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## Marriages

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## Marriages

### Title

Marriages

### Concepts

#### Marriage

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#### Marriage (registered)

Before 19 August 2013 a marriage involved the act, ceremony, or process by which the legal relationship of husband and wife was constituted.

From 19 August 2013 a marriage involves the act, ceremony, or process by which the legal relationship of two people, regardless of their sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity, is constituted.

In New Zealand, marriage may be solemnised either by a celebrant or before a registrar of marriages. A licence must be obtained from a registrar before a marriage by a celebrant can be solemnised, and notice must be given by one of the parties to a registrar.

#### Age-specific

A measure relating to an age group. Age-specific rates are commonly calculated for fertility, mortality, marriage, marriage dissolution and abortion.

#### De facto Relationship

Two people usually living in the same dwelling, but not in a registered marriage to each other, who:

- share a mutual concern for each other;
-

have a degree of economic, social, and emotional interdependence; and

- 

consider their relationship to be akin to marriage.

#### Marital Status

A person's status with respect to the marriage laws or customs of the country.

*Legal* marital status is a person's status with respect to registered marriage.

*Social* marital status is a person's status with respect to consensual union (partnered or unpartnered).

#### Marriage Rate (Crude)

Marriages and civil unions per 1,000 mean estimated population (transfers to and from marriage or civil union are excluded).

#### Marriage Rate (General)

Marriages and civil unions per 1,000 mean estimated population aged 16 years and over who are not-married or in a civil union (transfers to and from marriage or civil union are excluded).

#### Marriage Rate (Crude) before 2005

The number of marriages per 1,000 estimated mean population.

#### Marriage Rate (General) before 2005

The number of marriages per 1,000 estimated mean not-married population aged 16 years and over.

#### Median Age

Half the population is younger, and half older, than this age.

#### Occupation

A set of jobs which involve the performance of a common set of tasks.

#### First marriages

Marriages or civil unions where neither partner has been previously married or in a civil union.

#### Partner two

The person whose details are entered in the right hand column of the marriage or civil union license application form. For opposite-sex marriages this is usually the bridegroom.

### Remarriage

Marriages or civil unions where one or both partners have been previously married or in a civil union with a different partner. Remarriages do not include transfers to and from marriage or civil union. Transfers are included in total marriages and civil unions.

### Relationship Type

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### Relationship Type - Relationship Type

Relationship Type

Opposite-sex couple, male couple or female couple

### Civil Union

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### Civil Union (registered)

The act, ceremony or process by which the legal relationship of two people is constituted. A civil union may be entered into by couples of the same sex or by couples of different sexes. In New Zealand, a civil union may be solemnised either by a civil union celebrant or before a registrar of civil unions. A licence must be obtained from a registrar before a civil union can be solemnised, and notice must be given by one of the parties to a registrar.

### Same-sex Partners

Two people of the same sex who are in a consensual union.

Universes

### Marriage Population

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### Marriage Population

All registered marriages in New Zealand.

## Category Lists

 AGEGPS - Age - 5 Year Groupings (released)

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 LRRS08\_VITMAR - Legally registered relationship status - Alternate Version VITALS (Marriages) (released)

Legally registered relationship status - Alternate Version VITALS (Marriages) (released)

 UA13 - Urban Area 2013 (released)

Urban Area 2013 (released)

## Variables

 Marriage 1998-2012 (Published) - Marriage 1998 - 2012 (Published)

Marriage 1998 - 2012 (Published)

- [Period](#)
- [Date of Marriage](#)
- [Groom's Age](#)
- [Marital Status of Bridegroom](#)
- [Groom's Birth Place](#)
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- [Bride's Birth Place](#)
- [Residence of Groom](#)

 Period

Type	Unknown
Description	Year and month of registration

 Date of Marriage

Type	Unknown
Description	Day, month and year

 Groom's Age

Type	Unknown
Description	Age of bridegroom

 Marital Status of Bridegroom

Type	Unknown
Description	Marital status of bridegroom at marriage

 Groom's Birth Place

Type	Unknown
Description	Country of birth of bridegroom

 Bride's Age

Type	Unknown
Description	Age of bride

 Marital Status of Bride

Type	Unknown
Description	Marital status of bride at marriage

 Bride's Birth Place

Type	Unknown
Description	Country of birth of bride

 Residence of Groom

Type	Unknown
Description	Territorial Authority where bridegroom usually lives


 Historical Marriage (Published)

The following variables were available until 1997.

- [Occupation of Bridegroom](#)
- [Duration of Widowhood/Divorce Bridegroom](#)
- [Occupation of Bride](#)
- [Duration of Widowhood/Divorce Bride](#)
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- [Denomination](#)

 Occupation of Bridegroom

Type	Unknown
Description	Occupation of bridegroom

 Duration of Widowhood/Divorce Bridegroom

Type	Unknown
Description	If bridegroom was divorced/widowed, length of time widowed/divorced



 Occupation of Bride

Type	Unknown
Description	Occupation of bride

 Duration of Widowhood/Divorce Bride

Type	Unknown
Description	If bride was divorced/widowed, length of time widowed/divorced

 De facto Relationship

Type	Unknown
Description	Only available for 1989-97

 Denomination

Type	Unknown
Description	Denomination of the celebrant. Only available for 1980-85

 Marriage from 2013 (Published)

- [Period](#)
- [Date of Marriage](#)
- [Age](#)
- [sex](#)
- [Marital Status](#)
- [Birth Place](#)
- [Type](#)
- [Residence of Partner 2](#)

 Period

Type	Unknown
Description	Year and month of registration

 Date of Marriage

Type	Unknown
Description	Day, month and year

 Age

Type	Unknown
Description	Age of partner

 sex

Type	Unknown
Description	Sex of partner

### Marital Status

Type	Unknown
Description	Marital status of partner at marriage

### Birth Place

Type	Unknown
Description	Country of birth

### Type

Type	Unknown
Description	Indicates same sex or opposite sex couple

### Residence of Partner 2

Type	Unknown
Description	Meshblock of where partner 2 usually lives

## Data Collections

### Marriages

#### Methodology

Under the provisions of the Marriage Act 1955, a couple wishing to marry in New Zealand must complete a Notice of Intended Marriage (BDM60) at least three days before the marriage.

The BDM60 (or marriage licence) includes a statutory declaration which must be made in the presence of a Registrar of Marriages. The marriage must take place within 3 months of the licence being issued. The details from the BDM60 are transferred to two copies of the form BDM45 (Copy of Particulars of Marriage). Both copies of the BDM45 are signed by the parties at the wedding. The BDM45 confirms the details and legal validity of the marriage. Within ten days of the ceremony the celebrant must send one copy back to the Registrar who prepared it, the other copy is given to the couple as a record of their marriage. The BDM45s are marked against the BDM60s then forwarded to Births, Deaths and Marriages (a division of the Department of Internal Affairs) in Wellington where the marriage is registered.

Marriage data are derived from information provided on the BDM60 and BDM45. Statistics New Zealand receives a monthly electronic file of marriage registrations from Births, Deaths and Marriages. Statistics NZ is responsible for processing and publishing marriage statistics derived from the marriage registrations. Marriage data are published annually and unless otherwise stated refer to marriages by date of registration not date of marriage.

If sex is not stated or is indeterminate, sex is imputed, however the original response is retained.

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