	12	10	6	15	8	4	4	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	196
7	5	9	8	13	15	8	6	9	4	8	4	10	6	3	6	3	0	0	0	0	155
7	5	6	10	13	3	8	8	11	6	5	8	3	1	3	3	1	4	1	0	0	129
2	5	4	6	4	6	5	10	8	5	3	2	5	8	5	2	6	2	2	0	0	107
3	6	2	6	5	6	5	3	7	4	10	5	6	2	6	4	16	4	0	0	0	118
0	2	1	1	1	3	7	2	4	6	3	4	7	11	8	2	17	4	0	0	0	99
11	10	10	11	8	22	13	8	23	34	17	21	22	14	25	18	57	21	1	1	0	379
3	3	3	5	2	7	6	7	4	7	15	5	10	4	15	13	51	28	11	3	0	218
0	1	0	0	3	1	5	3	1	4	3	4	8	1	3	7	40	35	12	13	0	148
0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	2	3	1	1	5	18	25	28	24	0	116
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4

Table 21 Marriages in 2007 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	5	23	104	117	144	182	267	443	702	1,062	1,467	1,981	2,168	2,094	1,908	1,700	1,347	1,071
16 & under	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	2	2	18	10	5	4	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
19	1	8	11	12	6	5	1	4	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
20	1	4	13	17	5	6	5	4	3	5	2	0	0	1	3	1	2	2
21	0	2	10	11	7	17	9	5	2	4	6	7	3	1	0	0	2	0
22	0	3	8	7	17	12	18	20	14	7	4	3	1	1	4	2	0	0
23	0	0	6	9	8	19	26	39	41	22	15	15	7	3	5	1	1	1
24	0	0	4	6	17	24	36	61	52	52	25	25	21	19	3	4	3	4
25	0	0	4	6	15	9	37	55	77	108	76	59	36	22	14	11	3	10
26	0	0	6	3	12	19	30	52	110	151	186	128	73	51	33	18	13	13
27	0	3	2	8	12	15	28	34	72	151	219	331	212	95	61	54	25	23
28	0	0	11	5	11	9	17	36	76	150	223	308	343	218	113	80	56	43
29	0	0	1	4	5	9	13	36	80	114	177	255	330	318	210	128	68	52
30	0	0	1	5	4	10	7	23	47	80	140	216	303	352	328	192	121	61
31	0	0	1	4	5	5	9	17	34	55	86	182	221	274	312	262	175	91
32	0	0	1	2	2	4	6	16	29	38	97	138	178	216	212	252	192	127
33	0	0	2	1	4	4	5	9	20	30	54	85	133	163	162	183	182	127
34	0	0	0	2	2	1	4	12	12	22	39	73	74	108	135	154	138	130
35	0	0	1	3	2	3	3	5	11	20	30	51	71	70	89	96	107	105
36	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	5	6	14	26	30	66	49	77	93	75	89
37	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	5	5	11	21	18	29	33	46	47	55	55
38	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	9	14	22	17	30	30	42	37	39
39	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	1	2	9	5	10	15	22	29	21	22	33
40	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	7	7	6	16	17	18	24	23
41	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	4	2	10	12	8	12	11	13
42	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	3	5	5	7	4	8	10	15
43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	4	4	4	4	9	10
44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	1	0	3	4	1
45	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	2	4	2	1
46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	2	1	2
47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	1
48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	0
49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	0
50-54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	0
55-59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
60-64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 & over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	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	Not stated	All ages
874	648	506	371	258	238	125	107	76	48	43	32	33	19	15	15	26	16	4	3	1	20,243
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	0	0	4
0	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	0	54
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89
1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	124
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	220
3	0	2	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	366
1	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	551
8	6	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	919
12	13	6	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,382
24	13	10	7	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,763
41	21	13	6	8	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,899
42	30	21	12	4	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2,007
60	42	25	14	10	7	2	4	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,901
76	52	35	19	12	14	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,724
81	65	35	21	5	4	4	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1,385
126	66	45	22	15	15	5	3	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1,210
116	52	41	37	19	23	7	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	970
76	63	50	27	18	11	3	6	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	798
45	65	49	39	24	14	10	7	3	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	590
44	38	56	39	22	22	8	8	4	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	492
30	33	34	33	22	24	10	6	2	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	377
27	26	21	22	27	17	15	9	4	2	3	1	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	306
17	13	18	15	16	21	10	11	7	3	2	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	215
14	18	12	12	13	8	13	12	9	8	2	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	191
7	9	7	13	5	7	6	6	8	3	5	6	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	125
4	9	7	5	8	9	6	7	4	3	8	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	94
3	2	6	4	4	7	5	4	3	1	1	0	5	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	65
5	2	3	5	4	0	3	5	5	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	61
2	1	2	3	1	3	1	3	2	2	1	0	1	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	37
3	2	0	2	4	3	2	1	2	1	4	4	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	40
0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	3	1	2	1	0	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	28
2	2	1	5	3	11	4	1	6	8	4	4	5	1	6	5	10	0	0	0	0	85
1	2	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	3	2	0	0	22
0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	1	0	13
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	2	0	11
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4

Table 22 Marriages registered in 2007 classified by age and previous marital status of groom

Age	Single Men	Widowers	Divorcees	Total
Total	21,095	175	1,486	22,756
Age of groom				
Under 20	105	0	0	105
20-24	899	1	2	902
25-29	6,598	3	16	6,617
30-34	8,425	8	95	8,528
35-39	3,426	13	266	3,705
40-44	1,073	14	339	1,426
45-49	332	18	258	608
50-54	139	30	210	379
55-59	46	18	154	218
60 and over	48	70	146	264
Not stated	4	0	0	4
Average age of groom	32.3	55.6	46.8	33.4

Table 23 Marriages registered in 2007 classified by age and previous marital status of bride

Age	Single women	Widows	Divorcees	Total
Total	21,319	154	1,283	22,756
Age of bride				
Under 20	252	0	0	252
20-24	1,777	1	6	1,784
25-29	8,924	3	48	8,975
30-34	7,202	9	168	7,379
35-39	2,257	22	304	2,583
40-44	560	23	282	865
45-49	200	14	236	450
50-54	84	20	138	242
55-59	40	16	73	129
60 and over	22	46	28	96
Not stated	1	0	0	1
Average age of bride	30.5	51.6	42.7	31.3

Background Notes

Source These statistics have been compiled from the marriage registration forms of all marriages registered in the Republic of Ireland in 2007.

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 2007 (and hence included in these statistics) occurred in years before 2007.

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 2007 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. 2007 population is 4,339.0 thousands.
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

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

Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region

Dublin	Dublin Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
Mid-East	Kildare Meath Wicklow
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