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## PREFACE

The Singapore Department of Statistics initiated the collection of divorce statistics in 1981 and of educational qualification of marriage partners in 1984. The marriage and divorce statistics provide important inputs for formulating population and related policies.

This report, ***Statistics on Marriages and Divorces, 2016***, is the thirty-third in a regular series of publications. There are two parts in this report. Part 1 analyses the marriage trends and characteristics of grooms and brides. Part 2 highlights the nature of divorces and characteristics of divorcees. Relevant statistical tables and charts are included.

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### Notation

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## KEY INDICATORS ON MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES, 2011 – 2016

| <b>Total Marriages &amp; Divorces</b>                             | <b>2011</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>2013</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of Marriages                                               | 27,258      | 27,936      | 26,254      | 28,407      | 28,322      | 27,971      |
| Number of Divorces & Annulments                                   | 7,604       | 7,237       | 7,525       | 7,307       | 7,522       | 7,614       |
| General Marriage Rate                                             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Males (Per 1,000 unmarried resident males aged 15-49 years)       | 43.5        | 43.8        | 40.5        | 44.4        | 44.2        | 44.4        |
| Females (Per 1,000 unmarried resident females aged 15-49 years)   | 39.2        | 39.4        | 36.9        | 40.8        | 41.1        | 41.6        |
| General Divorce Rate                                              |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Males (Per 1,000 married resident males aged 20 years & over)     | 7.6         | 7.1         | 7.3         | 7.0         | 7.1         | 7.1         |
| Females (Per 1,000 married resident females aged 20 years & over) | 7.2         | 6.7         | 6.9         | 6.5         | 6.6         | 6.6         |
| Crude Marriage Rate (Per 1,000 resident population)               | 6.7         | 6.7         | 6.3         | 6.8         | 6.7         | 6.6         |
| Crude Divorce Rate (Per 1,000 resident population)                | 2.0         | 1.9         | 1.9         | 1.9         | 1.9         | 1.9         |
| Median Age at First Marriage (Years)                              |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Grooms                                                            | 30.1        | 30.1        | 30.2        | 30.2        | 30.3        | 30.3        |
| Brides                                                            | 28.0        | 28.0        | 28.1        | 28.2        | 28.2        | 28.3        |
| Median Age at Divorce (Years)                                     |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Male Divorcees                                                    | 41.3        | 41.6        | 42.4        | 42.6        | 42.9        | 42.8        |
| Female Divorcees                                                  | 37.7        | 38.0        | 38.2        | 38.4        | 38.8        | 38.5        |
| Median Duration of Marriage for Divorces (Years)                  | 10.5        | 10.3        | 10.4        | 10.4        | 10.0        | 10.0        |

|                                                  | <b>Women's Charter</b> |             |             | <b>Administration of Muslim Law Act</b> |             |             |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Marriages</b>                                 | <b>2014</b>            | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>2014</b>                             | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> |
| Number of Marriages                              | 22,863                 | 22,544      | 22,017      | 5,544                                   | 5,778       | 5,954       |
| Proportion of Inter-ethnic Marriages (%)         | 17.0                   | 18.4        | 18.2        | 34.3                                    | 33.8        | 33.9        |
| Proportion of First Marriages (%)                | 76.9                   | 77.8        | 77.8        | 71.8                                    | 70.9        | 71.2        |
| Median Age at First Marriage (Years)             |                        |             |             |                                         |             |             |
| Grooms                                           | 30.7                   | 30.8        | 30.8        | 28.3                                    | 28.1        | 28.2        |
| Brides                                           | 28.6                   | 28.6        | 28.7        | 26.3                                    | 26.4        | 26.5        |
| Marriages of Minors                              |                        |             |             |                                         |             |             |
| Proportion of Grooms Aged below 21 Years (%)     | 0.3                    | 0.2         | 0.3         | 1.3                                     | 1.5         | 1.0         |
| Proportion of Brides Aged below 21 Years (%)     | 1.2                    | 1.1         | 0.9         | 4.0                                     | 4.2         | 3.1         |
| <b>Divorces &amp; Annulments</b>                 |                        |             |             |                                         |             |             |
| Number of Divorces                               | 5,172                  | 5,450       | 5,505       | 1,689                                   | 1,667       | 1,702       |
| Number of Annulments                             | 446                    | 405         | 407         | na                                      | na          | na          |
| Proportion of Inter-ethnic Divorces (%)          | 13.6                   | 14.8        | 15.6        | 20.4                                    | 23.5        | 24.0        |
| Median Age at Divorce (Years)                    |                        |             |             |                                         |             |             |
| Male Divorcees                                   | 42.9                   | 43.2        | 43.3        | 41.4                                    | 41.2        | 40.7        |
| Female Divorcees                                 | 38.5                   | 39.0        | 38.8        | 38.1                                    | 37.6        | 37.4        |
| Median Duration of Marriage for Divorces (Years) | 10.5                   | 10.3        | 10.3        | 9.8                                     | 9.1         | 8.7         |
| Proportion of Female Plaintiffs (%)              | 62.9                   | 61.6        | 62.4        | 71.4                                    | 69.1        | 69.6        |

Note: Longer time series for the indicators can be downloaded [here](#).





# **Part 1**

## **Marriage Trends**

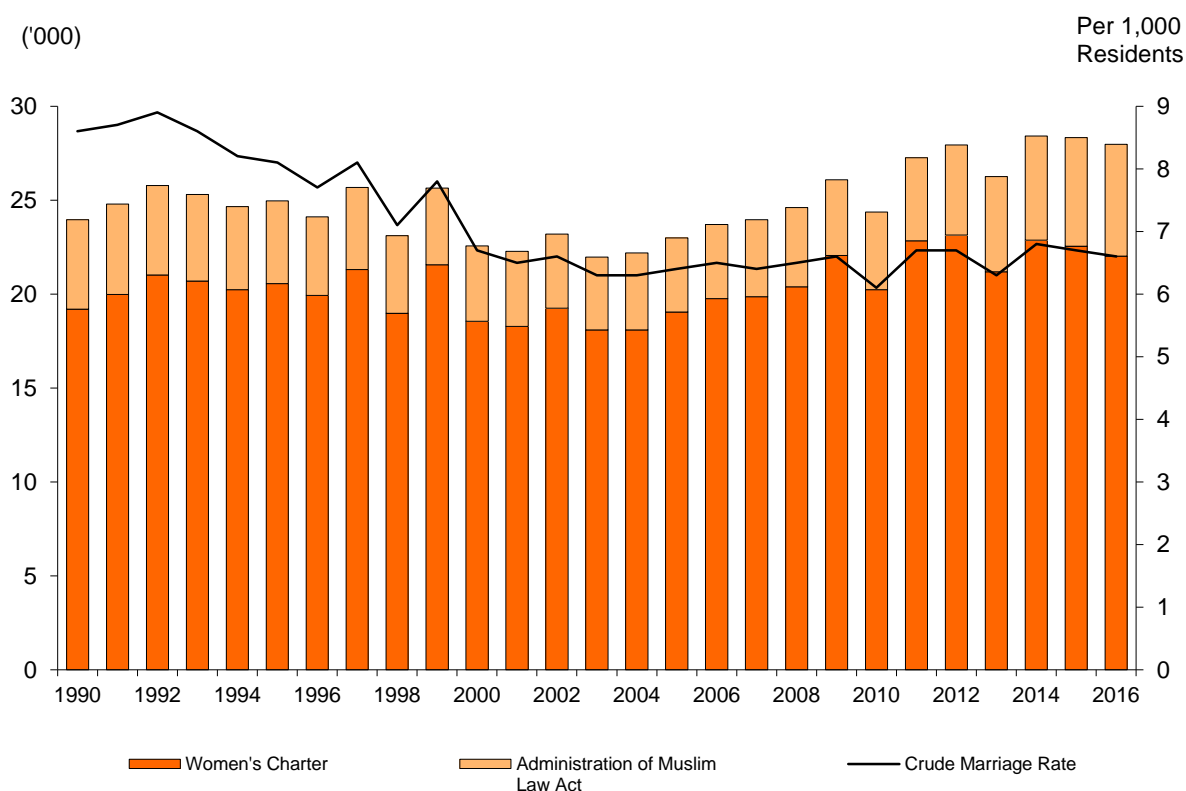


## PART 1 MARRIAGE TRENDS

### Number of Marriages Registered

A total of 27,971 civil and Muslim marriages<sup>1</sup> were registered in 2016, 1.2 per cent lower than the 28,322 marriages registered in the year before (Chart 1.1). The overall decline was a result of fewer civil marriages, which fell from 22,544 in 2015 to 22,017 in 2016, and more than offset the rise in Muslim marriages from 5,778 to 5,954 over the same period.

Chart 1.1 Marriages Registered



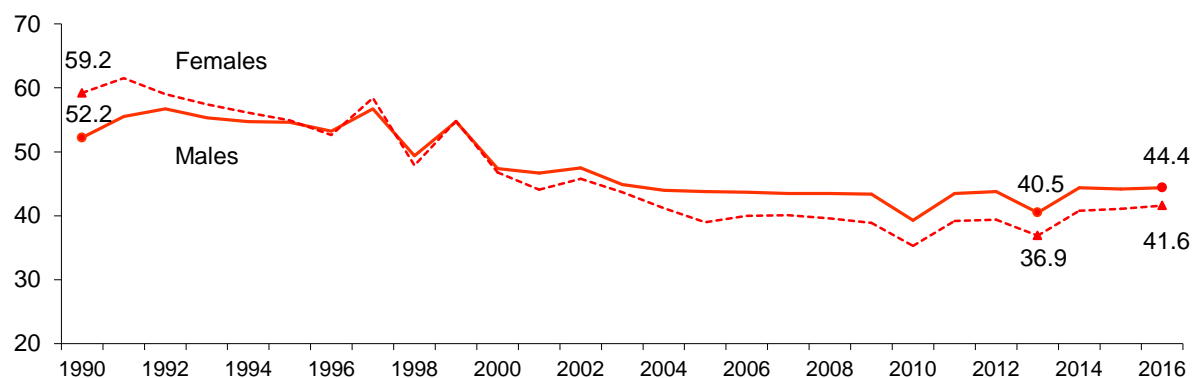
<sup>1</sup> Civil marriages refer to marriages registered under the Women's Charter while Muslim marriages refer to marriages registered under the Administration of Muslim Law Act. The analysis on marriages excludes re-registered marriages (i.e. civil marriages which were contracted overseas or under religious & customary rites and were subsequently registered in Singapore in the reference year). In 2016, there were 147 re-registered marriages.

## General Marriage Rate

The general marriage rate remained relatively stable since 2014. For males, the rate was 44.4 marriages per thousand unmarried males aged 15-49 years in 2016, up from the last trough of 40.5 marriages in 2013 (Chart 1.2). Similarly for females, the 2016 rate was 41.6 marriages per thousand unmarried females aged 15-49 years as compared to 36.9 marriages in 2013.

Chart 1.2 General Marriage Rate

Per 1,000 Unmarried Resident  
Males/Females Aged 15-49 Years

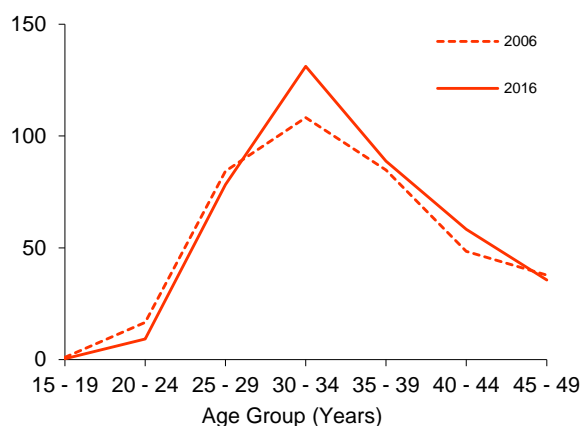


## Age-Specific Marriage Rate

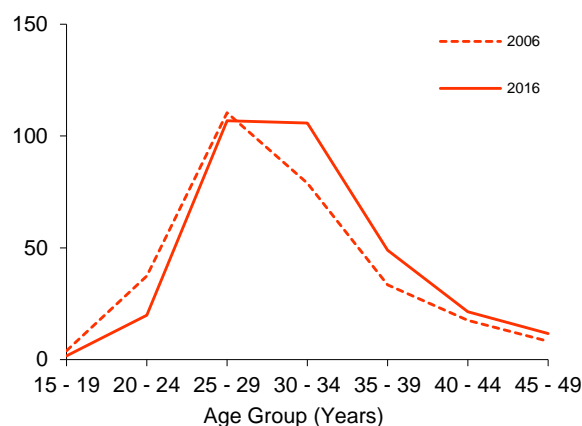
Over the last decade, while marriage rates for the younger age groups below 30 years fell, those aged 30 years and over generally registered higher marriage rates (Chart 1.3). The largest increase was observed for the 30-34 years age group, which was also the peak age group for marrying for males. For females, marriage rates were the highest among those aged 25-29 years and 30-34 years in 2016.

Chart 1.3 Age-Sex-Specific Marriage Rate

Per 1,000  
Unmarried Resident Males



Per 1,000  
Unmarried Resident Females

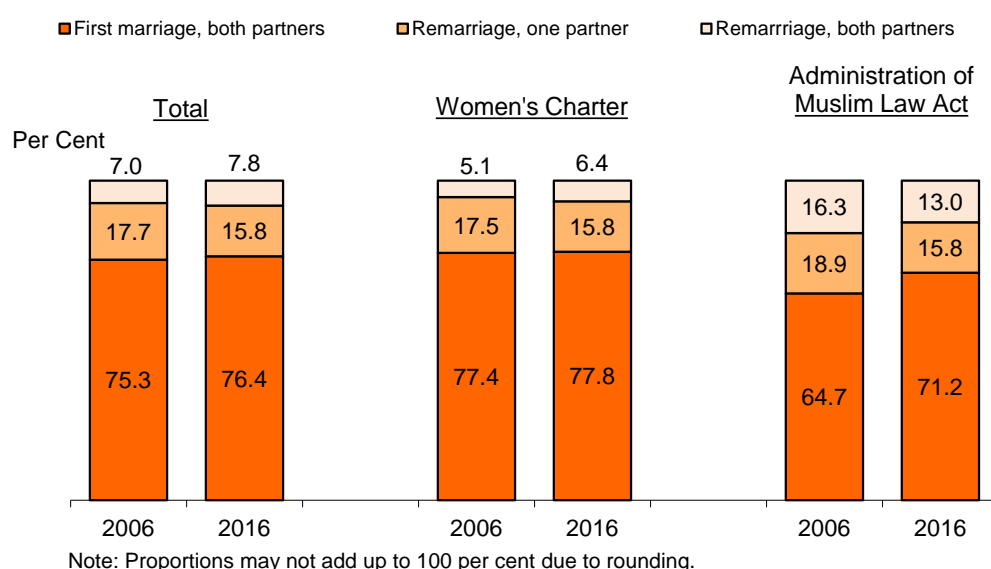


## Marriages by Marriage Order

First marriages for the couple (i.e. where neither party had previously been married) accounted for slightly more than three-quarters of all marriages in 2016 (Chart 1.4). Remarriages for either one or both partners made up the remaining quarter, at 15.8 per cent and 7.8 per cent respectively.

While remarriages were more common among Muslim marriages than civil marriages, the proportion of remarriages among Muslim marriages continued to decline, from 35.3 per cent in 2006 to 28.8 per cent in 2016.

Chart 1.4 Marriages by Marriage Order of Couple



Remarriages were also more prevalent among grooms than brides. In 2016, 16.6 per cent of the grooms were remarrying (15.6 per cent were previously divorced, and 1.0 per cent previously widowed). The proportion of remarriages for brides was lower at 14.8 per cent (14.0 per cent previously divorced and 0.8 per cent previously widowed) (Table 1.1).

Table 1.1 Marriages by Previous Marital Status of Grooms and Brides

| Previous Marital Status | Per Cent |        |                 |        |                                  |        |
|-------------------------|----------|--------|-----------------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|
|                         | Total    |        | Women's Charter |        | Administration of Muslim Law Act |        |
|                         | Grooms   | Brides | Grooms          | Brides | Grooms                           | Brides |
| 2006                    | 100.0    | 100.0  | 100.0           | 100.0  | 100.0                            | 100.0  |
| Single                  | 83.4     | 84.9   | 85.2            | 87.1   | 74.4                             | 74.0   |
| Divorced                | 15.2     | 14.1   | 13.6            | 12.1   | 23.1                             | 23.9   |
| Widowed                 | 1.4      | 1.0    | 1.2             | 0.8    | 2.3                              | 2.2    |
| Married                 | 0.0      | na     | na              | na     | 0.3                              | na     |
| 2016                    | 100.0    | 100.0  | 100.0           | 100.0  | 100.0                            | 100.0  |
| Single                  | 83.4     | 85.2   | 84.3            | 87.1   | 80.0                             | 78.2   |
| Divorced                | 15.6     | 14.0   | 14.9            | 12.3   | 18.0                             | 20.1   |
| Widowed                 | 1.0      | 0.8    | 0.8             | 0.6    | 1.6                              | 1.7    |
| Married                 | 0.1      | na     | na              | na     | 0.3                              | na     |

Notes: 1) Previous marital status refers to a person's marital status prior to the current marriage.

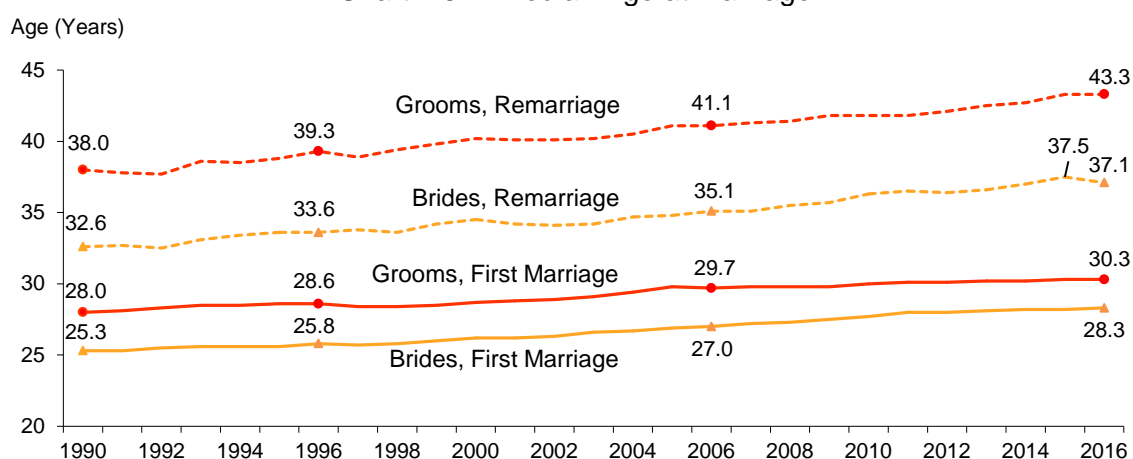
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## Median Age at Marriage

As more people marry later over the last ten years, the median age at first marriage for grooms edged up from 29.7 years in 2006 to 30.3 years in 2016 (Chart 1.5). For brides, it rose at a faster pace from 27.0 years to 28.3 years over the same period, resulting in a smaller gender age gap.

There was also an uptrend in the median age at remarriage. The median age of grooms who were remarrying went up from 41.1 years in 2006 to 43.3 years in 2016. For brides, it rose from 35.1 years to 37.5 years in 2015, before it dipped slightly to 37.1 years in 2016.

Chart 1.5 Median Age at Marriage

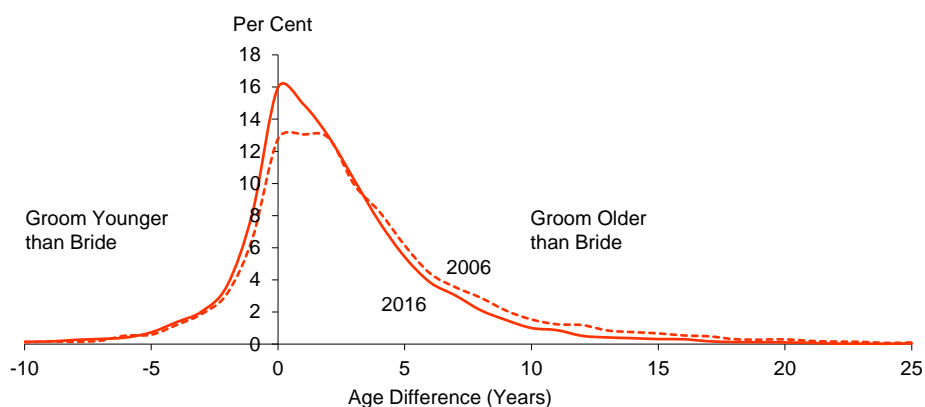


## Age Differential at First Marriage

In 2016, 39.1 per cent of couples in their first marriage were either of the same age or aged one year apart, up from the 32.5 per cent in 2006 (Chart 1.6). The proportion who were aged at least five years apart decreased from 30.3 per cent in 2006 to 23.0 per cent in 2016.

The majority of first marriages for couples had grooms older than brides, although this fell to 66.4 per cent in 2016 from 72.3 per cent in 2006.

Chart 1.6 Age Differential at First Marriage for Couples

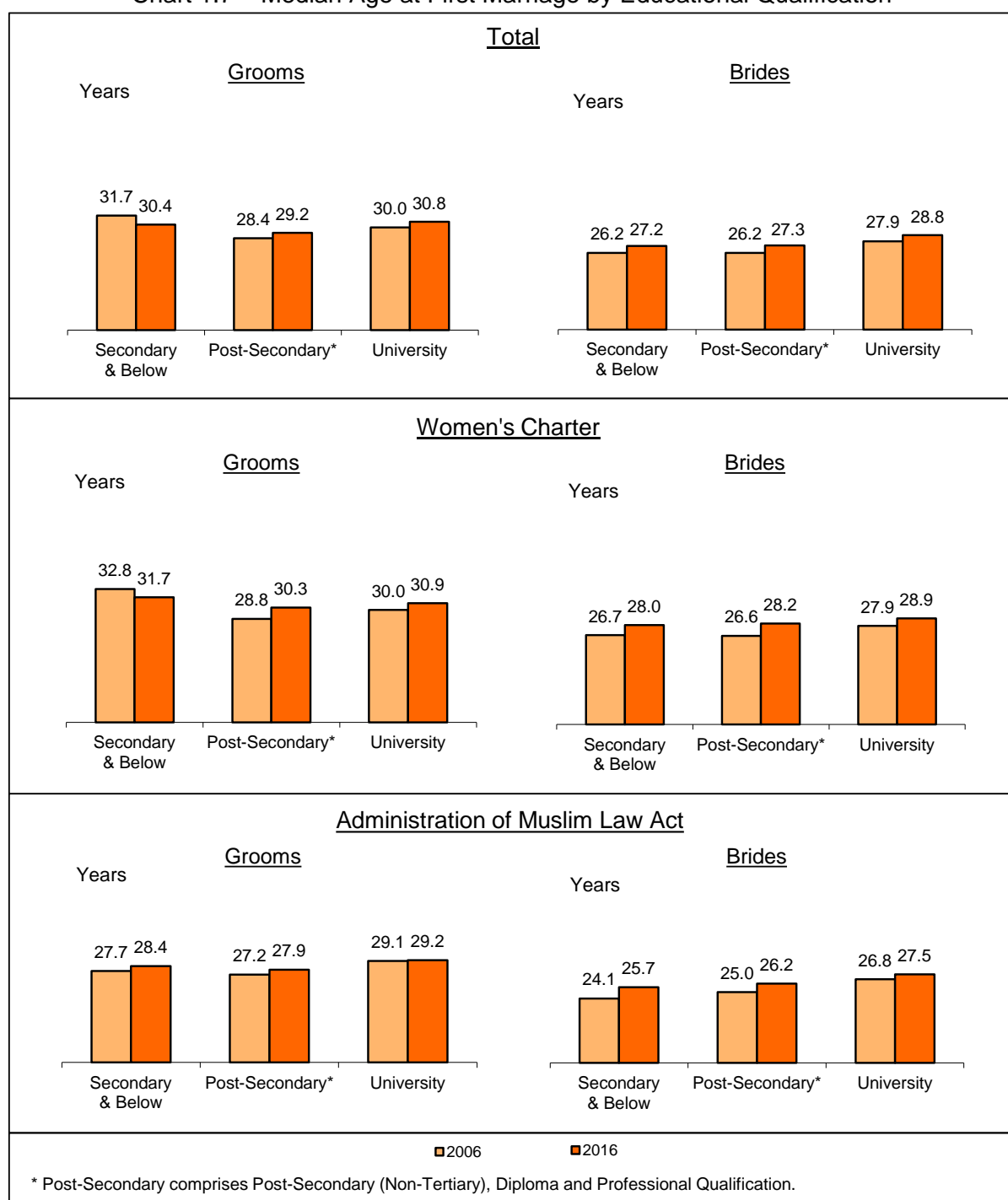




## Median Age at First Marriage by Educational Qualification

Regardless of educational group, the median age at first marriage in 2016 was generally higher than 2006 for both grooms and brides (Chart 1.7). The only exception was for grooms of civil marriages with secondary and below qualification.

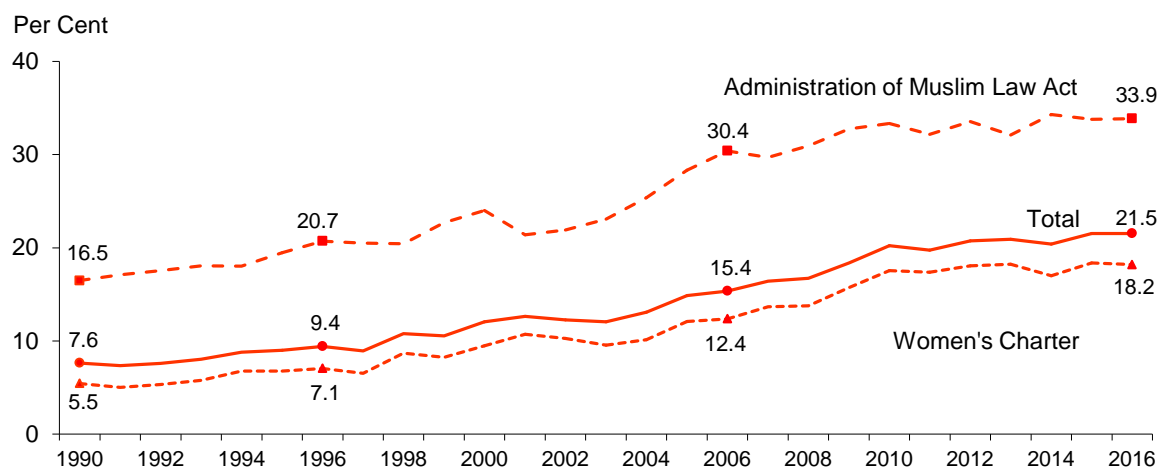
Chart 1.7 Median Age at First Marriage by Educational Qualification



## Inter-ethnic Marriages











The share of inter-ethnic marriages has increased over the years. In 2016, 21.5 per cent of total marriages were inter-ethnic, up nearly threefold from 7.6 per cent in 1990 (Chart 1.8). Inter-ethnic marriages continued to be more prevalent among Muslim marriages (33.9 per cent) than among civil marriages (18.2 per cent) in 2016.

Chart 1.8 Proportion of Inter-ethnic Marriages



Marriages between Chinese grooms and brides of “Others” ethnic group accounted for 48.6 per cent of the 4,007 inter-ethnic civil marriages in 2016 (Table 1.2). As for the 2,017 inter-ethnic Muslim marriages, the largest shares were for Malay grooms or Malay brides with their spouses of “Others” ethnic group, which accounted for 29.4 per cent and 22.5 per cent respectively.

Table 1.2 Top 5 Ethnic Group Combinations among Inter-ethnic Marriages, 2016

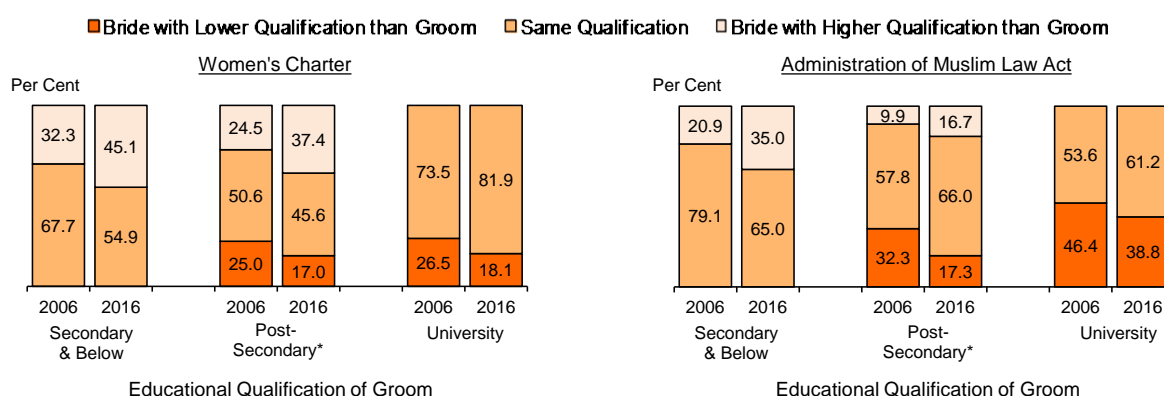
| Women's Charter       |                                                                                              |          | Administration of Muslim Law Act |                                                                                                |          |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Ethnic Group of Groom | Ethnic Group of Bride                                                                        | Per Cent | Ethnic Group of Groom            | Ethnic Group of Bride                                                                          | Per Cent |
| Chinese               |  “Others” | 48.6     | Malays                           |  “Others” | 29.4     |
| Caucasians            |  Chinese  | 12.8     | “Others”                         |  Malays   | 22.5     |
| “Others”              |  Chinese  | 7.9      | Indians                          |  Malays   | 11.6     |
| Caucasians            |  “Others” | 7.1      | Malays                           |  Indians  | 7.7      |
| Indians               |  Chinese  | 5.3      | Malays                           |  Chinese  | 5.8      |

Note: “Others” refers to all ethnic groups excluding Chinese, Malays, Indians, Eurasians and Caucasians.

## Educational Differential at Marriage

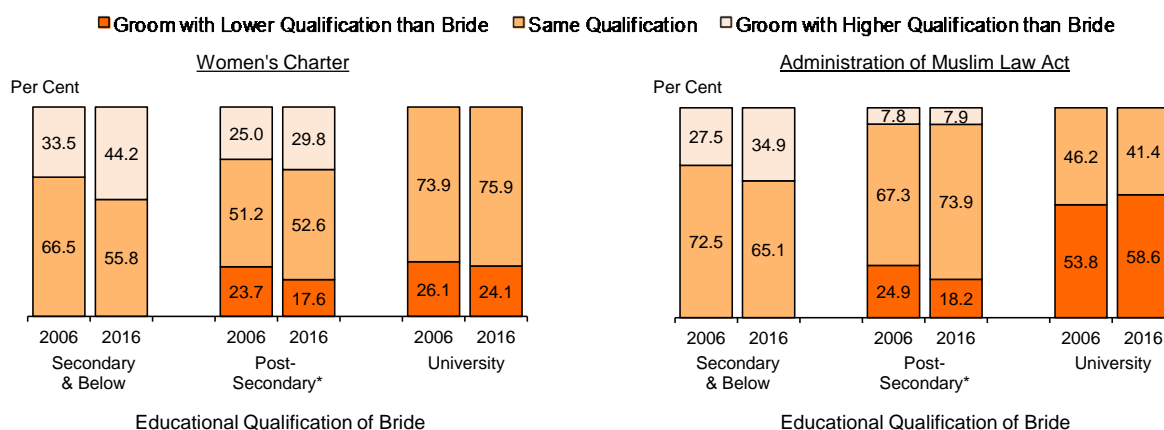
The proportion of grooms marrying brides with either the same or higher educational qualification rose over the past decade. In particular, the proportion of university educated grooms marrying brides with the same qualification increased from 73.5 per cent in 2006 to 81.9 per cent in 2016 for grooms in civil marriages, and from 53.6 per cent to 61.2 per cent for grooms in Muslim marriages (Chart 1.9).

Chart 1.9 Marriages by Educational Qualification of Grooms and Educational Differential of Brides



As for brides in civil marriages, more than three-quarters of those with university degrees married grooms with the same qualification in 2016, marginally higher than a decade ago (Chart 1.10). In contrast, the corresponding proportion of university educated Muslim brides who married a spouse with the same qualification fell from 46.2 per cent to 41.4 per cent over the same period.

Chart 1.10 Marriages by Educational Qualification of Brides and Educational Differential of Grooms



## Marriages of Minors

Civil marriages involving grooms and brides aged below 21 years (i.e. minors) remained uncommon. In 2016, 0.3 per cent of grooms and 0.9 per cent of brides marrying under the Women's Charter were below 21 years of age (Table 1.3). For Muslims, the corresponding proportions were also low at 1.0 per cent for grooms and 3.1 per cent for brides in 2016, a prominent decline from 3.0 per cent and 10.7 per cent respectively in 2006.

Table 1.3 Marriages of Minors Aged Below 21 Years

| Age (Years)                            | Women's Charter |      | Administration of Muslim Law Act |      |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|------|----------------------------------|------|
|                                        | 2006            | 2016 | 2006                             | 2016 |
| Grooms                                 |                 |      |                                  |      |
| Total (Number)                         | 112             | 60   | 118                              | 58   |
| Below 18                               | 8               | 4    | 11                               | -    |
| 18 – 20                                | 104             | 56   | 107                              | 58   |
| % Aged below 21 years among All Grooms | 0.6             | 0.3  | 3.0                              | 1.0  |
| Brides                                 |                 |      |                                  |      |
| Total (Number)                         | 591             | 206  | 423                              | 187  |
| Below 18                               | 20              | 9    | 76                               | 15   |
| 18 – 20                                | 571             | 197  | 347                              | 172  |
| % Aged below 21 years among All Brides | 3.0             | 0.9  | 10.7                             | 3.1  |

## **Part 2**

# **Divorce and Annulment Trends**



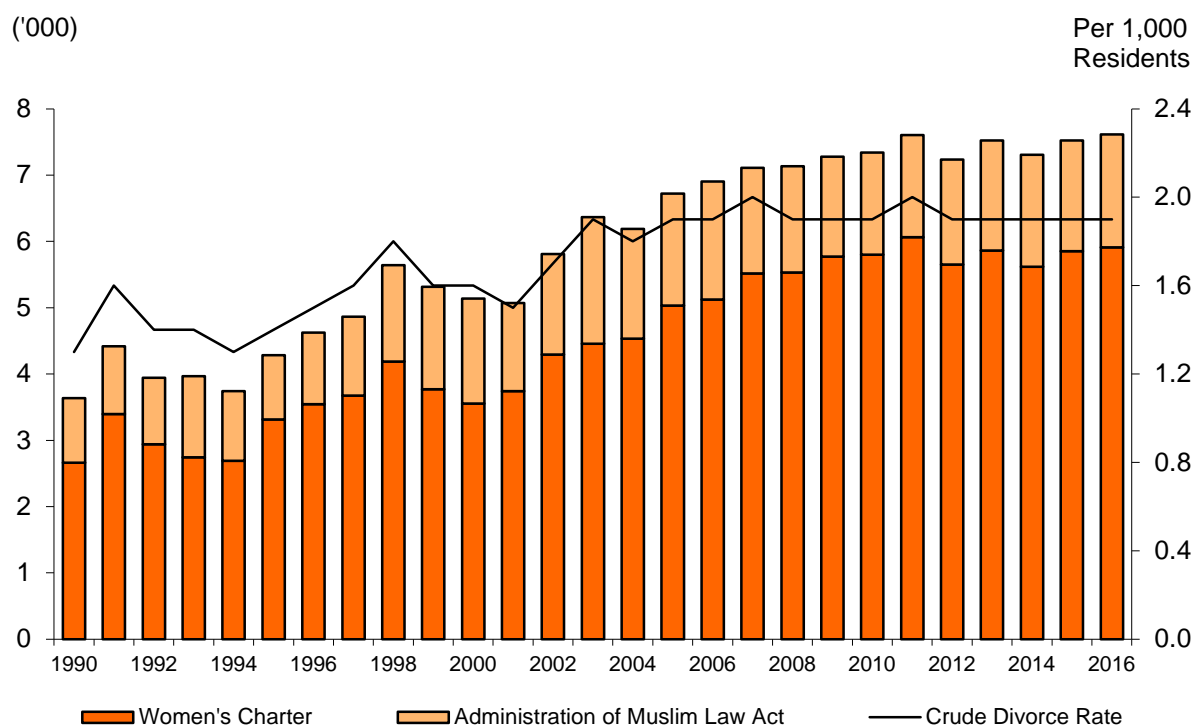


## PART 2 DIVORCE AND ANNULMENT TRENDS

### Number of Marital Dissolutions

A total of 7,614 marriages ended in a divorce or an annulment in 2016, up 1.2 per cent from the 7,522 marital dissolutions in the previous year (Chart 2.1). Civil marital dissolutions rose from 5,855 in 2015 to 5,912 in 2016. Similarly, Muslim divorces also grew from 1,667 to 1,702 over the same period.

Chart 2.1 Marital Dissolutions

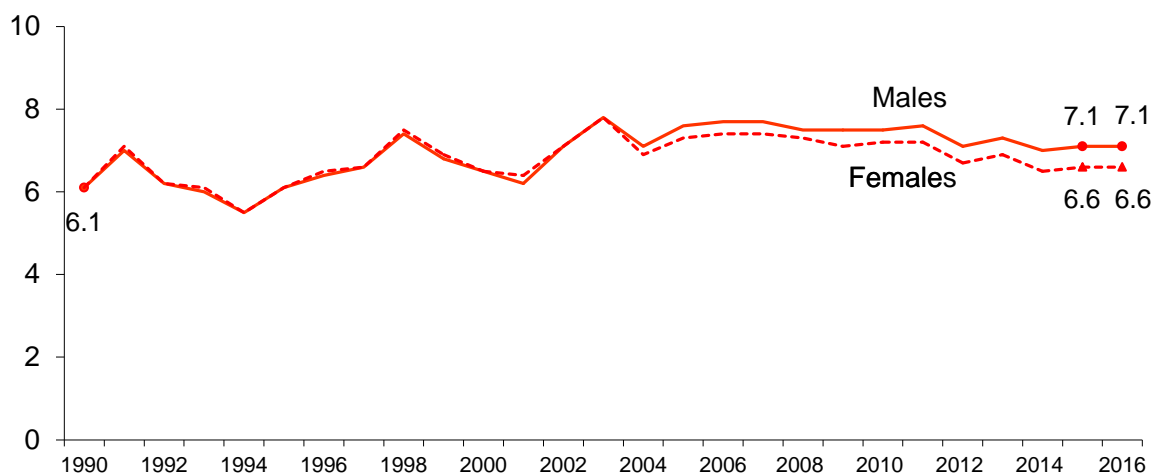


## General Divorce Rate

The general divorce rate in 2016 was unchanged from 2015. There were 7.1 male divorcees for every thousand married resident males aged 20 years and over (Chart 2.2). The corresponding rate for females was 6.6.

Chart 2.2 General Divorce Rate

Per 1,000 Married Resident  
Males/Females Aged 20 Years & Over

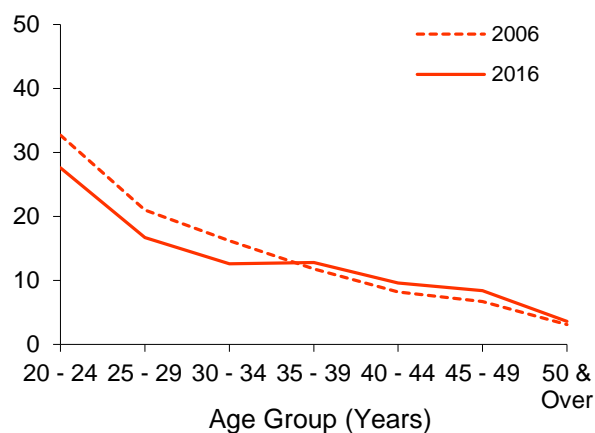


## Age-Specific Divorce Rate

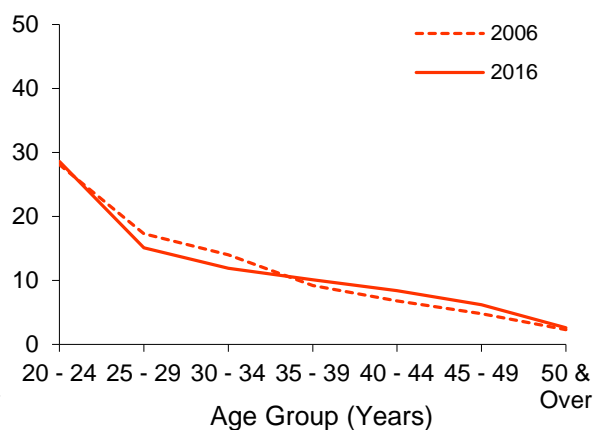
Divorce rates tended to be higher among younger married persons than their older counterparts (Chart 2.3). Nonetheless, the differences narrowed over the last decade as divorce rates generally dropped for younger married residents aged below 35 years, while the rates rose for those aged 35 years and over.

Chart 2.3 Age-Sex-Specific Divorce Rates

Per 1,000  
Married Resident Males



Per 1,000  
Married Resident Females

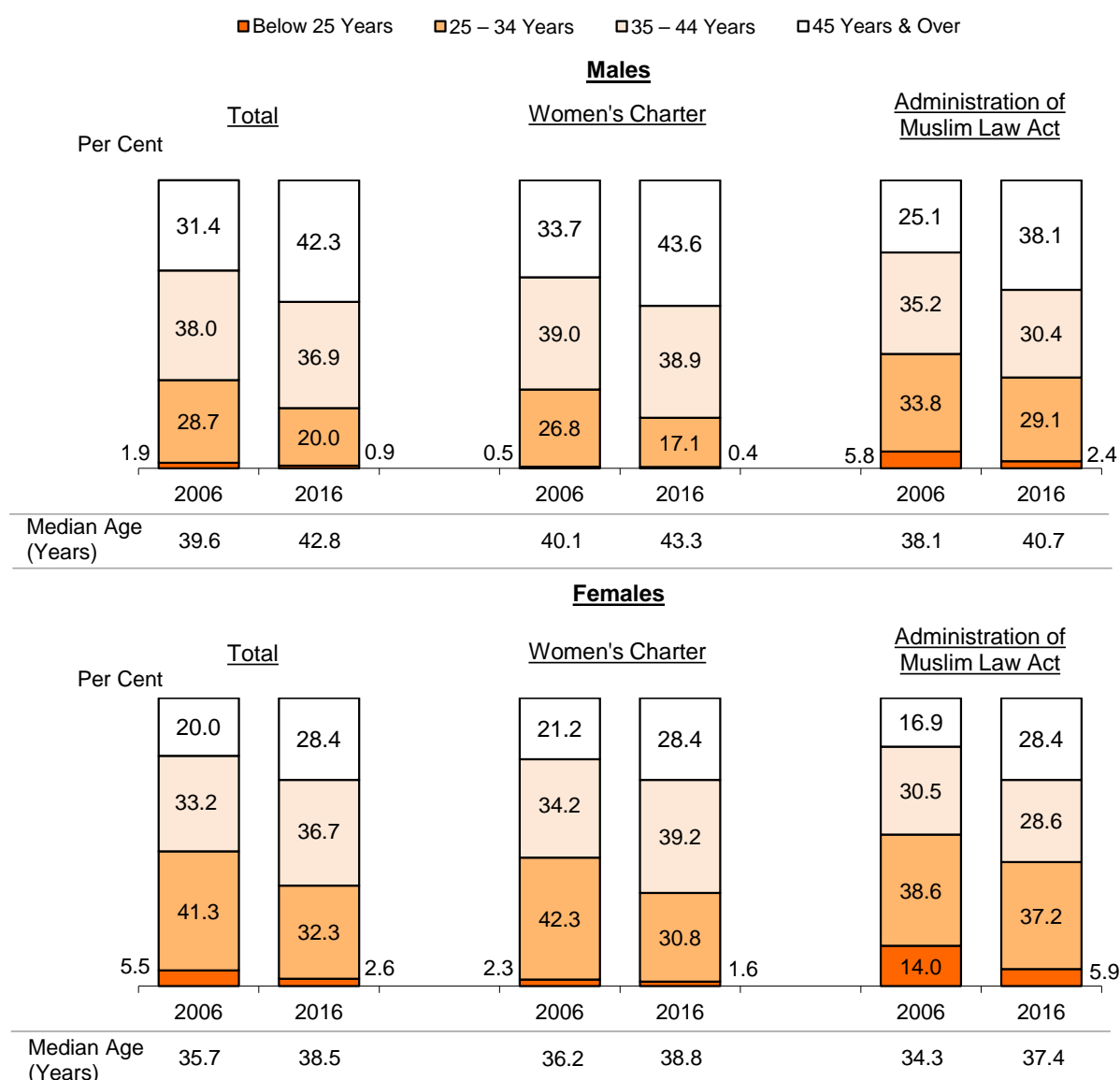


## Age at Divorce

In tandem with the ageing population and higher divorce rates for the older population, there was a prominent shift in the age profile of divorcees towards the older age groups over the last decade (Chart 2.4). The proportion of divorcees aged 45 years & over rose from 31.4 per cent in 2006 to 42.3 per cent in 2016 for males, and from 20.0 per cent to 28.4 per cent for females.

As a result, the median age at divorce rose in the last ten years. The median ages for male and female divorcees increased to 42.8 years and 38.5 years respectively in 2016, from 39.6 years and 35.7 years in 2006.

Chart 2.4 Divorces by Age Group and Sex



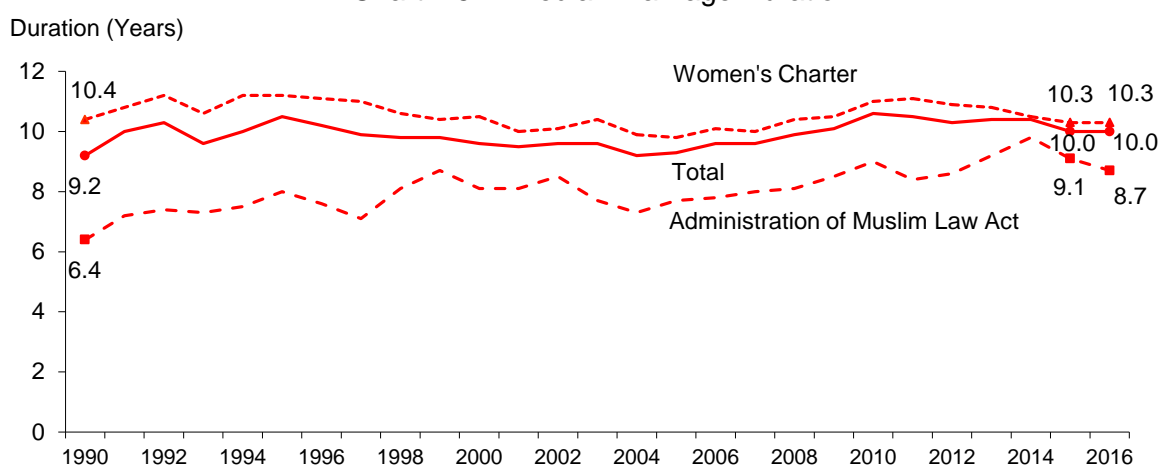
Notes: 1) Data exclude annulments.

2) Proportions may not add up to 100 per cent due to rounding.

## Median Marriage Duration

The median marriage duration for divorces in 2016 was 10.0 years, unchanged from 2015 (Chart 2.5). Marriage duration was generally shorter for Muslim divorces than civil divorces. In 2016, the median marriage duration was 10.3 years for civil divorces and 8.7 years for Muslim divorces.

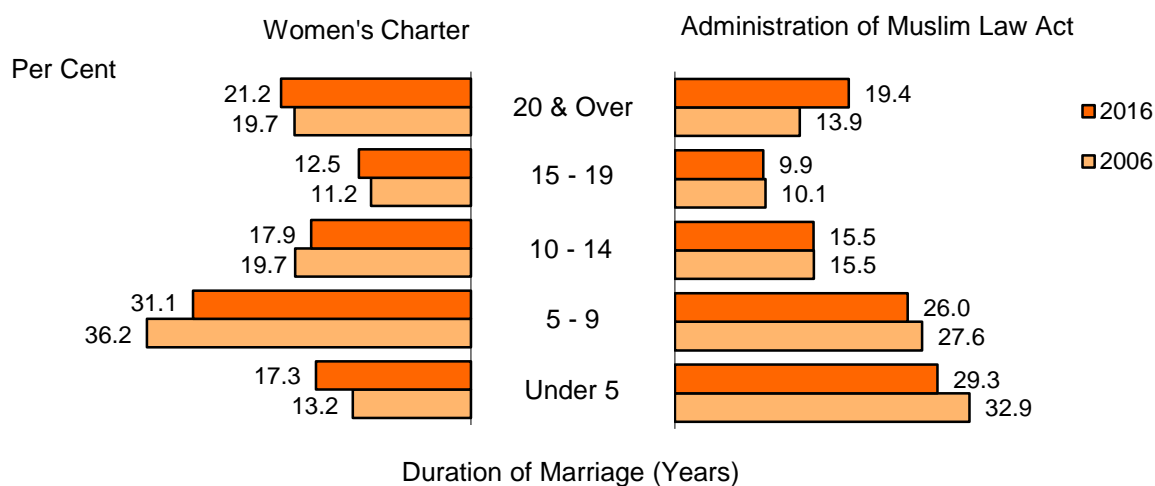
Chart 2.5 Median Marriage Duration



Note: Data exclude annulments.

Couples who were married for 5-9 years accounted for the largest share (31.1 per cent) of civil divorces in 2016 (Chart 2.6), followed by those who were married for 20 years or longer (21.2 per cent). In contrast, among Muslim divorces in 2016, couples who were married for less than 5 years formed the largest share (29.3 per cent), followed by those who were married for 5-9 years (26.0 per cent).

Chart 2.6 Divorces by Duration of Marriage



Note: Data exclude annulments.

## Main Reasons for Divorce and Plaintiff

### *Divorces under the Women's Charter*

The wife instituted the majority of civil divorces in 2016 (62.4 per cent), although this proportion was lower than in 2006 (68.6 per cent).

Among civil divorces in 2016, the top two main reasons for divorce were “Unreasonable behaviour” (53.5 per cent) and having “lived apart or separated for three years or more” (42.5 per cent) (Table 2.1). “Unreasonable behaviour” of spouse was cited as the top main reason by female plaintiffs (58.6 per cent). In contrast, having “lived apart or separated for three years or more” was the top main reason (49.2 per cent) among male plaintiffs.

Table 2.1 Top Two Main Reasons for Divorces under the Women's Charter by Plaintiff

| Main Reason for Divorce / Plaintiff            | Total |       | Males |       | Females |       |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|
|                                                | 2006  | 2016  | 2006  | 2016  | 2006    | 2016  |
| Number                                         | 4,745 | 5,505 | 1,489 | 2,068 | 3,256   | 3,437 |
| Proportion of Civil Divorces (Per Cent)        |       |       |       |       |         |       |
| Unreasonable Behaviour                         | 49.2  | 53.5  | 34.6  | 45.1  | 55.9    | 58.6  |
| Live Apart / Separated for Three Years or More | 47.1  | 42.5  | 60.8  | 49.2  | 40.8    | 38.5  |

Note: Data exclude annulments.

## *Divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act*

Divorces filed by the wife constituted almost 7 out of 10 Muslim divorces in 2016, same as in 2006 (Table 2.2).

In 2016, “Infidelity or extra-marital affair” was the top main cause of marriage breakdown cited by both male and female plaintiffs (24.8 and 19.4 per cent respectively). The second top main reason for divorce was “Desertion” for male plaintiffs (14.9 per cent), and “Financial problems” for female plaintiffs (14.4 per cent).

Table 2.2 Top Four Main Reasons for Divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Plaintiff

| Main Reason for Divorce / Plaintiff         | Total* |       | Males |      | Females |       |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|------|---------|-------|
|                                             | 2006   | 2016  | 2006  | 2016 | 2006    | 2016  |
| Number                                      | 1,782  | 1,702 | 500   | 517  | 1,246   | 1,185 |
| Proportion of Muslim Divorces<br>(Per Cent) |        |       |       |      |         |       |
| Infidelity/Extra-Marital Affair             | 17.7   | 21.0  | 17.8  | 24.8 | 18.1    | 19.4  |
| Desertion                                   | 6.9    | 12.2  | 10.0  | 14.9 | 5.4     | 11.1  |
| Financial Problems                          | 17.6   | 12.0  | 2.4   | 6.6  | 23.6    | 14.4  |
| Domestic Violence and Abuses                | 23.7   | 8.2   | 23.0  | 2.3  | 24.3    | 10.8  |

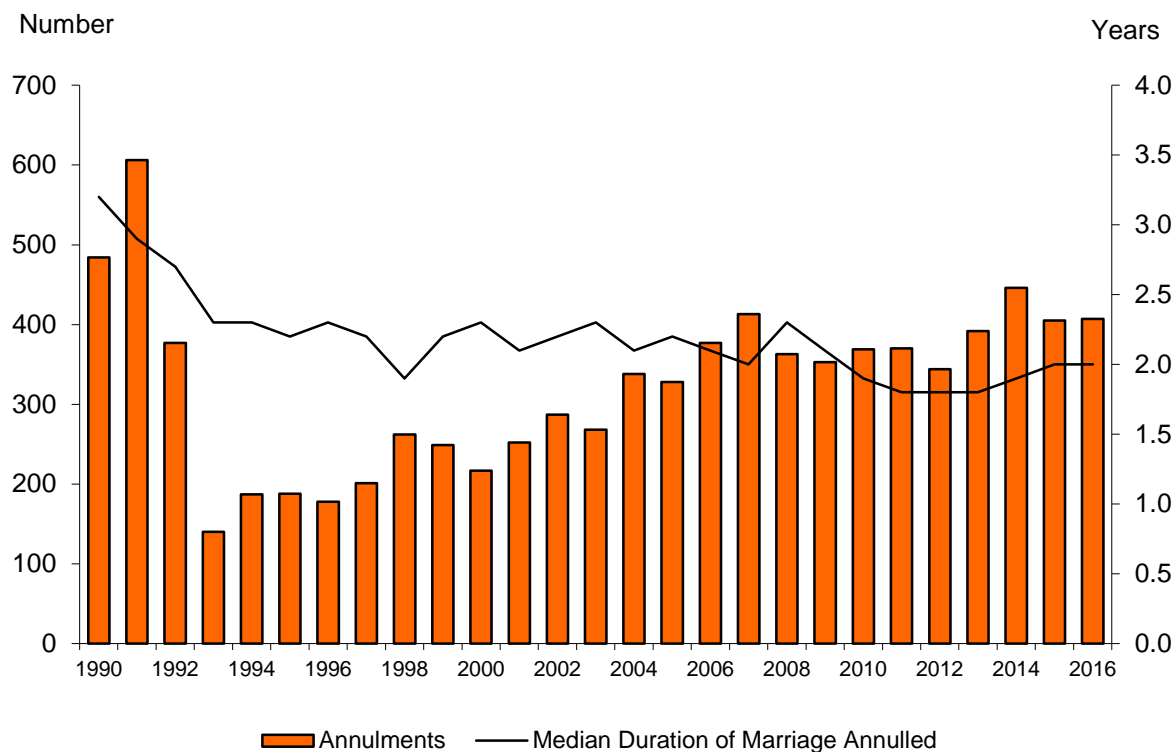
\* Total in 2006 includes divorces jointly filed by both plaintiffs.



## Annulment of Marriages under the Women's Charter

The number of couples who annulled their marriages under the Women's Charter in 2016 was 407, close to 2015 (Chart 2.6). The median duration of marriages that were annulled in 2016 was 2.0 years, unchanged from 2015.

Chart 2.7 Annulments and Median Duration of Marriage Annulled





# Tables on Marriages



Table A1.1 Total Marriages, 1980 – 2016

| Year | Total Marriages (Number) |                                |              |               | Proportion of First Marriages (Per Cent) |      | Resident Crude Marriage Rate <sup>2</sup><br>(Per 1,000 Residents) | Resident General Marriage Rate <sup>3</sup><br>(Per 1,000 Unmarried Residents Aged 15-49 Years) |         |
|------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
|      | Total <sup>1</sup>       | First Marriages, Both Partners | Re-marriages |               |                                          |      |                                                                    | Males                                                                                           | Females |
|      |                          |                                | One Partner  | Both Partners |                                          |      |                                                                    |                                                                                                 |         |
| 1980 | 22,444                   | 20,905                         | 1,254        | 285           | 95.0                                     | 96.8 | 9.8                                                                | 54.9                                                                                            | 67.3    |
| 1985 | 23,058                   | 21,085                         | 1,590        | 383           | 94.1                                     | 95.6 | 9.2                                                                | 54.3                                                                                            | 62.5    |
| 1990 | 23,953                   | 21,044                         | 2,285        | 624           | 91.9                                     | 93.4 | 8.6                                                                | 52.2                                                                                            | 59.2    |
| 1995 | 24,965                   | 21,196                         | 2,883        | 886           | 90.1                                     | 91.3 | 8.1                                                                | 54.6                                                                                            | 54.9    |
| 1996 | 24,106                   | 20,135                         | 3,006        | 965           | 89.2                                     | 90.3 | 7.7                                                                | 53.2                                                                                            | 52.6    |
| 1997 | 25,667                   | 21,438                         | 3,170        | 1,059         | 89.0                                     | 90.4 | 8.1                                                                | 56.7                                                                                            | 58.4    |
| 1998 | 23,106                   | 18,835                         | 3,206        | 1,065         | 87.8                                     | 89.1 | 7.1                                                                | 49.4                                                                                            | 47.9    |
| 1999 | 25,648                   | 20,999                         | 3,454        | 1,195         | 88.2                                     | 89.0 | 7.8                                                                | 54.7                                                                                            | 54.8    |
| 2000 | 22,561                   | 18,233                         | 3,083        | 1,245         | 87.0                                     | 88.3 | 6.7                                                                | 47.4                                                                                            | 46.8    |
| 2001 | 22,280                   | 17,895                         | 3,197        | 1,188         | 86.6                                     | 88.4 | 6.5                                                                | 46.7                                                                                            | 44.1    |
| 2002 | 23,198                   | 18,802                         | 3,187        | 1,209         | 87.3                                     | 88.5 | 6.6                                                                | 47.5                                                                                            | 45.8    |
| 2003 | 21,962                   | 17,496                         | 3,197        | 1,269         | 86.2                                     | 87.7 | 6.3                                                                | 44.9                                                                                            | 43.7    |
| 2004 | 22,189                   | 17,132                         | 3,684        | 1,373         | 84.7                                     | 86.4 | 6.3                                                                | 44.0                                                                                            | 41.2    |
| 2005 | 22,992                   | 17,268                         | 4,060        | 1,664         | 83.1                                     | 84.8 | 6.4                                                                | 43.8                                                                                            | 39.0    |
| 2006 | 23,706                   | 17,852                         | 4,199        | 1,655         | 83.4                                     | 84.9 | 6.5                                                                | 43.7                                                                                            | 40.0    |
| 2007 | 23,966                   | 17,874                         | 4,332        | 1,760         | 82.5                                     | 84.7 | 6.4                                                                | 43.5                                                                                            | 40.1    |
| 2008 | 24,596                   | 18,423                         | 4,270        | 1,902         | 82.8                                     | 84.4 | 6.5                                                                | 43.5                                                                                            | 39.6    |
| 2009 | 26,081                   | 19,413                         | 4,703        | 1,965         | 82.3                                     | 84.6 | 6.6                                                                | 43.4                                                                                            | 38.9    |
| 2010 | 24,363                   | 18,007                         | 4,450        | 1,906         | 81.7                                     | 84.4 | 6.1                                                                | 39.3                                                                                            | 35.3    |
| 2011 | 27,258                   | 20,315                         | 4,849        | 2,094         | 81.7                                     | 85.1 | 6.7                                                                | 43.5                                                                                            | 39.2    |
| 2012 | 27,936                   | 20,930                         | 4,877        | 2,129         | 82.6                                     | 84.7 | 6.7                                                                | 43.8                                                                                            | 39.4    |
| 2013 | 26,254                   | 19,706                         | 4,432        | 2,116         | 82.2                                     | 84.8 | 6.3                                                                | 40.5                                                                                            | 36.9    |
| 2014 | 28,407                   | 21,555                         | 4,682        | 2,170         | 83.0                                     | 85.3 | 6.8                                                                | 44.4                                                                                            | 40.8    |
| 2015 | 28,322                   | 21,639                         | 4,442        | 2,241         | 83.2                                     | 85.2 | 6.7                                                                | 44.2                                                                                            | 41.1    |
| 2016 | 27,971                   | 21,364                         | 4,423        | 2,184         | 83.4                                     | 85.2 | 6.6                                                                | 44.4                                                                                            | 41.6    |

<sup>1</sup> Total in 2008 **includes** marriages where the previous marital status of grooms was not reported. Previous marital status refers to a person's marital status prior to the current marriage.

<sup>2</sup> Data for 1980 are based on total marriages. Data from 1985 onwards are based on resident marriages (where either or both the groom and bride are residents).

<sup>3</sup> Data for 1980 are based on total grooms/brides and total population. Data from 1985 onwards are based on resident grooms/brides and resident population (i.e. Singapore citizens and permanent residents).

Table A1.2 Age-Sex-Specific Marriage Rate, 1980 – 2016

Per 1,000 Unmarried Resident Males

| Year | Age Group of Males (Years) |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|      | 15-19                      | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 |
| 1980 | 1.7                        | 49.9  | 140.1 | 138.0 | 106.3 | 62.8  | 42.3  |
| 1985 | 1.2                        | 43.8  | 110.3 | 109.8 | 83.2  | 54.5  | 45.8  |
| 1990 | 1.2                        | 35.1  | 107.6 | 96.4  | 68.5  | 41.6  | 28.3  |
| 1995 | 1.2                        | 29.3  | 113.1 | 108.0 | 70.8  | 54.8  | 35.2  |
| 1996 | 1.5                        | 28.0  | 110.1 | 113.4 | 72.2  | 52.0  | 34.6  |
| 1997 | 1.2                        | 33.2  | 119.1 | 110.7 | 77.2  | 47.4  | 35.5  |
| 1998 | 1.3                        | 26.9  | 100.5 | 101.5 | 67.2  | 49.4  | 32.9  |
| 1999 | 1.4                        | 28.8  | 118.3 | 110.2 | 71.1  | 49.8  | 36.6  |
| 2000 | 1.7                        | 23.7  | 104.0 | 98.3  | 64.5  | 43.8  | 30.9  |
| 2001 | 1.8                        | 22.0  | 98.5  | 104.3 | 73.3  | 44.8  | 30.3  |
| 2002 | 1.5                        | 20.5  | 101.1 | 104.4 | 70.7  | 42.5  | 30.8  |
| 2003 | 1.2                        | 18.7  | 96.2  | 107.4 | 64.4  | 41.7  | 29.3  |
| 2004 | 1.1                        | 19.0  | 85.9  | 108.2 | 80.4  | 48.9  | 31.4  |
| 2005 | 1.0                        | 17.4  | 85.3  | 106.1 | 78.1  | 54.8  | 39.2  |
| 2006 | 1.0                        | 16.7  | 84.4  | 108.3 | 84.8  | 48.4  | 37.8  |
| 2007 | 0.9                        | 15.9  | 82.0  | 112.7 | 83.7  | 55.9  | 38.6  |
| 2008 | 0.9                        | 14.4  | 83.0  | 111.8 | 84.9  | 58.5  | 37.0  |
| 2009 | 0.8                        | 12.7  | 79.5  | 112.1 | 92.0  | 55.9  | 40.6  |
| 2010 | 0.7                        | 11.7  | 71.8  | 102.7 | 77.9  | 52.1  | 36.7  |
| 2011 | 0.7                        | 11.1  | 79.6  | 117.9 | 89.2  | 58.5  | 41.2  |
| 2012 | 0.6                        | 12.2  | 77.8  | 117.8 | 96.5  | 65.2  | 39.8  |
| 2013 | 0.6                        | 10.9  | 71.5  | 109.9 | 86.2  | 56.0  | 36.0  |
| 2014 | 0.5                        | 10.7  | 77.0  | 127.2 | 89.1  | 61.0  | 35.7  |
| 2015 | 0.6                        | 10.1  | 76.4  | 132.5 | 90.6  | 54.6  | 36.3  |
| 2016 | 0.4                        | 9.2   | 78.2  | 131.2 | 88.8  | 58.3  | 35.5  |

Note: Data for 1980 are based on total grooms and total population. Data from 1985 onwards are based on resident grooms and resident population (i.e. Singapore citizens and permanent residents).

Table A1.2 Age-Sex-Specific Marriage Rate, 1980 – 2016 (*cont'd*)

| Year | Per 1,000 Unmarried Resident Females |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|      | Age Group of Females (Years)         |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|      | 15-19                                | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 |
| 1980 | 18.4                                 | 110.5 | 136.5 | 74.3  | 43.6  | 22.0  | 9.2   |
| 1985 | 15.2                                 | 95.5  | 111.8 | 62.6  | 33.4  | 18.5  | 7.2   |
| 1990 | 11.0                                 | 84.8  | 133.0 | 69.1  | 36.6  | 14.7  | 6.7   |
| 1995 | 7.5                                  | 70.1  | 135.7 | 76.5  | 37.3  | 16.9  | 8.3   |
| 1996 | 7.0                                  | 65.4  | 137.3 | 74.0  | 35.7  | 19.0  | 8.2   |
| 1997 | 6.6                                  | 75.2  | 149.1 | 82.2  | 40.1  | 19.6  | 9.9   |
| 1998 | 7.6                                  | 58.7  | 123.9 | 70.5  | 34.6  | 16.8  | 8.5   |
| 1999 | 7.2                                  | 66.3  | 151.0 | 84.8  | 38.4  | 18.0  | 9.7   |
| 2000 | 7.4                                  | 54.3  | 133.0 | 69.8  | 32.4  | 17.2  | 8.2   |
| 2001 | 6.9                                  | 51.5  | 122.8 | 70.2  | 33.4  | 14.8  | 7.4   |
| 2002 | 6.3                                  | 50.1  | 125.6 | 75.2  | 32.9  | 14.1  | 7.9   |
| 2003 | 5.3                                  | 45.9  | 126.0 | 75.1  | 29.2  | 15.9  | 8.9   |
| 2004 | 5.0                                  | 43.3  | 111.2 | 75.9  | 34.1  | 16.4  | 8.9   |
| 2005 | 4.6                                  | 38.5  | 114.1 | 70.6  | 32.1  | 15.0  | 9.1   |
| 2006 | 3.9                                  | 37.4  | 110.4 | 78.9  | 33.5  | 17.5  | 8.3   |
| 2007 | 3.8                                  | 34.0  | 111.5 | 84.2  | 39.7  | 18.3  | 9.0   |
| 2008 | 3.1                                  | 30.9  | 114.5 | 79.8  | 38.8  | 18.7  | 9.6   |
| 2009 | 2.6                                  | 26.9  | 108.5 | 88.2  | 39.2  | 17.3  | 10.1  |
| 2010 | 2.8                                  | 22.6  | 99.0  | 81.0  | 36.3  | 16.2  | 10.4  |
| 2011 | 2.4                                  | 23.5  | 108.0 | 96.0  | 42.4  | 20.7  | 10.2  |
| 2012 | 2.3                                  | 24.4  | 106.7 | 96.2  | 43.2  | 21.0  | 10.5  |
| 2013 | 2.2                                  | 21.3  | 97.4  | 89.2  | 44.6  | 19.4  | 10.2  |
| 2014 | 1.7                                  | 22.3  | 103.8 | 105.3 | 44.3  | 19.5  | 11.7  |
| 2015 | 1.7                                  | 20.9  | 107.2 | 106.5 | 48.2  | 21.1  | 10.4  |
| 2016 | 1.7                                  | 19.9  | 106.8 | 105.8 | 48.9  | 21.3  | 11.7  |

Note: Data for 1980 are based on total brides and total population. Data from 1985 onwards are based on resident brides and resident population (i.e. Singapore citizens and permanent residents).

Table A1.3 Total Marriages by Age Group of Grooms and Brides, 2006 – 2016

| Year | Number                      |          |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |
|------|-----------------------------|----------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
|      | Age Group of Grooms (Years) |          |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |
|      | Total                       | Under 20 | 20-24 | 25-29  | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60 & over |
| 2006 | 23,706                      | 125      | 1,985 | 8,505  | 6,327 | 2,929 | 1,613 | 1,064 | 610   | 312   | 236       |
| 2007 | 23,966                      | 116      | 1,899 | 8,468  | 6,398 | 3,040 | 1,771 | 1,078 | 610   | 347   | 239       |
| 2008 | 24,596                      | 130      | 1,823 | 8,847  | 6,510 | 3,216 | 1,768 | 1,052 | 623   | 361   | 266       |
| 2009 | 26,081                      | 106      | 1,783 | 9,378  | 6,923 | 3,486 | 1,800 | 1,162 | 728   | 391   | 324       |
| 2010 | 24,363                      | 99       | 1,696 | 8,297  | 6,686 | 3,310 | 1,746 | 1,154 | 673   | 397   | 305       |
| 2011 | 27,258                      | 101      | 1,698 | 9,275  | 7,771 | 3,679 | 1,842 | 1,221 | 815   | 473   | 383       |
| 2012 | 27,936                      | 84       | 1,907 | 9,429  | 8,012 | 3,744 | 1,907 | 1,201 | 794   | 438   | 420       |
| 2013 | 26,254                      | 81       | 1,675 | 8,745  | 7,765 | 3,508 | 1,826 | 1,094 | 766   | 425   | 369       |
| 2014 | 28,407                      | 70       | 1,625 | 9,834  | 8,444 | 3,697 | 2,053 | 1,090 | 764   | 456   | 374       |
| 2015 | 28,322                      | 72       | 1,534 | 9,698  | 8,524 | 3,689 | 2,024 | 1,106 | 747   | 486   | 442       |
| 2016 | 27,971                      | 52       | 1,415 | 9,838  | 8,359 | 3,681 | 1,941 | 1,076 | 700   | 439   | 470       |
|      | Age Group of Brides (Years) |          |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |
|      | Total                       | Under 20 | 20-24 | 25-29  | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60 & over |
|      |                             |          |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |
| 2006 | 23,706                      | 636      | 5,114 | 10,317 | 4,479 | 1,681 | 825   | 377   | 158   | 81    | 38        |
| 2007 | 23,966                      | 643      | 4,791 | 10,528 | 4,680 | 1,825 | 819   | 399   | 186   | 62    | 33        |
| 2008 | 24,596                      | 562      | 4,699 | 11,013 | 4,798 | 1,900 | 890   | 421   | 187   | 83    | 43        |
| 2009 | 26,081                      | 503      | 4,770 | 11,773 | 5,226 | 2,117 | 846   | 462   | 228   | 110   | 46        |
| 2010 | 24,363                      | 471      | 4,192 | 10,748 | 5,185 | 2,065 | 812   | 509   | 243   | 87    | 51        |
| 2011 | 27,258                      | 408      | 4,444 | 12,123 | 5,972 | 2,266 | 1,069 | 528   | 280   | 99    | 69        |
| 2012 | 27,936                      | 386      | 4,622 | 12,213 | 6,308 | 2,358 | 1,071 | 542   | 244   | 115   | 77        |
| 2013 | 26,254                      | 355      | 4,030 | 11,428 | 6,134 | 2,347 | 1,027 | 517   | 241   | 114   | 61        |
| 2014 | 28,407                      | 286      | 4,042 | 12,820 | 6,704 | 2,390 | 1,127 | 566   | 287   | 117   | 68        |
| 2015 | 28,322                      | 278      | 3,772 | 12,763 | 6,713 | 2,501 | 1,183 | 582   | 310   | 121   | 99        |
| 2016 | 27,971                      | 244      | 3,448 | 12,945 | 6,574 | 2,511 | 1,141 | 595   | 292   | 126   | 95        |



Table A1.4 Total Marriages by Age Differential of Grooms to Brides and Marriage Order, 2014 – 2016

| Age Differential | Number          |               |               |                 |               |               |              |              |              |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                  | Total Marriages |               |               | First Marriages |               |               | Remarriages  |              |              |
|                  | 2014            | 2015          | 2016          | 2014            | 2015          | 2016          | 2014         | 2015         | 2016         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>28,407</b>   | <b>28,322</b> | <b>27,971</b> | <b>21,555</b>   | <b>21,639</b> | <b>21,364</b> | <b>6,852</b> | <b>6,683</b> | <b>6,607</b> |
| Same Age         | 3,723           | 3,840         | 3,843         | 3,313           | 3,448         | 3,412         | 410          | 392          | 431          |
| Groom Older by   |                 |               |               |                 |               |               |              |              |              |
| 1 year           | 3,446           | 3,516         | 3,574         | 3,038           | 3,120         | 3,190         | 408          | 396          | 384          |
| 2 years          | 3,209           | 3,227         | 3,115         | 2,840           | 2,844         | 2,757         | 369          | 383          | 358          |
| 3 years          | 2,563           | 2,473         | 2,551         | 2,202           | 2,154         | 2,188         | 361          | 319          | 363          |
| 4 years          | 2,084           | 1,967         | 1,959         | 1,718           | 1,641         | 1,624         | 366          | 326          | 335          |
| 5 years          | 1,641           | 1,547         | 1,500         | 1,271           | 1,207         | 1,160         | 370          | 340          | 340          |
| 6 years          | 1,089           | 1,172         | 1,106         | 799             | 867           | 822           | 290          | 305          | 284          |
| 7 years          | 973             | 963           | 929           | 681             | 649           | 648           | 292          | 314          | 281          |
| 8 years          | 708             | 710           | 755           | 433             | 457           | 451           | 275          | 253          | 304          |
| 9 years          | 611             | 604           | 542           | 357             | 325           | 321           | 254          | 279          | 221          |
| 10 years         | 487             | 498           | 468           | 260             | 260           | 215           | 227          | 238          | 253          |
| 11 years         | 429             | 468           | 397           | 197             | 225           | 187           | 232          | 243          | 210          |
| 12 years         | 357             | 340           | 300           | 143             | 153           | 111           | 214          | 187          | 189          |
| 13 years         | 281             | 296           | 247           | 133             | 118           | 90            | 148          | 178          | 157          |
| 14 years         | 259             | 239           | 216           | 99              | 89            | 80            | 160          | 150          | 136          |
| 15 – 19 years    | 876             | 766           | 767           | 240             | 224           | 229           | 636          | 542          | 538          |
| 20 – 24 years    | 376             | 365           | 348           | 85              | 75            | 63            | 291          | 290          | 285          |
| 25 years & over  | 259             | 263           | 253           | 39              | 48            | 46            | 220          | 215          | 207          |
| Groom Younger by |                 |               |               |                 |               |               |              |              |              |
| 1 year           | 1,946           | 1,947         | 2,061         | 1,675           | 1,656         | 1,756         | 271          | 291          | 305          |
| 2 years          | 1,015           | 966           | 997           | 792             | 752           | 784           | 223          | 214          | 213          |
| 3 years          | 613             | 657           | 616           | 453             | 494           | 437           | 160          | 163          | 179          |
| 4 years          | 451             | 453           | 415           | 295             | 299           | 294           | 156          | 154          | 121          |
| 5 – 9 years      | 761             | 800           | 754           | 422             | 451           | 411           | 339          | 349          | 343          |
| 10 years & over  | 250             | 245           | 258           | 70              | 83            | 88            | 180          | 162          | 170          |

Table A1.5 Median Age of Grooms and Brides by Marriage Order, 2006 – 2016

| Year | Grooms           |                 |             | Brides          |                 |             |
|------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
|      | Total Marriages* | First Marriages | Remarriages | Total Marriages | First Marriages | Remarriages |
| 2006 | 30.7             | 29.7            | 41.1        | 27.6            | 27.0            | 35.1        |
| 2007 | 30.9             | 29.8            | 41.3        | 27.9            | 27.2            | 35.1        |
| 2008 | 30.9             | 29.8            | 41.4        | 28.0            | 27.3            | 35.5        |
| 2009 | 31.0             | 29.8            | 41.8        | 28.1            | 27.5            | 35.7        |
| 2010 | 31.2             | 30.0            | 41.8        | 28.3            | 27.7            | 36.3        |
| 2011 | 31.2             | 30.1            | 41.8        | 28.6            | 28.0            | 36.5        |
| 2012 | 31.2             | 30.1            | 42.1        | 28.6            | 28.0            | 36.4        |
| 2013 | 31.3             | 30.2            | 42.5        | 28.8            | 28.1            | 36.6        |
| 2014 | 31.2             | 30.2            | 42.7        | 28.8            | 28.2            | 37.0        |
| 2015 | 31.3             | 30.3            | 43.3        | 28.9            | 28.2            | 37.5        |
| 2016 | 31.2             | 30.3            | 43.3        | 28.8            | 28.3            | 37.1        |

\* Total in 2008 **includes** marriages where the previous marital status of grooms was not reported. Previous marital status refers to a person's marital status prior to the current marriage.

Table A1.6 Median Age of Grooms by Ethnic Group, 2006 – 2016

| Year | Years  |         |        |         |           |            |        |
|------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|------------|--------|
|      | Total* | Chinese | Malays | Indians | Eurasians | Caucasians | Others |
| 2006 | 30.7   | 30.8    | 29.4   | 30.0    | 32.8      | 36.9       | 30.3   |
| 2007 | 30.9   | 30.9    | 29.4   | 30.0    | 34.1      | 36.9       | 30.4   |
| 2008 | 30.9   | 31.1    | 29.1   | 29.9    | 34.0      | 37.4       | 30.2   |
| 2009 | 31.0   | 31.2    | 29.1   | 30.3    | 33.4      | 38.1       | 29.7   |
| 2010 | 31.2   | 31.5    | 29.2   | 30.0    | 31.6      | 37.4       | 30.2   |
| 2011 | 31.2   | 31.5    | 29.4   | 29.9    | 35.6      | 37.7       | 30.3   |
| 2012 | 31.2   | 31.5    | 29.2   | 30.0    | 33.2      | 36.6       | 30.6   |
| 2013 | 31.3   | 31.7    | 29.2   | 30.4    | 33.5      | 36.6       | 30.7   |
| 2014 | 31.2   | 31.5    | 29.3   | 30.2    | 33.0      | 36.0       | 30.8   |
| 2015 | 31.3   | 31.5    | 29.3   | 30.5    | 33.4      | 36.6       | 31.0   |
| 2016 | 31.2   | 31.5    | 29.1   | 30.4    | 31.7      | 36.4       | 31.1   |

\* For 2008, Total **includes** marriages where the ethnic group of grooms was not reported.

Table A1.7 Median Age of Brides by Ethnic Group, 2006 – 2016

| Year | Total* | Chinese | Malays | Indians | Eurasians | Caucasians | Years  |
|------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|------------|--------|
|      |        |         |        |         |           |            | Others |
| 2006 | 27.6   | 27.9    | 26.3   | 26.8    | 29.9      | 31.6       | 27.3   |
| 2007 | 27.9   | 28.1    | 26.6   | 27.0    | 28.7      | 32.5       | 27.4   |
| 2008 | 28.0   | 28.2    | 26.5   | 27.0    | 29.1      | 32.4       | 27.6   |
| 2009 | 28.1   | 28.4    | 26.7   | 27.2    | 29.6      | 32.7       | 27.7   |
| 2010 | 28.3   | 28.7    | 26.9   | 27.5    | 29.1      | 32.7       | 28.0   |
| 2011 | 28.6   | 28.9    | 27.0   | 27.6    | 29.8      | 32.2       | 28.4   |
| 2012 | 28.6   | 28.9    | 26.9   | 27.6    | 28.2      | 32.1       | 28.6   |
| 2013 | 28.8   | 29.0    | 27.2   | 27.9    | 30.5      | 31.8       | 29.0   |
| 2014 | 28.8   | 29.1    | 27.1   | 27.8    | 28.9      | 32.4       | 28.9   |
| 2015 | 28.9   | 29.1    | 27.3   | 28.2    | 30.1      | 31.8       | 29.3   |
| 2016 | 28.8   | 29.0    | 27.3   | 28.2    | 30.2      | 32.1       | 29.4   |

\* For 2008, Total **includes** marriages where the ethnic group of brides was not reported.

Table A1.8 Median Age at First Marriage of Grooms and Brides by Educational Qualification, 2006 – 2016

| Year |        |                   |                |            |        |                   |                |            | Years |
|------|--------|-------------------|----------------|------------|--------|-------------------|----------------|------------|-------|
|      | Grooms |                   |                |            | Brides |                   |                |            |       |
|      | Total* | Secondary & Below | Post-Secondary | University | Total* | Secondary & Below | Post-Secondary | University |       |
| 2006 | 29.7   | 31.7              | 28.4           | 30.0       | 27.0   | 26.2              | 26.2           | 27.9       |       |
| 2007 | 29.8   | 31.3              | 28.5           | 30.3       | 27.2   | 26.4              | 26.3           | 28.1       |       |
| 2008 | 29.8   | 31.5              | 28.7           | 30.1       | 27.3   | 26.2              | 26.4           | 28.2       |       |
| 2009 | 29.8   | 31.4              | 28.9           | 30.1       | 27.5   | 26.4              | 26.6           | 28.2       |       |
| 2010 | 30.0   | 31.3              | 29.0           | 30.4       | 27.7   | 26.6              | 26.7           | 28.5       |       |
| 2011 | 30.1   | 31.2              | 29.2           | 30.5       | 28.0   | 26.7              | 26.9           | 28.7       |       |
| 2012 | 30.1   | 30.8              | 29.3           | 30.5       | 28.0   | 26.7              | 27.0           | 28.6       |       |
| 2013 | 30.2   | 30.6              | 29.2           | 30.7       | 28.1   | 26.9              | 26.9           | 28.9       |       |
| 2014 | 30.2   | 30.5              | 29.2           | 30.7       | 28.2   | 27.1              | 27.0           | 28.8       |       |
| 2015 | 30.3   | 30.5              | 29.4           | 30.7       | 28.2   | 27.0              | 27.2           | 28.9       |       |
| 2016 | 30.3   | 30.4              | 29.2           | 30.8       | 28.3   | 27.2              | 27.3           | 28.8       |       |

\* For 2006, 2008 and 2009, Total **includes** marriages where the educational qualification of grooms or brides was not reported.

Table A1.9 Marriages under the Women's Charter by Ethnic Group of Couple,  
1965 – 2016

| Year | Total* | Chinese | Indians | Others | Number       |
|------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------------|
|      |        |         |         |        | Inter-ethnic |
| 1965 | 7,071  | 6,260   | 244     | 330    | 237          |
| 1970 | 12,300 | 11,099  | 528     | 273    | 400          |
| 1975 | 18,579 | 17,125  | 764     | 159    | 531          |
| 1980 | 18,412 | 16,698  | 989     | 118    | 607          |
| 1985 | 18,495 | 16,603  | 1,117   | 82     | 693          |
| 1990 | 19,191 | 16,899  | 1,140   | 106    | 1,046        |
| 1995 | 20,553 | 17,972  | 1,020   | 170    | 1,391        |
| 1996 | 19,935 | 17,242  | 1,087   | 198    | 1,408        |
| 1997 | 21,300 | 18,760  | 946     | 200    | 1,394        |
| 1998 | 18,971 | 16,078  | 999     | 243    | 1,651        |
| 1999 | 21,561 | 18,689  | 877     | 217    | 1,778        |
| 2000 | 18,550 | 15,737  | 844     | 208    | 1,761        |
| 2001 | 18,279 | 15,150  | 827     | 344    | 1,958        |
| 2002 | 19,257 | 16,112  | 859     | 307    | 1,979        |
| 2003 | 18,091 | 14,414  | 657     | 264    | 1,621        |
| 2004 | 18,091 | 14,296  | 668     | 301    | 1,723        |
| 2005 | 19,042 | 15,534  | 782     | 421    | 2,305        |
| 2006 | 19,761 | 16,063  | 759     | 494    | 2,445        |
| 2007 | 19,853 | 15,600  | 818     | 718    | 2,717        |
| 2008 | 20,389 | 15,738  | 790     | 1,051  | 2,810        |
| 2009 | 22,060 | 16,374  | 840     | 1,372  | 3,474        |
| 2010 | 20,230 | 14,535  | 799     | 1,346  | 3,550        |
| 2011 | 22,840 | 16,499  | 879     | 1,495  | 3,967        |
| 2012 | 23,134 | 16,387  | 950     | 1,614  | 4,183        |
| 2013 | 21,180 | 14,948  | 960     | 1,407  | 3,865        |
| 2014 | 22,863 | 16,750  | 978     | 1,244  | 3,891        |
| 2015 | 22,544 | 16,237  | 940     | 1,225  | 4,142        |
| 2016 | 22,017 | 15,944  | 916     | 1,150  | 4,007        |

\* For 2003 and 2004, Total **includes** marriages where the ethnic group of grooms or brides was not reported.

Table A1.10 Marriages under the Women's Charter by Age Group of Grooms, 1965 – 2016

| Year | Number                      |          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |
|------|-----------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
|      | Age Group of Grooms (Years) |          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |
|      | Total                       | Under 20 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60 & over |
| 1965 | 7,071                       | 42       | 1,736 | 3,233 | 1,432 | 400   | 141   | 42    | 21    | 14    | 10        |
| 1970 | 12,300                      | 111      | 3,825 | 4,920 | 2,311 | 678   | 237   | 97    | 69    | 20    | 32        |
| 1975 | 18,579                      | 220      | 6,280 | 8,474 | 2,151 | 844   | 288   | 157   | 81    | 40    | 44        |
| 1980 | 18,412                      | 141      | 5,417 | 8,501 | 2,935 | 737   | 342   | 161   | 85    | 46    | 47        |
| 1985 | 18,495                      | 70       | 4,206 | 8,866 | 3,727 | 1,046 | 282   | 171   | 67    | 34    | 26        |
| 1990 | 19,191                      | 68       | 2,988 | 8,654 | 4,834 | 1,689 | 567   | 196   | 100   | 49    | 46        |
| 1995 | 20,553                      | 61       | 2,626 | 8,833 | 5,318 | 2,196 | 902   | 349   | 117   | 80    | 71        |
| 1996 | 19,935                      | 71       | 2,443 | 8,417 | 5,155 | 2,222 | 936   | 393   | 158   | 74    | 66        |
| 1997 | 21,300                      | 55       | 2,868 | 9,366 | 5,045 | 2,303 | 952   | 415   | 154   | 84    | 58        |
| 1998 | 18,971                      | 64       | 2,237 | 8,281 | 4,452 | 2,134 | 1,002 | 420   | 189   | 117   | 75        |
| 1999 | 21,561                      | 84       | 2,424 | 9,604 | 4,970 | 2,360 | 1,133 | 528   | 253   | 112   | 93        |
| 2000 | 18,550                      | 85       | 1,889 | 8,025 | 4,439 | 2,121 | 1,089 | 501   | 217   | 93    | 91        |
| 2001 | 18,279                      | 97       | 1,767 | 7,784 | 4,452 | 2,087 | 1,107 | 523   | 255   | 106   | 101       |
| 2002 | 19,257                      | 62       | 1,705 | 8,333 | 4,872 | 2,207 | 1,065 | 545   | 238   | 130   | 100       |
| 2003 | 18,091                      | 51       | 1,447 | 7,532 | 4,865 | 2,035 | 1,092 | 559   | 291   | 137   | 82        |
| 2004 | 18,091                      | 41       | 1,427 | 6,882 | 5,028 | 2,194 | 1,214 | 666   | 366   | 147   | 126       |
| 2005 | 19,042                      | 48       | 1,388 | 6,526 | 5,221 | 2,448 | 1,537 | 935   | 506   | 258   | 175       |
| 2006 | 19,761                      | 53       | 1,357 | 7,072 | 5,571 | 2,540 | 1,329 | 894   | 502   | 268   | 175       |
| 2007 | 19,853                      | 56       | 1,253 | 6,942 | 5,636 | 2,663 | 1,463 | 877   | 496   | 285   | 182       |
| 2008 | 20,389                      | 58       | 1,245 | 7,151 | 5,767 | 2,790 | 1,487 | 863   | 529   | 284   | 215       |
| 2009 | 22,060                      | 56       | 1,270 | 7,694 | 6,207 | 3,088 | 1,530 | 1,001 | 620   | 337   | 257       |
| 2010 | 20,230                      | 63       | 1,139 | 6,631 | 5,881 | 2,867 | 1,492 | 993   | 590   | 327   | 247       |
| 2011 | 22,840                      | 59       | 1,192 | 7,392 | 6,893 | 3,251 | 1,582 | 1,031 | 703   | 409   | 328       |
| 2012 | 23,134                      | 46       | 1,297 | 7,323 | 7,066 | 3,303 | 1,661 | 1,025 | 671   | 384   | 358       |
| 2013 | 21,180                      | 53       | 1,097 | 6,568 | 6,681 | 3,062 | 1,533 | 898   | 635   | 345   | 308       |
| 2014 | 22,863                      | 37       | 1,034 | 7,390 | 7,171 | 3,284 | 1,756 | 872   | 626   | 376   | 317       |
| 2015 | 22,544                      | 24       | 921   | 7,191 | 7,242 | 3,208 | 1,741 | 891   | 578   | 396   | 352       |
| 2016 | 22,017                      | 25       | 824   | 7,111 | 7,091 | 3,205 | 1,629 | 872   | 532   | 351   | 377       |

Table A1.11 Marriages under the Women's Charter by Age Group of Brides,  
1965 – 2016

| Year | Age Group of Brides (Years) |          |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |           | Number |
|------|-----------------------------|----------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|--------|
|      | Total                       | Under 20 | 20-24 | 25-29  | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60 & over |        |
| 1965 | 7,071                       | 860      | 3,520 | 2,113  | 434   | 90    | 28    | 16    | 7     | 1     | 2         |        |
| 1970 | 12,300                      | 1,308    | 7,060 | 2,859  | 744   | 199   | 66    | 29    | 16    | 13    | 6         |        |
| 1975 | 18,579                      | 2,526    | 9,935 | 4,820  | 788   | 300   | 114   | 47    | 31    | 8     | 10        |        |
| 1980 | 18,412                      | 1,693    | 9,655 | 5,233  | 1,266 | 319   | 143   | 60    | 18    | 13    | 12        |        |
| 1985 | 18,495                      | 1,080    | 8,623 | 6,500  | 1,597 | 487   | 123   | 54    | 19    | 8     | 4         |        |
| 1990 | 19,191                      | 765      | 7,160 | 7,678  | 2,462 | 791   | 232   | 62    | 27    | 7     | 7         |        |
| 1995 | 20,553                      | 493      | 7,254 | 8,427  | 2,811 | 1,018 | 351   | 134   | 34    | 24    | 7         |        |
| 1996 | 19,935                      | 475      | 6,564 | 8,367  | 2,874 | 1,058 | 391   | 132   | 46    | 16    | 12        |        |
| 1997 | 21,300                      | 425      | 7,174 | 9,093  | 2,857 | 1,076 | 435   | 154   | 53    | 18    | 15        |        |
| 1998 | 18,971                      | 514      | 5,847 | 8,335  | 2,615 | 1,000 | 402   | 164   | 67    | 16    | 11        |        |
| 1999 | 21,561                      | 496      | 6,387 | 9,748  | 2,968 | 1,145 | 484   | 210   | 79    | 27    | 17        |        |
| 2000 | 18,550                      | 452      | 5,159 | 8,509  | 2,662 | 1,028 | 463   | 174   | 65    | 20    | 18        |        |
| 2001 | 18,279                      | 428      | 5,034 | 8,297  | 2,804 | 1,032 | 409   | 160   | 70    | 24    | 21        |        |
| 2002 | 19,257                      | 357      | 5,037 | 9,111  | 3,048 | 967   | 407   | 203   | 84    | 33    | 10        |        |
| 2003 | 18,091                      | 294      | 4,260 | 8,723  | 3,070 | 994   | 437   | 194   | 77    | 35    | 7         |        |
| 2004 | 18,091                      | 322      | 4,088 | 8,307  | 3,397 | 1,143 | 448   | 226   | 97    | 40    | 23        |        |
| 2005 | 19,042                      | 403      | 3,981 | 8,454  | 3,772 | 1,398 | 582   | 270   | 110   | 50    | 22        |        |
| 2006 | 19,761                      | 354      | 3,869 | 9,082  | 3,971 | 1,433 | 602   | 271   | 102   | 56    | 21        |        |
| 2007 | 19,853                      | 380      | 3,549 | 9,138  | 4,191 | 1,542 | 598   | 260   | 131   | 45    | 19        |        |
| 2008 | 20,389                      | 338      | 3,432 | 9,492  | 4,316 | 1,629 | 690   | 286   | 120   | 55    | 31        |        |
| 2009 | 22,060                      | 336      | 3,617 | 10,209 | 4,740 | 1,859 | 690   | 339   | 162   | 79    | 29        |        |
| 2010 | 20,230                      | 292      | 3,087 | 9,137  | 4,623 | 1,799 | 655   | 378   | 171   | 54    | 34        |        |
| 2011 | 22,840                      | 259      | 3,268 | 10,311 | 5,424 | 1,980 | 882   | 403   | 193   | 67    | 53        |        |
| 2012 | 23,134                      | 222      | 3,343 | 10,244 | 5,667 | 2,074 | 877   | 382   | 172   | 91    | 62        |        |
| 2013 | 21,180                      | 206      | 2,785 | 9,296  | 5,423 | 2,003 | 813   | 378   | 165   | 74    | 37        |        |
| 2014 | 22,863                      | 152      | 2,658 | 10,403 | 5,884 | 2,097 | 914   | 417   | 212   | 80    | 46        |        |
| 2015 | 22,544                      | 133      | 2,427 | 10,269 | 5,857 | 2,150 | 914   | 437   | 199   | 85    | 73        |        |
| 2016 | 22,017                      | 119      | 2,155 | 10,213 | 5,739 | 2,141 | 893   | 415   | 188   | 88    | 66        |        |

Table A1.12 Median Age of Grooms and Brides Married under the Women's Charter by Marriage Order, 1965 – 2016

| Year | Grooms          |                 |             | Brides          |                 |             |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
|      | Total Marriages | First Marriages | Remarriages | Total Marriages | First Marriages | Remarriages |
| 1965 | 27.7            | 27.6            | 38.9        | 23.8            | 23.8            | 34.5        |
| 1970 | 27.3            | 27.2            | 41.1        | 23.4            | 23.4            | 33.6        |
| 1975 | 26.6            | 26.5            | 39.7        | 23.4            | 23.4            | 33.6        |
| 1980 | 27.1            | 27.0            | 38.9        | 23.9            | 23.8            | 33.6        |
| 1985 | 27.6            | 27.4            | 37.3        | 24.8            | 24.6            | 31.5        |
| 1990 | 28.7            | 28.3            | 39.0        | 25.8            | 25.6            | 32.8        |
| 1995 | 29.2            | 28.8            | 39.3        | 26.1            | 25.8            | 33.4        |
| 1996 | 29.4            | 28.9            | 39.4        | 26.3            | 26.0            | 33.1        |
| 1997 | 29.0            | 28.5            | 39.0        | 26.2            | 25.9            | 33.5        |
| 1998 | 29.2            | 28.6            | 39.5        | 26.4            | 26.0            | 33.3        |
| 1999 | 29.1            | 28.6            | 40.0        | 26.5            | 26.2            | 33.9        |
| 2000 | 29.5            | 28.9            | 40.3        | 26.8            | 26.4            | 34.0        |
| 2001 | 29.6            | 29.0            | 40.2        | 26.9            | 26.5            | 33.8        |
| 2002 | 29.7            | 29.1            | 40.5        | 26.9            | 26.5            | 33.9        |
| 2003 | 30.0            | 29.3            | 40.6        | 27.2            | 26.8            | 33.7        |
| 2004 | 30.5            | 29.7            | 40.7        | 27.5            | 27.0            | 34.4        |
| 2005 | 31.2            | 30.2            | 41.6        | 27.8            | 27.2            | 34.7        |
| 2006 | 30.9            | 30.0            | 41.3        | 27.8            | 27.3            | 35.0        |
| 2007 | 31.1            | 30.2            | 41.5        | 28.1            | 27.6            | 35.0        |
| 2008 | 31.2            | 30.2            | 41.6        | 28.2            | 27.6            | 35.5        |
| 2009 | 31.3            | 30.2            | 42.0        | 28.3            | 27.7            | 35.8        |
| 2010 | 31.6            | 30.4            | 42.4        | 28.6            | 28.0            | 36.3        |
| 2011 | 31.6            | 30.6            | 42.3        | 28.8            | 28.3            | 36.4        |
| 2012 | 31.6            | 30.6            | 42.5        | 28.9            | 28.3            | 36.4        |
| 2013 | 31.8            | 30.7            | 43.1        | 29.1            | 28.5            | 36.5        |
| 2014 | 31.7            | 30.7            | 43.2        | 29.1            | 28.6            | 37.0        |
| 2015 | 31.7            | 30.8            | 43.9        | 29.2            | 28.6            | 37.3        |
| 2016 | 31.7            | 30.8            | 43.5        | 29.2            | 28.7            | 37.0        |

Table A1.13 Median Age of Grooms Married under the Women's Charter by Ethnic Group, 2006 – 2016

| Year | Total | Chinese | Indians | Eurasians | Caucasians | Years  |
|------|-------|---------|---------|-----------|------------|--------|
|      |       |         |         |           |            | Others |
| 2006 | 30.9  | 30.8    | 30.4    | 33.3      | 37.2       | 31.4   |
| 2007 | 31.1  | 30.9    | 30.7    | 33.7      | 37.0       | 31.6   |
| 2008 | 31.2  | 31.1    | 30.6    | 34.9      | 37.5       | 30.5   |
| 2009 | 31.3  | 31.2    | 30.7    | 33.4      | 38.1       | 30.0   |
| 2010 | 31.6  | 31.5    | 30.4    | 32.7      | 37.4       | 30.4   |
| 2011 | 31.6  | 31.6    | 30.4    | 35.6      | 37.6       | 30.7   |
| 2012 | 31.6  | 31.5    | 30.3    | 33.4      | 36.8       | 31.2   |
| 2013 | 31.8  | 31.7    | 30.7    | 33.6      | 36.8       | 31.3   |
| 2014 | 31.7  | 31.5    | 30.7    | 33.8      | 36.3       | 31.5   |
| 2015 | 31.7  | 31.5    | 31.0    | 33.1      | 36.8       | 31.7   |
| 2016 | 31.7  | 31.5    | 31.3    | 32.1      | 36.7       | 32.1   |

Table A1.14 Median Age of Brides Married under the Women's Charter by Ethnic Group, 2006 – 2016

| Year | Total | Chinese | Indians | Eurasians | Caucasians | Years  |
|------|-------|---------|---------|-----------|------------|--------|
|      |       |         |         |           |            | Others |
| 2006 | 27.8  | 27.9    | 27.0    | 30.2      | 31.6       | 27.6   |
| 2007 | 28.1  | 28.1    | 27.3    | 28.8      | 32.5       | 27.6   |
| 2008 | 28.2  | 28.2    | 27.5    | 29.3      | 32.6       | 27.7   |
| 2009 | 28.3  | 28.4    | 27.7    | 29.7      | 32.9       | 27.8   |
| 2010 | 28.6  | 28.7    | 28.0    | 29.2      | 32.8       | 28.0   |
| 2011 | 28.8  | 28.9    | 27.9    | 30.2      | 32.4       | 28.5   |
| 2012 | 28.9  | 29.0    | 27.8    | 28.4      | 32.3       | 28.7   |
| 2013 | 29.1  | 29.1    | 28.1    | 30.9      | 31.8       | 29.2   |
| 2014 | 29.1  | 29.1    | 28.2    | 29.8      | 32.4       | 29.1   |
| 2015 | 29.2  | 29.1    | 28.6    | 30.1      | 31.9       | 29.6   |
| 2016 | 29.2  | 29.0    | 28.8    | 31.1      | 32.1       | 29.7   |



Table A1.15 Marriages under the Women's Charter by Ethnic Group of Couple,  
January – December 2016

| Month        | Total         | Chinese       | Indians    | Others       | Number       |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
|              |               |               |            |              | Inter-ethnic |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>22,017</b> | <b>15,944</b> | <b>916</b> | <b>1,150</b> | <b>4,007</b> |
| January      | 1,883         | 1,393         | 57         | 97           | 336          |
| February     | 1,260         | 797           | 72         | 102          | 289          |
| March        | 1,811         | 1,293         | 84         | 94           | 340          |
| April        | 1,213         | 710           | 68         | 121          | 314          |
| May          | 2,025         | 1,499         | 65         | 102          | 359          |
| June         | 1,960         | 1,401         | 91         | 103          | 365          |
| July         | 1,715         | 1,192         | 73         | 84           | 366          |
| August       | 904           | 491           | 51         | 111          | 251          |
| September    | 2,389         | 1,912         | 80         | 58           | 339          |
| October      | 2,319         | 1,857         | 34         | 79           | 349          |
| November     | 2,142         | 1,587         | 122        | 103          | 330          |
| December     | 2,396         | 1,812         | 119        | 96           | 369          |

Table A1.16 Marriages under the Women's Charter by Previous Marital Status and  
Ethnic Group of Couple, 2016

| Marriage<br>Contracted<br>Between | Total         | Chinese       | Indians    | Others       | Number       |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                   |               |               |            |              | Inter-ethnic |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>22,017</b> | <b>15,944</b> | <b>916</b> | <b>1,150</b> | <b>4,007</b> |
| Single man &<br>Single woman      | 17,124        | 12,859        | 694        | 948          | 2,623        |
| Divorced woman                    | 1,386         | 955           | 77         | 55           | 299          |
| Widowed woman                     | 48            | 30            | 5          | 5            | 8            |
| Divorced man &<br>Single woman    | 1,967         | 1,114         | 54         | 84           | 715          |
| Divorced woman                    | 1,250         | 844           | 72         | 47           | 287          |
| Widowed woman                     | 67            | 29            | 8          | 5            | 25           |
| Widowed man &<br>Single woman     | 81            | 47            | 3          | 3            | 28           |
| Divorced woman                    | 77            | 59            | 3          | 1            | 14           |
| Widowed woman                     | 17            | 7             | -          | 2            | 8            |

Note: Previous marital status refers to a person's marital status prior to the current marriage.

Table A1.17 Inter-ethnic Marriages under the Women's Charter by Ethnic Group of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Ethnic Group of Grooms | Ethnic Group of Brides |              |            |           |            |           |              | Number |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|--------|
|                        | Total                  | Chinese      | Indians    | Eurasians | Caucasians | Malays    | Others       |        |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>4,007</b>           | <b>1,153</b> | <b>150</b> | <b>70</b> | <b>105</b> | <b>81</b> | <b>2,448</b> |        |
| Chinese                | 2,090                  | -            | 41         | 31        | 43         | 28        | 1,947        |        |
| Indians                | 448                    | 212          | -          | 10        | 29         | 20        | 177          |        |
| Eurasians              | 109                    | 79           | 7          | -         | 5          | 2         | 16           |        |
| Caucasians             | 886                    | 512          | 43         | 23        | -          | 25        | 283          |        |
| Malays                 | 69                     | 33           | 4          | 1         | 6          | -         | 25           |        |
| Others                 | 405                    | 317          | 55         | 5         | 22         | 6         | -            |        |

Table A1.18 Marriages under the Women's Charter by Age Group of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Age Group of Grooms (Years) | Age Group of Brides (Years) |            |              |               |              |              |            |            |            |           |           | Number |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
|                             | Total                       | Under 20   | 20-24        | 25-29         | 30-34        | 35-39        | 40-44      | 45-49      | 50-54      | 55-59     | 60 & over |        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>22,017</b>               | <b>119</b> | <b>2,155</b> | <b>10,213</b> | <b>5,739</b> | <b>2,141</b> | <b>893</b> | <b>415</b> | <b>188</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>66</b> |        |
| Under 20                    | 25                          | 16         | 7            | 2             | -            | -            | -          | -          | -          | -         | -         |        |
| 20 – 24                     | 824                         | 44         | 462          | 257           | 44           | 11           | 4          | 2          | -          | -         | -         |        |
| 25 – 29                     | 7,111                       | 20         | 1,042        | 5,259         | 670          | 96           | 18         | 5          | 1          | -         | -         |        |
| 30 – 34                     | 7,091                       | 16         | 379          | 3,378         | 2,845        | 393          | 66         | 12         | 2          | -         | -         |        |
| 35 – 39                     | 3,205                       | 12         | 141          | 800           | 1,316        | 762          | 125        | 33         | 13         | 3         | -         |        |
| 40 – 44                     | 1,629                       | 7          | 66           | 293           | 478          | 469          | 238        | 60         | 16         | 2         | -         |        |
| 45 – 49                     | 872                         | 2          | 28           | 133           | 200          | 207          | 177        | 96         | 22         | 6         | 1         |        |
| 50 – 54                     | 532                         | 2          | 17           | 46            | 104          | 95           | 141        | 73         | 38         | 13        | 3         |        |
| 55 – 59                     | 351                         | -          | 7            | 30            | 42           | 60           | 64         | 71         | 45         | 23        | 9         |        |
| 60 & over                   | 377                         | -          | 6            | 15            | 40           | 48           | 60         | 63         | 51         | 41        | 53        |        |

Table A1.19 Marriages under the Women's Charter by Age Group and Ethnic Group of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Age Group<br>(Years) | Number                 |               |              |              |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
|                      | Ethnic Group of Grooms |               |              |              |
|                      | Total                  | Chinese       | Indians      | Others       |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>22,017</b>          | <b>18,034</b> | <b>1,364</b> | <b>2,619</b> |
| Under 20             | 25                     | 24            | 1            | -            |
| 20 – 24              | 824                    | 681           | 67           | 76           |
| 25 – 29              | 7,111                  | 6,065         | 473          | 573          |
| 30 – 34              | 7,091                  | 5,830         | 427          | 834          |
| 35 – 39              | 3,205                  | 2,533         | 184          | 488          |
| 40 – 44              | 1,629                  | 1,281         | 91           | 257          |
| 45 – 49              | 872                    | 653           | 60           | 159          |
| 50 – 54              | 532                    | 399           | 30           | 103          |
| 55 – 59              | 351                    | 266           | 16           | 69           |
| 60 & over            | 377                    | 302           | 15           | 60           |
|                      | Ethnic Group of Brides |               |              |              |
|                      | Total                  | Chinese       | Indians      | Others       |
|                      | <b>22,017</b>          | <b>17,097</b> | <b>1,066</b> | <b>3,854</b> |
|                      | 119                    | 73            | 7            | 39           |
|                      | 2,155                  | 1,533         | 144          | 478          |
|                      | 10,213                 | 8,333         | 485          | 1395         |
|                      | 5,739                  | 4,341         | 240          | 1158         |
|                      | 2,141                  | 1,564         | 94           | 483          |
|                      | 893                    | 669           | 43           | 181          |
|                      | 415                    | 326           | 27           | 62           |
|                      | 188                    | 143           | 12           | 33           |
|                      | 88                     | 68            | 5            | 15           |
|                      | 66                     | 47            | 9            | 10           |

Table A1.20 Marriages under the Women's Charter by Age Group and Previous Marital Status of Grooms, 2016

| Age Group<br>(Years) | Number        |               |              |            |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
|                      | Total         | Single        | Divorced     | Widowed    |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>22,017</b> | <b>18,558</b> | <b>3,284</b> | <b>175</b> |
| Under 20             | 25            | 25            | -            | -          |
| 20 – 24              | 824           | 821           | 3            | -          |
| 25 – 29              | 7,111         | 7,020         | 89           | 2          |
| 30 – 34              | 7,091         | 6,686         | 402          | 3          |
| 35 – 39              | 3,205         | 2,480         | 715          | 10         |
| 40 – 44              | 1,629         | 932           | 677          | 20         |
| 45 – 49              | 872           | 320           | 537          | 15         |
| 50 – 54              | 532           | 142           | 376          | 14         |
| 55 – 59              | 351           | 68            | 248          | 35         |
| 60 & over            | 377           | 64            | 237          | 76         |

Note: Previous marital status refers to a person's marital status prior to the current marriage.

Table A1.21 Marriages under the Women's Charter by Age Group and Previous Marital Status of Brides, 2016

| Age Group<br>(Years) | Number        |               |              |            |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
|                      | Total         | Single        | Divorced     | Widowed    |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>22,017</b> | <b>19,172</b> | <b>2,713</b> | <b>132</b> |
| Under 20             | 119           | 119           | -            | -          |
| 20 – 24              | 2,155         | 2,114         | 40           | 1          |
| 25 – 29              | 10,213        | 9,847         | 360          | 6          |
| 30 – 34              | 5,739         | 4,997         | 726          | 16         |
| 35 – 39              | 2,141         | 1,468         | 647          | 26         |
| 40 – 44              | 893           | 409           | 463          | 21         |
| 45 – 49              | 415           | 135           | 259          | 21         |
| 50 – 54              | 188           | 47            | 126          | 15         |
| 55 – 59              | 88            | 19            | 56           | 13         |
| 60 & over            | 66            | 17            | 36           | 13         |

Note: Previous marital status refers to a person's marital status prior to the current marriage.

Table A1.22 First Marriages for Grooms under the Women's Charter by Age Group of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Age Group of Grooms (Years) | Number                      |            |              |              |              |              |            |            |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|
|                             | Age Group of Brides (Years) |            |              |              |              |              |            |            |           |
|                             | Total                       | Under 20   | 20-24        | 25-29        | 30-34        | 35-39        | 40-44      | 45-49      | 50 & over |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>18,558</b>               | <b>104</b> | <b>1,948</b> | <b>9,565</b> | <b>4,825</b> | <b>1,465</b> | <b>415</b> | <b>141</b> | <b>95</b> |
| Under 20                    | 25                          | 16         | 7            | 2            | -            | -            | -          | -          | -         |
| 20 – 24                     | 821                         | 44         | 461          | 256          | 43           | 11           | 4          | 2          | -         |
| 25 – 29                     | 7,020                       | 19         | 1,015        | 5,222        | 651          | 93           | 15         | 4          | 1         |
| 30 – 34                     | 6,686                       | 11         | 328          | 3,238        | 2,699        | 349          | 50         | 10         | 1         |
| 35 – 39                     | 2,480                       | 7          | 88           | 623          | 1,058        | 592          | 81         | 19         | 12        |
| 40 – 44                     | 932                         | 4          | 31           | 165          | 263          | 292          | 134        | 33         | 10        |
| 45 – 49                     | 320                         | 1          | 16           | 38           | 71           | 75           | 71         | 37         | 11        |
| 50 & over                   | 274                         | 2          | 2            | 21           | 40           | 53           | 60         | 36         | 60        |

Table A1.23 First Marriages for Brides under the Women's Charter by Age Group of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Age Group of Grooms (Years) | Number                      |            |              |              |              |              |            |            |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|
|                             | Age Group of Brides (Years) |            |              |              |              |              |            |            |           |
|                             | Total                       | Under 20   | 20-24        | 25-29        | 30-34        | 35-39        | 40-44      | 45-49      | 50 & over |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>19,172</b>               | <b>119</b> | <b>2,114</b> | <b>9,847</b> | <b>4,997</b> | <b>1,468</b> | <b>409</b> | <b>135</b> | <b>83</b> |
| Under 20                    | 25                          | 16         | 7            | 2            | -            | -            | -          | -          | -         |
| 20 – 24                     | 782                         | 44         | 451          | 246          | 32           | 6            | 2          | 1          | -         |
| 25 – 29                     | 6,876                       | 20         | 1,030        | 5,158        | 589          | 66           | 9          | 4          | -         |
| 30 – 34                     | 6,585                       | 16         | 369          | 3,276        | 2,593        | 290          | 37         | 3          | 1         |
| 35 – 39                     | 2,647                       | 12         | 138          | 730          | 1,135        | 555          | 61         | 10         | 6         |
| 40 – 44                     | 1,163                       | 7          | 64           | 249          | 380          | 315          | 127        | 18         | 3         |
| 45 – 49                     | 510                         | 2          | 28           | 108          | 139          | 115          | 82         | 31         | 5         |
| 50 & over                   | 584                         | 2          | 27           | 78           | 129          | 121          | 91         | 68         | 68        |

Table A1.24 First Marriages for Couples under the Women's Charter by Age Group of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Age Group of Grooms (Years) | Age Group of Brides (Years) |            |              |              |              |              |            |           |           | Number |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
|                             | Total                       | Under 20   | 20-24        | 25-29        | 30-34        | 35-39        | 40-44      | 45-49     | 50 & over |        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>17,124</b>               | <b>104</b> | <b>1,915</b> | <b>9,313</b> | <b>4,350</b> | <b>1,125</b> | <b>227</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>33</b> |        |
| Under 20                    | 25                          | 16         | 7            | 2            | -            | -            | -          | -         | -         |        |
| 20 – 24                     | 780                         | 44         | 450          | 245          | 32           | 6            | 2          | 1         | -         |        |
| 25 – 29                     | 6,800                       | 19         | 1,003        | 5,126        | 575          | 65           | 8          | 4         | -         |        |
| 30 – 34                     | 6,294                       | 11         | 320          | 3,164        | 2,492        | 273          | 32         | 2         | -         |        |
| 35 – 39                     | 2,150                       | 7          | 86           | 584          | 943          | 469          | 47         | 8         | 6         |        |
| 40 – 44                     | 725                         | 4          | 31           | 143          | 225          | 228          | 78         | 13        | 3         |        |
| 45 – 49                     | 206                         | 1          | 16           | 32           | 52           | 49           | 36         | 18        | 2         |        |
| 50 & over                   | 144                         | 2          | 2            | 17           | 31           | 35           | 24         | 11        | 22        |        |

Note: Data pertain to couples where neither party had previously been married.

Table A1.25 Marriages under the Women's Charter by Occupation of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Occupation of Grooms         | Occupation of Brides |                              |                           |            |                  |                              |            |              | Number |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------|
|                              | Total                | Admin-istrative & Managerial | Profes-sional & Technical | Clerical   | Sales & Services | Production & Related Workers | Others     | Not Working  |        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>22,017</b>        | <b>7,938</b>                 | <b>7,154</b>              | <b>250</b> | <b>2,067</b>     | <b>210</b>                   | <b>806</b> | <b>3,592</b> |        |
| Administrative & Managerial  | 6,888                | 4,390                        | 947                       | 62         | 422              | 29                           | 139        | 899          |        |
| Professional & Technical     | 9,663                | 2,167                        | 5,540                     | 78         | 482              | 73                           | 163        | 1,160        |        |
| Clerical                     | 60                   | 9                            | 8                         | 21         | 9                | 1                            | -          | 12           |        |
| Sales & Services             | 2,207                | 508                          | 187                       | 40         | 801              | 29                           | 43         | 599          |        |
| Production & Related Workers | 529                  | 125                          | 52                        | 19         | 106              | 55                           | 14         | 158          |        |
| Others                       | 1,943                | 536                          | 231                       | 28         | 182              | 15                           | 418        | 533          |        |
| Not Working                  | 727                  | 203                          | 189                       | 2          | 65               | 8                            | 29         | 231          |        |

Table A1.26 Marriages under the Women's Charter by Age Group and Occupation of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Age Group<br>(Years) | Number               |                                     |                                  |            |                     |                                    |              |                |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
|                      | Occupation of Grooms |                                     |                                  |            |                     |                                    |              |                |
|                      | Total                | Admin-<br>istrative &<br>Managerial | Profes-<br>sional &<br>Technical | Clerical   | Sales &<br>Services | Production<br>& Related<br>Workers | Others       | Not<br>Working |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>22,017</b>        | <b>6,888</b>                        | <b>9,663</b>                     | <b>60</b>  | <b>2,207</b>        | <b>529</b>                         | <b>1,943</b> | <b>727</b>     |
| Under 20             | 25                   | 1                                   | -                                | -          | 4                   | 2                                  | 12           | 6              |
| 20 – 24              | 824                  | 111                                 | 190                              | 3          | 195                 | 27                                 | 165          | 133            |
| 25 – 29              | 7,111                | 2,201                               | 3,261                            | 25         | 608                 | 128                                | 638          | 250            |
| 30 – 34              | 7,091                | 2,423                               | 3,455                            | 12         | 534                 | 111                                | 422          | 134            |
| 35 – 39              | 3,205                | 1,111                               | 1,438                            | 9          | 293                 | 67                                 | 223          | 64             |
| 40 – 44              | 1,629                | 514                                 | 693                              | 3          | 178                 | 56                                 | 157          | 28             |
| 45 – 49              | 872                  | 260                                 | 317                              | 3          | 127                 | 51                                 | 91           | 23             |
| 50 – 54              | 532                  | 152                                 | 144                              | 2          | 102                 | 31                                 | 90           | 11             |
| 55 – 59              | 351                  | 62                                  | 95                               | 2          | 81                  | 27                                 | 60           | 24             |
| 60 & over            | 377                  | 53                                  | 70                               | 1          | 85                  | 29                                 | 85           | 54             |
|                      | Occupation of Brides |                                     |                                  |            |                     |                                    |              |                |
|                      | Total                | Admin-<br>istrative &<br>Managerial | Profes-<br>sional &<br>Technical | Clerical   | Sales &<br>Services | Production<br>& Related<br>Workers | Others       | Not<br>Working |
|                      | Total                | Admin-<br>istrative &<br>Managerial | Profes-<br>sional &<br>Technical | Clerical   | Sales &<br>Services | Production<br>& Related<br>Workers | Others       | Not<br>Working |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>22,017</b>        | <b>7,938</b>                        | <b>7,154</b>                     | <b>250</b> | <b>2,067</b>        | <b>210</b>                         | <b>806</b>   | <b>3,592</b>   |
| Under 20             | 119                  | 8                                   | 2                                | -          | 12                  | -                                  | 5            | 92             |
| 20 – 24              | 2,155                | 560                                 | 397                              | 31         | 294                 | 27                                 | 113          | 733            |
| 25 – 29              | 10,213               | 3,928                               | 3,785                            | 89         | 829                 | 61                                 | 339          | 1,182          |
| 30 – 34              | 5,739                | 2,203                               | 2,020                            | 65         | 439                 | 40                                 | 183          | 789            |
| 35 – 39              | 2,141                | 790                                 | 642                              | 32         | 214                 | 38                                 | 78           | 347            |
| 40 – 44              | 893                  | 276                                 | 199                              | 18         | 136                 | 14                                 | 39           | 211            |
| 45 – 49              | 415                  | 111                                 | 69                               | 10         | 88                  | 10                                 | 25           | 102            |
| 50 – 54              | 188                  | 43                                  | 23                               | 2          | 32                  | 10                                 | 17           | 61             |
| 55 – 59              | 88                   | 15                                  | 15                               | 2          | 12                  | 5                                  | 2            | 37             |
| 60 & over            | 66                   | 4                                   | 2                                | 1          | 11                  | 5                                  | 5            | 38             |

Table A1.27 Marriages under the Women's Charter by Age Group and Educational Qualification of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Age Group<br>(Years)                | Educational Qualification of Grooms |                    |              |                                      |                                            |               | Number |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------|--------|
|                                     | Total                               | Below<br>Secondary | Secondary    | Post-<br>Secondary<br>(Non-Tertiary) | Diploma &<br>Professional<br>Qualification | University    |        |
|                                     |                                     |                    |              |                                      |                                            |               |        |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>22,017</b>                       | <b>1,517</b>       | <b>2,044</b> | <b>1,607</b>                         | <b>5,011</b>                               | <b>11,838</b> |        |
| Under 20                            | 25                                  | 4                  | 13           | 7                                    | 1                                          | -             |        |
| 20 – 24                             | 824                                 | 94                 | 196          | 147                                  | 278                                        | 109           |        |
| 25 – 29                             | 7,111                               | 199                | 427          | 522                                  | 1,717                                      | 4,246         |        |
| 30 – 34                             | 7,091                               | 216                | 454          | 406                                  | 1,483                                      | 4,532         |        |
| 35 – 39                             | 3,205                               | 187                | 310          | 222                                  | 791                                        | 1,695         |        |
| 40 – 44                             | 1,629                               | 194                | 226          | 146                                  | 361                                        | 702           |        |
| 45 – 49                             | 872                                 | 169                | 152          | 78                                   | 186                                        | 287           |        |
| 50 – 54                             | 532                                 | 176                | 93           | 34                                   | 95                                         | 134           |        |
| 55 – 59                             | 351                                 | 125                | 83           | 25                                   | 53                                         | 65            |        |
| 60 & over                           | 377                                 | 153                | 90           | 20                                   | 46                                         | 68            |        |
| Educational Qualification of Brides |                                     |                    |              |                                      |                                            |               |        |
|                                     | Total                               | Below<br>Secondary | Secondary    | Post-<br>Secondary<br>(Non-Tertiary) | Diploma &<br>Professional<br>Qualification | University    |        |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>22,017</b>                       | <b>1,559</b>       | <b>1,944</b> | <b>1,101</b>                         | <b>4,642</b>                               | <b>12,771</b> |        |
| Under 20                            | 119                                 | 41                 | 44           | 26                                   | 7                                          | 1             |        |
| 20 – 24                             | 2,155                               | 255                | 351          | 252                                  | 648                                        | 649           |        |
| 25 – 29                             | 10,213                              | 384                | 542          | 380                                  | 2,024                                      | 6,883         |        |
| 30 – 34                             | 5,739                               | 296                | 388          | 205                                  | 1,184                                      | 3,666         |        |
| 35 – 39                             | 2,141                               | 198                | 268          | 114                                  | 478                                        | 1,083         |        |
| 40 – 44                             | 893                                 | 149                | 165          | 64                                   | 169                                        | 346           |        |
| 45 – 49                             | 415                                 | 100                | 97           | 39                                   | 92                                         | 87            |        |
| 50 – 54                             | 188                                 | 66                 | 53           | 13                                   | 23                                         | 33            |        |
| 55 – 59                             | 88                                  | 33                 | 23           | 5                                    | 14                                         | 13            |        |
| 60 & over                           | 66                                  | 37                 | 13           | 3                                    | 3                                          | 10            |        |

Note: Since 2015, data are based on a new set of educational qualification codes used by the data source agencies during marriage registration. Comparable data for past years can be downloaded [here](#).



Table A1.28 Marriages under the Women's Charter by Educational Qualification of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Educational Qualification of Grooms  | Educational Qualification of Brides |                 |              |                               |                                      |               | Number |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------|
|                                      | Total                               | Below Secondary | Secondary    | Post-Secondary (Non-Tertiary) | Diploma & Professional Qualification | University    |        |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>22,017</b>                       | <b>1,559</b>    | <b>1,944</b> | <b>1,101</b>                  | <b>4,642</b>                         | <b>12,771</b> |        |
| Below Secondary                      | 1,517                               | 655             | 326          | 132                           | 238                                  | 166           |        |
| Secondary                            | 2,044                               | 300             | 673          | 145                           | 493                                  | 433           |        |
| Post-Secondary (Non-Tertiary)        | 1,607                               | 182             | 221          | 338                           | 480                                  | 386           |        |
| Diploma & Professional Qualification | 5,011                               | 270             | 449          | 302                           | 1,901                                | 2,089         |        |
| University                           | 11,838                              | 152             | 275          | 184                           | 1,530                                | 9,697         |        |

Note: Since 2015, data are based on a new set of educational qualification codes used by the data source agencies during marriage registration. Comparable data for past years can be downloaded [here](#).

Table A1.29 First Marriages for Couples under the Women's Charter by Educational Qualification of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Educational Qualification of Grooms  | Educational Qualification of Brides |                 |              |                               |                                      |               | Number |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------|
|                                      | Total                               | Below Secondary | Secondary    | Post-Secondary (Non-Tertiary) | Diploma & Professional Qualification | University    |        |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>17,124</b>                       | <b>559</b>      | <b>1,027</b> | <b>707</b>                    | <b>3,579</b>                         | <b>11,252</b> |        |
| Below Secondary                      | 594                                 | 196             | 122          | 52                            | 136                                  | 88            |        |
| Secondary                            | 1,180                               | 102             | 361          | 95                            | 308                                  | 314           |        |
| Post-Secondary (Non-Tertiary)        | 1,107                               | 71              | 135          | 224                           | 366                                  | 311           |        |
| Diploma & Professional Qualification | 3,877                               | 124             | 266          | 204                           | 1,527                                | 1,756         |        |
| University                           | 10,366                              | 66              | 143          | 132                           | 1,242                                | 8,783         |        |

Notes:

- Data pertain to couples where neither party had previously been married.
- Since 2015, data are based on a new set of educational qualification codes used by the data source agencies during marriage registration. Comparable data for past years can be downloaded [here](#).

Table A1.30 Inter-ethnic Marriages under the Women's Charter by Educational Qualification of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Educational Qualification of Grooms  | Educational Qualification of Brides |                 |            |                               |                                      |              | Number |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------|
|                                      | Total                               | Below Secondary | Secondary  | Post-Secondary (Non-Tertiary) | Diploma & Professional Qualification | University   |        |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>4,007</b>                        | <b>652</b>      | <b>447</b> | <b>244</b>                    | <b>620</b>                           | <b>2,044</b> |        |
| Below Secondary                      | 420                                 | 243             | 69         | 23                            | 39                                   | 46           |        |
| Secondary                            | 521                                 | 120             | 143        | 33                            | 87                                   | 138          |        |
| Post-Secondary (Non-Tertiary)        | 357                                 | 77              | 44         | 64                            | 63                                   | 109          |        |
| Diploma & Professional Qualification | 946                                 | 135             | 117        | 69                            | 230                                  | 395          |        |
| University                           | 1,763                               | 77              | 74         | 55                            | 201                                  | 1,356        |        |

Note: Since 2015, data are based on a new set of educational qualification codes used by the data source agencies during marriage registration. Comparable data for past years can be downloaded [here](#).

Table A1.31 Median Age at First Marriage of Grooms and Brides under the Women's Charter by Educational Qualification, 2006 – 2016

| Year | Grooms |                   |                |            | Brides |                   |                |            | Years |
|------|--------|-------------------|----------------|------------|--------|-------------------|----------------|------------|-------|
|      | Total  | Secondary & Below | Post-Secondary | University | Total  | Secondary & Below | Post-Secondary | University |       |
| 2006 | 30.0   | 32.8              | 28.8           | 30.0       | 27.3   | 26.7              | 26.6           | 27.9       |       |
| 2007 | 30.2   | 32.6              | 28.8           | 30.3       | 27.6   | 27.0              | 26.7           | 28.1       |       |
| 2008 | 30.2   | 33.0              | 29.1           | 30.1       | 27.6   | 26.8              | 26.8           | 28.2       |       |
| 2009 | 30.2   | 32.7              | 29.4           | 30.2       | 27.7   | 26.9              | 27.0           | 28.3       |       |
| 2010 | 30.4   | 32.6              | 29.6           | 30.5       | 28.0   | 27.1              | 27.2           | 28.5       |       |
| 2011 | 30.6   | 32.4              | 29.9           | 30.6       | 28.3   | 27.3              | 27.4           | 28.8       |       |
| 2012 | 30.6   | 32.0              | 30.1           | 30.6       | 28.3   | 27.3              | 27.7           | 28.7       |       |
| 2013 | 30.7   | 32.0              | 30.1           | 30.8       | 28.5   | 27.6              | 27.5           | 29.0       |       |
| 2014 | 30.7   | 32.0              | 30.0           | 30.8       | 28.6   | 27.9              | 27.6           | 28.9       |       |
| 2015 | 30.8   | 32.0              | 30.3           | 30.8       | 28.6   | 27.8              | 27.9           | 29.0       |       |
| 2016 | 30.8   | 31.7              | 30.3           | 30.9       | 28.7   | 28.0              | 28.2           | 28.9       |       |

Table A1.32 Marriages under the Women's Charter by Religion of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Religion of Grooms             | Religion of Brides |              |              |                                |            |                 |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                                | Total              | Christianity | Buddhism     | Taoism / Other Chinese Beliefs | Hinduism   | Other Religions | No Religion  |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>22,017</b>      | <b>5,263</b> | <b>7,801</b> | <b>1,401</b>                   | <b>823</b> | <b>787</b>      | <b>5,942</b> |
| Christianity                   | 5,195              | 3,571        | 671          | 112                            | 51         | 108             | 682          |
| Buddhism                       | 7,652              | 606          | 5,585        | 283                            | 12         | 126             | 1,040        |
| Taoism / Other Chinese Beliefs | 1,552              | 111          | 379          | 774                            | 2          | 30              | 256          |
| Hinduism                       | 1,023              | 148          | 63           | 7                              | 689        | 79              | 37           |
| Other Religions                | 678                | 117          | 99           | 18                             | 47         | 302             | 95           |
| No Religion                    | 5,917              | 710          | 1,004        | 207                            | 22         | 142             | 3,832        |

Table A1.33 Marriages under the Women's Charter by Ethnic Group of Couple and Place of Marriage / Marriage Solemnizer, 2016

| Place of Marriage / Marriage Solemnizer | Number        |               |            |              |              |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                         | Total         | Chinese       | Indians    | Others       | Inter-ethnic |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>22,017</b> | <b>15,944</b> | <b>916</b> | <b>1,150</b> | <b>4,007</b> |
| Registry                                | 7,172         | 4,879         | 217        | 479          | 1,597        |
| Church                                  | 2,535         | 2,056         | 73         | 65           | 341          |
| Hindu Temple                            | 303           | 1             | 253        | 2            | 47           |
| Chinese Temple                          | 268           | 210           | 1          | 15           | 42           |
| Grassroots Leader                       | 6,344         | 4,853         | 130        | 280          | 1,081        |
| Justice of Peace                        | 2,174         | 1,602         | 77         | 127          | 368          |
| Additional Solemnizer                   | 2,915         | 2,170         | 124        | 146          | 475          |
| Others                                  | 306           | 173           | 41         | 36           | 56           |

Table A1.34 Resident Marriages under the Women's Charter by  
Ethnic Group of Couple, 2006 – 2016

| Year | Total  | Chinese | Indians | Others | Number       |
|------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------------|
|      |        |         |         |        | Inter-ethnic |
| 2006 | 19,043 | 15,887  | 725     | 198    | 2,233        |
| 2007 | 18,985 | 15,407  | 781     | 311    | 2,486        |
| 2008 | 19,301 | 15,548  | 748     | 440    | 2,565        |
| 2009 | 20,620 | 16,140  | 791     | 567    | 3,122        |
| 2010 | 18,754 | 14,302  | 753     | 543    | 3,156        |
| 2011 | 20,945 | 16,143  | 817     | 466    | 3,519        |
| 2012 | 20,883 | 15,946  | 868     | 428    | 3,641        |
| 2013 | 18,992 | 14,524  | 868     | 304    | 3,296        |
| 2014 | 20,712 | 16,204  | 874     | 313    | 3,321        |
| 2015 | 20,251 | 15,715  | 852     | 283    | 3,401        |
| 2016 | 19,992 | 15,467  | 841     | 273    | 3,411        |

Note: Resident marriage refers to a marriage where either or both the groom and bride are residents. Resident population comprises Singapore citizens and permanent residents.

Table A1.35 Marriages under the Women's Charter by Age Group and Educational Qualification of Resident Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Age Group<br>(Years)                                | Educational Qualification of Resident Grooms |                    |              |                                      |                                            |              | Number |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------|--------|
|                                                     | Total                                        | Below<br>Secondary | Secondary    | Post-<br>Secondary<br>(Non-Tertiary) | Diploma &<br>Professional<br>Qualification | University   |        |
|                                                     |                                              |                    |              |                                      |                                            |              |        |
| <b>Total</b>                                        | <b>18,080</b>                                | <b>1,222</b>       | <b>1,648</b> | <b>1,437</b>                         | <b>4,219</b>                               | <b>9,554</b> |        |
| Under 20                                            | 23                                           | 4                  | 12           | 6                                    | 1                                          | -            |        |
| 20 – 24                                             | 633                                          | 65                 | 161          | 127                                  | 228                                        | 52           |        |
| 25 – 29                                             | 5,907                                        | 118                | 300          | 474                                  | 1,488                                      | 3,527        |        |
| 30 – 34                                             | 5,801                                        | 131                | 330          | 360                                  | 1,265                                      | 3,715        |        |
| 35 – 39                                             | 2,610                                        | 149                | 264          | 203                                  | 655                                        | 1,339        |        |
| 40 – 44                                             | 1,328                                        | 168                | 195          | 129                                  | 305                                        | 531          |        |
| 45 – 49                                             | 713                                          | 147                | 142          | 68                                   | 142                                        | 214          |        |
| 50 – 54                                             | 446                                          | 171                | 84           | 31                                   | 69                                         | 91           |        |
| 55 – 59                                             | 294                                          | 120                | 75           | 22                                   | 37                                         | 40           |        |
| 60 & over                                           | 325                                          | 149                | 85           | 17                                   | 29                                         | 45           |        |
| <b>Educational Qualification of Resident Brides</b> |                                              |                    |              |                                      |                                            |              |        |
|                                                     | Total                                        | Below<br>Secondary | Secondary    | Post-<br>Secondary<br>(Non-Tertiary) | Diploma &<br>Professional<br>Qualification | University   |        |
| <b>Total</b>                                        | <b>14,733</b>                                | <b>474</b>         | <b>923</b>   | <b>636</b>                           | <b>3,264</b>                               | <b>9,436</b> |        |
| Under 20                                            | 77                                           | 17                 | 34           | 19                                   | 7                                          | -            |        |
| 20 – 24                                             | 1,204                                        | 56                 | 161          | 155                                  | 440                                        | 392          |        |
| 25 – 29                                             | 7,307                                        | 72                 | 226          | 228                                  | 1,429                                      | 5,352        |        |
| 30 – 34                                             | 3,765                                        | 58                 | 166          | 105                                  | 832                                        | 2,604        |        |
| 35 – 39                                             | 1,374                                        | 73                 | 130          | 62                                   | 357                                        | 752          |        |
| 40 – 44                                             | 538                                          | 56                 | 90           | 33                                   | 121                                        | 238          |        |
| 45 – 49                                             | 233                                          | 48                 | 55           | 22                                   | 50                                         | 58           |        |
| 50 – 54                                             | 118                                          | 42                 | 31           | 6                                    | 15                                         | 24           |        |
| 55 – 59                                             | 61                                           | 20                 | 17           | 4                                    | 10                                         | 10           |        |
| 60 & over                                           | 56                                           | 32                 | 13           | 2                                    | 3                                          | 6            |        |

Note: Since 2015, data are based on a new set of educational qualification codes used by the data source agencies during marriage registration. Comparable data for past years can be downloaded [here](#).

Table A1.36 Marriages under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Ethnic Group of Couple, 1965 – 2016

| Year | Total* | Malays | Indians | Others | Number       |
|------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------------|
|      |        |        |         |        | Inter-ethnic |
| 1965 | 1,922  | 1,546  | 84      | 22     | 270          |
| 1970 | 2,272  | 1,865  | 122     | 10     | 275          |
| 1975 | 3,233  | 2,522  | 190     | 14     | 507          |
| 1980 | 4,032  | 3,192  | 212     | 30     | 598          |
| 1985 | 4,563  | 3,576  | 237     | 24     | 726          |
| 1990 | 4,762  | 3,718  | 241     | 18     | 785          |
| 1995 | 4,412  | 3,270  | 256     | 27     | 859          |
| 1996 | 4,171  | 3,033  | 248     | 26     | 864          |
| 1997 | 4,367  | 3,197  | 264     | 10     | 896          |
| 1998 | 4,135  | 3,021  | 250     | 19     | 845          |
| 1999 | 4,087  | 2,919  | 218     | 22     | 928          |
| 2000 | 4,011  | 2,806  | 221     | 21     | 963          |
| 2001 | 4,001  | 2,913  | 210     | 22     | 856          |
| 2002 | 3,941  | 2,837  | 214     | 27     | 863          |
| 2003 | 3,871  | 2,749  | 200     | 29     | 893          |
| 2004 | 4,098  | 2,816  | 191     | 51     | 1,040        |
| 2005 | 3,950  | 2,542  | 180     | 109    | 1,119        |
| 2006 | 3,945  | 2,472  | 165     | 109    | 1,199        |
| 2007 | 4,113  | 2,598  | 171     | 122    | 1,222        |
| 2008 | 4,207  | 2,593  | 191     | 120    | 1,302        |
| 2009 | 4,021  | 2,394  | 182     | 127    | 1,318        |
| 2010 | 4,133  | 2,381  | 174     | 200    | 1,378        |
| 2011 | 4,418  | 2,635  | 178     | 184    | 1,421        |
| 2012 | 4,802  | 2,803  | 189     | 199    | 1,611        |
| 2013 | 5,074  | 3,001  | 217     | 226    | 1,630        |
| 2014 | 5,544  | 3,221  | 198     | 223    | 1,902        |
| 2015 | 5,778  | 3,377  | 216     | 232    | 1,953        |
| 2016 | 5,954  | 3,408  | 243     | 286    | 2,017        |

\* Total in 2008 *includes* marriages where the ethnic group of grooms or brides was not reported.

Table A1.37 Marriages under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Age Group of Grooms, 1965 – 2016

| Year | Age Group of Grooms (Years) |          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |           | Number |
|------|-----------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|--------|
|      | Total*                      | Under 20 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60 & over |        |
| 1965 | 1,922                       | 75       | 632   | 695   | 245   | 102   | 87    | 36    | 21    | 10    | 12        |        |
| 1970 | 2,272                       | 86       | 969   | 659   | 293   | 105   | 54    | 37    | 30    | 16    | 23        |        |
| 1975 | 3,233                       | 116      | 1,356 | 1,200 | 247   | 128   | 82    | 35    | 34    | 14    | 21        |        |
| 1980 | 4,032                       | 110      | 1,593 | 1,552 | 416   | 142   | 82    | 50    | 32    | 26    | 29        |        |
| 1985 | 4,563                       | 69       | 1,678 | 1,848 | 575   | 166   | 70    | 62    | 34    | 26    | 35        |        |
| 1990 | 4,762                       | 67       | 1,164 | 2,198 | 746   | 293   | 117   | 60    | 44    | 33    | 40        |        |
| 1995 | 4,412                       | 68       | 878   | 1,743 | 903   | 391   | 206   | 96    | 44    | 32    | 51        |        |
| 1996 | 4,171                       | 83       | 842   | 1,606 | 799   | 387   | 198   | 113   | 50    | 32    | 61        |        |
| 1997 | 4,367                       | 72       | 858   | 1,612 | 884   | 451   | 216   | 113   | 64    | 36    | 61        |        |
| 1998 | 4,135                       | 72       | 741   | 1,532 | 869   | 424   | 235   | 108   | 62    | 43    | 49        |        |
| 1999 | 4,087                       | 76       | 739   | 1,542 | 755   | 427   | 250   | 140   | 72    | 31    | 55        |        |
| 2000 | 4,011                       | 103      | 688   | 1,479 | 705   | 442   | 278   | 140   | 78    | 39    | 59        |        |
| 2001 | 4,001                       | 98       | 697   | 1,451 | 733   | 448   | 245   | 146   | 86    | 39    | 58        |        |
| 2002 | 3,941                       | 95       | 666   | 1,497 | 723   | 422   | 232   | 148   | 68    | 45    | 45        |        |
| 2003 | 3,871                       | 88       | 656   | 1,391 | 748   | 441   | 231   | 155   | 82    | 42    | 37        |        |
| 2004 | 4,098                       | 88       | 711   | 1,377 | 784   | 471   | 278   | 185   | 114   | 53    | 37        |        |
| 2005 | 3,950                       | 72       | 668   | 1,410 | 739   | 425   | 258   | 173   | 101   | 56    | 48        |        |
| 2006 | 3,945                       | 72       | 628   | 1,433 | 756   | 389   | 284   | 170   | 108   | 44    | 61        |        |
| 2007 | 4,113                       | 60       | 646   | 1,526 | 762   | 377   | 308   | 201   | 114   | 62    | 57        |        |
| 2008 | 4,207                       | 72       | 578   | 1,696 | 743   | 426   | 281   | 189   | 94    | 77    | 51        |        |
| 2009 | 4,021                       | 50       | 513   | 1,684 | 716   | 398   | 270   | 161   | 108   | 54    | 67        |        |
| 2010 | 4,133                       | 36       | 557   | 1,666 | 805   | 443   | 254   | 161   | 83    | 70    | 58        |        |
| 2011 | 4,418                       | 42       | 506   | 1,883 | 878   | 428   | 260   | 190   | 112   | 64    | 55        |        |
| 2012 | 4,802                       | 38       | 610   | 2,106 | 946   | 441   | 246   | 176   | 123   | 54    | 62        |        |
| 2013 | 5,074                       | 28       | 578   | 2,177 | 1084  | 446   | 293   | 196   | 131   | 80    | 61        |        |
| 2014 | 5,544                       | 33       | 591   | 2,444 | 1273  | 413   | 297   | 218   | 138   | 80    | 57        |        |
| 2015 | 5,778                       | 48       | 613   | 2,507 | 1282  | 481   | 283   | 215   | 169   | 90    | 90        |        |
| 2016 | 5,954                       | 27       | 591   | 2,727 | 1,268 | 476   | 312   | 204   | 168   | 88    | 93        |        |

\* Total in 1965 **includes** marriages where the age of grooms was not reported.

Table A1.38 Marriages under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Age Group of Brides, 1965 – 2016

| Year | Number                      |          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |
|------|-----------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
|      | Age Group of Brides (Years) |          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |
|      | Total*                      | Under 20 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60 & over |
| 1965 | 1,922                       | 1,014    | 529   | 182   | 88    | 47    | 34    | 17    | 6     | 1     | 1         |
| 1970 | 2,272                       | 872      | 1,036 | 164   | 75    | 56    | 44    | 11    | 8     | 6     | -         |
| 1975 | 3,233                       | 973      | 1,521 | 494   | 96    | 67    | 44    | 25    | 7     | 4     | 2         |
| 1980 | 4,032                       | 816      | 2,091 | 739   | 223   | 63    | 48    | 23    | 11    | 12    | 6         |
| 1985 | 4,563                       | 684      | 2,424 | 927   | 292   | 115   | 57    | 30    | 19    | 9     | 6         |
| 1990 | 4,762                       | 558      | 2,109 | 1,307 | 407   | 226   | 92    | 23    | 24    | 8     | 8         |
| 1995 | 4,412                       | 420      | 1,805 | 1,164 | 492   | 289   | 134   | 67    | 18    | 16    | 7         |
| 1996 | 4,171                       | 386      | 1,678 | 1,090 | 489   | 248   | 146   | 86    | 24    | 12    | 12        |
| 1997 | 4,367                       | 359      | 1,676 | 1,188 | 539   | 282   | 154   | 102   | 40    | 13    | 14        |
| 1998 | 4,135                       | 421      | 1,519 | 1,118 | 490   | 295   | 153   | 92    | 26    | 9     | 12        |
| 1999 | 4,087                       | 383      | 1,441 | 1,162 | 460   | 320   | 173   | 93    | 31    | 11    | 13        |
| 2000 | 4,011                       | 431      | 1,327 | 1,139 | 463   | 302   | 182   | 96    | 44    | 13    | 14        |
| 2001 | 4,001                       | 393      | 1,416 | 1,123 | 419   | 310   | 178   | 100   | 37    | 11    | 14        |
| 2002 | 3,941                       | 390      | 1,362 | 1,159 | 422   | 276   | 185   | 92    | 28    | 18    | 9         |
| 2003 | 3,871                       | 326      | 1,379 | 1,075 | 469   | 260   | 179   | 124   | 37    | 14    | 8         |
| 2004 | 4,098                       | 361      | 1,405 | 1,143 | 471   | 298   | 220   | 128   | 43    | 18    | 11        |
| 2005 | 3,950                       | 328      | 1,350 | 1,180 | 444   | 247   | 188   | 128   | 55    | 19    | 11        |
| 2006 | 3,945                       | 282      | 1,245 | 1,235 | 508   | 248   | 223   | 106   | 56    | 25    | 17        |
| 2007 | 4,113                       | 263      | 1,242 | 1,390 | 489   | 283   | 221   | 139   | 55    | 17    | 14        |
| 2008 | 4,207                       | 224      | 1,267 | 1,521 | 482   | 271   | 200   | 135   | 67    | 28    | 12        |
| 2009 | 4,021                       | 167      | 1,153 | 1,564 | 486   | 258   | 156   | 123   | 66    | 31    | 17        |
| 2010 | 4,133                       | 179      | 1,105 | 1,611 | 562   | 266   | 157   | 131   | 72    | 33    | 17        |
| 2011 | 4,418                       | 149      | 1,176 | 1,812 | 548   | 286   | 187   | 125   | 87    | 32    | 16        |
| 2012 | 4,802                       | 164      | 1,279 | 1,969 | 641   | 284   | 194   | 160   | 72    | 24    | 15        |
| 2013 | 5,074                       | 149      | 1,245 | 2,132 | 711   | 344   | 214   | 139   | 76    | 40    | 24        |
| 2014 | 5,544                       | 134      | 1,384 | 2,417 | 820   | 293   | 213   | 149   | 75    | 37    | 22        |
| 2015 | 5,778                       | 145      | 1,345 | 2,494 | 856   | 351   | 269   | 145   | 111   | 36    | 26        |
| 2016 | 5,954                       | 125      | 1,293 | 2,732 | 835   | 370   | 248   | 180   | 104   | 38    | 29        |

\* Total in 1965 **includes** marriages where the age of brides was not reported.



Table A1.39 Median Age of Grooms and Brides Married under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Marriage Order, 1965 – 2016

| Year | Grooms           |                 |             | Brides          |                 |             |
|------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
|      | Total Marriages* | First Marriages | Remarriages | Total Marriages | First Marriages | Remarriages |
| 1965 | 26.8             | 25.9            | 35.5        | 19.7            | 19.0            | 28.4        |
| 1970 | 25.6             | 24.9            | 37.7        | 21.3            | 20.8            | 31.9        |
| 1975 | 25.6             | 25.1            | 37.9        | 22.1            | 21.7            | 30.7        |
| 1980 | 26.0             | 25.4            | 35.3        | 22.9            | 22.6            | 30.6        |
| 1985 | 26.1             | 25.6            | 34.6        | 23.2            | 22.8            | 30.9        |
| 1990 | 27.2             | 26.6            | 35.9        | 24.4            | 23.9            | 32.1        |
| 1995 | 28.5             | 27.4            | 37.9        | 25.0            | 24.1            | 33.9        |
| 1996 | 28.4             | 27.3            | 39.0        | 25.0            | 24.2            | 34.3        |
| 1997 | 28.7             | 27.3            | 38.6        | 25.4            | 24.5            | 34.3        |
| 1998 | 28.7             | 27.3            | 38.8        | 25.3            | 24.4            | 34.0        |
| 1999 | 28.7             | 27.4            | 39.4        | 25.6            | 24.5            | 34.9        |
| 2000 | 28.8             | 27.4            | 39.8        | 25.7            | 24.4            | 35.0        |
| 2001 | 29.0             | 27.5            | 39.8        | 25.6            | 24.3            | 35.4        |
| 2002 | 28.8             | 27.6            | 39.6        | 25.6            | 24.4            | 34.8        |
| 2003 | 29.0             | 27.6            | 39.7        | 25.7            | 24.5            | 35.5        |
| 2004 | 29.5             | 27.7            | 40.2        | 25.9            | 24.6            | 35.4        |
| 2005 | 29.2             | 27.7            | 39.9        | 25.9            | 24.7            | 35.4        |
| 2006 | 29.2             | 27.6            | 40.4        | 26.3            | 25.0            | 35.6        |
| 2007 | 29.2             | 27.6            | 40.7        | 26.4            | 25.2            | 35.6        |
| 2008 | 29.1             | 27.7            | 40.6        | 26.5            | 25.4            | 35.7        |
| 2009 | 29.1             | 27.8            | 41.0        | 26.7            | 25.7            | 35.7        |
| 2010 | 29.3             | 28.1            | 39.7        | 27.0            | 25.8            | 35.8        |
| 2011 | 29.3             | 28.1            | 40.4        | 27.0            | 26.0            | 36.8        |
| 2012 | 29.1             | 28.1            | 39.9        | 26.9            | 26.0            | 36.5        |
| 2013 | 29.3             | 28.1            | 40.9        | 27.3            | 26.2            | 36.8        |
| 2014 | 29.3             | 28.3            | 41.2        | 27.1            | 26.3            | 36.7        |
| 2015 | 29.4             | 28.1            | 41.1        | 27.3            | 26.4            | 38.0        |
| 2016 | 29.2             | 28.2            | 42.3        | 27.4            | 26.5            | 37.6        |

\* Total in 2008 *includes* marriages where the previous marital status of grooms was not reported.

Table A1.40 Median Age of Grooms Married under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Ethnic Group, 2006 – 2016

| Year | Years  |        |         |        |
|------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
|      | Total* | Malays | Indians | Others |
| 2006 | 29.2   | 29.3   | 28.8    | 29.0   |
| 2007 | 29.2   | 29.2   | 28.4    | 29.6   |
| 2008 | 29.1   | 29.0   | 28.5    | 29.9   |
| 2009 | 29.1   | 29.0   | 29.2    | 29.5   |
| 2010 | 29.3   | 29.2   | 28.8    | 30.0   |
| 2011 | 29.3   | 29.3   | 28.6    | 29.8   |
| 2012 | 29.1   | 29.0   | 29.2    | 29.3   |
| 2013 | 29.3   | 29.1   | 29.3    | 30.2   |
| 2014 | 29.3   | 29.3   | 28.9    | 29.8   |
| 2015 | 29.4   | 29.3   | 29.5    | 29.6   |
| 2016 | 29.2   | 29.0   | 28.9    | 29.9   |

\* Total in 2008 **includes** marriages where the ethnic group of grooms was not reported.

Table A1.41 Median Age of Brides Married under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Ethnic Group, 2006 – 2016

| Year | Years  |        |         |        |
|------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
|      | Total* | Malays | Indians | Others |
| 2006 | 26.3   | 26.2   | 26.2    | 26.8   |
| 2007 | 26.4   | 26.5   | 26.0    | 26.7   |
| 2008 | 26.5   | 26.4   | 25.8    | 27.3   |
| 2009 | 26.7   | 26.6   | 25.6    | 27.5   |
| 2010 | 27.0   | 26.9   | 26.5    | 27.5   |
| 2011 | 27.0   | 26.9   | 26.3    | 27.9   |
| 2012 | 26.9   | 26.8   | 26.9    | 27.7   |
| 2013 | 27.3   | 27.1   | 27.3    | 28.1   |
| 2014 | 27.1   | 27.0   | 26.7    | 28.0   |
| 2015 | 27.3   | 27.2   | 27.2    | 28.0   |
| 2016 | 27.4   | 27.2   | 26.8    | 28.0   |

\* Total in 2008 **includes** marriages where the ethnic group of brides was not reported.

Table A1.42 Marriages under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Ethnic Group of Couple, January – December 2016

| Month        | Total        | Malays       | Indians    | Others     | Number       |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|
|              |              |              |            |            | Inter-ethnic |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>5,954</b> | <b>3,408</b> | <b>243</b> | <b>286</b> | <b>2,017</b> |
| January      | 575          | 323          | 17         | 26         | 209          |
| February     | 393          | 227          | 14         | 22         | 130          |
| March        | 500          | 288          | 22         | 23         | 167          |
| April        | 515          | 289          | 30         | 23         | 173          |
| May          | 583          | 339          | 28         | 24         | 192          |
| June         | 157          | 93           | 1          | 5          | 58           |
| July         | 324          | 174          | 21         | 14         | 115          |
| August       | 501          | 306          | 14         | 23         | 158          |
| September    | 454          | 253          | 19         | 20         | 162          |
| October      | 556          | 310          | 22         | 31         | 193          |
| November     | 582          | 334          | 22         | 28         | 198          |
| December     | 814          | 472          | 33         | 47         | 262          |

Table A1.43 Marriages under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Previous Marital Status and Ethnic Group of Couple, 2016

| Marriage Contracted Between    | Total        | Malays       | Indians    | Others     | Number       |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|
|                                |              |              |            |            | Inter-ethnic |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>5,954</b> | <b>3,408</b> | <b>243</b> | <b>286</b> | <b>2,017</b> |
| Single man &<br>Single woman   | 4,240        | 2,423        | 201        | 206        | 1,410        |
| Divorced woman                 | 504          | 282          | 16         | 22         | 184          |
| Widowed woman                  | 21           | 10           | -          | -          | 11           |
| Divorced man &<br>Single woman | 394          | 201          | 11         | 26         | 156          |
| Divorced woman                 | 623          | 394          | 15         | 25         | 189          |
| Widowed woman                  | 57           | 29           | -          | 2          | 26           |
| Widowed man &<br>Single woman  | 18           | 8            | -          | 1          | 9            |
| Divorced woman                 | 57           | 39           | -          | 1          | 17           |
| Widowed woman                  | 22           | 14           | -          | 1          | 7            |
| Married man &<br>Single woman  | 4            | 3            | -          | -          | 1            |
| Divorced woman                 | 13           | 5            | -          | 2          | 6            |
| Widowed woman                  | 1            | -            | -          | -          | 1            |

Note: Previous marital status refers to a person's marital status prior to the current marriage.

Table A1.44 Inter-ethnic Marriages under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Ethnic Group of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Ethnic Group of Grooms | Ethnic Group of Brides |            |            |            |           |            |            | Number |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------|
|                        | Total                  | Malays     | Chinese    | Indians    | Eurasians | Caucasians | Others     |        |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>2,017</b>           | <b>832</b> | <b>167</b> | <b>250</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>8</b>   | <b>738</b> |        |
| Malays                 | 881                    | -          | 116        | 156        | 13        | 3          | 593        |        |
| Chinese                | 120                    | 88         | -          | 8          | 1         | -          | 23         |        |
| Indians                | 355                    | 233        | 15         | -          | -         | 4          | 103        |        |
| Eurasians              | 21                     | 12         | -          | 4          | -         | -          | 5          |        |
| Caucasians             | 72                     | 46         | 1          | 10         | 1         | -          | 14         |        |
| Others                 | 568                    | 453        | 35         | 72         | 7         | 1          | -          |        |

Table A1.45 Marriages under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Age Group of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Age Group of Grooms (Years) | Age Group of Brides (Years) |            |              |              |            |            |            |            |            |           |           | Number |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
|                             | Total                       | Under 20   | 20-24        | 25-29        | 30-34      | 35-39      | 40-44      | 45-49      | 50-54      | 55-59     | 60 & over |        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>5,954</b>                | <b>125</b> | <b>1,293</b> | <b>2,732</b> | <b>835</b> | <b>370</b> | <b>248</b> | <b>180</b> | <b>104</b> | <b>38</b> | <b>29</b> |        |
| Under 20                    | 27                          | 23         | 4            | -            | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -         | -         |        |
| 20 – 24                     | 591                         | 69         | 369          | 131          | 13         | 6          | 1          | -          | 2          | -         | -         |        |
| 25 – 29                     | 2,727                       | 29         | 722          | 1,769        | 159        | 33         | 7          | 5          | 2          | -         | 1         |        |
| 30 – 34                     | 1,268                       | 2          | 142          | 638          | 394        | 67         | 14         | 9          | 1          | 1         | -         |        |
| 35 – 39                     | 476                         | 1          | 38           | 129          | 156        | 109        | 36         | 5          | 2          | -         | -         |        |
| 40 – 44                     | 312                         | 1          | 9            | 38           | 63         | 83         | 80         | 28         | 8          | 2         | -         |        |
| 45 – 49                     | 204                         | -          | 3            | 15           | 31         | 35         | 60         | 47         | 11         | 1         | 1         |        |
| 50 – 54                     | 168                         | -          | 5            | 9            | 13         | 16         | 28         | 50         | 38         | 6         | 3         |        |
| 55 – 59                     | 88                          | -          | -            | -            | 3          | 12         | 15         | 22         | 22         | 10        | 4         |        |
| 60 & over                   | 93                          | -          | 1            | 3            | 3          | 9          | 7          | 14         | 18         | 18        | 20        |        |

Table A1.46 Marriages under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Age Group and Ethnic Group of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Age Group<br>(Years)   | Ethnic Group of Grooms |              |            |              |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
|                        | Total                  | Malays       | Indians    | Others       |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>5,954</b>           | <b>4,289</b> | <b>598</b> | <b>1,067</b> |
| Under 20               | 27                     | 22           | 2          | 3            |
| 20 – 24                | 591                    | 455          | 50         | 86           |
| 25 – 29                | 2,727                  | 1,963        | 314        | 450          |
| 30 – 34                | 1,268                  | 851          | 127        | 290          |
| 35 – 39                | 476                    | 341          | 40         | 95           |
| 40 – 44                | 312                    | 220          | 29         | 63           |
| 45 – 49                | 204                    | 153          | 13         | 38           |
| 50 – 54                | 168                    | 146          | 8          | 14           |
| 55 – 59                | 88                     | 73           | 6          | 9            |
| 60 & over              | 93                     | 65           | 9          | 19           |
| Ethnic Group of Brides |                        |              |            |              |
|                        | Total                  | Malays       | Indians    | Others       |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>5,954</b>           | <b>4,240</b> | <b>493</b> | <b>1,221</b> |
| Under 20               | 125                    | 92           | 15         | 18           |
| 20 – 24                | 1,293                  | 926          | 144        | 223          |
| 25 – 29                | 2,732                  | 1,990        | 200        | 542          |
| 30 – 34                | 835                    | 555          | 64         | 216          |
| 35 – 39                | 370                    | 251          | 28         | 91           |
| 40 – 44                | 248                    | 159          | 21         | 68           |
| 45 – 49                | 180                    | 128          | 12         | 40           |
| 50 – 54                | 104                    | 85           | 8          | 11           |
| 55 – 59                | 38                     | 27           | 1          | 10           |
| 60 & over              | 29                     | 27           | -          | 2            |

Table A1.47 Marriages under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Age Group and Previous Marital Status of Grooms, 2016

| Age Group<br>(Years) | Number       |              |              |           |           |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
|                      | Total        | Single       | Divorced     | Widowed   | Married   |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>5,954</b> | <b>4,765</b> | <b>1,074</b> | <b>97</b> | <b>18</b> |
| Under 20             | 27           | 27           | -            | -         | -         |
| 20 – 24              | 591          | 582          | 9            | -         | -         |
| 25 – 29              | 2,727        | 2,643        | 84           | -         | -         |
| 30 – 34              | 1,268        | 1,070        | 196          | 1         | 1         |
| 35 – 39              | 476          | 269          | 201          | 6         | -         |
| 40 – 44              | 312          | 95           | 206          | 6         | 5         |
| 45 – 49              | 204          | 43           | 150          | 9         | 2         |
| 50 – 54              | 168          | 21           | 121          | 20        | 6         |
| 55 – 59              | 88           | 6            | 60           | 19        | 3         |
| 60 & over            | 93           | 9            | 47           | 36        | 1         |

Note: Previous marital status refers to a person's marital status prior to the current marriage.

Table A1.48 Marriages under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Age Group and Previous Marital Status of Brides, 2016

| Age Group<br>(Years) | Number       |              |              |            |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
|                      | Total        | Single       | Divorced     | Widowed    |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>5,954</b> | <b>4,656</b> | <b>1,197</b> | <b>101</b> |
| Under 20             | 125          | 124          | 1            | -          |
| 20 – 24              | 1,293        | 1,254        | 39           | -          |
| 25 – 29              | 2,732        | 2,527        | 200          | 5          |
| 30 – 34              | 835          | 573          | 254          | 8          |
| 35 – 39              | 370          | 107          | 250          | 13         |
| 40 – 44              | 248          | 44           | 189          | 15         |
| 45 – 49              | 180          | 16           | 145          | 19         |
| 50 – 54              | 104          | 7            | 78           | 19         |
| 55 – 59              | 38           | 2            | 28           | 8          |
| 60 & over            | 29           | 2            | 13           | 14         |

Note: Previous marital status refers to a person's marital status prior to the current marriage.

Table A1.49 First Marriages for Grooms under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Age Group of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Age Group of Grooms (Years) | Age Group of Brides (Years) |            |              |              |            |            |           |           |           | Number |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
|                             | Total                       | Under 20   | 20-24        | 25-29        | 30-34      | 35-39      | 40-44     | 45-49     | 50 & over |        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>4,765</b>                | <b>120</b> | <b>1,217</b> | <b>2,521</b> | <b>599</b> | <b>175</b> | <b>69</b> | <b>37</b> | <b>27</b> |        |
| Under 20                    | 27                          | 23         | 4            | -            | -          | -          | -         | -         | -         |        |
| 20 – 24                     | 582                         | 68         | 361          | 131          | 13         | 6          | 1         | -         | 2         |        |
| 25 – 29                     | 2,643                       | 26         | 703          | 1,729        | 141        | 31         | 6         | 5         | 2         |        |
| 30 – 34                     | 1,070                       | 2          | 122          | 559          | 322        | 42         | 12        | 9         | 2         |        |
| 35 – 39                     | 269                         | -          | 22           | 81           | 96         | 54         | 14        | 1         | 1         |        |
| 40 – 44                     | 95                          | 1          | 3            | 14           | 20         | 30         | 17        | 6         | 4         |        |
| 45 – 49                     | 43                          | -          | 1            | 7            | 6          | 10         | 13        | 5         | 1         |        |
| 50 & over                   | 36                          | -          | 1            | -            | 1          | 2          | 6         | 11        | 15        |        |

Table A1.50 First Marriages for Brides under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Age Group of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Age Group of Grooms (Years) | Age Group of Brides (Years) |            |              |              |            |            |           |           |           | Number |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
|                             | Total                       | Under 20   | 20-24        | 25-29        | 30-34      | 35-39      | 40-44     | 45-49     | 50 & over |        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>4,656</b>                | <b>124</b> | <b>1,254</b> | <b>2,527</b> | <b>573</b> | <b>107</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>11</b> |        |
| Under 20                    | 27                          | 23         | 4            | -            | -          | -          | -         | -         | -         |        |
| 20 – 24                     | 546                         | 68         | 358          | 111          | 8          | 1          | -         | -         | -         |        |
| 25 – 29                     | 2,542                       | 29         | 703          | 1,685        | 113        | 11         | 1         | -         | -         |        |
| 30 – 34                     | 1,012                       | 2          | 135          | 569          | 287        | 16         | 2         | 1         | -         |        |
| 35 – 39                     | 291                         | 1          | 37           | 112          | 98         | 34         | 9         | -         | -         |        |
| 40 – 44                     | 119                         | 1          | 9            | 27           | 43         | 25         | 12        | 2         | -         |        |
| 45 – 49                     | 52                          | -          | 2            | 11           | 17         | 6          | 10        | 5         | 1         |        |
| 50 & over                   | 67                          | -          | 6            | 12           | 7          | 14         | 10        | 8         | 10        |        |

Table A1.51 First Marriages for Couples under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Age Group of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Age Group of Grooms (Years) | Age Group of Brides (Years) |            |              |              |            |           |           |          |           | Number |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------|
|                             | Total                       | Under 20   | 20-24        | 25-29        | 30-34      | 35-39     | 40-44     | 45-49    | 50 & over |        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>4,240</b>                | <b>119</b> | <b>1,189</b> | <b>2,372</b> | <b>466</b> | <b>66</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b>  |        |
| Under 20                    | 27                          | 23         | 4            | -            | -          | -         | -         | -        | -         |        |
| 20 – 24                     | 542                         | 67         | 355          | 111          | 8          | 1         | -         | -        | -         |        |
| 25 – 29                     | 2,488                       | 26         | 685          | 1,657        | 108        | 11        | 1         | -        | -         |        |
| 30 – 34                     | 912                         | 2          | 119          | 517          | 259        | 12        | 2         | 1        | -         |        |
| 35 – 39                     | 192                         | -          | 21           | 73           | 71         | 22        | 5         | -        | -         |        |
| 40 – 44                     | 53                          | 1          | 3            | 9            | 16         | 17        | 6         | 1        | -         |        |
| 45 – 49                     | 15                          | -          | 1            | 5            | 4          | 1         | 3         | 1        | -         |        |
| 50 & over                   | 11                          | -          | 1            | -            | -          | 2         | 2         | 1        | 5         |        |

Note: Data pertain to couples where neither party had previously been married.

Table A1.52 Marriages under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Occupation of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Occupation of Grooms         | Occupation of Brides |                              |                           |            |                  |                              |            |             | Number |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------|
|                              | Total                | Admin-istrative & Managerial | Profes-sional & Technical | Clerical   | Sales & Services | Production & Related Workers | Others     | Not Working |        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>5,954</b>         | <b>1,857</b>                 | <b>1,512</b>              | <b>196</b> | <b>795</b>       | <b>159</b>                   | <b>514</b> | <b>921</b>  |        |
| Administrative & Managerial  | 802                  | 435                          | 155                       | 17         | 69               | 8                            | 26         | 92          |        |
| Professional & Technical     | 2,430                | 773                          | 1,081                     | 69         | 203              | 21                           | 58         | 225         |        |
| Clerical                     | 54                   | 11                           | 3                         | 15         | 7                | 3                            | 6          | 9           |        |
| Sales & Services             | 822                  | 184                          | 76                        | 30         | 308              | 29                           | 21         | 174         |        |
| Production & Related Workers | 638                  | 184                          | 83                        | 35         | 90               | 84                           | 14         | 148         |        |
| Others                       | 1,081                | 246                          | 90                        | 30         | 103              | 11                           | 380        | 221         |        |
| Not Working                  | 127                  | 24                           | 24                        | -          | 15               | 3                            | 9          | 52          |        |



Table A1.53 Marriages under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Age Group and Occupation of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Age Group (Years) | Number               |                              |                           |            |                  |                              |              |             |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
|                   | Occupation of Grooms |                              |                           |            |                  |                              |              |             |
|                   | Total                | Admin-istrative & Managerial | Profes-sional & Technical | Clerical   | Sales & Services | Production & Related Workers | Others       | Not Working |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>5,954</b>         | <b>802</b>                   | <b>2,430</b>              | <b>54</b>  | <b>822</b>       | <b>638</b>                   | <b>1,081</b> | <b>127</b>  |
| Under 20          | 27                   | -                            | 1                         | 1          | 8                | 2                            | 8            | 7           |
| 20 – 24           | 591                  | 30                           | 158                       | 5          | 111              | 69                           | 174          | 44          |
| 25 – 29           | 2,727                | 375                          | 1,268                     | 18         | 299              | 247                          | 478          | 42          |
| 30 – 34           | 1,268                | 218                          | 585                       | 6          | 159              | 102                          | 185          | 13          |
| 35 – 39           | 476                  | 79                           | 192                       | 3          | 81               | 51                           | 68           | 2           |
| 40 – 44           | 312                  | 42                           | 114                       | 6          | 57               | 49                           | 43           | 1           |
| 45 – 49           | 204                  | 28                           | 50                        | 6          | 37               | 48                           | 33           | 2           |
| 50 – 54           | 168                  | 14                           | 38                        | 4          | 35               | 34                           | 40           | 3           |
| 55 – 59           | 88                   | 8                            | 19                        | 2          | 15               | 21                           | 23           | -           |
| 60 & over         | 93                   | 8                            | 5                         | 3          | 20               | 15                           | 29           | 13          |
|                   | Occupation of Brides |                              |                           |            |                  |                              |              |             |
|                   | Total                | Admin-istrative & Managerial | Profes-sional & Technical | Clerical   | Sales & Services | Production & Related Workers | Others       | Not Working |
|                   |                      |                              |                           |            |                  |                              |              |             |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>5,954</b>         | <b>1,857</b>                 | <b>1,512</b>              | <b>196</b> | <b>795</b>       | <b>159</b>                   | <b>514</b>   | <b>921</b>  |
| Under 20          | 125                  | 7                            | 7                         | 2          | 20               | 2                            | 11           | 76          |
| 20 – 24           | 1,293                | 350                          | 291                       | 32         | 188              | 24                           | 142          | 266         |
| 25 – 29           | 2,732                | 945                          | 891                       | 78         | 338              | 25                           | 244          | 211         |
| 30 – 34           | 835                  | 306                          | 203                       | 27         | 101              | 25                           | 49           | 124         |
| 35 – 39           | 370                  | 123                          | 60                        | 18         | 60               | 14                           | 19           | 76          |
| 40 – 44           | 248                  | 66                           | 39                        | 12         | 45               | 18                           | 14           | 54          |
| 45 – 49           | 180                  | 44                           | 13                        | 12         | 25               | 23                           | 17           | 46          |
| 50 – 54           | 104                  | 14                           | 8                         | 13         | 8                | 18                           | 9            | 34          |
| 55 – 59           | 38                   | 1                            | -                         | 2          | 8                | 6                            | 6            | 15          |
| 60 & over         | 29                   | 1                            | -                         | -          | 2                | 4                            | 3            | 19          |

Table A1.54 Marriages under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Age Group and Educational Qualification of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Age Group<br>(Years)                | Educational Qualification of Grooms |                    |              |                                      |                                            |              | Number |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------|--------|
|                                     | Total                               | Below<br>Secondary | Secondary    | Post-<br>Secondary<br>(Non-Tertiary) | Diploma &<br>Professional<br>Qualification | University   |        |
|                                     |                                     |                    |              |                                      |                                            |              |        |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>5,954</b>                        | <b>763</b>         | <b>1,071</b> | <b>1,780</b>                         | <b>1,584</b>                               | <b>756</b>   |        |
| Under 20                            | 27                                  | 4                  | 17           | 6                                    | -                                          | -            |        |
| 20 – 24                             | 591                                 | 76                 | 160          | 225                                  | 114                                        | 16           |        |
| 25 – 29                             | 2,727                               | 135                | 364          | 923                                  | 918                                        | 387          |        |
| 30 – 34                             | 1,268                               | 112                | 221          | 358                                  | 355                                        | 222          |        |
| 35 – 39                             | 476                                 | 82                 | 103          | 118                                  | 108                                        | 65           |        |
| 40 – 44                             | 312                                 | 93                 | 70           | 64                                   | 48                                         | 37           |        |
| 45 – 49                             | 204                                 | 82                 | 52           | 36                                   | 21                                         | 13           |        |
| 50 – 54                             | 168                                 | 77                 | 44           | 29                                   | 11                                         | 7            |        |
| 55 – 59                             | 88                                  | 48                 | 19           | 14                                   | 5                                          | 2            |        |
| 60 & over                           | 93                                  | 54                 | 21           | 7                                    | 4                                          | 7            |        |
| Educational Qualification of Brides |                                     |                    |              |                                      |                                            |              |        |
|                                     | Total                               | Below<br>Secondary | Secondary    | Post-<br>Secondary<br>(Non-Tertiary) | Diploma &<br>Professional<br>Qualification | University   |        |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>5,954</b>                        | <b>758</b>         | <b>1,072</b> | <b>1,196</b>                         | <b>1,810</b>                               | <b>1,118</b> |        |
| Under 20                            | 125                                 | 42                 | 54           | 21                                   | 7                                          | 1            |        |
| 20 – 24                             | 1,293                               | 110                | 263          | 356                                  | 434                                        | 130          |        |
| 25 – 29                             | 2,732                               | 136                | 322          | 553                                  | 1,019                                      | 702          |        |
| 30 – 34                             | 835                                 | 100                | 184          | 135                                  | 211                                        | 205          |        |
| 35 – 39                             | 370                                 | 103                | 77           | 65                                   | 71                                         | 54           |        |
| 40 – 44                             | 248                                 | 86                 | 73           | 30                                   | 38                                         | 21           |        |
| 45 – 49                             | 180                                 | 75                 | 53           | 24                                   | 24                                         | 4            |        |
| 50 – 54                             | 104                                 | 61                 | 28           | 9                                    | 5                                          | 1            |        |
| 55 – 59                             | 38                                  | 24                 | 12           | 2                                    | -                                          | -            |        |
| 60 & over                           | 29                                  | 21                 | 6            | 1                                    | 1                                          | -            |        |

Note: Since 2015, data are based on a new set of educational qualification codes used by the data source agencies during marriage registration. Comparable data for past years can be downloaded [here](#).

Table A1.55 Marriages under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Educational Qualification of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Educational Qualification of Grooms  | Educational Qualification of Brides |                 |              |                               |                                      |              | Number |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------|
|                                      | Total                               | Below Secondary | Secondary    | Post-Secondary (Non-Tertiary) | Diploma & Professional Qualification | University   |        |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>5,954</b>                        | <b>758</b>      | <b>1,072</b> | <b>1,196</b>                  | <b>1,810</b>                         | <b>1,118</b> |        |
| Below Secondary                      | 763                                 | 399             | 186          | 92                            | 67                                   | 19           |        |
| Secondary                            | 1,071                               | 173             | 434          | 178                           | 211                                  | 75           |        |
| Post-Secondary (Non-Tertiary)        | 1,780                               | 131             | 266          | 662                           | 554                                  | 167          |        |
| Diploma & Professional Qualification | 1,584                               | 43              | 143          | 226                           | 778                                  | 394          |        |
| University                           | 756                                 | 12              | 43           | 38                            | 200                                  | 463          |        |

Note: Since 2015, data are based on a new set of educational qualification codes used by the data source agencies during marriage registration. Comparable data for past years can be downloaded [here](#).

Table A1.56 First Marriages for Couples under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Educational Qualification of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Educational Qualification of Grooms  | Educational Qualification of Brides |                 |            |                               |                                      |            | Number |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|--------|
|                                      | Total                               | Below Secondary | Secondary  | Post-Secondary (Non-Tertiary) | Diploma & Professional Qualification | University |        |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>4,240</b>                        | <b>218</b>      | <b>589</b> | <b>912</b>                    | <b>1,542</b>                         | <b>979</b> |        |
| Below Secondary                      | 241                                 | 83              | 66         | 49                            | 36                                   | 7          |        |
| Secondary                            | 634                                 | 65              | 229        | 129                           | 155                                  | 56         |        |
| Post-Secondary (Non-Tertiary)        | 1,382                               | 49              | 183        | 531                           | 474                                  | 145        |        |
| Diploma & Professional Qualification | 1,341                               | 16              | 91         | 180                           | 711                                  | 343        |        |
| University                           | 642                                 | 5               | 20         | 23                            | 166                                  | 428        |        |

Notes:

- Data pertain to couples where neither party had previously been married.
- Since 2015, data are based on a new set of educational qualification codes used by the data source agencies during marriage registration. Comparable data for past years can be downloaded [here](#).

Table A1.57 Inter-Ethnic Marriages under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Educational Qualification of Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Educational Qualification of Grooms  | Educational Qualification of Brides |                 |            |                               |                                      |            | Number |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|--------|
|                                      | Total                               | Below Secondary | Secondary  | Post-Secondary (Non-Tertiary) | Diploma & Professional Qualification | University |        |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>2,017</b>                        | <b>270</b>      | <b>330</b> | <b>308</b>                    | <b>622</b>                           | <b>487</b> |        |
| Below Secondary                      | 256                                 | 138             | 61         | 19                            | 26                                   | 12         |        |
| Secondary                            | 370                                 | 66              | 126        | 60                            | 82                                   | 36         |        |
| Post-Secondary (Non-Tertiary)        | 466                                 | 43              | 66         | 147                           | 146                                  | 64         |        |
| Diploma & Professional Qualification | 590                                 | 16              | 54         | 67                            | 280                                  | 173        |        |
| University                           | 335                                 | 7               | 23         | 15                            | 88                                   | 202        |        |

Note: Since 2015, data are based on a new set of educational qualification codes used by the data source agencies during marriage registration. Comparable data for past years can be downloaded [here](#).

Table A1.58 Median Age at First Marriage of Grooms and Brides under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Educational Qualification, 2006 – 2016

| Year | Grooms |                   |                |            | Brides |                   |                |            | Years |
|------|--------|-------------------|----------------|------------|--------|-------------------|----------------|------------|-------|
|      | Total* | Secondary & Below | Post-Secondary | University | Total* | Secondary & Below | Post-Secondary | University |       |
| 2006 | 27.6   | 27.7              | 27.2           | 29.1       | 25.0   | 24.1              | 25.0           | 26.8       |       |
| 2007 | 27.6   | 27.4              | 27.3           | 29.4       | 25.2   | 24.1              | 25.1           | 26.8       |       |
| 2008 | 27.7   | 27.7              | 27.4           | 29.5       | 25.4   | 24.4              | 25.3           | 27.4       |       |
| 2009 | 27.8   | 27.8              | 27.5           | 29.3       | 25.7   | 24.8              | 25.4           | 27.3       |       |
| 2010 | 28.1   | 28.1              | 27.8           | 29.0       | 25.8   | 24.8              | 25.6           | 27.2       |       |
| 2011 | 28.1   | 28.1              | 27.9           | 29.0       | 26.0   | 24.8              | 25.9           | 27.4       |       |
| 2012 | 28.1   | 28.0              | 28.0           | 28.9       | 26.0   | 24.5              | 25.8           | 27.3       |       |
| 2013 | 28.1   | 27.9              | 27.9           | 28.9       | 26.2   | 25.1              | 26.0           | 27.4       |       |
| 2014 | 28.3   | 28.3              | 28.1           | 29.4       | 26.3   | 25.2              | 26.0           | 27.5       |       |
| 2015 | 28.1   | 28.1              | 28.0           | 28.9       | 26.4   | 25.1              | 26.1           | 27.5       |       |
| 2016 | 28.2   | 28.4              | 27.9           | 29.2       | 26.5   | 25.7              | 26.2           | 27.5       |       |

\* For 2006, 2008 and 2009, Total **includes** marriages where the educational qualification of grooms or brides was not reported.

Table A1.59 Resident Marriages under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Ethnic Group of Couple, 2006 – 2016

| Year | Total* | Malays | Indians | Others | Number       |
|------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------------|
|      |        |        |         |        | Inter-ethnic |
| 2006 | 3,941  | 2,472  | 165     | 106    | 1,198        |
| 2007 | 4,103  | 2,598  | 169     | 116    | 1,220        |
| 2008 | 4,198  | 2,593  | 191     | 115    | 1,298        |
| 2009 | 4,002  | 2,389  | 182     | 118    | 1,313        |
| 2010 | 4,115  | 2,380  | 174     | 190    | 1,371        |
| 2011 | 4,399  | 2,633  | 177     | 174    | 1,415        |
| 2012 | 4,775  | 2,802  | 187     | 183    | 1,603        |
| 2013 | 5,046  | 3,001  | 213     | 212    | 1,620        |
| 2014 | 5,526  | 3,221  | 196     | 213    | 1,896        |
| 2015 | 5,769  | 3,377  | 214     | 230    | 1,948        |
| 2016 | 5,935  | 3,408  | 242     | 276    | 2,009        |

\* Total in 2008 **includes** marriages where the ethnic group of grooms or brides was not reported.

Note: Resident marriage refers to a marriage where either or both the groom and bride are residents. Resident population comprises Singapore citizens and permanent residents.

Table A1.60 Marriages under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Age Group and Educational Qualification of Resident Grooms and Brides, 2016

| Age Group<br>(Years)                         | Educational Qualification of Resident Grooms |                    |              |                                      |                                            |              | Number |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------|--------|
|                                              | Total                                        | Below<br>Secondary | Secondary    | Post-<br>Secondary<br>(Non-Tertiary) | Diploma &<br>Professional<br>Qualification | University   |        |
|                                              |                                              |                    |              |                                      |                                            |              |        |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>5,603</b>                                 | <b>729</b>         | <b>1,021</b> | <b>1,758</b>                         | <b>1,499</b>                               | <b>596</b>   |        |
| Under 20                                     | 27                                           | 4                  | 17           | 6                                    | -                                          | -            |        |
| 20 – 24                                      | 560                                          | 70                 | 158          | 223                                  | 102                                        | 7            |        |
| 25 – 29                                      | 2,604                                        | 128                | 347          | 914                                  | 894                                        | 321          |        |
| 30 – 34                                      | 1,161                                        | 105                | 206          | 349                                  | 331                                        | 170          |        |
| 35 – 39                                      | 437                                          | 76                 | 99           | 117                                  | 94                                         | 51           |        |
| 40 – 44                                      | 284                                          | 90                 | 64           | 64                                   | 41                                         | 25           |        |
| 45 – 49                                      | 192                                          | 78                 | 50           | 36                                   | 19                                         | 9            |        |
| 50 – 54                                      | 163                                          | 77                 | 42           | 29                                   | 10                                         | 5            |        |
| 55 – 59                                      | 86                                           | 48                 | 18           | 13                                   | 5                                          | 2            |        |
| 60 & over                                    | 89                                           | 53                 | 20           | 7                                    | 3                                          | 6            |        |
| Educational Qualification of Resident Brides |                                              |                    |              |                                      |                                            |              |        |
|                                              | Total                                        | Below<br>Secondary | Secondary    | Post-<br>Secondary<br>(Non-Tertiary) | Diploma &<br>Professional<br>Qualification | University   |        |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>5,533</b>                                 | <b>628</b>         | <b>992</b>   | <b>1,161</b>                         | <b>1,744</b>                               | <b>1,008</b> |        |
| Under 20                                     | 117                                          | 41                 | 50           | 20                                   | 5                                          | 1            |        |
| 20 – 24                                      | 1,228                                        | 98                 | 245          | 348                                  | 419                                        | 118          |        |
| 25 – 29                                      | 2,608                                        | 117                | 303          | 545                                  | 996                                        | 647          |        |
| 30 – 34                                      | 743                                          | 76                 | 168          | 125                                  | 197                                        | 177          |        |
| 35 – 39                                      | 310                                          | 74                 | 71           | 58                                   | 64                                         | 43           |        |
| 40 – 44                                      | 213                                          | 68                 | 61           | 29                                   | 37                                         | 18           |        |
| 45 – 49                                      | 158                                          | 61                 | 49           | 24                                   | 21                                         | 3            |        |
| 50 – 54                                      | 97                                           | 55                 | 28           | 9                                    | 4                                          | 1            |        |
| 55 – 59                                      | 33                                           | 19                 | 12           | 2                                    | -                                          | -            |        |
| 60 & over                                    | 26                                           | 19                 | 5            | 1                                    | 1                                          | -            |        |

Note: Since 2015, data are based on a new set of educational qualification codes used by the data source agencies during marriage registration. Comparable data for past years can be downloaded [here](#).

## **Tables on Divorces and Annulments**





Table A2.1 Total Divorces, 1980 – 2016

| Year | Total Divorces & Annulments<br>(Number) |          |            | Resident<br>Crude Divorce<br>Rate <sup>1</sup><br>(Per 1,000<br>Residents) | Resident General<br>Divorce Rate <sup>2</sup><br>(Per 1,000 Married<br>Residents Aged<br>20 Years & Over) |         |
|------|-----------------------------------------|----------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
|      | Total                                   | Divorces | Annulments |                                                                            | Males                                                                                                     | Females |
| 1980 | 1,721                                   | 1,551    | 170        | 0.8                                                                        | 3.7                                                                                                       | 3.8     |
| 1985 | 2,344                                   | 2,048    | 296        | 0.9                                                                        | 4.6                                                                                                       | 4.6     |
| 1990 | 3,634                                   | 3,150    | 484        | 1.3                                                                        | 6.1                                                                                                       | 6.1     |
| 1995 | 4,286                                   | 4,098    | 188        | 1.4                                                                        | 6.1                                                                                                       | 6.1     |
| 1996 | 4,625                                   | 4,447    | 178        | 1.5                                                                        | 6.4                                                                                                       | 6.5     |
| 1997 | 4,866                                   | 4,665    | 201        | 1.6                                                                        | 6.6                                                                                                       | 6.6     |
| 1998 | 5,640                                   | 5,378    | 262        | 1.8                                                                        | 7.4                                                                                                       | 7.5     |
| 1999 | 5,314                                   | 5,065    | 249        | 1.6                                                                        | 6.8                                                                                                       | 6.9     |
| 2000 | 5,137                                   | 4,920    | 217        | 1.6                                                                        | 6.5                                                                                                       | 6.5     |
| 2001 | 5,071                                   | 4,819    | 252        | 1.5                                                                        | 6.2                                                                                                       | 6.4     |
| 2002 | 5,809                                   | 5,522    | 287        | 1.7                                                                        | 7.1                                                                                                       | 7.1     |
| 2003 | 6,368                                   | 6,100    | 268        | 1.9                                                                        | 7.8                                                                                                       | 7.8     |
| 2004 | 6,188                                   | 5,850    | 338        | 1.8                                                                        | 7.1                                                                                                       | 6.9     |
| 2005 | 6,721                                   | 6,393    | 328        | 1.9                                                                        | 7.6                                                                                                       | 7.3     |
| 2006 | 6,904                                   | 6,527    | 377        | 1.9                                                                        | 7.7                                                                                                       | 7.4     |
| 2007 | 7,110                                   | 6,697    | 413        | 2.0                                                                        | 7.7                                                                                                       | 7.4     |
| 2008 | 7,134                                   | 6,771    | 363        | 1.9                                                                        | 7.5                                                                                                       | 7.3     |
| 2009 | 7,280                                   | 6,927    | 353        | 1.9                                                                        | 7.5                                                                                                       | 7.1     |
| 2010 | 7,338                                   | 6,969    | 369        | 1.9                                                                        | 7.5                                                                                                       | 7.2     |
| 2011 | 7,604                                   | 7,234    | 370        | 2.0                                                                        | 7.6                                                                                                       | 7.2     |
| 2012 | 7,237                                   | 6,893    | 344        | 1.9                                                                        | 7.1                                                                                                       | 6.7     |
| 2013 | 7,525                                   | 7,133    | 392        | 1.9                                                                        | 7.3                                                                                                       | 6.9     |
| 2014 | 7,307                                   | 6,861    | 446        | 1.9                                                                        | 7.0                                                                                                       | 6.5     |
| 2015 | 7,522                                   | 7,117    | 405        | 1.9                                                                        | 7.1                                                                                                       | 6.6     |
| 2016 | 7,614                                   | 7,207    | 407        | 1.9                                                                        | 7.1                                                                                                       | 6.6     |

<sup>1</sup> Data **include** annulments. From 2004 onwards, data are based on divorces and annulments where either or both spouses are residents (i.e. Singapore citizens and permanent residents).

<sup>2</sup> Data **include** annulments. From 2004 onwards, data are based on divorces and annulments where the male/female spouses are residents (i.e. Singapore citizens and permanent residents).

Table A2.2 Age-Sex-Specific Divorce Rate, 1980 – 2016

Per 1,000 Married Resident Males

| Year | Age Group of Males (Years) |       |       |       |       |       |           |
|------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
|      | 20-24                      | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50 & over |
| 1980 | 5.9                        | 6.9   | 6.5   | 4.4   | 3.8   | 2.1   | 0.8       |
| 1985 | 13.4                       | 9.5   | 7.8   | 5.6   | 3.9   | 2.7   | 1.1       |
| 1990 | 13.4                       | 13.3  | 10.6  | 7.5   | 5.7   | 4.1   | 1.6       |
| 1995 | 14.9                       | 12.0  | 9.7   | 8.4   | 6.6   | 5.5   | 2.0       |
| 1996 | 15.5                       | 12.2  | 9.6   | 8.6   | 7.1   | 5.7   | 2.3       |
| 1997 | 20.5                       | 13.7  | 10.8  | 8.6   | 6.7   | 5.5   | 2.5       |
| 1998 | 27.2                       | 18.2  | 11.5  | 9.8   | 7.6   | 6.1   | 3.1       |
| 1999 | 32.0                       | 15.1  | 11.0  | 9.1   | 7.4   | 5.9   | 2.7       |
| 2000 | 26.2                       | 14.1  | 10.6  | 8.9   | 6.8   | 5.7   | 2.6       |
| 2001 | 30.2                       | 14.8  | 11.1  | 7.8   | 6.8   | 5.6   | 2.4       |
| 2002 | 42.7                       | 17.3  | 13.4  | 10.6  | 7.1   | 5.7   | 2.7       |
| 2003 | 30.0                       | 19.4  | 14.0  | 11.5  | 8.3   | 6.5   | 3.2       |
| 2004 | 37.2                       | 21.0  | 14.8  | 9.4   | 7.5   | 5.6   | 2.9       |
| 2005 | 32.1                       | 19.1  | 15.9  | 11.7  | 7.7   | 6.4   | 3.0       |
| 2006 | 32.7                       | 21.0  | 16.2  | 11.8  | 8.2   | 6.7   | 3.1       |
| 2007 | 35.7                       | 20.2  | 16.0  | 11.9  | 8.5   | 6.8   | 3.2       |
| 2008 | 32.9                       | 19.1  | 16.0  | 12.3  | 8.7   | 6.6   | 3.1       |
| 2009 | 27.3                       | 17.4  | 15.1  | 12.5  | 9.2   | 7.2   | 3.3       |
| 2010 | 24.9                       | 16.3  | 14.6  | 12.5  | 9.6   | 7.5   | 3.3       |
| 2011 | 26.6                       | 20.3  | 14.0  | 12.7  | 10.0  | 7.7   | 3.5       |
| 2012 | 28.4                       | 21.7  | 13.3  | 11.9  | 9.4   | 7.6   | 3.3       |
| 2013 | 25.8                       | 21.7  | 13.1  | 12.0  | 9.8   | 8.5   | 3.6       |
| 2014 | 25.3                       | 20.2  | 13.1  | 11.6  | 9.9   | 7.7   | 3.5       |
| 2015 | 30.8                       | 17.8  | 12.5  | 11.7  | 10.1  | 8.3   | 3.7       |
| 2016 | 27.6                       | 16.7  | 12.6  | 12.8  | 9.6   | 8.4   | 3.6       |

Note: Data **include** annulments. From 2004 onwards, data are based on divorces and annulments where the male spouses are residents (i.e. Singapore citizens and permanent residents).

Table A2.2 Age-Sex-Specific Divorce Rate, 1980 – 2016 (*cont'd*)

| Year | Per 1,000 Married Resident Females |       |       |       |       |       |           |
|------|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
|      | Age Group of Females (Years)       |       |       |       |       |       |           |
|      | 20-24                              | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50 & over |
| 1980 | 7.6                                | 6.9   | 5.5   | 3.5   | 2.2   | 1.0   | 0.5       |
| 1985 | 12.7                               | 9.4   | 6.0   | 4.2   | 2.6   | 2.1   | 0.6       |
| 1990 | 13.9                               | 12.8  | 8.4   | 6.1   | 4.5   | 2.7   | 0.8       |
| 1995 | 15.6                               | 11.1  | 8.6   | 7.5   | 5.5   | 4.0   | 1.4       |
| 1996 | 15.6                               | 11.4  | 9.2   | 7.5   | 6.3   | 4.7   | 1.4       |
| 1997 | 19.1                               | 13.5  | 9.2   | 7.3   | 5.6   | 4.5   | 1.9       |
| 1998 | 26.6                               | 14.2  | 10.9  | 8.2   | 6.6   | 5.6   | 2.1       |
| 1999 | 21.8                               | 13.4  | 10.0  | 7.9   | 6.4   | 4.8   | 2.0       |
| 2000 | 20.7                               | 13.2  | 9.8   | 7.4   | 5.8   | 4.6   | 2.0       |
| 2001 | 23.2                               | 14.0  | 9.1   | 7.3   | 5.6   | 4.5   | 1.9       |
| 2002 | 26.2                               | 15.9  | 11.8  | 8.3   | 6.4   | 4.7   | 2.0       |
| 2003 | 27.1                               | 16.7  | 12.8  | 9.8   | 7.0   | 5.0   | 2.5       |
| 2004 | 28.0                               | 16.3  | 12.2  | 7.9   | 6.1   | 4.4   | 2.1       |
| 2005 | 25.7                               | 16.9  | 13.6  | 8.8   | 6.5   | 5.0   | 2.3       |
| 2006 | 28.1                               | 17.3  | 14.0  | 9.2   | 6.8   | 4.8   | 2.3       |
| 2007 | 28.5                               | 18.0  | 13.5  | 9.7   | 6.7   | 5.0   | 2.5       |
| 2008 | 28.1                               | 16.8  | 14.0  | 10.0  | 7.0   | 5.4   | 2.3       |
| 2009 | 22.5                               | 15.0  | 13.2  | 10.7  | 7.2   | 5.8   | 2.3       |
| 2010 | 24.4                               | 15.0  | 12.8  | 10.7  | 7.9   | 6.2   | 2.4       |
| 2011 | 27.8                               | 17.8  | 12.0  | 11.0  | 8.5   | 6.2   | 2.4       |
| 2012 | 29.1                               | 15.8  | 12.0  | 10.0  | 8.2   | 5.6   | 2.4       |
| 2013 | 26.7                               | 17.5  | 12.4  | 10.3  | 8.0   | 6.3   | 2.5       |
| 2014 | 23.5                               | 16.0  | 11.7  | 10.1  | 8.3   | 6.1   | 2.4       |
| 2015 | 26.3                               | 15.3  | 11.6  | 9.6   | 8.8   | 6.4   | 2.6       |
| 2016 | 28.6                               | 15.1  | 11.9  | 10.1  | 8.4   | 6.2   | 2.6       |

Note: Data **include** annulments. From 2004 onwards, data are based on divorces and annulments where the female spouses are residents (i.e. Singapore citizens and permanent residents).

Table A2.3 Total Divorces by Age Group and Sex of Divorcees, 1980 – 2016

| Year | Age Group of Male Divorcees (Years) |          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |          | Median Age (Years) |
|------|-------------------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|----------|--------------------|
|      | Total                               | Under 25 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60 & over | Un-known |                    |
| 1980 | 1,551                               | 52       | 290   | 440   | 229   | 200   | 96    | 51    | 33    | 25        | 135      | 34.0               |
| 1985 | 2,048                               | 83       | 353   | 560   | 447   | 211   | 143   | 83    | 49    | 47        | 72       | 34.8               |
| 1990 | 3,150                               | 72       | 466   | 864   | 702   | 481   | 222   | 149   | 69    | 61        | 64       | 35.9               |
| 1995 | 4,098                               | 55       | 425   | 884   | 965   | 711   | 498   | 207   | 138   | 89        | 126      | 38.2               |
| 1996 | 4,447                               | 69       | 451   | 925   | 1,025 | 805   | 557   | 238   | 155   | 95        | 127      | 38.4               |
| 1997 | 4,665                               | 92       | 478   | 1,011 | 1,021 | 768   | 542   | 276   | 166   | 142       | 169      | 38.2               |
| 1998 | 5,378                               | 82       | 572   | 1,084 | 1,166 | 922   | 633   | 397   | 203   | 147       | 172      | 38.7               |
| 1999 | 5,065                               | 81       | 524   | 976   | 1,084 | 896   | 627   | 355   | 174   | 144       | 204      | 38.9               |
| 2000 | 4,920                               | 98       | 517   | 905   | 1,045 | 831   | 615   | 381   | 155   | 155       | 218      | 39.0               |
| 2001 | 4,819                               | 90       | 494   | 944   | 948   | 865   | 625   | 368   | 160   | 154       | 171      | 39.0               |
| 2002 | 5,522                               | 92       | 520   | 1,055 | 1,257 | 888   | 666   | 429   | 185   | 173       | 257      | 38.7               |
| 2003 | 6,100                               | 127      | 565   | 1,143 | 1,289 | 1,044 | 774   | 487   | 264   | 186       | 221      | 39.2               |
| 2004 | 5,850                               | 138      | 547   | 1,245 | 1,123 | 992   | 709   | 473   | 283   | 193       | 147      | 39.0               |
| 2005 | 6,393                               | 125      | 560   | 1,380 | 1,351 | 1,038 | 841   | 518   | 328   | 230       | 22       | 39.1               |
| 2006 | 6,527                               | 126      | 532   | 1,339 | 1,364 | 1,109 | 907   | 559   | 356   | 223       | 12       | 39.6               |
| 2007 | 6,697                               | 122      | 518   | 1,371 | 1,394 | 1,130 | 914   | 593   | 369   | 283       | 3        | 39.8               |
| 2008 | 6,771                               | 106      | 528   | 1,333 | 1,417 | 1,155 | 915   | 641   | 380   | 274       | 22       | 39.9               |
| 2009 | 6,927                               | 85       | 468   | 1,268 | 1,515 | 1,171 | 1,002 | 672   | 430   | 300       | 16       | 40.5               |
| 2010 | 6,969                               | 72       | 452   | 1,209 | 1,486 | 1,215 | 1,032 | 717   | 423   | 350       | 13       | 41.0               |
| 2011 | 7,234                               | 73       | 527   | 1,114 | 1,516 | 1,277 | 1,084 | 777   | 473   | 392       | 1        | 41.3               |
| 2012 | 6,893                               | 73       | 428   | 1,071 | 1,424 | 1,217 | 1,033 | 763   | 459   | 417       | 8        | 41.6               |
| 2013 | 7,133                               | 68       | 454   | 1,030 | 1,361 | 1,237 | 1,149 | 877   | 493   | 464       | -        | 42.4               |
| 2014 | 6,861                               | 67       | 386   | 1,023 | 1,262 | 1,241 | 998   | 858   | 540   | 435       | 51       | 42.6               |
| 2015 | 7,117                               | 81       | 396   | 1,013 | 1,299 | 1,288 | 1,057 | 886   | 540   | 537       | 20       | 42.9               |
| 2016 | 7,207                               | 64       | 438   | 997   | 1,397 | 1,256 | 1,054 | 855   | 566   | 565       | 15       | 42.8               |

Table A2.3 Total Divorces by Age Group and Sex of Divorcees, 1980 – 2016 (*cont'd*)

| Year | Age Group of Female Divorcees (Years) |          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |          | Median Age (Years) |
|------|---------------------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|----------|--------------------|
|      | Total                                 | Under 25 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60 & over | Un-known |                    |
| 1980 | 1,551                                 | 216      | 424   | 406   | 185   | 109   | 40    | 24    | 8     | 8         | 131      | 30.8               |
| 1985 | 2,048                                 | 276      | 562   | 510   | 332   | 132   | 103   | 29    | 22    | 12        | 70       | 31.4               |
| 1990 | 3,150                                 | 259      | 807   | 827   | 585   | 360   | 137   | 67    | 27    | 16        | 65       | 32.6               |
| 1995 | 4,098                                 | 251      | 765   | 963   | 880   | 562   | 321   | 142   | 60    | 27        | 127      | 35.0               |
| 1996 | 4,447                                 | 273      | 799   | 1,025 | 906   | 678   | 412   | 124   | 70    | 31        | 129      | 35.3               |
| 1997 | 4,665                                 | 288      | 940   | 1,025 | 893   | 622   | 398   | 195   | 91    | 46        | 167      | 35.0               |
| 1998 | 5,378                                 | 336      | 959   | 1,221 | 1,022 | 761   | 517   | 238   | 109   | 44        | 171      | 35.4               |
| 1999 | 5,065                                 | 282      | 922   | 1,124 | 975   | 745   | 441   | 226   | 93    | 51        | 206      | 35.4               |
| 2000 | 4,920                                 | 321      | 896   | 1,041 | 913   | 685   | 444   | 264   | 81    | 61        | 214      | 35.5               |
| 2001 | 4,819                                 | 293      | 938   | 975   | 911   | 673   | 460   | 236   | 102   | 58        | 173      | 35.5               |
| 2002 | 5,522                                 | 283      | 971   | 1,246 | 1,025 | 765   | 502   | 268   | 117   | 66        | 279      | 35.6               |
| 2003 | 6,100                                 | 384      | 990   | 1,359 | 1,158 | 857   | 556   | 365   | 138   | 69        | 224      | 35.7               |
| 2004 | 5,850                                 | 371      | 938   | 1,416 | 1,009 | 792   | 513   | 296   | 151   | 96        | 268      | 35.3               |
| 2005 | 6,393                                 | 350      | 1,080 | 1,628 | 1,152 | 865   | 618   | 360   | 201   | 107       | 32       | 35.4               |
| 2006 | 6,527                                 | 359      | 1,038 | 1,653 | 1,215 | 946   | 608   | 379   | 203   | 113       | 13       | 35.7               |
| 2007 | 6,697                                 | 339      | 1,039 | 1,647 | 1,322 | 921   | 645   | 426   | 219   | 132       | 7        | 36.1               |
| 2008 | 6,771                                 | 316      | 1,040 | 1,614 | 1,351 | 965   | 719   | 413   | 201   | 131       | 21       | 36.3               |
| 2009 | 6,927                                 | 266      | 955   | 1,594 | 1,501 | 991   | 773   | 447   | 239   | 147       | 14       | 36.9               |
| 2010 | 6,969                                 | 246      | 935   | 1,548 | 1,469 | 1,055 | 817   | 455   | 249   | 182       | 13       | 37.4               |
| 2011 | 7,234                                 | 236      | 1,027 | 1,458 | 1,559 | 1,156 | 840   | 494   | 250   | 213       | 1        | 37.7               |
| 2012 | 6,893                                 | 246      | 855   | 1,482 | 1,418 | 1,137 | 753   | 524   | 264   | 205       | 9        | 38.0               |
| 2013 | 7,133                                 | 213      | 873   | 1,526 | 1,430 | 1,170 | 837   | 580   | 313   | 190       | 1        | 38.2               |
| 2014 | 6,861                                 | 181      | 790   | 1,435 | 1,397 | 1,167 | 794   | 533   | 305   | 216       | 43       | 38.4               |
| 2015 | 7,117                                 | 204      | 816   | 1,486 | 1,375 | 1,261 | 811   | 598   | 270   | 281       | 15       | 38.8               |
| 2016 | 7,207                                 | 188      | 839   | 1,490 | 1,449 | 1,191 | 834   | 571   | 371   | 267       | 7        | 38.5               |

Table A2.4 Total Divorces by Duration of Marriage, 1980 – 2016

| Year | Duration of Marriage (Years) |         |       |       |       |       |       |           | Median Duration (Years) |
|------|------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-------------------------|
|      | Total                        | Under 5 | 5-9   | 10-14 | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30 & over |                         |
| 1980 | 1,551                        | 272     | 617   | 320   | 165   | 102   | 46    | 29        | 8.7                     |
| 1985 | 2,048                        | 477     | 698   | 445   | 208   | 106   | 62    | 52        | 8.8                     |
| 1990 | 3,150                        | 582     | 1,134 | 634   | 454   | 194   | 73    | 79        | 9.2                     |
| 1995 | 4,098                        | 799     | 1,151 | 845   | 579   | 433   | 164   | 127       | 10.5                    |
| 1996 | 4,447                        | 911     | 1,286 | 823   | 612   | 503   | 191   | 121       | 10.2                    |
| 1997 | 4,665                        | 984     | 1,377 | 786   | 645   | 472   | 205   | 196       | 9.9                     |
| 1998 | 5,378                        | 1,145   | 1,592 | 921   | 722   | 535   | 258   | 205       | 9.8                     |
| 1999 | 5,065                        | 1,064   | 1,513 | 892   | 652   | 464   | 303   | 177       | 9.8                     |
| 2000 | 4,920                        | 1,083   | 1,454 | 856   | 604   | 394   | 327   | 202       | 9.6                     |
| 2001 | 4,819                        | 989     | 1,529 | 774   | 578   | 464   | 292   | 193       | 9.5                     |
| 2002 | 5,522                        | 1,119   | 1,750 | 1,012 | 651   | 459   | 326   | 205       | 9.6                     |
| 2003 | 6,100                        | 1,283   | 1,869 | 1,118 | 699   | 523   | 351   | 257       | 9.6                     |
| 2004 | 5,850                        | 1,089   | 2,046 | 1,041 | 612   | 447   | 329   | 286       | 9.2                     |
| 2005 | 6,393                        | 1,195   | 2,236 | 1,108 | 708   | 483   | 312   | 351       | 9.3                     |
| 2006 | 6,527                        | 1,212   | 2,212 | 1,209 | 710   | 511   | 320   | 353       | 9.6                     |
| 2007 | 6,697                        | 1,163   | 2,327 | 1,228 | 757   | 488   | 363   | 371       | 9.6                     |
| 2008 | 6,771                        | 1,163   | 2,280 | 1,228 | 822   | 567   | 357   | 354       | 9.9                     |
| 2009 | 6,927                        | 1,218   | 2,200 | 1,342 | 843   | 549   | 373   | 402       | 10.1                    |
| 2010 | 6,969                        | 1,174   | 2,129 | 1,394 | 878   | 558   | 422   | 414       | 10.6                    |
| 2011 | 7,234                        | 1,322   | 2,191 | 1,319 | 990   | 627   | 371   | 414       | 10.5                    |
| 2012 | 6,893                        | 1,268   | 2,084 | 1,254 | 859   | 608   | 379   | 441       | 10.3                    |
| 2013 | 7,133                        | 1,254   | 2,196 | 1,265 | 951   | 621   | 386   | 460       | 10.4                    |
| 2014 | 6,861                        | 1,286   | 2,023 | 1,271 | 848   | 572   | 415   | 446       | 10.4                    |
| 2015 | 7,117                        | 1,382   | 2,163 | 1,180 | 926   | 627   | 368   | 471       | 10.0                    |
| 2016 | 7,207                        | 1,452   | 2,153 | 1,246 | 857   | 640   | 365   | 494       | 10.0                    |

Table A2.5 Divorces under the Women's Charter by Age Group and Sex of Divorcees, 1980 – 2016

| Year | Age Group of Male Divorcees (Years) |          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |          | Median Age (Years) |
|------|-------------------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|----------|--------------------|
|      | Total                               | Under 25 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60 & over | Un-known |                    |
| 1980 | 1,046                               | 11       | 148   | 330   | 161   | 140   | 71    | 26    | 20    | 10        | 129      | 34.4               |
| 1985 | 1,310                               | 9        | 161   | 394   | 338   | 157   | 91    | 51    | 25    | 12        | 72       | 35.7               |
| 1990 | 2,178                               | 11       | 233   | 595   | 547   | 372   | 173   | 107   | 47    | 29        | 64       | 36.8               |
| 1995 | 3,127                               | 21       | 293   | 640   | 755   | 562   | 406   | 164   | 106   | 54        | 126      | 38.6               |
| 1996 | 3,368                               | 20       | 301   | 658   | 788   | 640   | 463   | 193   | 121   | 57        | 127      | 39.1               |
| 1997 | 3,475                               | 24       | 313   | 715   | 741   | 602   | 439   | 232   | 139   | 101       | 169      | 39.1               |
| 1998 | 3,924                               | 26       | 370   | 762   | 827   | 683   | 512   | 317   | 163   | 92        | 172      | 39.3               |
| 1999 | 3,521                               | 16       | 320   | 659   | 746   | 648   | 462   | 257   | 130   | 79        | 204      | 39.5               |
| 2000 | 3,336                               | 21       | 293   | 621   | 697   | 550   | 452   | 282   | 119   | 83        | 218      | 39.5               |
| 2001 | 3,491                               | 19       | 306   | 696   | 688   | 619   | 467   | 291   | 127   | 107       | 171      | 39.5               |
| 2002 | 4,006                               | 19       | 323   | 786   | 881   | 624   | 509   | 338   | 151   | 118       | 257      | 39.2               |
| 2003 | 4,188                               | 30       | 329   | 762   | 874   | 705   | 566   | 359   | 214   | 128       | 221      | 39.9               |
| 2004 | 4,193                               | 27       | 322   | 901   | 784   | 727   | 545   | 367   | 232   | 141       | 147      | 40.0               |
| 2005 | 4,703                               | 25       | 342   | 1,039 | 1,035 | 755   | 635   | 410   | 268   | 172       | 22       | 39.5               |
| 2006 | 4,745                               | 22       | 296   | 973   | 1,048 | 797   | 685   | 443   | 282   | 187       | 12       | 40.1               |
| 2007 | 5,102                               | 32       | 311   | 1,060 | 1,118 | 874   | 692   | 472   | 314   | 226       | 3        | 40.1               |
| 2008 | 5,170                               | 29       | 325   | 1,026 | 1,133 | 871   | 720   | 513   | 301   | 230       | 22       | 40.4               |
| 2009 | 5,416                               | 26       | 266   | 1,000 | 1,231 | 922   | 798   | 555   | 363   | 241       | 14       | 40.9               |
| 2010 | 5,433                               | 25       | 266   | 919   | 1,194 | 960   | 815   | 594   | 360   | 291       | 9        | 41.5               |
| 2011 | 5,696                               | 32       | 341   | 858   | 1,211 | 1,026 | 883   | 624   | 397   | 323       | 1        | 41.6               |
| 2012 | 5,306                               | 24       | 256   | 785   | 1,149 | 952   | 798   | 606   | 372   | 357       | 7        | 42.0               |
| 2013 | 5,471                               | 28       | 274   | 740   | 1,051 | 980   | 892   | 705   | 408   | 393       | -        | 43.0               |
| 2014 | 5,172                               | 34       | 227   | 730   | 997   | 946   | 769   | 648   | 419   | 351       | 51       | 42.9               |
| 2015 | 5,450                               | 40       | 234   | 725   | 1,020 | 1,039 | 826   | 664   | 446   | 436       | 20       | 43.2               |
| 2016 | 5,505                               | 24       | 247   | 692   | 1,113 | 1,022 | 825   | 664   | 447   | 456       | 15       | 43.3               |

Table A2.5 Divorces under the Women's Charter by Age Group and Sex of Divorcees, 1980 – 2016 (*cont'd*)

| Year | Age Group of Female Divorcees (Years) |          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |          | Median Age (Years) |
|------|---------------------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|----------|--------------------|
|      | Total                                 | Under 25 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60 & over | Un-known |                    |
| 1980 | 1,046                                 | 73       | 282   | 293   | 136   | 83    | 27    | 16    | 3     | 4         | 129      | 31.4               |
| 1985 | 1,310                                 | 68       | 370   | 379   | 237   | 92    | 66    | 14    | 12    | 2         | 70       | 32.1               |
| 1990 | 2,178                                 | 79       | 506   | 649   | 430   | 281   | 101   | 43    | 15    | 9         | 65       | 33.5               |
| 1995 | 3,127                                 | 132      | 591   | 722   | 691   | 445   | 246   | 111   | 49    | 13        | 127      | 35.4               |
| 1996 | 3,368                                 | 124      | 603   | 778   | 707   | 524   | 332   | 97    | 58    | 16        | 129      | 35.8               |
| 1997 | 3,475                                 | 131      | 662   | 760   | 686   | 487   | 318   | 155   | 75    | 34        | 167      | 35.7               |
| 1998 | 3,924                                 | 159      | 671   | 892   | 746   | 573   | 400   | 194   | 93    | 25        | 171      | 35.8               |
| 1999 | 3,521                                 | 107      | 635   | 796   | 688   | 511   | 325   | 158   | 64    | 31        | 206      | 35.8               |
| 2000 | 3,336                                 | 111      | 604   | 730   | 593   | 485   | 325   | 182   | 57    | 35        | 214      | 35.9               |
| 2001 | 3,491                                 | 103      | 672   | 750   | 657   | 479   | 358   | 181   | 78    | 40        | 173      | 36.0               |
| 2002 | 4,006                                 | 88       | 701   | 944   | 732   | 544   | 383   | 208   | 86    | 41        | 279      | 35.8               |
| 2003 | 4,188                                 | 138      | 641   | 975   | 798   | 586   | 394   | 276   | 112   | 44        | 224      | 36.2               |
| 2004 | 4,193                                 | 127      | 612   | 1,060 | 737   | 584   | 384   | 235   | 117   | 69        | 268      | 35.9               |
| 2005 | 4,703                                 | 136      | 769   | 1,271 | 872   | 630   | 475   | 270   | 161   | 87        | 32       | 35.7               |
| 2006 | 4,745                                 | 110      | 705   | 1,298 | 919   | 699   | 442   | 295   | 171   | 93        | 13       | 36.2               |
| 2007 | 5,102                                 | 124      | 744   | 1,336 | 1,064 | 695   | 484   | 358   | 179   | 111       | 7        | 36.4               |
| 2008 | 5,170                                 | 133      | 745   | 1,291 | 1,084 | 749   | 552   | 337   | 145   | 113       | 21       | 36.5               |
| 2009 | 5,416                                 | 106      | 686   | 1,307 | 1,241 | 795   | 580   | 368   | 198   | 123       | 12       | 37.2               |
| 2010 | 5,433                                 | 114      | 654   | 1,230 | 1,201 | 844   | 640   | 375   | 205   | 158       | 12       | 37.7               |
| 2011 | 5,696                                 | 112      | 744   | 1,182 | 1,280 | 934   | 658   | 397   | 209   | 179       | 1        | 37.9               |
| 2012 | 5,306                                 | 126      | 574   | 1,164 | 1,166 | 908   | 565   | 401   | 215   | 179       | 8        | 38.4               |
| 2013 | 5,471                                 | 106      | 584   | 1,189 | 1,135 | 938   | 647   | 450   | 260   | 161       | 1        | 38.6               |
| 2014 | 5,172                                 | 97       | 537   | 1,090 | 1,127 | 894   | 589   | 391   | 239   | 165       | 43       | 38.5               |
| 2015 | 5,450                                 | 109      | 544   | 1,160 | 1,102 | 1,011 | 620   | 448   | 207   | 234       | 15       | 39.0               |
| 2016 | 5,505                                 | 88       | 538   | 1,158 | 1,213 | 941   | 661   | 399   | 286   | 214       | 7        | 38.8               |



Table A2.6 Divorces under the Women's Charter by Duration of Marriage, 1980 – 2016

| Year | Duration of Marriage (Years) |         |       |       |       |       |       |           | Median Duration (Years) |
|------|------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-------------------------|
|      | Total                        | Under 5 | 5-9   | 10-14 | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30 & over |                         |
| 1980 | 1,046                        | 87      | 474   | 226   | 128   | 74    | 32    | 25        | 9.5                     |
| 1985 | 1,310                        | 146     | 512   | 359   | 141   | 73    | 45    | 34        | 10.0                    |
| 1990 | 2,178                        | 208     | 833   | 519   | 370   | 143   | 52    | 53        | 10.4                    |
| 1995 | 3,127                        | 472     | 900   | 654   | 490   | 365   | 139   | 107       | 11.2                    |
| 1996 | 3,368                        | 534     | 1,000 | 627   | 524   | 435   | 151   | 97        | 11.1                    |
| 1997 | 3,475                        | 547     | 1,062 | 599   | 517   | 416   | 166   | 168       | 11.0                    |
| 1998 | 3,924                        | 686     | 1,191 | 667   | 546   | 453   | 223   | 158       | 10.6                    |
| 1999 | 3,521                        | 620     | 1,084 | 639   | 464   | 352   | 231   | 131       | 10.4                    |
| 2000 | 3,336                        | 553     | 1,054 | 596   | 415   | 300   | 261   | 157       | 10.5                    |
| 2001 | 3,491                        | 533     | 1,204 | 570   | 434   | 365   | 233   | 152       | 10.0                    |
| 2002 | 4,006                        | 624     | 1,365 | 737   | 479   | 359   | 276   | 166       | 10.1                    |
| 2003 | 4,188                        | 611     | 1,407 | 811   | 475   | 385   | 294   | 205       | 10.4                    |
| 2004 | 4,193                        | 534     | 1,576 | 780   | 456   | 344   | 268   | 235       | 9.9                     |
| 2005 | 4,703                        | 630     | 1,783 | 860   | 511   | 359   | 260   | 300       | 9.8                     |
| 2006 | 4,745                        | 626     | 1,720 | 933   | 530   | 393   | 244   | 299       | 10.1                    |
| 2007 | 5,102                        | 654     | 1,883 | 990   | 585   | 377   | 291   | 322       | 10.0                    |
| 2008 | 5,170                        | 646     | 1,845 | 972   | 651   | 457   | 292   | 307       | 10.4                    |
| 2009 | 5,416                        | 754     | 1,805 | 1,112 | 672   | 424   | 304   | 345       | 10.5                    |
| 2010 | 5,433                        | 759     | 1,708 | 1,104 | 701   | 447   | 354   | 360       | 11.0                    |
| 2011 | 5,696                        | 904     | 1,728 | 1,103 | 803   | 506   | 294   | 358       | 11.1                    |
| 2012 | 5,306                        | 820     | 1,642 | 1,013 | 656   | 489   | 309   | 377       | 10.9                    |
| 2013 | 5,471                        | 846     | 1,712 | 973   | 748   | 475   | 318   | 399       | 10.8                    |
| 2014 | 5,172                        | 878     | 1,577 | 967   | 651   | 441   | 301   | 357       | 10.5                    |
| 2015 | 5,450                        | 936     | 1,717 | 899   | 737   | 488   | 278   | 395       | 10.3                    |
| 2016 | 5,505                        | 953     | 1,711 | 983   | 689   | 492   | 285   | 392       | 10.3                    |

Table A2.7 Divorces under the Women's Charter by Ethnic Group of Couple, 1980 – 2016

| Year | Total* | Chinese | Indians | Others | Number       |
|------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------------|
|      |        |         |         |        | Inter-ethnic |
| 1980 | 1,046  | 926     | 62      | 13     | 45           |
| 1985 | 1,310  | 1,125   | 106     | 10     | 69           |
| 1990 | 2,178  | 1,920   | 144     | 20     | 94           |
| 1995 | 3,127  | 2,689   | 237     | 21     | 180          |
| 1996 | 3,368  | 2,838   | 282     | 66     | 182          |
| 1997 | 3,475  | 2,998   | 240     | 19     | 218          |
| 1998 | 3,924  | 3,346   | 309     | 28     | 241          |
| 1999 | 3,521  | 2,897   | 228     | 197    | 199          |
| 2000 | 3,336  | 2,714   | 193     | 223    | 206          |
| 2001 | 3,491  | 2,882   | 210     | 181    | 218          |
| 2002 | 4,006  | 3,235   | 233     | 253    | 285          |
| 2003 | 4,188  | 3,425   | 264     | 228    | 271          |
| 2004 | 4,193  | 3,350   | 252     | 18     | 215          |
| 2005 | 4,703  | 3,969   | 302     | 37     | 344          |
| 2006 | 4,745  | 3,968   | 339     | 32     | 381          |
| 2007 | 5,102  | 4,250   | 353     | 44     | 442          |
| 2008 | 5,170  | 4,333   | 344     | 49     | 428          |
| 2009 | 5,416  | 4,493   | 361     | 54     | 493          |
| 2010 | 5,433  | 4,446   | 366     | 64     | 546          |
| 2011 | 5,696  | 4,595   | 408     | 82     | 602          |
| 2012 | 5,306  | 4,240   | 336     | 91     | 628          |
| 2013 | 5,471  | 4,331   | 373     | 86     | 658          |
| 2014 | 5,172  | 4,018   | 352     | 89     | 701          |
| 2015 | 5,450  | 4,121   | 387     | 118    | 802          |
| 2016 | 5,505  | 4,123   | 380     | 119    | 853          |

\* From 2004 onwards, Total **includes** divorces where the ethnic group of male or female divorcees was not reported.

Table A2.8 Median Age of Male Divorcees under the Women's Charter  
by Ethnic Group, 1980 – 2016

| Year | Years  |         |         |        |
|------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
|      | Total* | Chinese | Indians | Others |
| 1980 | 34.4   | 34.2    | 37.5    | 36.2   |
| 1985 | 35.7   | 35.6    | 35.2    | 39.3   |
| 1990 | 36.8   | 36.7    | 37.4    | 42.5   |
| 1995 | 38.6   | 38.6    | 38.6    | 39.6   |
| 1996 | 39.1   | 39.1    | 38.7    | 41.8   |
| 1997 | 39.1   | 39.2    | 37.8    | 40.8   |
| 1998 | 39.3   | 39.2    | 39.5    | 39.6   |
| 1999 | 39.5   | 39.5    | 39.5    | 40.0   |
| 2000 | 39.5   | 39.4    | 40.8    | 39.8   |
| 2001 | 39.5   | 39.5    | 39.2    | 40.8   |
| 2002 | 39.2   | 39.1    | 39.0    | 40.8   |
| 2003 | 39.9   | 39.8    | 40.5    | 42.1   |
| 2004 | 40.0   | 40.0    | 38.9    | 43.1   |
| 2005 | 39.5   | 39.4    | 39.2    | 41.6   |
| 2006 | 40.1   | 40.1    | 39.8    | 42.6   |
| 2007 | 40.1   | 40.0    | 40.3    | 42.8   |
| 2008 | 40.4   | 40.2    | 40.3    | 43.5   |
| 2009 | 40.9   | 40.9    | 39.9    | 43.3   |
| 2010 | 41.5   | 41.5    | 41.4    | 43.6   |
| 2011 | 41.6   | 41.6    | 40.8    | 42.7   |
| 2012 | 42.0   | 42.1    | 41.3    | 42.7   |
| 2013 | 43.0   | 43.0    | 41.6    | 45.1   |
| 2014 | 42.9   | 42.8    | 42.1    | 44.8   |
| 2015 | 43.2   | 43.3    | 41.8    | 44.4   |
| 2016 | 43.3   | 43.7    | 41.0    | 43.1   |

\* From 2004 onwards, Total *includes* divorces where the ethnic group of male divorcees was not reported.

Table A2.9 Median Age of Female Divorcees under the Women's Charter by Ethnic Group, 1980 – 2016

| Year | Years  |         |         |        |
|------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
|      | Total* | Chinese | Indians | Others |
| 1980 | 31.4   | 31.4    | 30.9    | 32.4   |
| 1985 | 32.1   | 32.2    | 31.2    | 34.1   |
| 1990 | 33.5   | 33.4    | 33.5    | 34.8   |
| 1995 | 35.4   | 35.5    | 35.3    | 34.4   |
| 1996 | 35.8   | 35.9    | 35.5    | 33.8   |
| 1997 | 35.7   | 36.0    | 34.5    | 33.3   |
| 1998 | 35.8   | 35.8    | 36.0    | 35.0   |
| 1999 | 35.8   | 35.8    | 36.5    | 34.1   |
| 2000 | 35.9   | 35.9    | 37.0    | 33.2   |
| 2001 | 36.0   | 35.9    | 36.5    | 35.2   |
| 2002 | 35.8   | 35.8    | 35.6    | 35.3   |
| 2003 | 36.2   | 36.3    | 36.8    | 34.2   |
| 2004 | 35.9   | 35.9    | 35.9    | 37.0   |
| 2005 | 35.7   | 35.8    | 35.6    | 34.7   |
| 2006 | 36.2   | 36.3    | 35.6    | 35.3   |
| 2007 | 36.4   | 36.3    | 37.6    | 36.3   |
| 2008 | 36.5   | 36.6    | 37.5    | 35.4   |
| 2009 | 37.2   | 37.3    | 36.9    | 35.5   |
| 2010 | 37.7   | 37.9    | 38.1    | 35.5   |
| 2011 | 37.9   | 38.2    | 37.4    | 35.6   |
| 2012 | 38.4   | 38.5    | 38.6    | 36.1   |
| 2013 | 38.6   | 39.0    | 38.3    | 36.1   |
| 2014 | 38.5   | 39.1    | 38.8    | 35.4   |
| 2015 | 39.0   | 39.7    | 38.9    | 35.5   |
| 2016 | 38.8   | 39.8    | 37.6    | 35.2   |

\* From 2004 onwards, Total **includes** divorces where the ethnic group of female divorcees was not reported.

Table A2.10 Divorces under the Women's Charter by Ethnic Group of Couple, January – December 2016

| Month        | Total*       | Chinese      | Indians    | Others     | Number       |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|
|              |              |              |            |            | Inter-ethnic |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>5,505</b> | <b>4,123</b> | <b>380</b> | <b>119</b> | <b>853</b>   |
| January      | 421          | 299          | 30         | 10         | 78           |
| February     | 431          | 331          | 24         | 8          | 65           |
| March        | 458          | 343          | 27         | 12         | 76           |
| April        | 461          | 333          | 40         | 10         | 75           |
| May          | 442          | 339          | 29         | 11         | 61           |
| June         | 451          | 331          | 36         | 8          | 74           |
| July         | 459          | 345          | 25         | 14         | 74           |
| August       | 452          | 354          | 28         | 8          | 60           |
| September    | 389          | 300          | 26         | 8          | 54           |
| October      | 527          | 401          | 36         | 16         | 69           |
| November     | 478          | 353          | 42         | 6          | 73           |
| December     | 536          | 394          | 37         | 8          | 94           |

\* Total **includes** divorces where the ethnic group of male or female divorcees was not reported.

Table A2.11 Divorces under the Women's Charter by Previous Marital Status and Ethnic Group of Couple, 2016

| Previous Marital Status of Couple | Total*       | Chinese      | Indians    | Others     | Number       |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|
|                                   |              |              |            |            | Inter-ethnic |
| <b>Total*</b>                     | <b>5,505</b> | <b>4,123</b> | <b>380</b> | <b>119</b> | <b>853</b>   |
| Single man & Single woman         | 4,578        | 3,483        | 310        | 104        | 666          |
| Divorced woman                    | 302          | 217          | 25         | 5          | 53           |
| Widowed woman                     | 16           | 11           | 2          | 2          | 1            |
| Divorced man & Single woman       | 352          | 230          | 19         | 2          | 99           |
| Divorced woman                    | 183          | 142          | 16         | 1          | 24           |
| Widowed woman                     | 2            | 1            | 1          | -          | -            |
| Widowed man & Single woman        | 8            | 7            | -          | -          | 1            |
| Divorced woman                    | 12           | 10           | 1          | -          | 1            |
| Widowed woman                     | -            | -            | -          | -          | -            |

\* Total **includes** divorces where the previous marital status or ethnic group of male or female divorcees was not reported.

Note: Previous marital status refers to a person's marital status prior to the latest marriage which ended in a divorce.

Table A2.12 Inter-ethnic Divorces under the Women's Charter by Ethnic Group of Male and Female Divorcees, 2016

| Ethnic Group of Male Divorcees | Ethnic Group of Female Divorcees |            |           |           |            |           |            | Number |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|--------|
|                                | Total                            | Chinese    | Indians   | Eurasians | Caucasians | Malays    | Others     |        |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>853</b>                       | <b>178</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>18</b>  | <b>80</b> | <b>533</b> |        |
| Chinese                        | 556                              | -          | 17        | 3         | 8          | 56        | 472        |        |
| Indians                        | 91                               | 40         | -         | 6         | 9          | 12        | 24         |        |
| Eurasians                      | 28                               | 21         | 2         | -         | -          | 1         | 4          |        |
| Caucasians                     | 107                              | 68         | 10        | 2         | -          | 6         | 21         |        |
| Malays                         | 30                               | 15         | 3         | -         | -          | -         | 12         |        |
| Others                         | 41                               | 34         | -         | 1         | 1          | 5         | -          |        |

Table A2.13 Divorces under the Women's Charter by Age Group of Male and Female Divorcees, 2016

| Age Group of Male Divorcees (Years) | Age Group of Female Divorcees (Years) |           |            |              |              |            |            |            |            |            |          | Number |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|--------|
|                                     | Total                                 | Under 25  | 25-29      | 30-34        | 35-39        | 40-44      | 45-49      | 50-54      | 55-59      | 60 & over  | Un-known |        |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>5,505</b>                          | <b>88</b> | <b>538</b> | <b>1,158</b> | <b>1,213</b> | <b>941</b> | <b>661</b> | <b>399</b> | <b>286</b> | <b>214</b> | <b>7</b> |        |
| Under 25                            | 24                                    | 18        | 6          | -            | -            | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -        |        |
| 25 – 29                             | 247                                   | 44        | 143        | 44           | 11           | 2          | 1          | 2          | -          | -          | -        |        |
| 30 – 34                             | 692                                   | 9         | 192        | 381          | 86           | 17         | 5          | -          | 1          | 1          | -        |        |
| 35 – 39                             | 1,113                                 | 6         | 97         | 420          | 494          | 76         | 16         | 3          | 1          | -          | -        |        |
| 40 – 44                             | 1,022                                 | 4         | 56         | 166          | 358          | 343        | 78         | 13         | 2          | 1          | 1        |        |
| 45 – 49                             | 825                                   | 2         | 16         | 72           | 148          | 296        | 249        | 30         | 10         | 1          | 1        |        |
| 50 – 54                             | 664                                   | 2         | 17         | 46           | 70           | 127        | 189        | 174        | 35         | 4          | -        |        |
| 55 – 59                             | 447                                   | 3         | 4          | 19           | 26           | 44         | 75         | 123        | 135        | 17         | 1        |        |
| 60 & over                           | 456                                   | -         | 7          | 8            | 19           | 34         | 45         | 52         | 98         | 189        | 4        |        |
| Unknown                             | 15                                    | -         | -          | 2            | 1            | 2          | 3          | 2          | 4          | 1          | -        |        |

Table A2.14 Divorces under the Women's Charter by Age Group, Ethnic Group and Sex of Divorcees, 2016

| Age Group<br>(Years) | Number                           |              |            |            |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
|                      | Ethnic Group of Male Divorcees   |              |            |            |
|                      | Total*                           | Chinese      | Indians    | Others     |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>5,505</b>                     | <b>4,681</b> | <b>472</b> | <b>332</b> |
| Under 25             | 24                               | 20           | 3          | 1          |
| 25 – 29              | 247                              | 211          | 25         | 10         |
| 30 – 34              | 692                              | 582          | 63         | 47         |
| 35 – 39              | 1,113                            | 921          | 123        | 66         |
| 40 – 44              | 1,022                            | 839          | 104        | 71         |
| 45 – 49              | 825                              | 707          | 58         | 55         |
| 50 – 54              | 664                              | 578          | 45         | 40         |
| 55 – 59              | 447                              | 394          | 30         | 23         |
| 60 & over            | 456                              | 420          | 19         | 16         |
| Unknown              | 15                               | 9            | 2          | 3          |
|                      | Ethnic Group of Female Divorcees |              |            |            |
|                      | Total*                           | Chinese      | Indians    | Others     |
|                      |                                  |              |            |            |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>5,505</b>                     | <b>4,309</b> | <b>414</b> | <b>771</b> |
| Under 25             | 88                               | 65           | 10         | 13         |
| 25 – 29              | 538                              | 368          | 41         | 128        |
| 30 – 34              | 1,158                            | 830          | 89         | 239        |
| 35 – 39              | 1,213                            | 919          | 111        | 180        |
| 40 – 44              | 941                              | 787          | 58         | 94         |
| 45 – 49              | 661                              | 551          | 40         | 68         |
| 50 – 54              | 399                              | 333          | 36         | 29         |
| 55 – 59              | 286                              | 250          | 22         | 13         |
| 60 & over            | 214                              | 201          | 6          | 7          |
| Unknown              | 7                                | 5            | 1          | -          |

\* Total **includes** divorces where the ethnic group of male or female divorcees was not reported.

Table A2.15 Divorces under the Women's Charter by Age Group,  
Previous Marital Status and Sex of Divorcees, 2016

| Age Group<br>(Years)                               | Previous Marital Status of Male Divorcees |              |            |           |           |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                    | Total                                     | Single       | Divorced   | Widowed   | Unknown   |
|                                                    |                                           |              |            |           |           |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>5,505</b>                              | <b>4,908</b> | <b>539</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>38</b> |
| Under 25                                           | 24                                        | 24           | -          | -         | -         |
| 25 – 29                                            | 247                                       | 244          | 2          | -         | 1         |
| 30 – 34                                            | 692                                       | 671          | 19         | 1         | 1         |
| 35 – 39                                            | 1,113                                     | 1,044        | 66         | -         | 3         |
| 40 – 44                                            | 1,022                                     | 916          | 97         | 3         | 6         |
| 45 – 49                                            | 825                                       | 709          | 103        | 6         | 7         |
| 50 – 54                                            | 664                                       | 556          | 103        | -         | 5         |
| 55 – 59                                            | 447                                       | 386          | 55         | 1         | 5         |
| 60 & over                                          | 456                                       | 346          | 94         | 9         | 7         |
| Unknown                                            | 15                                        | 12           | -          | -         | 3         |
| <b>Previous Marital Status of Female Divorcees</b> |                                           |              |            |           |           |
|                                                    | Total                                     | Single       | Divorced   | Widowed   | Unknown   |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>5,505</b>                              | <b>4,973</b> | <b>498</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>15</b> |
| Under 25                                           | 88                                        | 88           | -          | -         | -         |
| 25 – 29                                            | 538                                       | 525          | 11         | 2         | -         |
| 30 – 34                                            | 1,158                                     | 1,105        | 51         | -         | 2         |
| 35 – 39                                            | 1,213                                     | 1,097        | 111        | 1         | 4         |
| 40 – 44                                            | 941                                       | 815          | 122        | 2         | 2         |
| 45 – 49                                            | 661                                       | 552          | 103        | 6         | -         |
| 50 – 54                                            | 399                                       | 345          | 52         | 1         | 1         |
| 55 – 59                                            | 286                                       | 246          | 30         | 6         | 4         |
| 60 & over                                          | 214                                       | 194          | 18         | 1         | 1         |
| Unknown                                            | 7                                         | 6            | -          | -         | 1         |

Note: Previous marital status refers to a person's marital status prior to the latest marriage which ended in a divorce.



Table A2.16 Divorces under the Women's Charter by Age at Marriage of Male and Female Divorcees, 2016

| Age at Marriage of Male Divorcees (Years) | Age at Marriage of Female Divorcees (Years) |            |              |              |            |            |            |          |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|
|                                           | Total                                       | Under 20   | 20-24        | 25-29        | 30-34      | 35-39      | 40 & over  | Un-known |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>5,505</b>                                | <b>264</b> | <b>1,861</b> | <b>2,069</b> | <b>808</b> | <b>306</b> | <b>190</b> | <b>7</b> |
| Under 20                                  | 47                                          | 32         | 13           | 2            | -          | -          | -          | -        |
| 20 – 24                                   | 887                                         | 127        | 601          | 121          | 25         | 7          | 3          | 3        |
| 25 – 29                                   | 2,036                                       | 60         | 762          | 1,019        | 157        | 27         | 10         | 1        |
| 30 – 34                                   | 1,244                                       | 22         | 271          | 570          | 302        | 62         | 16         | 1        |
| 35 – 39                                   | 617                                         | 9          | 125          | 208          | 168        | 87         | 18         | 2        |
| 40 & over                                 | 659                                         | 11         | 86           | 143          | 154        | 122        | 143        | -        |
| Unknown                                   | 15                                          | 3          | 3            | 6            | 2          | 1          | -          | -        |

Table A2.17 Divorces under the Women's Charter by Age at Marriage, Ethnic Group and Sex of Divorcees, 2016

| Age at Marriage (Years)          | Ethnic Group of Male Divorcees |              |            |            |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
|                                  | Total*                         | Chinese      | Indians    | Others     |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>5,505</b>                   | <b>4,681</b> | <b>472</b> | <b>332</b> |
| Under 20                         | 47                             | 38           | 9          | -          |
| 20 – 24                          | 887                            | 779          | 71         | 34         |
| 25 – 29                          | 2,036                          | 1,744        | 186        | 99         |
| 30 – 34                          | 1,244                          | 1,023        | 124        | 90         |
| 35 – 39                          | 617                            | 521          | 40         | 55         |
| 40 & over                        | 659                            | 567          | 40         | 51         |
| Unknown                          | 15                             | 9            | 2          | 3          |
| Ethnic Group of Female Divorcees |                                |              |            |            |
|                                  | Total*                         | Chinese      | Indians    | Others     |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>5,505</b>                   | <b>4,309</b> | <b>414</b> | <b>771</b> |
| Under 20                         | 264                            | 207          | 29         | 28         |
| 20 – 24                          | 1,861                          | 1,470        | 142        | 247        |
| 25 – 29                          | 2,069                          | 1,623        | 138        | 303        |
| 30 – 34                          | 808                            | 603          | 63         | 141        |
| 35 – 39                          | 306                            | 247          | 23         | 34         |
| 40 & over                        | 190                            | 154          | 18         | 18         |
| Unknown                          | 7                              | 5            | 1          | -          |

\* Total **includes** divorces where the ethnic group of male or female divorcees was not reported.

Table A2.18 Divorces under the Women's Charter by Duration of Marriage and Ethnic Group of Couple, 2016

| Duration of Marriage (Years)   | Total*       | Chinese      | Indians     | Others     | Inter-ethnic |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>5,505</b> | <b>4,123</b> | <b>380</b>  | <b>119</b> | <b>853</b>   |
| Under 5                        | 953          | 663          | 52          | 25         | 212          |
| 5 – 9                          | 1,711        | 1,187        | 131         | 36         | 348          |
| 10 – 14                        | 983          | 721          | 83          | 22         | 150          |
| 15 – 19                        | 689          | 532          | 52          | 16         | 81           |
| 20 – 24                        | 492          | 404          | 28          | 13         | 43           |
| 25 – 29                        | 285          | 253          | 18          | 4          | 10           |
| 30 & over                      | 392          | 363          | 16          | 3          | 9            |
| <b>Median Duration (Years)</b> | <b>10.3</b>  | <b>11.2</b>  | <b>10.3</b> | <b>9.8</b> | <b>7.5</b>   |

\* Total *includes* divorces where the ethnic group of male or female divorcees was not reported.

Table A2.19 Divorces under the Women's Charter by Duration of Marriage and Number of Dependent Children under 18 Years, 2016

| Duration of Marriage (Years) | Number of Dependent Children under 18 Years |              |              |            |            |           | Number |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------|
|                              | Total                                       | 0            | 1            | 2          | 3          | 4 & over  |        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>5,505</b>                                | <b>2,837</b> | <b>1,546</b> | <b>926</b> | <b>163</b> | <b>33</b> |        |
| Under 5                      | 953                                         | 649          | 256          | 47         | 1          | -         |        |
| 5 – 9                        | 1,711                                       | 904          | 533          | 246        | 24         | 4         |        |
| 10 – 14                      | 983                                         | 331          | 309          | 284        | 52         | 7         |        |
| 15 – 19                      | 689                                         | 136          | 201          | 262        | 71         | 19        |        |
| 20 – 24                      | 492                                         | 226          | 169          | 80         | 14         | 3         |        |
| 25 – 29                      | 285                                         | 215          | 62           | 7          | 1          | -         |        |
| 30 & over                    | 392                                         | 376          | 16           | -          | -          | -         |        |

Table A2.20 Divorces under the Women's Charter by Age Group and Sex of Divorcees, and Duration of Marriage, 2016

|                                              | Number                       |            |              |            |            |            |            |            |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                              | Duration of Marriage (Years) |            |              |            |            |            |            |            |
|                                              | Total                        | Under 5    | 5-9          | 10-14      | 15-19      | 20-24      | 25-29      | 30 & over  |
| <b>Age Group of Male Divorcees (Years)</b>   |                              |            |              |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>5,505</b>                 | <b>953</b> | <b>1,711</b> | <b>983</b> | <b>689</b> | <b>492</b> | <b>285</b> | <b>392</b> |
| Under 25                                     | 24                           | 20         | 4            | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| 25 – 29                                      | 247                          | 158        | 88           | 1          | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| 30 – 34                                      | 692                          | 276        | 364          | 50         | 2          | -          | -          | -          |
| 35 – 39                                      | 1,113                        | 217        | 577          | 275        | 44         | -          | -          | -          |
| 40 – 44                                      | 1,022                        | 114        | 309          | 331        | 233        | 35         | -          | -          |
| 45 – 49                                      | 825                          | 53         | 163          | 164        | 242        | 182        | 21         | -          |
| 50 – 54                                      | 664                          | 62         | 103          | 83         | 95         | 157        | 132        | 32         |
| 55 – 59                                      | 447                          | 31         | 49           | 36         | 37         | 80         | 93         | 121        |
| 60 & over                                    | 456                          | 22         | 50           | 43         | 33         | 36         | 39         | 233        |
| Unknown                                      | 15                           | -          | 4            | -          | 3          | 2          | -          | 6          |
| <b>Age Group of Female Divorcees (Years)</b> |                              |            |              |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>5,505</b>                 | <b>953</b> | <b>1,711</b> | <b>983</b> | <b>689</b> | <b>492</b> | <b>285</b> | <b>392</b> |
| Under 25                                     | 88                           | 61         | 27           | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| 25 – 29                                      | 538                          | 302        | 227          | 9          | -          | -          | -          | -          |
| 30 – 34                                      | 1,158                        | 314        | 659          | 176        | 9          | -          | -          | -          |
| 35 – 39                                      | 1,213                        | 168        | 487          | 424        | 131        | 3          | -          | -          |
| 40 – 44                                      | 941                          | 64         | 179          | 240        | 336        | 116        | 6          | -          |
| 45 – 49                                      | 661                          | 28         | 85           | 88         | 147        | 237        | 72         | 4          |
| 50 – 54                                      | 399                          | 8          | 31           | 24         | 33         | 91         | 135        | 77         |
| 55 – 59                                      | 286                          | 4          | 14           | 13         | 24         | 33         | 59         | 139        |
| 60 & over                                    | 214                          | 3          | 2            | 9          | 8          | 12         | 13         | 167        |
| Unknown                                      | 7                            | 1          | -            | -          | 1          | -          | -          | 5          |

Table A2.21 Divorces under the Women's Charter by (A) Duration of Marriage; (B) Plaintiff; and Main Reason for Divorce, 2016

|                                     | Number       |                                                 |                        |            |           |               |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
|                                     | Total        | Lived Apart / Separated for Three Years or More | Unreasonable Behaviour | Desertion  | Adultery  | Other Reasons |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>5,505</b> | <b>2,342</b>                                    | <b>2,947</b>           | <b>125</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>2</b>      |
| <b>Duration of Marriage (Years)</b> |              |                                                 |                        |            |           |               |
| Under 5                             | 953          | 217                                             | 691                    | 39         | 6         | -             |
| 5 – 9                               | 1,711        | 699                                             | 940                    | 45         | 26        | 1             |
| 10 – 14                             | 983          | 453                                             | 495                    | 17         | 17        | 1             |
| 15 – 19                             | 689          | 315                                             | 345                    | 9          | 20        | -             |
| 20 – 24                             | 492          | 259                                             | 220                    | 5          | 8         | -             |
| 25 – 29                             | 285          | 162                                             | 113                    | 4          | 6         | -             |
| 30 & over                           | 392          | 237                                             | 143                    | 6          | 6         | -             |
| <b>Plaintiff</b>                    |              |                                                 |                        |            |           |               |
| Husband                             | 2,068        | 1,018                                           | 933                    | 88         | 28        | 1             |
| Wife                                | 3,437        | 1,324                                           | 2,014                  | 37         | 61        | 1             |

Table A2.22 Divorces under the Women's Charter by Main Reason for Divorce and Ethnic Group of Couple, 2016

|                                                 | Number       |              |            |            |              |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Main Reason for Divorce                         | Total*       | Chinese      | Indians    | Others     | Inter-ethnic |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>5,505</b> | <b>4,123</b> | <b>380</b> | <b>119</b> | <b>853</b>   |
| Lived Apart / Separated for Three Years or More | 2,342        | 1,808        | 126        | 50         | 347          |
| Unreasonable Behaviour                          | 2,947        | 2,167        | 248        | 64         | 449          |
| Desertion                                       | 125          | 75           | 5          | 1          | 44           |
| Adultery                                        | 89           | 71           | 1          | 4          | 13           |
| Other Reasons                                   | 2            | 2            | -          | -          | -            |

\* Total **includes** divorces where the ethnic group of male or female divorcees was not reported.

Table A2.23 Divorces under the Women's Charter by Age Group and Sex of Divorcees, and Main Reason for Divorce, 2016

|                                                      | Number       |                                                          |                           |            |           |                  |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
|                                                      | Total        | Lived Apart /<br>Separated for<br>Three Years<br>or More | Unreasonable<br>Behaviour | Desertion  | Adultery  | Other<br>Reasons |
| <b>Age Group<br/>of Male Divorcees<br/>(Years)</b>   |              |                                                          |                           |            |           |                  |
| <b>Total</b>                                         | <b>5,505</b> | <b>2,342</b>                                             | <b>2,947</b>              | <b>125</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>2</b>         |
| Under 25                                             | 24           | 7                                                        | 13                        | 3          | 1         | -                |
| 25 – 29                                              | 247          | 69                                                       | 167                       | 11         | -         | -                |
| 30 – 34                                              | 692          | 236                                                      | 433                       | 13         | 9         | 1                |
| 35 – 39                                              | 1,113        | 394                                                      | 678                       | 22         | 18        | 1                |
| 40 – 44                                              | 1,022        | 412                                                      | 569                       | 17         | 24        | -                |
| 45 – 49                                              | 825          | 365                                                      | 430                       | 16         | 14        | -                |
| 50 – 54                                              | 664          | 317                                                      | 318                       | 17         | 12        | -                |
| 55 – 59                                              | 447          | 259                                                      | 170                       | 13         | 5         | -                |
| 60 & over                                            | 456          | 277                                                      | 160                       | 13         | 6         | -                |
| Unknown                                              | 15           | 6                                                        | 9                         | -          | -         | -                |
| <b>Age Group<br/>of Female Divorcees<br/>(Years)</b> |              |                                                          |                           |            |           |                  |
| <b>Total</b>                                         | <b>5,505</b> | <b>2,342</b>                                             | <b>2,947</b>              | <b>125</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>2</b>         |
| Under 25                                             | 88           | 23                                                       | 61                        | 3          | 1         | -                |
| 25 – 29                                              | 538          | 150                                                      | 368                       | 18         | 2         | -                |
| 30 – 34                                              | 1,158        | 397                                                      | 699                       | 42         | 19        | 1                |
| 35 – 39                                              | 1,213        | 491                                                      | 680                       | 23         | 18        | 1                |
| 40 – 44                                              | 941          | 433                                                      | 472                       | 16         | 20        | -                |
| 45 – 49                                              | 661          | 322                                                      | 319                       | 8          | 12        | -                |
| 50 – 54                                              | 399          | 213                                                      | 176                       | 4          | 6         | -                |
| 55 – 59                                              | 286          | 166                                                      | 107                       | 7          | 6         | -                |
| 60 & over                                            | 214          | 143                                                      | 62                        | 4          | 5         | -                |
| Unknown                                              | 7            | 4                                                        | 3                         | -          | -         | -                |

Table A2.24 Divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Age Group and Sex of Divorcees, 1980 – 2016

| Year | Age Group of Male Divorcees (Years) |          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |          | Median Age (Years) |
|------|-------------------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|----------|--------------------|
|      | Total                               | Under 25 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60 & over | Un-known |                    |
| 1980 | 505                                 | 41       | 142   | 110   | 68    | 60    | 25    | 25    | 13    | 15        | 6        | 32.0               |
| 1985 | 738                                 | 74       | 192   | 166   | 109   | 54    | 52    | 32    | 24    | 35        | -        | 32.8               |
| 1990 | 972                                 | 61       | 233   | 269   | 155   | 109   | 49    | 42    | 22    | 32        | -        | 33.6               |
| 1995 | 971                                 | 34       | 132   | 244   | 210   | 149   | 92    | 43    | 32    | 35        | -        | 36.6               |
| 1996 | 1,079                               | 49       | 150   | 267   | 237   | 165   | 94    | 45    | 34    | 38        | -        | 36.5               |
| 1997 | 1,190                               | 68       | 165   | 296   | 280   | 166   | 103   | 44    | 27    | 41        | -        | 36.2               |
| 1998 | 1,454                               | 56       | 202   | 322   | 339   | 239   | 121   | 80    | 40    | 55        | -        | 37.3               |
| 1999 | 1,544                               | 65       | 204   | 317   | 338   | 248   | 165   | 98    | 44    | 65        | -        | 37.8               |
| 2000 | 1,584                               | 77       | 224   | 284   | 348   | 281   | 163   | 99    | 36    | 72        | -        | 38.0               |
| 2001 | 1,328                               | 71       | 188   | 248   | 260   | 246   | 158   | 77    | 33    | 47        | -        | 37.9               |
| 2002 | 1,516                               | 73       | 197   | 269   | 376   | 264   | 157   | 91    | 34    | 55        | -        | 37.8               |
| 2003 | 1,912                               | 97       | 236   | 381   | 415   | 339   | 208   | 128   | 50    | 58        | -        | 37.6               |
| 2004 | 1,657                               | 111      | 225   | 344   | 339   | 265   | 164   | 106   | 51    | 52        | -        | 37.2               |
| 2005 | 1,690                               | 100      | 218   | 341   | 316   | 283   | 206   | 108   | 60    | 58        | -        | 38.3               |
| 2006 | 1,782                               | 104      | 236   | 366   | 316   | 312   | 222   | 116   | 74    | 36        | -        | 38.1               |
| 2007 | 1,595                               | 90       | 207   | 311   | 276   | 256   | 222   | 121   | 55    | 57        | -        | 38.2               |
| 2008 | 1,601                               | 77       | 203   | 307   | 284   | 284   | 195   | 128   | 79    | 44        | -        | 38.5               |
| 2009 | 1,511                               | 59       | 202   | 268   | 284   | 249   | 204   | 117   | 67    | 59        | 2        | 38.6               |
| 2010 | 1,536                               | 47       | 186   | 290   | 292   | 255   | 217   | 123   | 63    | 59        | 4        | 38.9               |
| 2011 | 1,538                               | 41       | 186   | 256   | 305   | 251   | 201   | 153   | 76    | 69        | -        | 39.5               |
| 2012 | 1,587                               | 49       | 172   | 286   | 275   | 265   | 235   | 157   | 87    | 60        | 1        | 40.3               |
| 2013 | 1,662                               | 40       | 180   | 290   | 310   | 257   | 257   | 172   | 85    | 71        | -        | 40.1               |
| 2014 | 1,689                               | 33       | 159   | 293   | 265   | 295   | 229   | 210   | 121   | 84        | -        | 41.4               |
| 2015 | 1,667                               | 41       | 162   | 288   | 279   | 249   | 231   | 222   | 94    | 101       | -        | 41.2               |
| 2016 | 1,702                               | 40       | 191   | 305   | 284   | 234   | 229   | 191   | 119   | 109       | -        | 40.7               |

Table A2.24 Divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act  
by Age Group and Sex of Divorcees, 1980 – 2016 (*cont'd*)

| Year | Age Group of Female Divorcees (Years) |          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |          | Median Age (Years) |
|------|---------------------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|----------|--------------------|
|      | Total                                 | Under 25 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60 & over | Un-known |                    |
| 1980 | 505                                   | 143      | 142   | 113   | 49    | 26    | 13    | 8     | 5     | 4         | 2        | 28.0               |
| 1985 | 738                                   | 208      | 192   | 131   | 95    | 40    | 37    | 15    | 10    | 10        | -        | 29.3               |
| 1990 | 972                                   | 180      | 301   | 178   | 155   | 79    | 36    | 24    | 12    | 7         | -        | 30.1               |
| 1995 | 971                                   | 119      | 174   | 241   | 189   | 117   | 75    | 31    | 11    | 14        | -        | 33.8               |
| 1996 | 1,079                                 | 149      | 196   | 247   | 199   | 154   | 80    | 27    | 12    | 15        | -        | 33.9               |
| 1997 | 1,190                                 | 157      | 278   | 265   | 207   | 135   | 80    | 40    | 16    | 12        | -        | 33.0               |
| 1998 | 1,454                                 | 177      | 288   | 329   | 276   | 188   | 117   | 44    | 16    | 19        | -        | 33.9               |
| 1999 | 1,544                                 | 175      | 287   | 328   | 287   | 234   | 116   | 68    | 29    | 20        | -        | 34.8               |
| 2000 | 1,584                                 | 210      | 292   | 311   | 320   | 200   | 119   | 82    | 24    | 26        | -        | 34.7               |
| 2001 | 1,328                                 | 190      | 266   | 225   | 254   | 194   | 102   | 55    | 24    | 18        | -        | 34.6               |
| 2002 | 1,516                                 | 195      | 270   | 302   | 293   | 221   | 119   | 60    | 31    | 25        | -        | 34.8               |
| 2003 | 1,912                                 | 246      | 349   | 384   | 360   | 271   | 162   | 89    | 26    | 25        | -        | 34.6               |
| 2004 | 1,657                                 | 244      | 326   | 356   | 272   | 208   | 129   | 61    | 34    | 27        | -        | 33.5               |
| 2005 | 1,690                                 | 214      | 311   | 357   | 280   | 235   | 143   | 90    | 40    | 20        | -        | 34.4               |
| 2006 | 1,782                                 | 249      | 333   | 355   | 296   | 247   | 166   | 84    | 32    | 20        | -        | 34.3               |
| 2007 | 1,595                                 | 215      | 295   | 311   | 258   | 226   | 161   | 68    | 40    | 21        | -        | 34.6               |
| 2008 | 1,601                                 | 183      | 295   | 323   | 267   | 216   | 167   | 76    | 56    | 18        | -        | 35.0               |
| 2009 | 1,511                                 | 160      | 269   | 287   | 260   | 196   | 193   | 79    | 41    | 24        | 2        | 35.5               |
| 2010 | 1,536                                 | 132      | 281   | 318   | 268   | 211   | 177   | 80    | 44    | 24        | 1        | 35.8               |
| 2011 | 1,538                                 | 124      | 283   | 276   | 279   | 222   | 182   | 97    | 41    | 34        | -        | 36.5               |
| 2012 | 1,587                                 | 120      | 281   | 318   | 252   | 229   | 188   | 123   | 49    | 26        | 1        | 36.6               |
| 2013 | 1,662                                 | 107      | 289   | 337   | 295   | 232   | 190   | 130   | 53    | 29        | -        | 36.7               |
| 2014 | 1,689                                 | 84       | 253   | 345   | 270   | 273   | 205   | 142   | 66    | 51        | -        | 38.1               |
| 2015 | 1,667                                 | 95       | 272   | 326   | 273   | 250   | 191   | 150   | 63    | 47        | -        | 37.6               |
| 2016 | 1,702                                 | 100      | 301   | 332   | 236   | 250   | 173   | 172   | 85    | 53        | -        | 37.4               |

Table A2.25 Divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by  
Duration of Marriage, 1980 – 2016

| Year | Duration of Marriage (Years) |         |     |       |       |       |       |           | Median Duration (Years) |
|------|------------------------------|---------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-------------------------|
|      | Total                        | Under 5 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30 & over |                         |
| 1980 | 505                          | 185     | 143 | 94    | 37    | 28    | 14    | 4         | 7.0                     |
| 1985 | 738                          | 331     | 186 | 86    | 67    | 33    | 17    | 18        | 5.8                     |
| 1990 | 972                          | 374     | 301 | 115   | 84    | 51    | 21    | 26        | 6.4                     |
| 1995 | 971                          | 327     | 251 | 191   | 89    | 68    | 25    | 20        | 8.0                     |
| 1996 | 1,079                        | 377     | 286 | 196   | 88    | 68    | 40    | 24        | 7.6                     |
| 1997 | 1,190                        | 437     | 315 | 187   | 128   | 56    | 39    | 28        | 7.1                     |
| 1998 | 1,454                        | 459     | 401 | 254   | 176   | 82    | 35    | 47        | 8.1                     |
| 1999 | 1,544                        | 444     | 429 | 253   | 188   | 112   | 72    | 46        | 8.7                     |
| 2000 | 1,584                        | 530     | 400 | 260   | 189   | 94    | 66    | 45        | 8.1                     |
| 2001 | 1,328                        | 456     | 325 | 204   | 144   | 99    | 59    | 41        | 8.1                     |
| 2002 | 1,516                        | 495     | 385 | 275   | 172   | 100   | 50    | 39        | 8.5                     |
| 2003 | 1,912                        | 672     | 462 | 307   | 224   | 138   | 57    | 52        | 7.7                     |
| 2004 | 1,657                        | 555     | 470 | 261   | 156   | 103   | 61    | 51        | 7.3                     |
| 2005 | 1,690                        | 565     | 453 | 248   | 197   | 124   | 52    | 51        | 7.7                     |
| 2006 | 1,782                        | 586     | 492 | 276   | 180   | 118   | 76    | 54        | 7.8                     |
| 2007 | 1,595                        | 509     | 444 | 238   | 172   | 111   | 72    | 49        | 8.0                     |
| 2008 | 1,601                        | 517     | 435 | 256   | 171   | 110   | 65    | 47        | 8.1                     |
| 2009 | 1,511                        | 464     | 395 | 230   | 171   | 125   | 69    | 57        | 8.5                     |
| 2010 | 1,536                        | 415     | 421 | 290   | 177   | 111   | 68    | 54        | 9.0                     |
| 2011 | 1,538                        | 418     | 463 | 216   | 187   | 121   | 77    | 56        | 8.4                     |
| 2012 | 1,587                        | 448     | 442 | 241   | 203   | 119   | 70    | 64        | 8.6                     |
| 2013 | 1,662                        | 408     | 484 | 292   | 203   | 146   | 68    | 61        | 9.2                     |
| 2014 | 1,689                        | 408     | 446 | 304   | 197   | 131   | 114   | 89        | 9.8                     |
| 2015 | 1,667                        | 446     | 446 | 281   | 189   | 139   | 90    | 76        | 9.1                     |
| 2016 | 1,702                        | 499     | 442 | 263   | 168   | 148   | 80    | 102       | 8.7                     |



Table A2.26 Divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by  
Ethnic Group of Couple, 1980 – 2016

| Year | Total* | Malays | Indians | Others | Number       |
|------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------------|
|      |        |        |         |        | Inter-ethnic |
| 1980 | 505    | 380    | 32      | 5      | 88           |
| 1985 | 738    | 579    | 30      | 8      | 121          |
| 1990 | 972    | 762    | 53      | 9      | 148          |
| 1995 | 971    | 794    | 39      | 5      | 133          |
| 1996 | 1,079  | 925    | 24      | 4      | 126          |
| 1997 | 1,190  | 997    | 43      | 8      | 142          |
| 1998 | 1,454  | 1,132  | 58      | 20     | 244          |
| 1999 | 1,544  | 1,171  | 51      | 14     | 308          |
| 2000 | 1,584  | 1,113  | 76      | 39     | 356          |
| 2001 | 1,328  | 1,000  | 54      | 12     | 262          |
| 2002 | 1,516  | 1,136  | 92      | 8      | 280          |
| 2003 | 1,912  | 1,476  | 83      | 6      | 347          |
| 2004 | 1,657  | 1,255  | 65      | 10     | 327          |
| 2005 | 1,690  | 1,324  | 65      | 8      | 293          |
| 2006 | 1,782  | 1,335  | 97      | 6      | 342          |
| 2007 | 1,595  | 1,184  | 87      | 6      | 317          |
| 2008 | 1,601  | 1,181  | 58      | 19     | 343          |
| 2009 | 1,511  | 1,077  | 54      | 18     | 361          |
| 2010 | 1,536  | 1,080  | 55      | 32     | 369          |
| 2011 | 1,538  | 1,108  | 73      | 13     | 344          |
| 2012 | 1,587  | 1,209  | 95      | 15     | 268          |
| 2013 | 1,662  | 1,211  | 74      | 22     | 355          |
| 2014 | 1,689  | 1,254  | 70      | 20     | 345          |
| 2015 | 1,667  | 1,177  | 77      | 21     | 392          |
| 2016 | 1,702  | 1,181  | 98      | 14     | 409          |

\* For 2006, 2007 and 2009, Total **includes** divorces where the ethnic group of male or female divorcees was not reported.

Table A2.27 Median Age of Male Divorcees under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Ethnic Group, 1980 – 2016

| Year | Years  |        |         |        |
|------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
|      | Total* | Malays | Indians | Others |
| 1980 | 32.0   | 32.0   | 32.0    | 36.0   |
| 1985 | 32.8   | 32.6   | 31.7    | 36.3   |
| 1990 | 33.6   | 33.6   | 32.7    | 34.8   |
| 1995 | 36.6   | 36.5   | 36.9    | 37.7   |
| 1996 | 36.5   | 36.5   | 36.7    | 37.4   |
| 1997 | 36.2   | 36.2   | 34.6    | 38.1   |
| 1998 | 37.3   | 37.1   | 37.0    | 39.9   |
| 1999 | 37.8   | 37.7   | 37.2    | 38.5   |
| 2000 | 38.0   | 38.1   | 37.1    | 37.7   |
| 2001 | 37.9   | 37.9   | 37.6    | 39.6   |
| 2002 | 37.8   | 37.9   | 37.2    | 38.4   |
| 2003 | 37.6   | 37.6   | 37.5    | 38.3   |
| 2004 | 37.2   | 37.2   | 37.7    | 37.1   |
| 2005 | 38.3   | 38.2   | 36.3    | 39.3   |
| 2006 | 38.1   | 38.2   | 35.7    | 40.3   |
| 2007 | 38.2   | 38.8   | 36.4    | 36.9   |
| 2008 | 38.5   | 38.4   | 37.8    | 39.7   |
| 2009 | 38.6   | 38.6   | 37.9    | 38.7   |
| 2010 | 38.9   | 38.9   | 38.2    | 39.1   |
| 2011 | 39.5   | 39.6   | 38.6    | 40.3   |
| 2012 | 40.3   | 40.4   | 39.5    | 39.3   |
| 2013 | 40.1   | 40.2   | 37.7    | 42.9   |
| 2014 | 41.4   | 41.5   | 40.5    | 40.6   |
| 2015 | 41.2   | 41.8   | 39.6    | 40.3   |
| 2016 | 40.7   | 40.9   | 40.0    | 40.0   |

\* For 2009, Total **includes** divorces where the ethnic group of male divorcees was not reported.

Table A2.28 Median Age of Female Divorcees under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Ethnic Group, 1980 – 2016

| Year | Years  |        |         |        |
|------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
|      | Total* | Malays | Indians | Others |
| 1980 | 28.0   | 28.0   | 26.0    | 33.5   |
| 1985 | 29.3   | 29.3   | 29.2    | 26.7   |
| 1990 | 30.1   | 30.1   | 28.8    | 31.6   |
| 1995 | 33.8   | 33.9   | 32.7    | 39.0   |
| 1996 | 33.9   | 33.9   | 33.7    | 34.2   |
| 1997 | 33.0   | 32.9   | 33.9    | 37.9   |
| 1998 | 33.9   | 34.0   | 33.1    | 33.0   |
| 1999 | 34.8   | 34.8   | 34.5    | 34.8   |
| 2000 | 34.7   | 34.9   | 35.5    | 33.5   |
| 2001 | 34.6   | 34.7   | 32.2    | 35.6   |
| 2002 | 34.8   | 35.0   | 33.4    | 35.5   |
| 2003 | 34.6   | 34.5   | 34.7    | 35.0   |
| 2004 | 33.5   | 33.2   | 35.1    | 35.0   |
| 2005 | 34.4   | 34.4   | 32.5    | 38.5   |
| 2006 | 34.3   | 34.5   | 33.1    | 32.9   |
| 2007 | 34.6   | 34.8   | 33.6    | 33.1   |
| 2008 | 35.0   | 35.0   | 36.4    | 33.8   |
| 2009 | 35.5   | 35.5   | 37.6    | 34.8   |
| 2010 | 35.8   | 35.8   | 36.5    | 35.7   |
| 2011 | 36.5   | 36.4   | 38.3    | 36.7   |
| 2012 | 36.6   | 36.8   | 34.4    | 36.6   |
| 2013 | 36.7   | 36.9   | 35.8    | 34.5   |
| 2014 | 38.1   | 38.2   | 37.3    | 37.6   |
| 2015 | 37.6   | 37.4   | 38.6    | 36.5   |
| 2016 | 37.4   | 37.8   | 38.4    | 34.8   |

\* For 2006 and 2007, Total **includes** divorces where the ethnic group of female divorcees was not reported.

Table A2.29 Divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Ethnic Group of Couple, January – December 2016

| Month        | Total        | Malays       | Indians   | Others    | Number       |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
|              |              |              |           |           | Inter-ethnic |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,702</b> | <b>1,181</b> | <b>98</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>409</b>   |
| January      | 142          | 91           | 9         | 4         | 38           |
| February     | 138          | 94           | 13        | -         | 31           |
| March        | 159          | 113          | 11        | 2         | 33           |
| April        | 179          | 119          | 11        | 1         | 48           |
| May          | 155          | 108          | 6         | 1         | 40           |
| June         | 124          | 90           | 6         | 2         | 26           |
| July         | 147          | 97           | 4         | -         | 46           |
| August       | 149          | 109          | 3         | 1         | 36           |
| September    | 131          | 100          | 2         | 1         | 28           |
| October      | 157          | 103          | 15        | 2         | 37           |
| November     | 137          | 97           | 14        | -         | 26           |
| December     | 84           | 60           | 4         | -         | 20           |

Table A2.30 Divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Previous Marital Status and Ethnic Group of Couple, 2016

| Previous Marital Status of Couple     | Total        | Malays       | Indians   | Others    | Number       |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
|                                       |              |              |           |           | Inter-ethnic |
| <b>Total*</b>                         | <b>1,702</b> | <b>1,181</b> | <b>98</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>409</b>   |
| Single man &<br>Single woman          | 1,076        | 751          | 74        | 12        | 239          |
| Divorced woman                        | 183          | 121          | 8         | -         | 54           |
| Widowed woman                         | 4            | 3            | -         | -         | 1            |
| Divorced man &<br>Single woman        | 139          | 94           | 4         | -         | 41           |
| Divorced woman                        | 246          | 181          | 6         | -         | 59           |
| Widowed woman                         | 9            | 5            | -         | 1         | 3            |
| Widowed/Married man &<br>Single woman | 4            | -            | -         | -         | 4            |
| Divorced woman                        | 12           | 9            | 2         | -         | 1            |
| Widowed woman                         | 4            | 4            | -         | -         | -            |

\* Total **includes** divorces where the previous marital status of male or female divorcees was not reported.

Note: Previous marital status refers to a person's marital status prior to the latest marriage which ended in a divorce.

Table A2.31 Inter-ethnic Divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Ethnic Group of Male and Female Divorcees, 2016

| Ethnic Group of Male Divorcees | Ethnic Group of Female Divorcees |            |           |           |           | Number |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
|                                | Total                            | Malays     | Indians   | Chinese   | Others    |        |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>409</b>                       | <b>198</b> | <b>90</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>76</b> |        |
| Malays                         | 169                              | -          | 73        | 39        | 57        |        |
| Indians                        | 113                              | 94         | -         | 5         | 14        |        |
| Chinese                        | 38                               | 33         | 3         | -         | 2         |        |
| Others                         | 89                               | 71         | 14        | 1         | 3         |        |

Table A2.32 Divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Age Group of Male and Female Divorcees, 2016

| Age Group of Male Divorcees (Years) | Age Group of Female Divorcees (Years) |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |           |           | Number |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
|                                     | Total                                 | Under 25   | 25-29      | 30-34      | 35-39      | 40-44      | 45-49      | 50-54      | 55-59     | 60 & over |        |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>1,702</b>                          | <b>100</b> | <b>301</b> | <b>332</b> | <b>236</b> | <b>250</b> | <b>173</b> | <b>172</b> | <b>85</b> | <b>53</b> |        |
| Under 25                            | 40                                    | 32         | 6          | 2          | -          | -          | -          | -          | -         | -         |        |
| 25 – 29                             | 191                                   | 46         | 120        | 22         | 1          | 1          | 1          | -          | -         | -         |        |
| 30 – 34                             | 305                                   | 18         | 109        | 142        | 27         | 8          | -          | 1          | -         | -         |        |
| 35 – 39                             | 284                                   | 3          | 40         | 109        | 96         | 32         | 4          | -          | -         | -         |        |
| 40 – 44                             | 234                                   | 1          | 15         | 36         | 70         | 80         | 21         | 9          | 1         | 1         |        |
| 45 – 49                             | 229                                   | -          | 9          | 11         | 24         | 79         | 67         | 29         | 8         | 2         |        |
| 50 – 54                             | 191                                   | -          | 2          | 6          | 9          | 42         | 62         | 55         | 13        | 2         |        |
| 55 – 59                             | 119                                   | -          | -          | 2          | 5          | 6          | 12         | 52         | 35        | 7         |        |
| 60 & over                           | 109                                   | -          | -          | 2          | 4          | 2          | 6          | 26         | 28        | 41        |        |

Table A2.33 Divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Age Group, Ethnic Group and Sex of Divorcees, 2016

| Number               |                                  |        |         |        |     |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|-----|
| Age Group<br>(Years) | Ethnic Group of Male Divorcees   |        |         |        |     |
|                      | Total                            | Malays | Indians | Others |     |
| Total                | 1,702                            | 1,350  | 211     | 141    |     |
| Under 25             | 40                               | 36     | 4       | -      |     |
| 25 – 29              | 191                              | 156    | 21      | 14     |     |
| 30 – 34              | 305                              | 238    | 38      | 29     |     |
| 35 – 39              | 284                              | 214    | 42      | 28     |     |
| 40 – 44              | 234                              | 171    | 37      | 26     |     |
| 45 – 49              | 229                              | 196    | 26      | 7      |     |
| 50 – 54              | 191                              | 156    | 22      | 13     |     |
| 55 – 59              | 119                              | 101    | 10      | 8      |     |
| 60 & over            | 109                              | 82     | 11      | 16     |     |
|                      | Ethnic Group of Female Divorcees |        |         |        |     |
|                      | Total                            | Malays | Indians | Others |     |
|                      | Total                            | 1,702  | 1,379   | 188    | 135 |
|                      | Under 25                         | 100    | 78      | 11     | 11  |
|                      | 25 – 29                          | 301    | 245     | 31     | 25  |
|                      | 30 – 34                          | 332    | 269     | 31     | 32  |
|                      | 35 – 39                          | 236    | 172     | 38     | 26  |
|                      | 40 – 44                          | 250    | 196     | 37     | 17  |
|                      | 45 – 49                          | 173    | 147     | 13     | 13  |
|                      | 50 – 54                          | 172    | 150     | 15     | 7   |
|                      | 55 – 59                          | 85     | 77      | 6      | 2   |
|                      | 60 & over                        | 53     | 45      | 6      | 2   |

Table A2.34 Divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Age Group, Previous Marital Status and Sex of Divorcees, 2016

| Age Group<br>(Years)                        | Previous Marital Status of Male Divorcees |              |            |                     |           |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------|------------|---------------------|-----------|
|                                             | Total                                     | Single       | Divorced   | Widowed/<br>Married | Unknown   |
|                                             |                                           |              |            |                     |           |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>1,702</b>                              | <b>1,266</b> | <b>396</b> | <b>20</b>           | <b>20</b> |
| Under 25                                    | 40                                        | 40           | -          | -                   | -         |
| 25 – 29                                     | 191                                       | 182          | 9          | -                   | -         |
| 30 – 34                                     | 305                                       | 270          | 33         | -                   | 2         |
| 35 – 39                                     | 284                                       | 223          | 57         | 2                   | 2         |
| 40 – 44                                     | 234                                       | 167          | 63         | 2                   | 2         |
| 45 – 49                                     | 229                                       | 156          | 71         | 2                   | -         |
| 50 – 54                                     | 191                                       | 121          | 66         | 3                   | 1         |
| 55 – 59                                     | 119                                       | 63           | 47         | 4                   | 5         |
| 60 & over                                   | 109                                       | 44           | 50         | 7                   | 8         |
| Previous Marital Status of Female Divorcees |                                           |              |            |                     |           |
|                                             | Total                                     | Single       | Divorced   | Widowed             | Unknown   |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>1,702</b>                              | <b>1,234</b> | <b>446</b> | <b>17</b>           | <b>5</b>  |
| Under 25                                    | 100                                       | 98           | 2          | -                   | -         |
| 25 – 29                                     | 301                                       | 278          | 23         | -                   | -         |
| 30 – 34                                     | 332                                       | 276          | 56         | -                   | -         |
| 35 – 39                                     | 236                                       | 165          | 70         | -                   | 1         |
| 40 – 44                                     | 250                                       | 155          | 94         | -                   | 1         |
| 45 – 49                                     | 173                                       | 100          | 66         | 7                   | -         |
| 50 – 54                                     | 172                                       | 87           | 82         | 2                   | 1         |
| 55 – 59                                     | 85                                        | 49           | 32         | 4                   | -         |
| 60 & over                                   | 53                                        | 26           | 21         | 4                   | 2         |

Note: Previous marital status refers to a person's marital status prior to the latest marriage which ended in a divorce.

Table A2.35 Divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act  
by Age at Marriage of Male and Female Divorcees, 2016

| Age at Marriage<br>of Male Divorcees<br>(Years) | Age at Marriage of Female Divorcees (Years) |             |            |            |            |           |              | Number |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|--------|
|                                                 | Total                                       | Under<br>20 | 20-24      | 25-29      | 30-34      | 35-39     | 40 &<br>over |        |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>1,702</b>                                | <b>185</b>  | <b>644</b> | <b>446</b> | <b>187</b> | <b>96</b> | <b>144</b>   |        |
| Under 20                                        | 46                                          | 34          | 10         | 1          | 1          | -         | -            |        |
| 20 – 24                                         | 395                                         | 93          | 249        | 44         | 7          | 1         | 1            |        |
| 25 – 29                                         | 601                                         | 41          | 277        | 232        | 42         | 5         | 4            |        |
| 30 – 34                                         | 314                                         | 12          | 82         | 108        | 73         | 24        | 15           |        |
| 35 – 39                                         | 129                                         | 1           | 15         | 36         | 37         | 24        | 16           |        |
| 40 & over                                       | 217                                         | 4           | 11         | 25         | 27         | 42        | 108          |        |

Table A2.36 Divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act  
by Age at Marriage, Ethnic Group and Sex of Divorcees, 2016

| Age at Marriage<br>(Years)       | Ethnic Group of Male Divorcees |              |            |            | Number |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------|
|                                  | Total                          | Malays       | Indians    | Others     |        |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>1,702</b>                   | <b>1,350</b> | <b>211</b> | <b>141</b> |        |
| Under 20                         | 46                             | 44           | -          | 2          |        |
| 20 – 24                          | 395                            | 333          | 46         | 16         |        |
| 25 – 29                          | 601                            | 462          | 85         | 54         |        |
| 30 – 34                          | 314                            | 244          | 38         | 32         |        |
| 35 – 39                          | 129                            | 100          | 16         | 13         |        |
| 40 & over                        | 217                            | 167          | 26         | 24         |        |
| Ethnic Group of Female Divorcees |                                |              |            |            |        |
|                                  | Total                          | Malays       | Indians    | Others     |        |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>1,702</b>                   | <b>1,379</b> | <b>188</b> | <b>135</b> |        |
| Under 20                         | 185                            | 154          | 19         | 12         |        |
| 20 – 24                          | 644                            | 524          | 76         | 44         |        |
| 25 – 29                          | 446                            | 353          | 50         | 43         |        |
| 30 – 34                          | 187                            | 145          | 17         | 25         |        |
| 35 – 39                          | 96                             | 80           | 11         | 5          |        |
| 40 & over                        | 144                            | 123          | 15         | 6          |        |



Table A2.37 Divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by  
Duration of Marriage and Ethnic Group of Couple, 2016

| Duration of Marriage (Years)   | Total        | Malays       | Indians    | Others     | Inter-ethnic |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>1,702</b> | <b>1,181</b> | <b>98</b>  | <b>14</b>  | <b>409</b>   |
| Under 5                        | 499          | 340          | 33         | 6          | 120          |
| 5 – 9                          | 442          | 283          | 18         | 6          | 135          |
| 10 – 14                        | 263          | 185          | 13         | -          | 65           |
| 15 – 19                        | 168          | 118          | 13         | -          | 37           |
| 20 – 24                        | 148          | 111          | 11         | -          | 26           |
| 25 – 29                        | 80           | 64           | 5          | 1          | 10           |
| 30 & over                      | 102          | 80           | 5          | 1          | 16           |
| <b>Median Duration (Years)</b> | <b>8.7</b>   | <b>9.1</b>   | <b>9.1</b> | <b>6.6</b> | <b>8.2</b>   |

Table A2.38 Divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by  
Duration of Marriage and Number of Dependent Children under 18 Years, 2016

| Duration of Marriage (Years) | Number of Dependent Children under 18 Years |            |            |            |            |           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
|                              | Total                                       | 0          | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4 & over  |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>1,702</b>                                | <b>752</b> | <b>429</b> | <b>302</b> | <b>161</b> | <b>58</b> |
| Under 5                      | 499                                         | 287        | 141        | 56         | 13         | 2         |
| 5 – 9                        | 442                                         | 172        | 116        | 101        | 44         | 9         |
| 10 – 14                      | 263                                         | 68         | 59         | 58         | 55         | 23        |
| 15 – 19                      | 168                                         | 32         | 30         | 51         | 35         | 20        |
| 20 – 24                      | 148                                         | 55         | 48         | 28         | 13         | 4         |
| 25 – 29                      | 80                                          | 48         | 26         | 5          | 1          | -         |
| 30 & over                    | 102                                         | 90         | 9          | 3          | -          | -         |

Table A2.39 Divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Age Group and Sex of Divorcees, and Duration of Marriage, 2016

|                                              | Number                       |            |            |            |            |            |           |            |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|
|                                              | Duration of Marriage (Years) |            |            |            |            |            |           |            |
|                                              | Total                        | Under 5    | 5-9        | 10-14      | 15-19      | 20-24      | 25-29     | 30 & over  |
| <b>Age Group of Male Divorcees (Years)</b>   |                              |            |            |            |            |            |           |            |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>1,702</b>                 | <b>499</b> | <b>442</b> | <b>263</b> | <b>168</b> | <b>148</b> | <b>80</b> | <b>102</b> |
| Under 25                                     | 40                           | 37         | 3          | -          | -          | -          | -         | -          |
| 25 – 29                                      | 191                          | 141        | 45         | 5          | -          | -          | -         | -          |
| 30 – 34                                      | 305                          | 145        | 130        | 30         | -          | -          | -         | -          |
| 35 – 39                                      | 284                          | 69         | 110        | 82         | 21         | 2          | -         | -          |
| 40 – 44                                      | 234                          | 43         | 55         | 67         | 57         | 12         | -         | -          |
| 45 – 49                                      | 229                          | 22         | 39         | 35         | 48         | 65         | 19        | 1          |
| 50 – 54                                      | 191                          | 18         | 32         | 18         | 26         | 48         | 36        | 13         |
| 55 – 59                                      | 119                          | 16         | 10         | 12         | 10         | 15         | 19        | 37         |
| 60 & over                                    | 109                          | 8          | 18         | 14         | 6          | 6          | 6         | 51         |
| <b>Age Group of Female Divorcees (Years)</b> |                              |            |            |            |            |            |           |            |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>1,702</b>                 | <b>499</b> | <b>442</b> | <b>263</b> | <b>168</b> | <b>148</b> | <b>80</b> | <b>102</b> |
| Under 25                                     | 100                          | 87         | 13         | -          | -          | -          | -         | -          |
| 25 – 29                                      | 301                          | 186        | 106        | 9          | -          | -          | -         | -          |
| 30 – 34                                      | 332                          | 108        | 148        | 64         | 12         | -          | -         | -          |
| 35 – 39                                      | 236                          | 39         | 65         | 85         | 40         | 7          | -         | -          |
| 40 – 44                                      | 250                          | 31         | 48         | 49         | 64         | 50         | 8         | -          |
| 45 – 49                                      | 173                          | 19         | 28         | 14         | 29         | 59         | 24        | -          |
| 50 – 54                                      | 172                          | 15         | 18         | 30         | 13         | 23         | 37        | 36         |
| 55 – 59                                      | 85                           | 12         | 10         | 6          | 7          | 4          | 11        | 35         |
| 60 & over                                    | 53                           | 2          | 6          | 6          | 3          | 5          | -         | 31         |

Table A2.40 Divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by (A) Duration of Marriage; (B) Plaintiff; and Main Reason for Divorce, 2016

|                                     | Number       |            |                            |                    |                              |                                   |               |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
|                                     | Total        | Desertion  | Domestic Violence & Abuses | Financial Problems | Incarceration / Imprisonment | Infidelity / Extra-marital Affair | Other Reasons |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>1,702</b> | <b>208</b> | <b>140</b>                 | <b>205</b>         | <b>60</b>                    | <b>358</b>                        | <b>731</b>    |
| <b>Duration of Marriage (Years)</b> |              |            |                            |                    |                              |                                   |               |
| Under 5                             | 499          | 65         | 53                         | 48                 | 12                           | 82                                | 239           |
| 5 – 9                               | 442          | 57         | 43                         | 53                 | 25                           | 85                                | 179           |
| 10 – 14                             | 263          | 34         | 14                         | 30                 | 10                           | 64                                | 111           |
| 15 – 19                             | 168          | 19         | 11                         | 20                 | 5                            | 31                                | 82            |
| 20 – 24                             | 148          | 12         | 9                          | 30                 | 8                            | 36                                | 53            |
| 25 – 29                             | 80           | 10         | 3                          | 10                 | -                            | 23                                | 34            |
| 30 & over                           | 102          | 11         | 7                          | 14                 | -                            | 37                                | 33            |
| <b>Plaintiff</b>                    |              |            |                            |                    |                              |                                   |               |
| Husband                             | 517          | 77         | 12                         | 34                 | 1                            | 128                               | 265           |
| Wife                                | 1,185        | 131        | 128                        | 171                | 59                           | 230                               | 466           |

Table A2.41 Divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Main Reason for Divorce and Ethnic Group of Couple, 2016

|                                   | Number       |              |           |           |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Main Reason for Divorce           | Total        | Malays       | Indians   | Others    | Inter-ethnic |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>1,702</b> | <b>1,181</b> | <b>98</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>409</b>   |
| Desertion                         | 208          | 149          | 11        | 3         | 45           |
| Domestic Violence & Abuses        | 140          | 95           | 7         | 1         | 37           |
| Financial Problems                | 205          | 153          | 9         | 1         | 42           |
| Incarceration / Imprisonment      | 60           | 46           | -         | -         | 14           |
| Infidelity / Extra-marital Affair | 358          | 241          | 23        | 3         | 91           |
| Other Reasons                     | 731          | 497          | 48        | 6         | 180          |

Table A2.42 Divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Age Group and Sex of Divorcees, and Main Reason for Divorce, 2016

|                                              | Number       |            |                            |                    |                              |                                   |               |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
|                                              | Total        | Desertion  | Domestic Violence & Abuses | Financial Problems | Incarceration / Imprisonment | Infidelity / Extra-marital Affair | Other Reasons |
| <b>Age Group of Male Divorcees (Years)</b>   |              |            |                            |                    |                              |                                   |               |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>1,702</b> | <b>208</b> | <b>140</b>                 | <b>205</b>         | <b>60</b>                    | <b>358</b>                        | <b>731</b>    |
| Under 25                                     | 40           | 7          | 4                          | 5                  | -                            | 11                                | 13            |
| 25 – 29                                      | 191          | 30         | 25                         | 16                 | 10                           | 33                                | 77            |
| 30 – 34                                      | 305          | 38         | 35                         | 38                 | 8                            | 64                                | 122           |
| 35 – 39                                      | 284          | 28         | 23                         | 29                 | 4                            | 59                                | 141           |
| 40 – 44                                      | 234          | 25         | 16                         | 26                 | 11                           | 50                                | 106           |
| 45 – 49                                      | 229          | 29         | 16                         | 34                 | 11                           | 47                                | 92            |
| 50 – 54                                      | 191          | 25         | 7                          | 26                 | 10                           | 35                                | 88            |
| 55 – 59                                      | 119          | 12         | 6                          | 15                 | 6                            | 27                                | 53            |
| 60 & over                                    | 109          | 14         | 8                          | 16                 | -                            | 32                                | 39            |
| <b>Age Group of Female Divorcees (Years)</b> |              |            |                            |                    |                              |                                   |               |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>1,702</b> | <b>208</b> | <b>140</b>                 | <b>205</b>         | <b>60</b>                    | <b>358</b>                        | <b>731</b>    |
| Under 25                                     | 100          | 14         | 12                         | 11                 | 4                            | 20                                | 39            |
| 25 – 29                                      | 301          | 46         | 36                         | 33                 | 13                           | 53                                | 120           |
| 30 – 34                                      | 332          | 46         | 35                         | 35                 | 5                            | 65                                | 146           |
| 35 – 39                                      | 236          | 20         | 13                         | 27                 | 9                            | 54                                | 113           |
| 40 – 44                                      | 250          | 22         | 20                         | 37                 | 14                           | 54                                | 103           |
| 45 – 49                                      | 173          | 18         | 7                          | 28                 | 3                            | 31                                | 86            |
| 50 – 54                                      | 172          | 22         | 6                          | 19                 | 4                            | 43                                | 78            |
| 55 – 59                                      | 85           | 11         | 9                          | 7                  | 6                            | 24                                | 28            |
| 60 & over                                    | 53           | 9          | 2                          | 8                  | 2                            | 14                                | 18            |

Table A2.43 Annulments under the Women's Charter by Age Group and Sex, 1980 – 2016

| Year | Age Group of Husbands (Years) |          |       |       |       |           |          | Median Age (Years) |
|------|-------------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|----------|--------------------|
|      | Total                         | Under 25 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40 & over | Un-known |                    |
| 1980 | 170                           | 18       | 81    | 50    | 13    | 7         | 1        | 29.2               |
| 1985 | 296                           | 13       | 82    | 59    | 12    | 6         | 124      | 29.6               |
| 1990 | 484                           | 25       | 210   | 151   | 59    | 37        | 2        | 30.2               |
| 1995 | 188                           | 12       | 74    | 63    | 19    | 17        | 3        | 30.5               |
| 1996 | 178                           | 8        | 62    | 66    | 24    | 15        | 3        | 31.2               |
| 1997 | 201                           | 8        | 72    | 61    | 30    | 27        | 3        | 30.9               |
| 1998 | 262                           | 17       | 117   | 71    | 39    | 17        | 1        | 29.9               |
| 1999 | 249                           | 17       | 100   | 78    | 23    | 30        | 1        | 30.4               |
| 2000 | 217                           | 16       | 88    | 63    | 28    | 19        | 3        | 30.3               |
| 2001 | 252                           | 13       | 98    | 69    | 39    | 27        | 6        | 30.6               |
| 2002 | 287                           | 14       | 95    | 117   | 26    | 30        | 5        | 31.2               |
| 2003 | 268                           | 6        | 97    | 93    | 38    | 28        | 6        | 31.2               |
| 2004 | 338                           | 15       | 118   | 123   | 39    | 34        | 9        | 30.7               |
| 2005 | 328                           | 18       | 110   | 108   | 49    | 43        | -        | 31.2               |
| 2006 | 377                           | 12       | 106   | 142   | 45    | 72        | -        | 32.1               |
| 2007 | 413                           | 15       | 114   | 134   | 49    | 101       | -        | 32.6               |
| 2008 | 363                           | 12       | 103   | 119   | 58    | 71        | -        | 32.8               |
| 2009 | 353                           | 10       | 80    | 122   | 65    | 75        | 1        | 33.2               |
| 2010 | 369                           | 8        | 101   | 111   | 70    | 79        | -        | 33.4               |
| 2011 | 370                           | 10       | 91    | 126   | 62    | 81        | -        | 33.0               |
| 2012 | 344                           | 18       | 84    | 99    | 65    | 78        | -        | 33.2               |
| 2013 | 392                           | 21       | 88    | 111   | 63    | 109       | -        | 33.9               |
| 2014 | 446                           | 14       | 109   | 132   | 75    | 116       | -        | 33.4               |
| 2015 | 405                           | 14       | 105   | 117   | 68    | 101       | -        | 33.3               |
| 2016 | 407                           | 13       | 87    | 137   | 82    | 88        | -        | 33.9               |

Table A2.43 Annulments under the Women's Charter by Age Group and Sex,  
1980 – 2016 (*cont'd*)

| Year | Age Group of Wives (Years) |          |       |       |       |           |          | Median Age (Years) |
|------|----------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|----------|--------------------|
|      | Total                      | Under 25 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40 & over | Un-known |                    |
| 1980 | 170                        | 65       | 86    | 14    | 1     | 2         | 2        | 25.8               |
| 1985 | 296                        | 46       | 98    | 21    | 4     | 3         | 124      | 26.8               |
| 1990 | 484                        | 104      | 255   | 87    | 25    | 11        | 2        | 27.3               |
| 1995 | 188                        | 50       | 86    | 33    | 12    | 4         | 3        | 27.4               |
| 1996 | 178                        | 40       | 88    | 35    | 6     | 6         | 3        | 27.5               |
| 1997 | 201                        | 51       | 87    | 43    | 8     | 9         | 3        | 27.4               |
| 1998 | 262                        | 66       | 134   | 44    | 10    | 7         | 1        | 27.1               |
| 1999 | 249                        | 64       | 129   | 33    | 10    | 12        | 1        | 26.7               |
| 2000 | 217                        | 40       | 121   | 38    | 9     | 6         | 3        | 27.3               |
| 2001 | 252                        | 63       | 117   | 41    | 17    | 8         | 6        | 27.1               |
| 2002 | 287                        | 55       | 127   | 67    | 18    | 12        | 8        | 28.4               |
| 2003 | 268                        | 39       | 138   | 65    | 13    | 7         | 6        | 28.3               |
| 2004 | 338                        | 62       | 155   | 62    | 15    | 10        | 34       | 28.0               |
| 2005 | 328                        | 51       | 173   | 62    | 26    | 13        | 3        | 28.3               |
| 2006 | 377                        | 66       | 159   | 104   | 35    | 11        | 2        | 28.9               |
| 2007 | 413                        | 47       | 208   | 106   | 32    | 19        | 1        | 28.8               |
| 2008 | 363                        | 59       | 152   | 105   | 29    | 18        | -        | 28.8               |
| 2009 | 353                        | 28       | 147   | 108   | 50    | 19        | 1        | 30.1               |
| 2010 | 369                        | 51       | 169   | 81    | 47    | 21        | -        | 29.0               |
| 2011 | 370                        | 59       | 162   | 91    | 37    | 21        | -        | 28.9               |
| 2012 | 344                        | 49       | 143   | 97    | 33    | 22        | -        | 29.3               |
| 2013 | 392                        | 49       | 175   | 110   | 36    | 22        | -        | 29.3               |
| 2014 | 446                        | 59       | 170   | 133   | 50    | 34        | -        | 29.9               |
| 2015 | 405                        | 45       | 166   | 119   | 48    | 27        | -        | 29.7               |
| 2016 | 407                        | 45       | 160   | 122   | 47    | 32        | 1        | 29.9               |

Table A2.44 Annulments under the Women's Charter by  
Duration of Marriage, 1980 – 2016

| Year | Duration of Marriage (Years) |            |     |     |     |    |             | Median<br>Duration<br>(Years) |
|------|------------------------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|----|-------------|-------------------------------|
|      | Total                        | Under<br>1 | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4  | 5 &<br>over |                               |
| 1980 | 170                          | 3          | 27  | 47  | 40  | 33 | 20          | 3.2                           |
| 1985 | 296                          | 10         | 66  | 88  | 61  | 33 | 38          | 2.9                           |
| 1990 | 484                          | 5          | 94  | 122 | 106 | 81 | 76          | 3.2                           |
| 1995 | 188                          | 6          | 72  | 52  | 33  | 12 | 13          | 2.2                           |
| 1996 | 178                          | 10         | 65  | 50  | 24  | 12 | 17          | 2.3                           |
| 1997 | 201                          | 7          | 74  | 64  | 23  | 14 | 19          | 2.2                           |
| 1998 | 262                          | 29         | 112 | 67  | 31  | 14 | 9           | 1.9                           |
| 1999 | 249                          | 25         | 90  | 72  | 29  | 11 | 22          | 2.2                           |
| 2000 | 217                          | 19         | 67  | 84  | 35  | 6  | 6           | 2.3                           |
| 2001 | 252                          | 20         | 97  | 68  | 45  | 10 | 12          | 2.1                           |
| 2002 | 287                          | 28         | 99  | 81  | 33  | 20 | 26          | 2.2                           |
| 2003 | 268                          | 23         | 81  | 76  | 50  | 17 | 21          | 2.3                           |
| 2004 | 338                          | 34         | 114 | 109 | 44  | 23 | 14          | 2.1                           |
| 2005 | 328                          | 38         | 105 | 90  | 53  | 20 | 22          | 2.2                           |
| 2006 | 377                          | 61         | 121 | 95  | 51  | 12 | 37          | 2.1                           |
| 2007 | 413                          | 40         | 173 | 105 | 55  | 13 | 27          | 2.0                           |
| 2008 | 363                          | 29         | 127 | 112 | 52  | 19 | 24          | 2.3                           |
| 2009 | 353                          | 32         | 136 | 90  | 52  | 11 | 32          | 2.1                           |
| 2010 | 369                          | 43         | 158 | 92  | 37  | 15 | 24          | 1.9                           |
| 2011 | 370                          | 56         | 158 | 100 | 32  | 7  | 17          | 1.8                           |
| 2012 | 344                          | 52         | 136 | 102 | 39  | 4  | 11          | 1.8                           |
| 2013 | 392                          | 44         | 182 | 107 | 38  | 7  | 14          | 1.8                           |
| 2014 | 446                          | 57         | 172 | 154 | 31  | 12 | 20          | 1.9                           |
| 2015 | 405                          | 55         | 142 | 124 | 50  | 15 | 19          | 2.0                           |
| 2016 | 407                          | 52         | 155 | 110 | 71  | 4  | 15          | 2.0                           |

Table A2.45 Annulments under the Women's Charter by  
Ethnic Group of Couple, 1980 – 2016

| Year | Total* | Chinese | Indians | Others | Number       |
|------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------------|
|      |        |         |         |        | Inter-ethnic |
| 1980 | 170    | 155     | 14      | -      | 1            |
| 1985 | 296    | 257     | 21      | 1      | 17           |
| 1990 | 484    | 419     | 48      | 2      | 15           |
| 1995 | 188    | 160     | 21      | -      | 7            |
| 1996 | 178    | 142     | 33      | -      | 3            |
| 1997 | 201    | 178     | 16      | -      | 7            |
| 1998 | 262    | 222     | 30      | -      | 10           |
| 1999 | 249    | 206     | 31      | 1      | 11           |
| 2000 | 217    | 185     | 18      | 3      | 11           |
| 2001 | 252    | 218     | 12      | 8      | 14           |
| 2002 | 287    | 230     | 23      | 3      | 31           |
| 2003 | 268    | 223     | 16      | 6      | 23           |
| 2004 | 338    | 247     | 28      | -      | 20           |
| 2005 | 328    | 270     | 27      | -      | 28           |
| 2006 | 377    | 307     | 27      | 1      | 40           |
| 2007 | 413    | 354     | 25      | 2      | 32           |
| 2008 | 363    | 289     | 23      | 5      | 45           |
| 2009 | 353    | 265     | 31      | 2      | 54           |
| 2010 | 369    | 276     | 39      | 3      | 51           |
| 2011 | 370    | 272     | 33      | 3      | 62           |
| 2012 | 344    | 236     | 28      | 5      | 75           |
| 2013 | 392    | 226     | 37      | 7      | 122          |
| 2014 | 446    | 266     | 40      | 8      | 131          |
| 2015 | 405    | 259     | 38      | 2      | 106          |
| 2016 | 407    | 262     | 50      | 8      | 85           |

\* For 2004-2006, 2008-2009, 2014 and 2016, Total **includes** annulments where the ethnic group of males or females was not reported.



Table A2.46 Annulments under the Women's Charter by Ethnic Group of Couple, January – December 2016

| Month        | Total      | Chinese    | Indians   | Others   | Number       |
|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|--------------|
|              |            |            |           |          | Inter-ethnic |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>407</b> | <b>262</b> | <b>50</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>85</b>    |
| January      | 25         | 17         | 1         | -        | 7            |
| February     | 45         | 30         | 6         | -        | 8            |
| March        | 23         | 12         | 3         | 2        | 6            |
| April        | 37         | 24         | 3         | 1        | 9            |
| May          | 41         | 29         | 7         | -        | 5            |
| June         | 36         | 22         | 5         | -        | 9            |
| July         | 32         | 21         | 1         | 1        | 9            |
| August       | 32         | 20         | 5         | -        | 7            |
| September    | 35         | 21         | 5         | 2        | 7            |
| October      | 36         | 24         | 5         | 1        | 5            |
| November     | 35         | 19         | 7         | 1        | 8            |
| December     | 30         | 23         | 2         | -        | 5            |

\* Total **includes** annulments where the ethnic group of males or females was not reported.

Table A2.47 Annulments under the Women's Charter by Age Group of Husbands and Wives, 2016

| Age Group of Husbands (Years) | Number                     |           |            |            |           |           |          |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                               | Age Group of Wives (Years) |           |            |            |           |           |          |
|                               | Total                      | Under 25  | 25-29      | 30-34      | 35-39     | 40 & over | Un-known |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>407</b>                 | <b>45</b> | <b>160</b> | <b>122</b> | <b>47</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>1</b> |
| Under 25                      | 13                         | 7         | 5          | 1          | -         | -         | -        |
| 25 – 29                       | 87                         | 18        | 55         | 12         | 2         | -         | -        |
| 30 – 34                       | 137                        | 12        | 60         | 54         | 9         | 1         | 1        |
| 35 – 39                       | 82                         | 3         | 25         | 33         | 19        | 2         | -        |
| 40 & over                     | 88                         | 5         | 15         | 22         | 17        | 29        | -        |

Table A2.48 Annulments under the Women's Charter by Duration of Marriage, Age Group and Sex, 2016

|                                      | Number                       |           |            |            |           |          |           |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
|                                      | Duration of Marriage (Years) |           |            |            |           |          |           |
|                                      | Total                        | Under 1   | 1          | 2          | 3         | 4        | 5 & Over  |
| <b>Age Group of Husbands (Years)</b> |                              |           |            |            |           |          |           |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>407</b>                   | <b>52</b> | <b>155</b> | <b>110</b> | <b>71</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>15</b> |
| Under 25                             | 13                           | 1         | 6          | 3          | 3         | -        | -         |
| 25 - 29                              | 87                           | 8         | 39         | 24         | 14        | 2        | -         |
| 30 - 34                              | 137                          | 17        | 59         | 39         | 17        | 1        | 4         |
| 35 - 39                              | 82                           | 10        | 22         | 24         | 18        | 1        | 7         |
| 40 & over                            | 88                           | 16        | 29         | 20         | 19        | -        | 4         |
| <b>Age Group of Wives (Years)</b>    |                              |           |            |            |           |          |           |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>407</b>                   | <b>52</b> | <b>155</b> | <b>110</b> | <b>71</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>15</b> |
| Under 25                             | 45                           | 11        | 17         | 9          | 8         | -        | -         |
| 25 - 29                              | 160                          | 19        | 69         | 44         | 24        | 3        | 1         |
| 30 - 34                              | 122                          | 13        | 46         | 34         | 24        | -        | 5         |
| 35 - 39                              | 47                           | 3         | 15         | 14         | 8         | 1        | 6         |
| 40 & over                            | 32                           | 6         | 7          | 9          | 7         | -        | 3         |
| Unknown                              | 1                            | -         | 1          | -          | -         | -        | -         |

Table A2.49 Annulments under the Women's Charter by Previous Marital Status of Husbands and Wives, 2016

| Previous Marital Status of Husbands | Number                           |            |           |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|
|                                     | Previous Marital Status of Wives |            |           |          |          |
|                                     | Total                            | Single     | Divorced  | Widowed  | Unknown  |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>407</b>                       | <b>364</b> | <b>39</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> |
| Single                              | 341                              | 323        | 16        | -        | 2        |
| Divorced                            | 59                               | 38         | 20        | 1        | -        |
| Widowed                             | 7                                | 3          | 3         | 1        | -        |
| Unknown                             | -                                | -          | -         | -        | -        |

Note: Previous marital status refers to a person's marital status prior to the latest marriage which ended in an annulment.

## SOURCE AND DATA COVERAGE

### ***Statistics on Marriages***

Statistics on marriages registered under the Women's Charter are obtained from records maintained by the Registry of Marriages. They include all civil marriages solemnized by the Registrar of Marriages, pastors of churches, priests of Hindu temples and other registered solemnizers. For Muslim marriages, statistics are obtained from records of marriages registered under the Administration of Muslim Law Act maintained by the Registry of Muslim Marriages.

### ***Statistics on Divorces and Annulments***

Statistics on divorces and annulments under the Women's Charter are obtained from records maintained by the Family Justice Courts.

For divorces under the Administration of Muslim Law Act, statistics are obtained from the register of divorces kept by the Syariah Court. The records on revocation of divorces are obtained from the Registry of Muslim Marriages.

In this publication, time-related variables such as duration of marriage and age of divorcees are based on the date when Interim Judgement was made final for civil divorces, and date of registration for Muslim divorces. However, separations, whether by mutual agreements or otherwise and which do not confer on the parties the right to re-marry, are not covered.

## **GLOSSARY**

### **Age-Specific Marriage Rate**

The number of marriages registered within a specific age group during the year, out of every thousand unmarried population in the same age group.

### **Age-Specific Divorce Rate**

The number of divorces and annulments granted within a specific age group during the year, out of every thousand married population in the same age group.

### **Annulments**

Annulments granted under Women's Charter refer to invalidation of a marriage. Parties whose marriages have been annulled are conferred the status of never having been married to each other.

### **Crude Marriage Rate**

The number of marriages registered in the year per thousand population.

### **Crude Divorce Rate**

The number of divorces and annulments granted in the year per thousand population.

## **Ethnic Group Classifications of Couple**

For marriages registered under the Women's Charter:

“Others” comprises couples of the same ethnicity from other ethnic groups besides Chinese and Indians, namely Malays, Eurasians, Caucasians and other ethnicities as one single ‘Others’ group.

E.g. Eurasian-Eurasian, Caucasian-Caucasian, Others-Others

“Inter-ethnic” marriages refer to marriages where both the groom and bride are of different ethnicity.

E.g. Indian-Chinese, Eurasian-Caucasian, Chinese-Malay, Chinese-Others

For marriages registered under the Administration of Muslim Law Act:

“Others” comprises Muslim couples of the same ethnicity from other ethnic groups besides Malays and Indians, namely Chinese, Eurasians, Caucasians, and other ethnicities as one single ‘Others’ group.

E.g. Eurasian-Eurasian, Caucasian-Caucasian, Others-Others

“Inter-ethnic” marriages refer to marriages where both the groom and bride are of different ethnicity.

E.g. Malay-Indian, Malay-Chinese, Indian-Others

## **General Marriage Rate**

The number of marriages registered among persons aged 15-49 years during the year, out of every thousand unmarried population in the same age group.

## **General Divorce Rate**

The number of divorces and annulments granted to married persons aged 20 years and over during the year, out of every thousand married population in the same age group.

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## SINGAPORE DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS INFORMATION DISSEMINATION SERVICES

### Statistics Singapore Website

The *Statistics Singapore Website* was launched by the Singapore Department of Statistics (DOS) in January 1995. Internet users can access the website by connecting to:

**<http://www.singstat.gov.sg>**

Key Singapore statistics are available via the following sections:

- Statistics  
which provides access to the latest statistical findings of DOS as well as statistics compiled by Research and Statistics Units (RSUs) in ministries and statutory boards.
- News  
which provides a listing of the news released by DOS and RSUs.
- Publications  
which presents the latest editions of DOS' publications, papers and articles.
- Browse by Themes  
which presents official statistics compiled by DOS and RSUs in the various ministries and statutory boards according to themes. Within each theme, relevant statistics and related press releases, publications and references are provided.

Statistical resources are available via:

- Publication and Papers  
which lists the latest editions of publications released by DOS according to statistical domains at <http://www.singstat.gov.sg/publications/publications-and-papers>. All softcopy DOS publications are available for free downloading. Statistical tables of DOS publications in Excel format are also available.
- Advance Release Calendar  
which provides a six months ahead advance release calendar of key statistical indicators.

The website also provides a convenient gateway to international statistical websites under the "Methodologies & Standards" section:

- Guide to International Statistics  
which provides hyperlinks to international databases and classifications, as well as websites of international bodies and other national statistical offices.
- IMF Dissemination Standards Bulletin Board  
which provides metadata about Singapore's key indicators in the real, fiscal, financial and external sectors, including dissemination practices and information about pre-release access of current indicators.

### SingStat Express

*SingStat Express* is a personalised data delivery service which sends the latest press releases, notices of publication, newsletter, occasional and information papers to subscribers via email. SMS alert service is also available to local users. Subscription details are available from the *Statistics Singapore Website* (<http://www.singstat.gov.sg/express>).

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### Really Simple Syndication

*Really Simple Syndication (RSS)* is an easy way to stay updated on the latest statistical news released via the *Statistics Singapore Website*. The *SingStat RSS* feed delivers statistical news highlights and hyperlinks to the source documents whenever the updates are posted. More information is available at [http://www.singstat.gov.sg/services/really-simple-syndication-\(rss\)](http://www.singstat.gov.sg/services/really-simple-syndication-(rss)).

### SingStat Mobile App

*SingStat Mobile App* provides users with ready access to the latest key Singapore official statistics through their mobile devices while on the go. Users may visualise data for the latest periods with some 200 charts of commonly used statistics from 25 data categories. The app is available for downloading in iOS and Android devices. More information is available at <http://www.singstat.gov.sg/services/singstat-mobile-app>.

### SingStat Table Builder




*The SingStat Table Builder* contains statistical data series on the Singapore economy and population for users to create customised data tables, plot graphs and charts and export them in different file formats. Explore data trends with the e-service at <http://www.singstat.gov.sg/tablebuilder>.

### E-survey

The *E-survey* enables business organisations to complete and submit their survey forms through the internet. Using secured encryption protocols, the *E-survey* ensures that the information transmitted through the net is secured and protected. The system features online helps and validation checks to assist respondents in completing their survey forms. With the *E-survey*, respondents do away with the tedious paper work and manual tasks of mailing or faxing their survey returns to the Department.

#### ***Statistical Enquiries and Feedback***

If you have any statistical enquiries or comment or suggestions on our statistical publications and electronic services, you are welcomed to:

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|  Fax to us | at | <b>(65) 6332-7689</b>                                                            |
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