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P R E F A C E

The Singapore Department of Statistics has been compiling demographic and marriage statistics for over three decades. The Department 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, 2008*, is the twenty-fifth in a regular series of publications. It is presented in two parts. Part 1 analyzes 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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KEY INDICATORS ON MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES, 2003 – 2008

TOTAL MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES						
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of Marriages ¹	21,962	22,189	22,992	23,706	23,966	24,596
Number of Divorces and Annulments	6,561	6,388	6,909	7,061	7,241	7,220
Median Age at First Marriage (Years)						
Grooms	29.1	29.4	29.8	29.7	29.8	29.8
Brides	26.6	26.7	26.9	27.0	27.2	27.3
General Marriage Rate						
Males (Per 1,000 unmarried resident males)	45.8	44.7	44.1	44.1	43.8	43.9
Females (Per 1,000 unmarried resident females)	46.6	44.0	41.6	42.7	42.6	41.9
General Divorce Rate ²						
Males (Per 1,000 married resident males)	8.0	7.3	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.6
Females (Per 1,000 married resident females)	8.1	7.2	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.4
Crude Marriage Rate ³						
(Per 1,000 resident population)	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.5
Crude Rate of Divorce ⁴						
(Per 1,000 resident population)	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
	Women's Charter			Muslim Law Act		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
MARRIAGES						
Number of Marriages ¹	19,761	19,853	20,389	3,945	4,113	4,207
Inter – Ethnic Group Marriages (% of total)	12.4	13.7	13.8	30.4	29.7	30.9
First Marriages (Marriages of bachelors & spinsters to total marriages) (%)	77.4	77.1	76.9	64.7	62.6	65.3
Median Age at First Marriage (Years)						
Grooms	30.0	30.2	30.2	27.6	27.6	27.7
Brides	27.3	27.6	27.6	25.0	25.2	25.4
Marriages of Minors						
Grooms below 21 years as % of Total Grooms	0.6	0.6	0.6	3.0	2.4	2.7
Brides below 21 years as % of Total Brides	3.0	2.9	2.8	10.7	9.6	8.1
% of University Educated Grooms Marrying Brides with:						
Secondary or Lower Qualification	7.2	7.3	6.5	14.9	14.9	13.0
Post Secondary Qualification	19.3	18.4	17.7	31.5	32.8	30.7
University Qualification	73.5	74.3	75.8	53.6	52.3	56.4
% of University Educated Brides Marrying Grooms with:						
Secondary or Lower Qualification	7.0	7.2	6.9	13.6	16.0	15.3
Post Secondary Qualification	19.1	19.1	19.3	40.2	42.9	40.0
University Qualification	73.9	73.6	73.8	46.2	41.1	44.7
	DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS					
Number of Divorces	4,705	5,065	5,155	1,944	1,747	1,697
Number of Annulments	412	429	368
Inter – Ethnic Group Divorces (% of total)	8.0	8.7	8.3	19.5	19.4	21.6
Median Age at Divorce (Years)						
Male Divorcees	40.1	40.1	40.3	37.9	37.9	38.4
Females Divorcees	36.2	36.4	36.5	34.3	34.6	34.9
Median Duration of Marriage of Couples Divorced (Years)	10.1	10.0	10.4	7.8	7.8	8.0
Wife as Petitioner (% of total divorcees)	68.8	67.7	66.3	65.9	66.2	64.1

¹ Excluding marriages previously solemnized outside Singapore or under religious and customary rites.

² Data include annulments. Data on divorces and annulments from 2004 onwards have been revised to be based on residents. Resident population comprises Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents.

³ Data from 2004 onwards have been revised to be based on marriages where either or both the groom and bride are residents.

⁴ Data include annulments. Data from 2004 onwards have been revised to be based on divorces and annulments where either or both spouses are residents. Resident population comprises Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents.

Note: Data for 2007 divorces has been revised.

INTRODUCTION

Before 1980, data on marriages were analyzed and published in the annual *Report on Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages*. From 1980 to 1983, they were published in a separate annual report, *Statistics on Marriages*. From the 1984 report onwards, data on divorces have been incorporated.

The collection and compilation of statistics on divorces from 1980 was initiated by the Singapore Department of Statistics in 1981. The Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports took over the responsibility of collecting the divorce data from 1987 onwards, but the Singapore Department of Statistics continues to tabulate and analyze the data.

SOURCE AND DATA COVERAGE

Statistics on Marriages

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

Statistics on Divorces and Annulments

Statistics on divorces and annulments under the Women's Charter are obtained from records maintained by the Family Court. For Muslim divorces, statistics are obtained from the register of divorces kept by the Syariah Court.

In this publication, time-related variables such as duration of marriage and age of divorcees are based on the date when *decree nisi* was made absolute for non-Muslim 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.

Part 1
Statistics on Marriages

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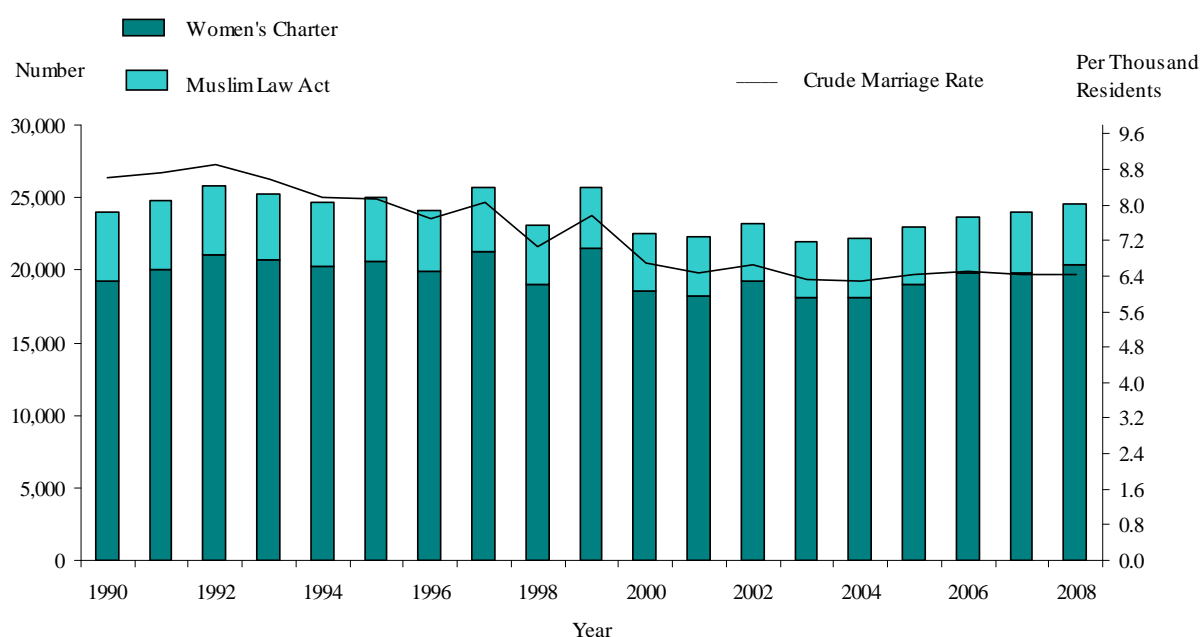
Number of Marriages Registered

A total of 24,596 marriages¹ were registered in 2008, an increase from the 23,966 marriages registered in 2007. This was the fifth consecutive year that the total number of marriages registered in Singapore has increased.

Marriages registered under the Women’s Charter rose from 19,853 in 2007 to 20,389 in 2008. The number of non-Muslim marriages also increased from 4,113 in 2007 to 4,207 in 2008.

The crude rate of marriage increased slightly from 6.4 marriages per thousand residents in 2007 to 6.5 marriages per thousand residents in 2008. Nonetheless, the crude marriage rate in 2008 was lower compared with a decade ago.

Chart 1.1 Marriages Registered



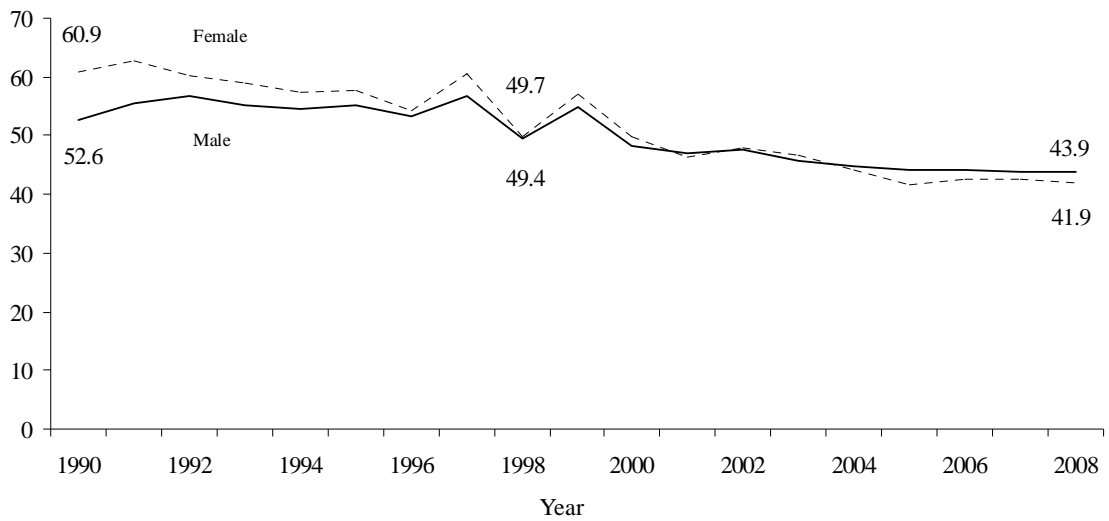
¹ Exclude six non-Muslim marriages which were contracted under religious and customary rites and were subsequently registered under the Women’s Charter in 2008. They were also excluded from the subsequent analysis as these marriages were not contracted in the year of registration.

General Marriage Rate

General marriage rates in 2008 were also lower than the corresponding rates a decade ago. In 2008, marriage rates for the unmarried population were 44 per thousand unmarried male residents and 42 per thousand unmarried female residents.

Chart 1.2 General Marriage Rate

Per Thousand
Unmarried Residents

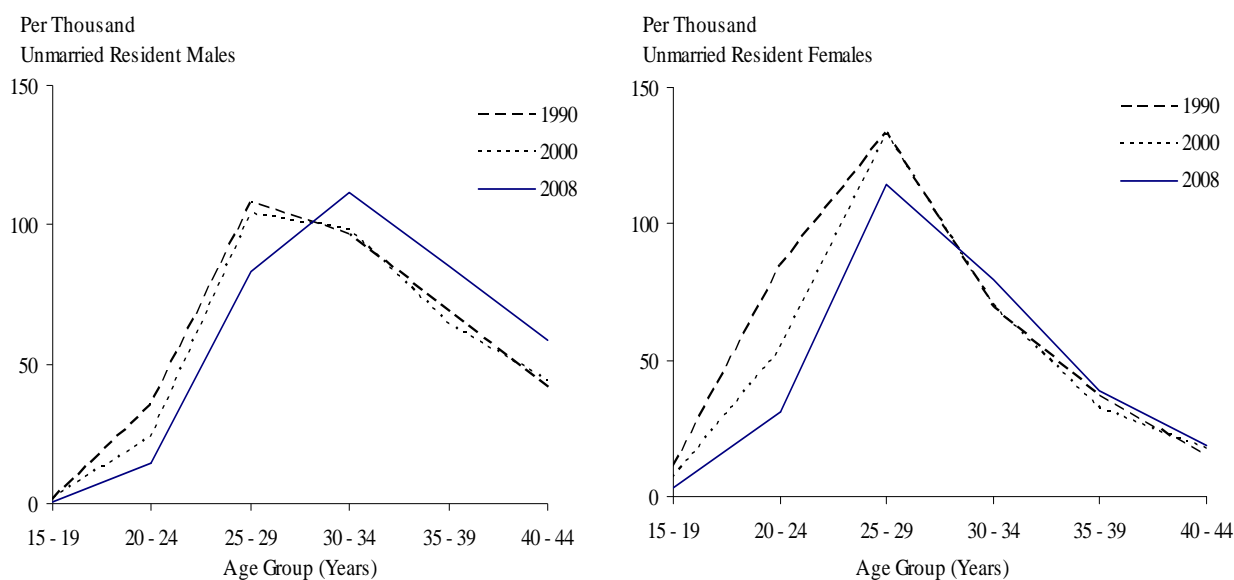


Age-Specific Marriage Rate

The peak age group for men marrying moved from 25-29 years in 1990 and 2000 to 30-34 years in 2008. The peak age group for women marrying remained at 25-29 years in 2008.

Marriage rates fell across the younger age groups below 30 years in 2008, with males aged 25-29 years and females aged 20-24 years experiencing the largest fall as compared to 2000.

Chart 1.3 Age-Sex Specific Marriage Rate



Marriages by Marriage Order

First marriages (marriages in which neither party had previously been married) accounted for 75 per cent (18,423) of all marriages in 2008. A further 17 per cent (4,270) were remarriages for one partner. The remaining 8 per cent (1,902) were remarriages for both partners. Compared to 1998, remarriages comprised a higher proportion of total marriages registered in 2008.

Marriages registered under the Muslim Law Act had higher proportion of remarriages than marriages registered under the Women's Charter. In 2008, 35 per cent of marriages registered under the Muslim Law Act were remarriages for either one partner or both partners. In contrast, only 23 per cent of marriages registered under the Women's Charter Act were remarriages.

Table 1.1 Marriages by Previous Marital Status of Couple

Previous Marital Status of Couple	Total		Women's Charter		Muslim Law Act	
	1998	2008	1998	2008	1998	2008
	Number					
Total	23,106	24,596	18,971	20,389	4,135	4,207
First marriage, both partners	18,835	18,423	15,932	15,676	2,903	2,747
Remarriage, one partner	3,206	4,270	2,477	3,457	729	813
Remarriage, both partners	1,065	1,902	562	1,256	503	646
	Per Cent					
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
First marriage, both partners	81.5	74.9	84.0	76.9	70.2	65.3
Remarriage, one partner	13.9	17.4	13.1	17.0	17.6	19.3
Remarriage, both partners	4.6	7.7	3.0	6.2	12.2	15.4

* Data for 2008 exclude grooms and brides whose previous marital status were not reported.

In 2008, more grooms were re-marrying than brides. For grooms, 17 per cent were remarrying (1.2 per cent having been widowed prior to getting married, and 16 per cent having been divorced). For brides, 16 per cent were remarrying (0.9 per cent having been widowed prior to getting married, and 15 per cent having been divorced).

Table 1.2 Marriages by Previous Marital Status of Grooms and Brides

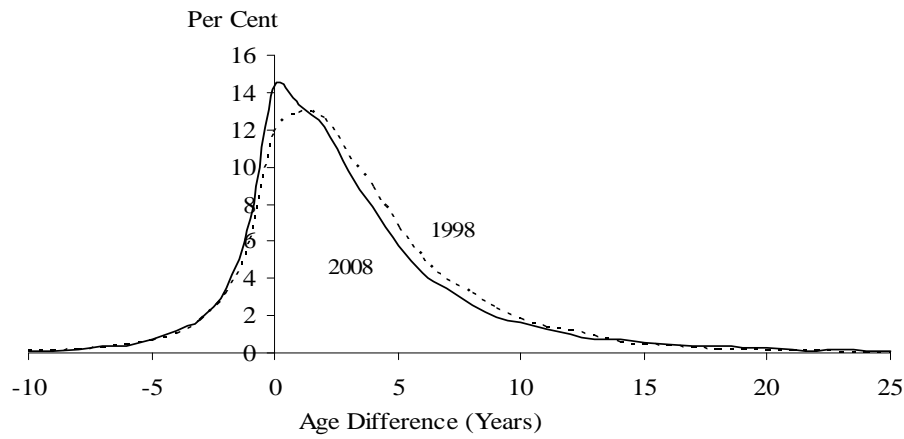
Previous Marital Status	Total		Women's Charter		Muslim Law Act	
	1998	2008	1998	2008	1998	2008
Grooms	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Single	87.8	82.8	89.7	84.2	79.3	75.8
Widowed	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.0	2.2	2.2
Divorced	7.8	15.9	9.5	14.7	18.3	21.4
Married	3.3	0.1	-	-	0.3	0.5
Brides	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Single	89.1	84.4	91.3	86.5	78.8	74.1
Widowed	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	1.7	2.1
Divorced	10.0	14.7	7.9	12.8	19.5	23.8

Age Differential at First Marriage

Among first marriages in 2008, 70 per cent of grooms married younger brides. However this was lower than the 74 per cent in 1998.

In 2008, about 35 per cent of couples in their first marriage involved partners aged within one year of each other, higher than the 31 per cent in 1998. Couples with partners aged 5 years or more apart decreased from 31 per cent in 1998 to 29 per cent in 2008.

Chart 1.4 Age Differential at First Marriage of Grooms to Brides

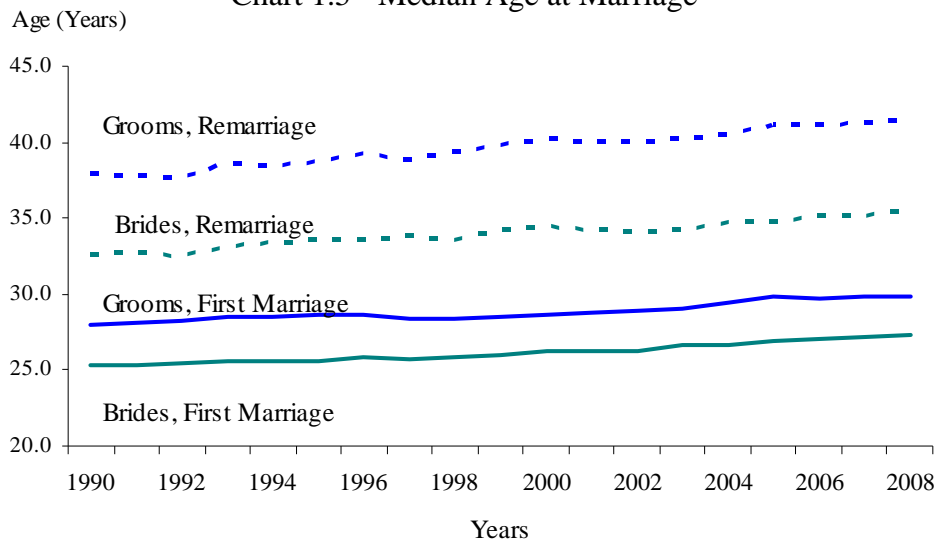


Median Age at Marriage

Men and women are entering their first marriage later in life. For men, the median age at first marriage rose from 28.4 years in 1998 to 29.8 years in 2008. For women, the median age at first marriage rose from 25.8 years in 1998 to 27.3 years in 2008.

The median age at remarriage also rose. The median age of grooms who were remarrying rose from 39.4 years in 1998 to 41.4 years in 2008. The median age of brides who were remarrying rose from 33.6 years in 1998 to 35.5 years in 2008.

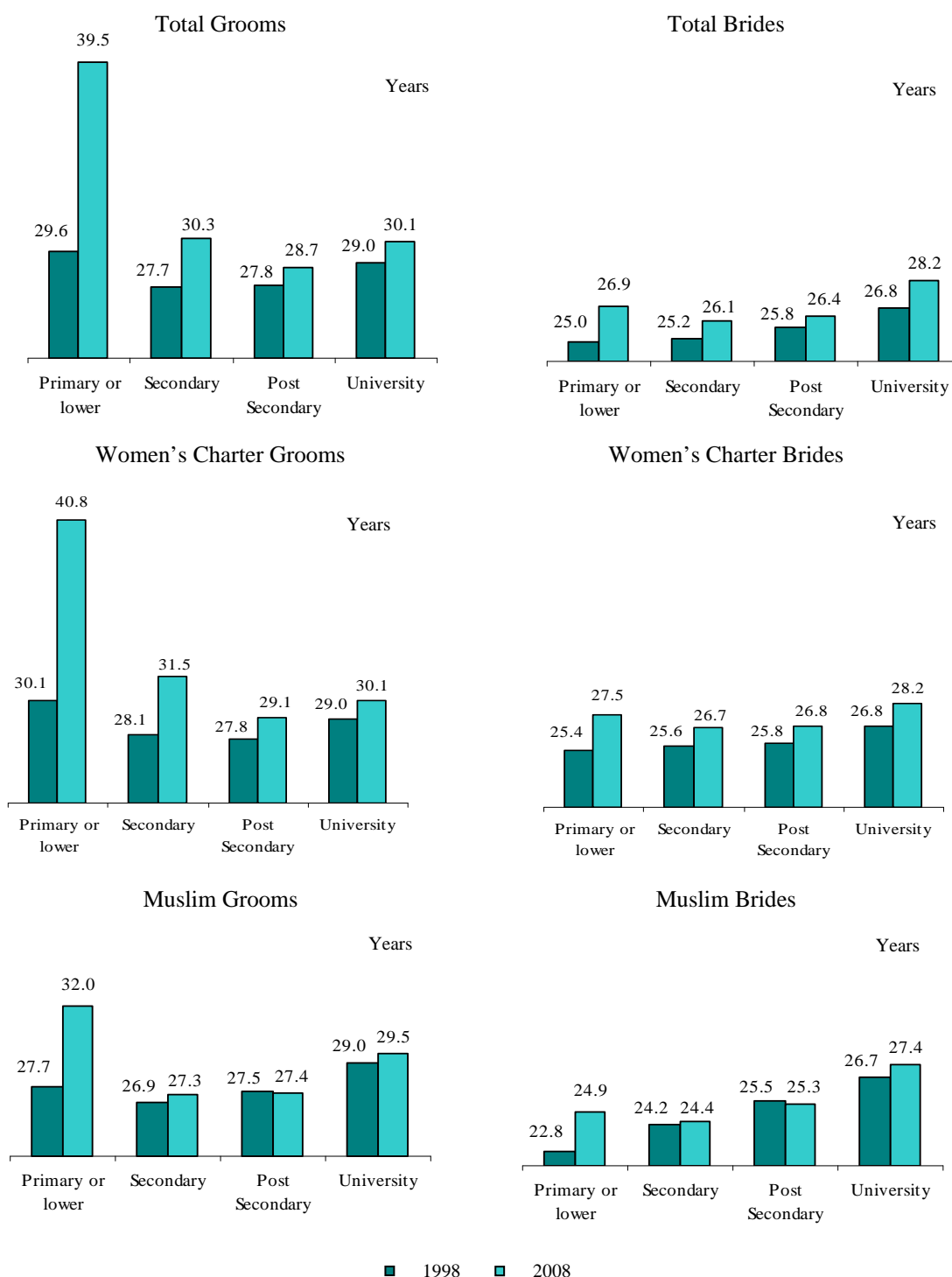
Chart 1.5 Median Age at Marriage



Median Age at First Marriage by Educational Qualification

The delay in timing of marriage occurred among grooms and brides of all educational groups except for Muslim grooms and brides with post-secondary qualifications. In 2008, non-Muslim and Muslim grooms with primary or no education was the oldest at 40.8 and 32.0 years respectively. In contrast, the median age at first marriage for non-Muslim and Muslim brides was highest for those with university qualifications at 28.2 years and 27.4 years respectively.

Chart 1.6 Median Age at First Marriage by Educational Qualification



Ethnic Distribution of Couple

The majority of marriages under the Women's Charter were contracted by Chinese couples (77 per cent), while Malay couples made up 62 per cent of marriages registered under the Muslim Law Act in 2008. There were more inter-ethnic group marriages than before, especially among Muslims. The proportions of such marriages increased from 8.7 per cent in 1998 to 14 per cent in 2008 for non-Muslim marriages and from 20 per cent to 31 per cent for Muslim marriages during the same period.

Table 1.3 Marriages by Ethnic Group of Couple

Ethnic Group of Couple	Women's Charter			Muslim Law Act			Per Cent
	1988	1998	2008	1988	1998	2008	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Chinese	89.7	84.8	77.2	-	-	-	
Malays	-	-	-	78.9	73.1	61.6	
Indians	5.5	5.3	3.9	4.5	6.0	4.5	
Others	0.4	1.3	5.2	0.2	0.5	2.9	
Inter-Ethnic Group	4.3	8.7	13.8	16.4	20.4	30.9	

Note: Data for 2008 exclude grooms and brides whose ethnic group were not reported.

Of the 2,810 non-Muslim inter-ethnic marriages registered in 2008, those contracted between Chinese grooms and brides of other ethnic groups formed the largest single combination of 50 per cent. Muslim inter-ethnic group marriages were mostly among Malays grooms and brides with respective spouses of other ethnic groups. These inter-ethnic marriages accounted for 25 per cent and 20 per cent respectively of the 1,302 inter-ethnic group Muslim marriages in 2008.

Table 1.4 Inter-Ethnic Group Marriages, 2008

Women's Charter	Per Cent	Muslim Law Act	Per Cent
Chinese grooms with brides of "Other" ethnic group	49.6	Malay grooms with brides of "Other ethnic group	24.7
Caucasian grooms with Chinese brides	11.0	Grooms of "Other" ethnic group with Malay brides	19.7
Grooms of "Other" ethnic group with Chinese brides	7.5	Indian grooms with Malay brides	14.2
Caucasian grooms with brides of "Others" ethnic group	5.8	Malay grooms with Indian brides	10.7
Indian grooms with Chinese brides	4.5	Malay grooms with Chinese brides	6.3
Other combinations	21.5	Other combinations	24.4

Note: "Other" refers to all ethnic groups excluding Chinese, Indian, Eurasian, Caucasian and Malay.
See also Tables A1.15 and A1.41.

Educational Qualification

Over the past decade, there was a significant increase in the proportion of grooms with primary or no education marrying brides with secondary or higher qualification. Between 1998 and 2008, the proportion increased from 49 per cent to 72 per cent for non-Muslim grooms and from 49 per cent to 65 per cent for Muslim grooms.

The proportion of grooms with university qualification marrying brides with university qualification also rose between 1998 and 2008. The proportion increased from 65 per cent to 76 per cent for non-Muslim grooms and from 30 per cent to 56 per cent for Muslim grooms.

Among non-Muslim graduate brides, the proportion marrying graduate grooms decreased slightly from 77 per cent to 74 per cent. The proportion of Muslim graduate brides marrying graduate grooms increased slightly from 42 per cent in 1998 to 45 per cent in 2008.

Table 1.5 Proportion of Grooms of Specific Educational Qualification by Educational Qualification of Brides

Education of Grooms	Education of Brides												Per Cent
	Women's Charter						Muslim Law Act						
	Lower		Equal		Higher		Lower		Equal		Higher		
	1998	2008	1998	2008	1998	2008	1998	2008	1998	2008	1998	2008	
Primary or lower	-	-	51	28	49	72	-	-	51	35	49	65	
Sec or Post-Sec	33	17	45	51	23	32	31	21	50	60	18	19	
University	35	24	65	76	-	-	70	44	30	56	-	-	

Note: Data for 2008 exclude grooms whose educational qualification were not reported.

Table 1.6 Proportion of Brides of Specific Educational Qualification by Educational Qualification of Grooms

Education of Brides	Education of Grooms												Per Cent
	Women's Charter						Muslim Law Act						
	Lower		Equal		Higher		Lower		Equal		Higher		
	1998	2008	1998	2008	1998	2008	1998	2008	1998	2008	1998	2008	
Primary or lower	-	-	55	34	45	66	-	-	57	35	43	65	
Sec or Post-Sec	31	17	39	51	30	32	43	19	43	61	14	20	
University	23	26	77	74	-	-	58	55	42	45	-	-	

Note: Data for 2008 exclude brides whose educational qualification were not reported.

Marriages of Minors

The number of marriages involving one teenage partner remained relatively low among non-Muslim marriages. In 2008, 0.6 per cent of non-Muslim grooms and 2.8 per cent of non-Muslim brides were below 21 years of age. The corresponding proportions for Muslims were higher, at 2.7 per cent and 8.1 per cent respectively.

Table 1.7 Marriages of Minors

Age (Years)	Women's Charter			Muslim Law Act		
	1988	1998	2008	1988	1998	2008
	Grooms					
Total	144	117	123	87	119	112
17 & below	6	3	5	6	14	10
18-20	138	114	118	81	105	102
% of Total Grooms	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.8	2.9	2.7
	Brides					
Total	1,282	804	568	792	589	340
17 & below	93	38	17	127	124	47
18-20	1,189	766	551	665	465	293
% of Total Brides	6.5	4.2	2.8	16.5	14.2	8.1

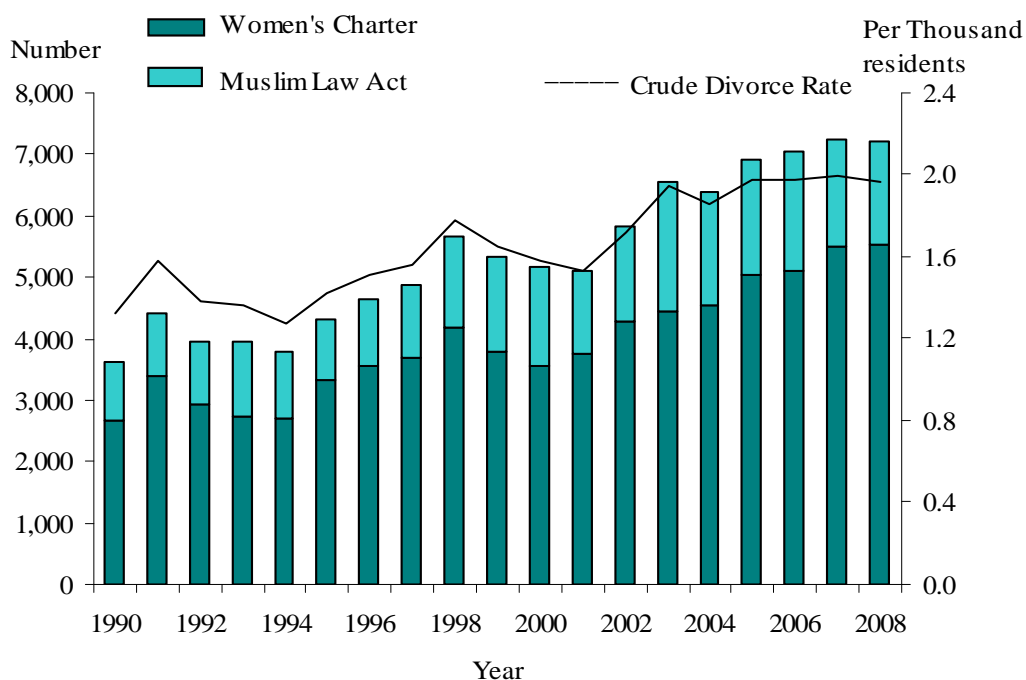
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Number of Marital Dissolutions¹

The number of marital dissolutions increased from 5,651 in 1998 to 7,220 in 2008. The number in 2008 was lower than the 7,241 marital dissolutions in 2007. The crude rate of divorce remained fairly stable at 2.0 divorces per thousand residents in 2008.

Chart 2.1 Marital Dissolutions

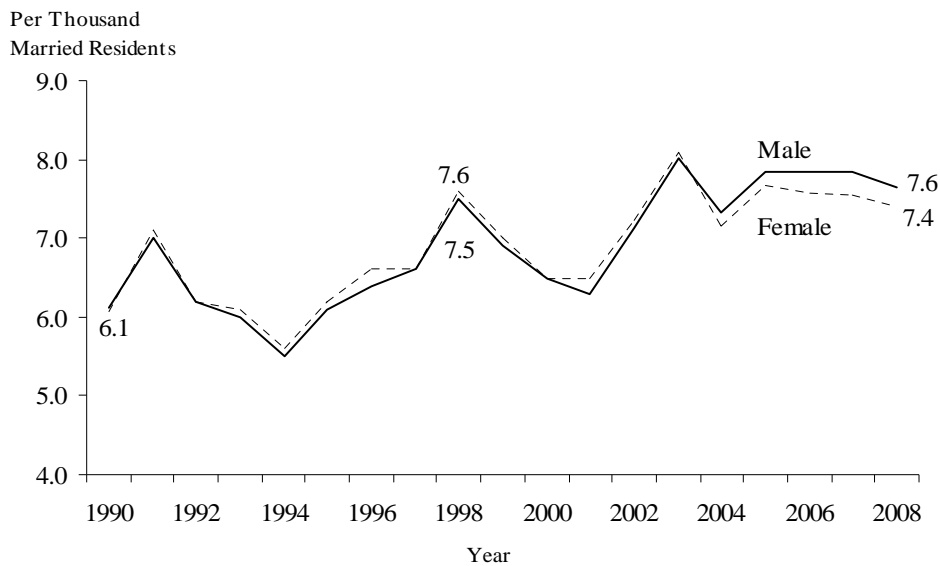


¹ Marital dissolutions include total divorces and annulments.

General Divorce Rate

Compared to 2007, the divorce rates for the married population were slightly lower in 2008. The male general divorce rate dropped from 7.8 per 1,000 married male residents in 2007 to 7.6 per 1,000 in 2008. The female general divorce rate dropped from 7.6 per 1,000 married female residents in 2007 to 7.4 per 1,000 in 2008. However, the general divorce rate for married males and females was higher compared with 1990.

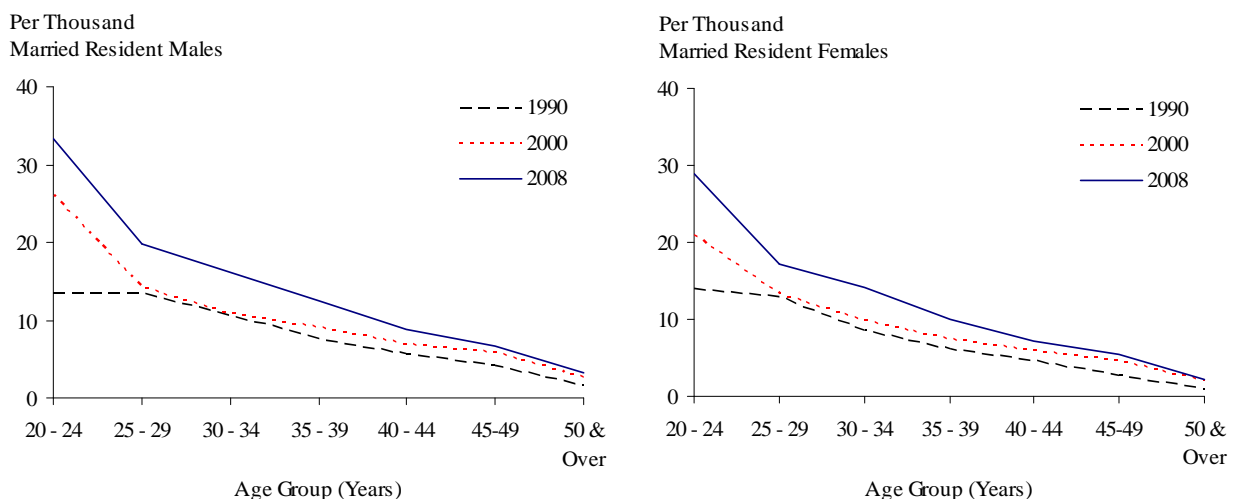
Chart 2.2 General Divorce Rate



Age-Specific Divorce Rate

The divorce rate for married persons showed an increase among all age groups as compared to 2000, with the greatest increase among the young married persons aged 20-24 years. In contrast, the divorce rates among older persons showed smaller increases.

Chart 2.3 Age-Sex Specific Divorce Rates



Age at Divorce

Among male divorcees in 2008, those aged 35-44 years formed the largest proportion. For female divorcees, the largest group was aged 25-34 years. For both males and females, there were large increases in the proportion of divorcees aged 45 years and over in the last decade.

The median age at divorce has increased slightly between 1998 and 2008. The median ages for male and female divorcees increased to 39.9 years and 36.2 years respectively in 2008, up from 38.7 years for males and 35.4 years for females a decade ago.

Table 2.1 Divorces by Age Group and Sex

Age Group (Years)	Per Cent											
	Total				Women's Charter				Muslim Law Act			
	Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females	
	1998	2008	1998	2008	1998	2008	1998	2008	1998	2008	1998	2008
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Below 25	1.5	1.6	6.2	4.8	0.7	0.6	4.1	2.6	3.9	4.7	12.1	11.4
25 – 34	30.8	27.7	40.6	39.4	28.8	26.2	39.8	39.5	36.1	32.3	42.6	39.0
35 – 44	38.8	37.9	33.1	34.1	38.5	38.8	33.6	35.5	39.7	35.2	31.9	29.9
45 & Over	25.6	32.4	16.9	21.5	27.6	34.0	18.1	22.0	20.3	27.8	13.4	19.8
Not stated	3.2	0.3	3.2	0.3	4.4	0.4	4.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Median Age (Years)	38.7	39.9	35.4	36.2	39.3	40.3	35.8	36.5	37.2	38.4	33.9	34.9

Note: Data in Tables 2.1-2.5 exclude annulments.

Median Marriage Duration

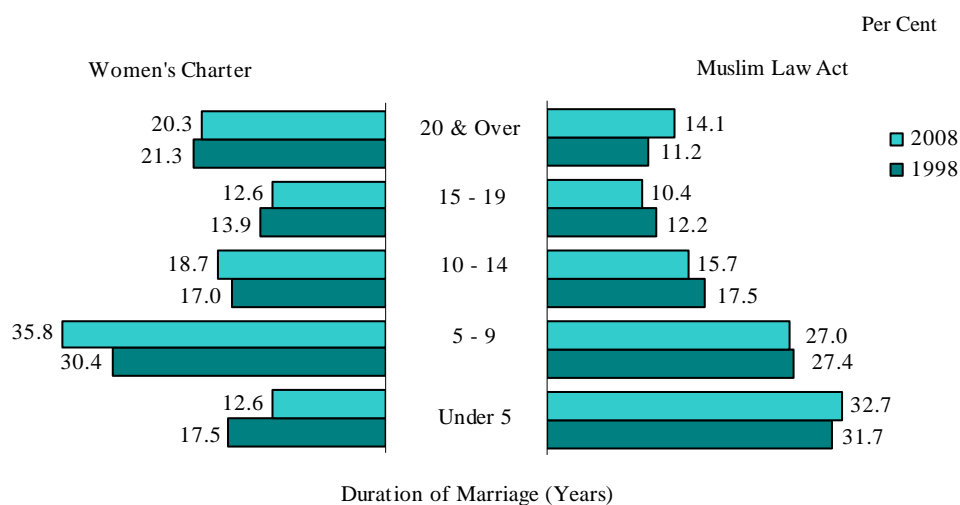
The median marriage duration for divorces in 2008 was 9.8 years. Divorcing Muslims have a shorter median duration of marriage as compared with non-Muslims. In 2008, it was 8.0 years for Muslims and 10.4 years for non-Muslims.

About half of non-Muslim divorces in 2008 had marriages lasting less than 10 years. Couples who were married for 5–9 years accounted for the largest share (36 per cent) of the non-Muslim divorces. In contrast, the largest proportion (33 per cent) of Muslim divorces was among couples who were married for less than 5 years.

Table 2.2 Median Marriage Duration

	Total		Woman's Charter		Muslim Law Act	
	1998	2008	1998	2008	1998	2008
Median Marriage Duration (Years)	9.8	9.8	10.6	10.4	8.1	8.0

Chart 2.4 Divorces by Duration of Marriage



Note: Exclude annulments.

Ethnic Distribution of Couple

In 2008, non-Muslim divorcing couples were predominantly Chinese. They accounted for 84 per cent of divorces. This was a decline from 88 per cent in 1988. For Muslim divorces, Malay couples accounted for 74 per cent in 2008. This was a decline from 80 per cent in 1988. Proportion of divorces where both the groom and bride are of different ethnicity has increased. Divorces among Muslim inter-ethnic group couples increased to 22 per cent of Muslim divorces, up from 16 per cent two decades ago. Similarly, divorces among non-Muslim inter-ethnic group couples increased from 5.4 per cent in 1988 to 8.3 per cent in 2008.

Table 2.3 Divorces by Ethnic Group of Couple

Ethnic Group	Women's Charter			Muslim Law Act			Per Cent
	1988	1998	2008*	1988	1998	2008*	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Chinese	87.8	85.3	84.1	-	-	-	
Malays	-	-	-	80.0	77.9	73.8	
Indians	6.0	7.9	6.6	3.5	4.0	3.5	
Others	0.9	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.4	1.1	
Inter-ethnic Group	5.4	6.1	8.3	15.6	16.8	21.6	

* Exclude male and female divorcees whose ethnic group were not reported.

Reasons for Divorce and Petitioner

Non-Muslim Divorces

Having lived apart or separated for three years or more was the most common reason cited for non-Muslim divorces. However, this accounted for a slightly lower proportion of 51 per cent in 2008 compared with 52 per cent a decade ago. Unreasonable behaviour was the next most common reason in 2008.

The wife instituted the majority (66 per cent) of non-Muslim divorces in 2008. Unreasonable behaviour of spouse was cited as the main reason by 54 per cent of the females while living apart or separated for three years or more was the main reason for 64 per cent of the males.

Table 2.4 Top Three Reasons for Women's Charter Divorces by Petitioner

Reason for Divorce	Total		Husband		Wife	
	1998	2008	1998	2008	1998	2008
Number	3,924	5,155	1,160	1,738	2,761	3,417
Per Cent						
Live Apart/Separately	51.9	50.6	64.4	63.6	46.6	44.1
Unreasonable Behaviour	40.8	46.5	26.4	32.3	46.9	53.7
Desertion	3.7	1.6	5.9	2.9	2.8	0.9

Muslim Divorces

Among Muslims, infidelity was the main reason cited for 23 per cent of the divorces in 2008 followed by personality difference (18 per cent). The proportion who cited inadequate maintenance increased from 2.3 per cent in 1998 to 11 per cent in 2008.

The wife instituted 64 per cent of Muslim divorces in 2008. Higher proportion of females (24 per cent) than males (21 per cent) petitioned on the grounds of infidelity. Some 15 per cent of females petitioned on ground of inadequate maintenance.

Table 2.5 Top Five Reasons for Muslim Law Act Divorces by Petitioner

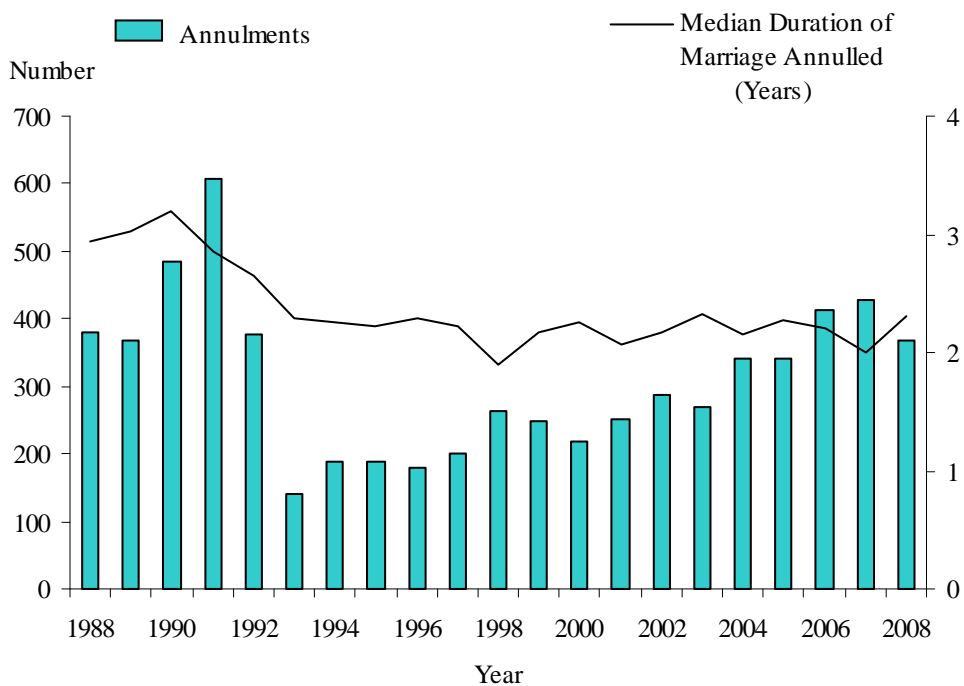
Reason for Divorce	Total		Husband		Wife		Joint	
	1998	2008	1998	2008	1998	2008	1998	2008
Number	1,465	1,697	308	527	907	1,087	250	83
Per Cent								
Infidelity	9.7	23.0	15.6	21.4	8.2	24.4	8.0	15.7
Personality Difference	30.4	18.2	39.6	31.3	25.1	11.0	38.4	28.9
Verbal Abuse*	-	11.4	-	9.5	-	12.9	-	4.8
Inadequate Maintenance	2.3	10.6	0.3	3.4	3.5	14.5	-	4.8
Assault	0.3	9.2	-	4.9	0.4	11.7	-	3.6

*Data for the reason "Verbal Abuse" under Muslim Law Act is not available for 1998.

Annulment of Marriages — Women's Charter

There were a total of 368 annulments in 2008. This was 14 per cent lower than the 429 annulments in 2007. The median duration of marriages that were annulled in 2008 was 2.3 years.

Chart 2.5 Annulments and Median Duration of Marriage Annulled



Tables on Marriages

Table A1.1
Total Marriages, 1980 – 2008

Year	Total Marriages	First Marriages	Re-Marriages	Proportion of First Marriages (Per Cent)		General Marriage Rate ¹ (Per 1,000 Unmarried Residents)		Crude Marriage Rate ¹ (Per 1,000 Residents)
				Males	Females	Males	Females	
1980	22,444	20,905	1,539	95.0	96.8	55.0	68.9	9.8
1985	23,058	21,085	1,973	94.1	95.6	54.4	64.0	9.2
1990	23,953	21,044	2,909	91.9	93.4	52.6	60.9	8.6
1991	24,791	21,699	3,092	91.9	92.8	55.6	62.7	8.7
1992	25,784	22,219	3,565	90.8	92.3	56.8	60.3	8.9
1993	25,298	21,821	3,477	90.8	92.2	55.3	58.8	8.6
1994	24,654	21,050	3,604	90.1	91.7	54.7	57.5	8.2
1995	24,965	21,196	3,769	90.1	91.3	55.2	57.6	8.1
1996	24,106	20,135	3,971	89.2	90.3	53.2	54.3	7.7
1997	25,667	21,438	4,229	89.0	90.4	56.9	60.6	8.1
1998	23,106	18,835	4,271	87.8	89.1	49.4	49.7	7.1
1999	25,648	20,999	4,649	88.2	89.0	54.8	57.2	7.8
2000	22,561	18,233	4,328	87.0	88.3	48.1	49.9	6.7
2001	22,280	17,895	4,385	86.6	88.4	47.0	46.3	6.5
2002	23,198	18,802	4,396	87.3	88.5	47.6	47.9	6.6
2003	21,962	17,496	4,466	86.2	87.7	45.8	46.6	6.3
2004	22,189	17,132	5,057	84.7	86.4	44.7	44.0	6.3
2005	22,992	17,268	5,724	83.1	84.8	44.1	41.6	6.4
2006	23,706	17,852	5,854	83.4	84.9	44.1	42.7	6.5
2007	23,966	17,874	6,092	82.5	84.7	43.8	42.6	6.4
2008	24,596	18,423	6,173	82.8	84.4	43.9	41.9	6.5

Note: Data exclude marriages previously solemnized outside Singapore or under religious and customary rites.

1 Data for 1980 refers to total marriages and total population.

Table A1.2
Age-Sex Specific Marriage Rate, 1980 - 2008

Year	Per 1,000 Unmarried Resident Males					
	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44
	Males					
1980	1.7	49.9	140.1	138.0	106.3	62.8
1985	1.2	43.8	110.3	109.8	83.2	54.5
1990	1.2	35.1	107.6	96.4	68.5	41.6
1991	1.4	35.4	108.8	106.4	77.0	50.7
1992	1.3	32.5	113.2	107.5	78.7	49.6
1993	1.6	29.4	107.5	104.9	77.1	52.1
1994	1.4	29.5	106.8	108.8	76.7	54.8
1995	1.2	29.3	113.1	108.0	70.8	54.8
1996	1.5	27.9	108.9	110.1	70.1	51.0
1997	1.2	33.2	117.5	107.6	75.1	46.8
1998	1.3	26.9	99.0	97.9	65.0	48.5
1999	1.4	28.8	116.3	107.0	68.7	49.2
2000	1.7	23.7	104.0	98.3	64.5	43.8
2001	1.8	22.0	97.5	101.2	70.6	43.7
2002	1.5	20.5	99.9	99.8	67.3	41.2
2003	1.2	18.7	96.2	107.4	64.4	41.7
2004	1.1	19.0	85.8	108.1	80.3	49.0
2005	1.0	17.4	85.3	106.1	78.1	54.8
2006	1.0	16.7	84.4	108.3	84.8	48.4
2007	0.9	15.9	82.0	112.7	83.7	55.9
2008	0.9	14.4	83.0	111.8	84.9	58.5

Note: Data for 1980 refers to total marriages and total population.

Table A1.2
Age-Sex Specific Marriage Rate, 1980 - 2008

Year	Per 1,000 Unmarried Resident Females					
	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44
	Females					
1980	18.4	110.5	136.5	74.3	43.6	22.0
1985	15.2	95.5	111.8	62.6	33.4	18.5
1990	11.0	84.8	133.0	69.1	36.6	14.7
1991	10.8	84.3	136.1	75.3	37.1	15.5
1992	10.1	78.2	131.6	73.2	36.3	17.4
1993	8.8	71.5	130.0	73.3	37.8	17.7
1994	7.9	70.1	130.2	75.8	38.4	16.5
1995	7.5	70.1	135.7	76.5	37.3	16.9
1996	7.0	64.3	131.4	71.4	34.9	18.6
1997	6.6	74.5	142.7	79.2	39.1	19.3
1998	7.6	57.9	117.3	67.5	33.8	16.5
1999	7.2	65.5	143.6	80.8	37.4	17.8
2000	7.4	54.3	133.0	69.8	32.4	17.2
2001	6.9	50.9	117.8	66.6	32.3	14.5
2002	6.3	49.5	120.1	70.9	31.7	13.8
2003	5.3	45.9	126.0	75.1	29.2	15.9
2004	5.0	43.3	111.2	75.9	34.1	16.4
2005	4.6	38.5	114.1	70.6	32.1	15.0
2006	3.9	37.4	110.4	78.9	33.5	17.5
2007	3.8	34.0	111.5	84.2	39.7	18.3
2008	3.1	30.9	114.5	79.8	38.8	18.7

Note: Data for 1980 refers to total marriages and total population.

Table A1.3

**Total Marriages by Age Group of Grooms
and Brides, 1998 – 2008**

Year	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
	1998	23,106	136	2,978	9,813	5,321	2,558	1,237	528	251	160
1999	25,648	160	3,163	11,146	5,725	2,787	1,383	668	325	143	148
2000	22,561	188	2,577	9,504	5,144	2,563	1,367	641	295	132	150
2001	22,280	195	2,464	9,235	5,185	2,535	1,352	669	341	145	159
2002	23,198	157	2,371	9,830	5,595	2,629	1,297	693	306	175	145
2003	21,962	139	2,103	8,923	5,613	2,476	1,323	714	373	179	119
2004	22,189	129	2,138	8,259	5,812	2,665	1,492	851	480	200	163
2005	22,992	120	2,056	7,936	5,960	2,873	1,795	1,108	607	314	223
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
Year	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
	1998	23,106	935	7,366	9,453	3,105	1,295	555	256	93	25
1999	25,648	879	7,828	10,910	3,428	1,465	657	303	110	38	30
2000	22,561	883	6,486	9,648	3,125	1,330	645	270	109	33	32
2001	22,280	821	6,450	9,420	3,223	1,342	587	260	107	35	35
2002	23,198	747	6,399	10,270	3,470	1,243	592	295	112	51	19
2003	21,962	620	5,639	9,798	3,539	1,254	616	318	114	49	15
2004	22,189	683	5,493	9,450	3,868	1,441	668	354	140	58	34
2005	22,992	731	5,331	9,634	4,216	1,645	770	398	165	69	33
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

Note : Figures *exclude* marriages previously solemnized outside Singapore or under religious and customary rites.

Table A1.4
Median Age of Grooms by Ethnic Group, 1998 – 2008

Year	Years						
	Total	Chinese	Malays	Indians	Eurasians	Caucasians	Others
1998	29.1	29.0	28.7	29.2	30.9	34.5	30.7
1999	29.1	29.0	28.5	29.5	29.9	35.4	31.5
2000	29.4	29.3	28.6	29.5	34.5	35.0	31.0
2001	29.5	29.5	29.0	29.4	30.6	34.9	30.4
2002	29.6	29.5	28.9	29.4	32.6	35.1	30.6
2003	29.9	29.8	28.9	29.5	32.3	36.0	31.6
2004	30.3	30.3	29.6	29.8	32.1	36.1	30.9
2005	30.9	31.0	29.4	30.0	32.5	36.7	30.7
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

Note: Figures *exclude* marriages previously solemnized outside Singapore or under religious and customary rites.
Total in 2003, 2004 and 2008 *include* grooms whose ethnic group were not reported.

Table A1.5
Median Age of Brides by Ethnic Group, 1998 – 2008

Year	Years						
	Total	Chinese	Malays	Indians	Eurasians	Caucasians	Others
1998	26.2	26.3	25.3	26.0	27.4	29.7	27.5
1999	26.4	26.5	25.6	26.2	27.9	30.7	27.7
2000	26.7	26.7	25.6	26.6	28.0	30.2	28.2
2001	26.7	26.8	25.5	25.9	27.3	32.2	27.5
2002	26.7	26.9	25.5	26.3	28.2	31.4	27.7
2003	27.0	27.1	25.6	26.4	28.3	31.1	28.0
2004	27.3	27.5	25.9	26.3	28.3	31.0	27.8
2005	27.5	27.8	26.0	26.7	28.9	32.4	27.0
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

Note: Figures *exclude* marriages previously solemnized outside Singapore or under religious and customary rites.
Total in 2003, 2004 and 2008 *include* brides whose ethnic group were not reported.

Table A1.6**Median Age of Grooms and Brides by Marriage Order, 1998-2008**

Years

Year	Grooms			Brides		
	All Marriages	First Marriages	Re-Marriages	All Marriages	First Marriages	Re-Marriages
1998	29.1	28.4	39.4	26.2	25.8	33.6
1999	29.1	28.5	39.8	26.4	26.0	34.2
2000	29.4	28.7	40.2	26.7	26.2	34.5
2001	29.5	28.8	40.1	26.7	26.2	34.2
2002	29.6	28.9	40.1	26.7	26.3	34.1
2003	29.9	29.1	40.2	27.0	26.6	34.2
2004	30.3	29.4	40.5	27.3	26.7	34.7
2005	30.9	29.8	41.1	27.5	26.9	34.8
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

Note: Figures *exclude* marriages previously solemnized outside Singapore or under religious and customary rites.
Total in 2008 *includes* grooms whose previous marital status were not reported.

Table A1.7

Marriages under the Women's Charter by Ethnic Group of Couple

Year	Number				
	Total	Chinese	Indians	Others	Inter – ethnic Group
1965	7,287	6,429	280	340	238
1970	13,066	11,784	608	274	400
1975	20,175	18,549	923	160	543
1980	19,689	17,758	1,171	118	642
1985	18,903	16,747	1,281	83	792
1990	19,577	17,113	1,234	107	1,123
1991	20,386	17,929	1,248	118	1,091
1992	21,117	18,762	1,090	124	1,141
1993	20,700	18,297	1,096	109	1,198
1994	20,251	17,688	1,045	144	1,374
1995	20,562	17,981	1,020	170	1,391
1996	19,940	17,247	1,087	198	1,408
1997	21,305	18,764	947	200	1,394
1998	18,979	16,086	999	243	1,651
1999	21,566	18,694	877	217	1,778
2000	18,555	15,742	844	208	1,761
2001	18,284	15,155	827	344	1,958
2002	19,258	16,113	859	307	1,979
2003	18,095	14,417	657	264	1,622
2004	18,095	14,299	669	301	1,723
2005	19,043	15,535	782	421	2,305
2006	19,761	16,063	759	494	2,445
2007	19,854	15,600	818	718	2,718
2008	20,395	15,743	790	1,052	2,810

Note: Figures *include* marriages previously solemnized outside Singapore or under religious and customary rites.
 Total in 2003 and 2004 *include* grooms and brides whose ethnic group were not reported.

Table A1.8

Marriages under the Women's Charter by Age Group of Grooms

Year	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
1991	19,985	89	3,051	9,005	5,079	1,736	586	203	123	59	54
1992	21,025	89	2,854	9,311	5,507	2,075	682	252	137	60	58
1993	20,692	89	2,635	9,047	5,496	2,118	740	279	147	80	61
1994	20,243	79	2,639	8,533	5,311	2,232	854	324	128	87	56
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

Note: Figures *exclude* marriages previously solemnized outside Singapore or under religious and customary rites.

Table A1.9

Marriages under the Women's Charter by Age Group of Brides

Year	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	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
1991	19,985	716	7,440	8,046	2,564	818	261	77	43	14	6
1992	21,025	749	7,583	8,478	2,821	928	325	88	37	10	6
1993	20,692	613	7,363	8,365	2,829	997	337	121	44	13	10
1994	20,243	519	7,257	8,218	2,709	1,018	336	124	34	14	14
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

Note: Figures *exclude* marriages previously solemnized outside Singapore or under religious and customary rites.

Table A1.10
Median Age of Grooms Married under the Women's Charter
by Ethnic Group, 1998 – 2008

Years						
Year	Total	Chinese	Indians	Eurasians	Caucasians	Others
1998	29.2	29.0	29.6	31.0	34.7	30.7
1999	29.1	29.0	29.9	30.2	35.7	31.6
2000	29.5	29.3	29.9	33.1	35.5	31.0
2001	29.6	29.5	29.9	31.0	35.1	30.5
2002	29.7	29.5	30.0	32.7	35.6	30.8
2003	30.0	29.8	30.0	32.3	36.1	31.7
2004	30.5	30.3	30.6	32.6	36.2	31.7
2005	31.2	31.0	30.7	32.5	37.1	31.4
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

Note: Figures *exclude* marriages previously solemnized outside Singapore or under religious and customary rites.
Total in 2003 and 2004 *include* grooms whose ethnic group were not reported.

Table A1.11
Median Age of Brides Married under the Women's Charter
by Ethnic Group, 1998 – 2008

Years						
Year	Total	Chinese	Indians	Eurasians	Caucasians	Others
1998	26.4	26.3	26.4	27.3	29.7	27.2
1999	26.5	26.4	26.7	28.0	31.0	27.3
2000	26.8	26.7	27.1	28.1	30.3	27.5
2001	26.9	26.8	26.4	27.3	32.3	27.1
2002	26.9	26.9	26.7	29.5	31.5	27.3
2003	27.2	27.1	26.8	28.7	31.3	27.6
2004	27.5	27.5	27.2	28.4	31.0	27.6
2005	27.8	27.8	27.1	30.0	32.7	27.1
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

Note: Figures *exclude* marriages previously solemnized outside Singapore or under religious and customary rites.
Total in 2003 and 2004 *include* brides whose ethnic group were not reported.

Table A1.12

**Median Age of Grooms and Brides Married under the Women's Charter
by Marriage Order**

Year	Grooms			Brides		
	All Marriages	First Marriages	Re-Marriages	All Marriages	First Marriages	Re-Marriages
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
1991	28.7	28.4	38.8	25.8	25.6	32.7
1992	29.0	28.6	38.4	26.0	25.7	32.7
1993	29.1	28.7	39.2	26.0	25.8	33.3
1994	29.3	28.8	39.3	26.1	25.9	33.4
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

Note: Figures *exclude* marriages previously solemnized outside Singapore or under religious and customary rites.

Table A1.13**Marriages under the Women's Charter by Ethnic Group of Couple,
January – December 2008**

Month	Total	Chinese	Indians	Others	Number
					Inter – ethnic Group
Total	20,389	15,738	790	1,051	2,810
January	1,701	1,332	81	70	218
February	1,236	929	77	59	171
March	1,630	1,275	63	59	233
April	1,095	728	55	89	223
May	1,659	1,294	63	79	223
June	1,819	1,418	74	85	242
July	1,472	1,112	50	78	232
August	1,214	814	53	110	237
September	2,266	1,920	53	75	218
October	1,802	1,402	50	91	259
November	2,110	1,609	85	127	289
December	2,385	1,905	86	129	265

Table A1.14**Marriages under the Women's Charter by Previous Marital Status
and Ethnic Group of Couple, 2008**

Marriage Contracted Between	Total	Chinese	Indians	Others	Number
					Inter – ethnic Group
Total	20,389	15,738	790	1,051	2,810
Bachelor & Spinster	15,676	12,284	600	925	1,867
Widow	57	30	6	6	15
Divorcee	1,443	1,181	67	26	169
Widower & Spinster	87	52	2	4	29
Widow	15	10	2	1	2
Divorcee	107	93	3	2	9
Divorcee & Spinster	1,870	1,224	46	51	549
Widow	69	42	7	2	18
Divorcee	1,065	822	57	34	152

Table A1.15

**Inter - ethnic Group Marriages under the Women's Charter
by Ethnic Group of Grooms and Brides, 2008**

Ethnic Group of Grooms	Ethnic Group of Brides							Number
	Total	Chinese	Indians	Eurasians	Caucasians	Malays	Others	
Total	2,810	733	128	60	47	119	1,723	
Chinese	1,555	-	36	31	21	72	1,395	
Indians	289	127	-	4	18	15	125	
Eurasians	89	64	5	-	2	1	17	
Caucasians	550	310	40	17	-	19	164	
Malays	50	21	2	1	4	-	22	
Others	277	211	45	7	2	12	-	

Table A1.16

**Marriages under the Women's Charter by Age Group
of Grooms and Brides, 2008**

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	
Total	20,389	338	3,432	9,492	4,316	1,629	690	286	120	55	31	
Under 20	58	37	18	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
20 - 24	1,245	116	768	313	34	5	7	2	-	-	-	
25 - 29	7,151	62	1,448	4,957	582	83	12	6	-	1	-	
30 - 34	5,767	36	651	2,857	1,883	291	42	6	1	-	-	
35 - 39	2,790	36	277	801	1,049	517	90	17	3	-	-	
40 - 44	1,487	27	141	325	423	348	172	45	4	2	-	
45 - 49	863	11	90	143	180	204	145	69	20	1	-	
50 - 54	529	8	27	62	105	100	112	66	38	10	1	
55 - 59	284	4	7	26	42	53	64	43	29	13	3	
60 & Over	215	1	5	7	16	28	46	32	25	28	27	

Table A1.17

**Marriages under the Women's Charter by Age Group
and Ethnic Group of Grooms and Brides, 2008**

				Number
Age Group (Years)	Total	Chinese	Indians	Others
Grooms				
Total	20,389	17,293	1,079	2,017
Under 20	58	53	3	2
20 - 24	1,245	1,018	109	118
25 - 29	7,151	6,201	380	570
30 - 34	5,767	4,913	294	560
35 - 39	2,790	2,316	119	355
40 - 44	1,487	1,228	83	176
45 - 49	863	718	43	102
50 - 54	529	439	29	61
55 - 59	284	229	14	41
60 & Over	215	178	5	32
Brides				
Total	20,389	16,471	918	3,000
Under 20	338	209	14	115
20 - 24	3,432	2,555	211	666
25 - 29	9,492	7,933	394	1,165
30 - 34	4,316	3,516	142	658
35 - 39	1,629	1,315	71	243
40 - 44	690	555	40	95
45 - 49	286	212	30	44
50 - 54	120	100	12	8
55 - 59	55	49	3	3
60 & Over	31	27	1	3

Table A1.18**Marriages under the Women's Charter by Age Group
and Previous Marital Status of Grooms, 2008**

Age Group (Years)	Number			
	Total	Bachelor	Widower	Divorcee
Total	20,389	17,176	209	3,004
Under 20	58	58	-	-
20 - 24	1,245	1,241	-	4
25 - 29	7,151	7,049	2	100
30 - 34	5,767	5,228	9	530
35 - 39	2,790	2,043	15	732
40 - 44	1,487	856	24	607
45 - 49	863	420	24	419
50 - 54	529	188	34	307
55 - 59	284	62	40	182
60 & Over	215	31	61	123

Table A1.19**Marriages under the Women's Charter by Age Group
and Previous Marital Status of Brides, 2008**

Age Group (Years)	Number			
	Total	Spinster	Widow	Divorcee
Total	20,389	17,633	141	2,615
Under 20	338	337	-	1
20 - 24	3,432	3,396	1	35
25 - 29	9,492	9,096	12	384
30 - 34	4,316	3,467	27	822
35 - 39	1,629	914	27	688
40 - 44	690	276	25	389
45 - 49	286	86	23	177
50 - 54	120	35	12	73
55 - 59	55	16	7	32
60 & Over	31	10	7	14

Table A1.20**Marriages of Bachelors under the Women's Charter
by Age Group of Grooms and Brides, 2008**

Age Group of Grooms (Years)	Age Group of Brides (Years)								
	Total	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & Over
Total	17,176	302	3,111	8,764	3,456	1,033	348	106	56
Under 20	58	37	18	1	2	-	-	-	-
20 - 24	1,241	115	767	311	34	5	7	2	-
25 - 29	7,049	59	1,422	4,903	566	82	10	6	1
30 - 34	5,228	29	557	2,649	1,707	245	34	6	1
35 - 39	2,043	31	190	596	780	362	72	12	-
40 - 44	856	20	93	193	239	196	91	21	3
45 - 49	420	5	48	77	84	93	76	25	12
50 & Over	281	6	16	34	44	50	58	34	39

Table A1.21**Marriages of Spinsters under the Women's Charter
by Age Group of Grooms and Brides, 2008**

Age Group of Grooms (Years)	Age Group of Brides (Years)								
	Total	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & Over
Total	17,633	337	3,396	9,096	3,467	914	276	86	61
Under 20	57	37	18	1	1	-	-	-	-
20 - 24	1,210	116	763	298	28	3	2	-	-
25 - 29	6,862	62	1,434	4,820	488	49	7	2	-
30 - 34	5,216	36	646	2,728	1,616	172	15	3	-
35 - 39	2,242	35	270	749	819	323	41	5	-
40 - 44	1,051	27	139	291	304	198	81	11	-
45 - 49	517	11	88	131	119	86	61	14	7
50 & Over	478	13	38	78	92	83	69	51	54

Table A1.22

**Marriages of Bachelors and Spinsters under the Women's Charter
by Age Group of Grooms and Brides, 2008**

Age Group of Grooms (Years)	Age Group of Brides (Years)								
	Total	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & Over
Total	15,676	301	3,082	8,461	2,941	663	173	37	18
Under 20	57	37	18	1	1	-	-	-	-
20 - 24	1,206	115	762	296	28	3	2	-	-
25 - 29	6,771	59	1,408	4,774	474	48	6	2	-
30 - 34	4,805	29	554	2,542	1,511	153	13	3	-
35 - 39	1,723	30	186	569	639	259	36	4	-
40 - 44	681	20	92	180	192	133	56	8	-
45 - 49	283	5	46	70	65	43	42	6	6
50 & Over	150	6	16	29	31	24	18	14	12

Table A1.23

**Marriages under the Women's Charter by Occupation
of Grooms and Brides, 2008**

Occupation of Grooms	Occupation of Brides							
	Total	Profes - sional & Technical	Admin - istrative & Managerial	Clerical	Sales & Services	Production & Related Workers	Others	Not Working
Total	20,389	6,511	5,613	651	1,699	421	1,134	4,360
Professional & Technical	9,724	5,420	2,060	211	436	178	159	1,260
Administrative & Managerial	4,031	560	2,443	84	193	32	101	618
Clerical	110	8	14	40	16	4	5	23
Sales & Services	2,398	147	328	128	715	63	53	964
Production & Related Workers	792	51	137	62	118	102	33	289
Others	2,798	205	514	111	168	32	748	1,020
Not Working	536	120	117	15	53	10	35	186

Table A1.24

Marriages under the Women's Charter by Age Group and Occupation of Grooms and Brides, 2008

Age Group (Years)	Number							
	Total	Profes - sional & Technical	Admin - istrative & Managerial	Clerical	Sales & Services	Production & Related Workers	Others	Not Working
	Grooms							
Total	20,389	9,724	4,031	110	2,398	792	2,798	536
Under 20	58	4	-	1	10	1	18	24
20 - 24	1,245	397	136	9	215	52	302	134
25 - 29	7,151	4,059	1,351	30	555	202	781	173
30 - 34	5,767	3,159	1,287	29	478	160	586	68
35 - 39	2,790	1,241	634	13	374	134	354	40
40 - 44	1,487	455	310	13	303	98	299	9
45 - 49	863	217	150	7	196	75	199	19
50 - 54	529	110	88	3	153	37	125	13
55 - 59	284	52	46	3	72	21	76	14
60 & Over	215	30	29	2	42	12	58	42
	Brides							
Total	20,389	6,511	5,613	651	1,699	421	1,134	4,360
Under 20	338	8	17	11	43	2	24	233
20 - 24	3,432	692	786	126	370	92	216	1,150
25 - 29	9,492	3,781	2,914	262	607	156	456	1,316
30 - 34	4,316	1,492	1,290	144	316	70	237	767
35 - 39	1,629	386	405	60	178	44	103	453
40 - 44	690	104	135	27	91	26	53	254
45 - 49	286	38	44	11	57	17	23	96
50 - 54	120	7	15	6	20	10	15	47
55 - 59	55	2	5	3	14	1	6	24
60 & Over	31	1	2	1	3	3	1	20

Table A1.25

Marriages under the Women's Charter by Age Group and Educational Qualification of Grooms and Brides, 2008

Age Group (Years)	Total	Primary or Lower	Secondary	Post Secondary	Number
					University
Grooms					
Total	20,389	1,187	4,280	6,165	8,757
Under 20	58	6	37	15	-
20 - 24	1,245	41	365	611	228
25 - 29	7,151	59	900	2,518	3,674
30 - 34	5,767	155	914	1,667	3,031
35 - 39	2,790	196	684	771	1,139
40 - 44	1,487	263	562	304	358
45 - 49	863	208	360	134	161
50 - 54	529	133	242	77	77
55 - 59	284	69	128	42	45
60 & Over	215	57	88	26	44
Brides					
Total	20,389	913	4,735	5,743	8,998
Under 20	338	32	223	80	3
20 - 24	3,432	166	1,090	1,392	784
25 - 29	9,492	192	1,400	2,652	5,248
30 - 34	4,316	171	959	1,031	2,155
35 - 39	1,629	117	563	379	570
40 - 44	690	112	260	150	168
45 - 49	286	58	140	42	46
50 - 54	120	35	60	8	17
55 - 59	55	17	28	5	5
60 & Over	31	13	12	4	2

Table A1.26**Marriages under the Women's Charter by Educational Qualification of Grooms and Brides, 2008**

Educational Qualification of Grooms	Educational Qualification of Brides				
	Total	Primary or Lower	Secondary	Post Secondary	University
Total	20,389	913	4,735	5,743	8,998
Primary or Lower	1,187	335	604	184	64
Secondary	4,280	354	2,363	1,005	558
Post Secondary	6,165	173	1,247	3,005	1,740
University	8,757	51	521	1,549	6,636

Table A1.27**Marriages of Bachelors and Spinsters under the Women's Charter by Educational Qualification of Grooms and Brides, 2008**

Educational Qualification of Grooms	Educational Qualification of Brides				
	Total	Primary or Lower	Secondary	Post Secondary	University
Total	15,676	397	2,783	4,606	7,890
Primary or Lower	534	130	273	95	36
Secondary	2,572	146	1,355	701	370
Post Secondary	4,956	103	837	2,540	1,476
University	7,614	18	318	1,270	6,008

Table A1.28**Inter - ethnic Group Marriages under the Women's Charter
by Educational Qualification of Grooms and Brides, 2008**

Educational Qualification of Grooms	Educational Qualification of Brides				
	Total	Primary or Lower	Secondary	Post Secondary	University
Total	2,810	344	874	519	1,073
Primary or Lower	270	110	111	26	23
Secondary	780	136	408	106	130
Post Secondary	679	74	217	203	185
University	1,081	24	138	184	735

Table A1.29**Marriages under the Women's Charter by Religion
of Grooms and Brides, 2008**

Religion of Grooms	Religion of Brides						
	Total	Christianity	Buddhism	Taoism / Confucianism	Hinduism	Other Religions	No Religion
Total	20,389	4,455	8,430	1,431	711	581	4,781
Christianity	4,279	2,961	554	91	56	95	522
Buddhism	8,791	635	6,632	338	14	106	1,066
Taoism / Confucianism	1,605	109	373	846	-	25	252
Hinduism	841	113	39	4	602	54	29
Other Religions	496	82	77	13	29	231	64
No Religion	4,377	555	755	139	10	70	2,848

Table A1.30**Marriages under the Women's Charter by Ethnic Group of Couple
and Place of Marriage/Marriage Solemnizer, 2008**

Place of Marriage/ Marriage Solemnizer	Total	Chinese	Indians	Others	Number
					Inter – ethnic Group
Total	20,389	15,738	790	1,051	2,810
Registry	5,187	3,993	162	274	758
Church	1,910	1,595	49	61	205
Hindu Temple	160	3	126	8	23
Grassroots Leader	6,326	4,802	199	361	964
Justice of Peace	3,048	2,542	42	91	373
Chinese Temple	246	213	2	5	26
Additional Solemnizer	1,780	1,385	105	94	196
Family Ambassador	830	587	57	61	125
Others	902	618	48	96	140

Table A1.31**Resident Marriages under the Women's Charter
by Ethnic Group of Couple, 1998 – 2008**

Year	Total	Chinese	Indians	Others	Number
					Inter – ethnic Group
1998	18,350	15,898	940	25	1,487
1999	20,995	18,492	849	33	1,621
2000	17,913	15,516	795	17	1,585
2001	17,505	14,912	777	45	1,771
2002	18,564	15,921	811	35	1,797
2003	17,419	14,248	636	53	1,481
2004	17,419	14,127	650	75	1,571
2005	18,418	15,368	760	161	2,129
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

Note: Resident marriage refer to a marriage where either or both the groom and bride are residents. Resident population comprises Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents.

Figures *exclude* marriages previously solemnized outside Singapore or under religious and customary rites.

Total in 2003 and 2004 *include* grooms and brides whose ethnic group were not reported.

Table A1.32

Marriages under the Women's Charter by Age Group and Educational Qualification of Resident Grooms and Brides, 2008

Age Group (Years)	Number				
	Total	Primary or Lower	Secondary	Post Secondary	University
	Resident Grooms				
Total	17,898	1,138	3,763	5,704	7,293
Under 20	55	5	37	13	-
20 - 24	1,024	34	305	563	122
25 - 29	6,293	52	734	2,357	3,150
30 - 34	5,059	146	749	1,549	2,615
35 - 39	2,452	183	624	714	931
40 - 44	1,332	259	527	275	271
45 - 49	777	204	343	119	111
50 - 54	472	131	232	61	48
55 - 59	255	68	127	34	26
60 & Over	179	56	85	19	19
	Resident Brides				
Total	13,573	321	2,092	4,200	6,960
Under 20	188	7	126	55	-
20 - 24	1,915	19	436	998	462
25 - 29	6,927	30	584	2,055	4,258
30 - 34	2,909	72	405	752	1,680
35 - 39	946	52	249	239	406
40 - 44	363	59	129	65	110
45 - 49	173	38	81	25	29
50 - 54	85	23	49	3	10
55 - 59	39	10	22	4	3
60 & Over	28	11	11	4	2

Table A1.33**Muslim Marriages by Ethnic Group of Couple**

Year	Total	Malays	Indians	Others	Number
					Inter – ethnic Group
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
1991	4,806	3,724	235	25	822
1992	4,759	3,658	242	24	835
1993	4,606	3,487	266	20	833
1994	4,411	3,381	222	13	795
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

Note: Total in 2008 *includes* grooms and brides whose ethnic group were not reported.

Table A1.34

Muslim Marriages by Age Group of Grooms

Year	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	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
1991	4,806	69	1,103	2,183	829	285	150	52	53	31	51
1992	4,759	56	967	2,170	859	358	151	78	48	31	41
1993	4,606	84	854	2,010	929	362	151	76	48	41	51
1994	4,411	73	890	1,806	868	382	168	81	51	44	48
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

Note: Total in 1965 *includes* grooms whose age group were not stated.

Table A1.35

Muslim Marriages by Age Group of Brides

Number

Year	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	1036	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
1991	4,806	563	2,066	1,316	481	191	109	40	18	9	13
1992	4,759	492	2,006	1,330	489	223	121	53	28	10	7
1993	4,606	455	1,843	1,356	497	241	111	65	17	13	8
1994	4,411	402	1,815	1,175	547	251	118	58	24	10	11
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

Note: Total in 1965 *includes* brides whose age group were not stated.

Table A1.36**Median Age of Muslim Grooms by Ethnic Group, 1998 – 2008**

Years				
Year	Total	Malays	Indians	Others
1998	28.7	28.7	27.9	31.0
1999	28.7	28.5	29.0	31.3
2000	28.8	28.6	28.2	32.0
2001	29.0	28.9	28.3	30.7
2002	28.8	28.8	28.2	30.4
2003	29.0	28.9	28.6	31.3
2004	29.5	29.6	28.3	30.0
2005	29.2	29.3	28.5	29.9
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

Note: Total in 2008 *includes* grooms whose ethnic group were not reported.

Table A1.37**Median Age of Muslim Brides by Ethnic Group, 1998 – 2008**

Years				
Year	Total	Malays	Indians	Others
1998	25.3	25.3	24.5	26.9
1999	25.6	25.6	25.4	27.0
2000	25.7	25.7	25.1	27.1
2001	25.6	25.6	24.9	26.9
2002	25.6	25.6	25.2	26.9
2003	25.7	25.7	25.3	26.6
2004	25.9	25.9	25.1	26.9
2005	25.9	25.9	25.3	26.7
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

Note: Total in 2008 *includes* brides whose ethnic group were not reported.

Table A1.38

Median Age of Muslim Grooms and Brides by Marriage Order

Years

Year	Grooms			Brides		
	All Marriages	First Marriages	Re-Marriages	All Marriages	First Marriages	Re-Marriages
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
1991	27.4	26.7	36.3	24.5	23.9	32.6
1992	27.8	27.0	36.7	24.7	24.0	32.0
1993	28.0	27.2	37.3	25.0	24.2	32.7
1994	28.2	27.1	37.4	25.0	24.0	33.5
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	35.5
2003	29.0	29.3	40.6	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

Note: Total in 2008 *includes* grooms whose previous marital status were not reported.

Table A1.39
Muslim Marriages by Ethnic Group of Couple,
January – December 2008

Month	Total	Malays	Indians	Others	Number
					Inter – ethnic Group
Total	4,207	2,593	191	120	1,302
January	262	164	14	5	79
February	256	151	15	7	83
March	411	253	21	10	127
April	219	121	6	11	81
May	375	235	18	15	107
June	401	240	22	11	128
July	342	209	12	11	110
August	635	404	15	18	197
September	49	26	-	2	21
October	244	141	18	10	75
November	531	346	25	12	148
December	482	303	25	8	146

Note: Total *includes* grooms and brides whose ethnic group were not reported.

Table A1.40
Muslim Marriages by Previous Marital Status and
Ethnic Group of Couple, 2008

Marriage Contracted Between	Total	Malays	Indians	Others	Number
					Inter – ethnic Group
Total	4,207	2,593	191	120	1,302
Bachelor & Spinster	2,747	1,676	152	85	834
Widow	14	9	1	-	4
Divorcee	428	266	9	10	143
Widower & Spinster	19	14	1	-	4
Widow	25	20	-	-	5
Divorcee	49	34	2	1	12
Divorcee & Spinster	344	198	11	10	125
Widow	46	31	-	-	15
Divorcee	511	333	14	13	151
Married Man & Spinster	8	3	-	-	5
Widow	2	1	-	1	-
Divorcee	13	8	1	-	4

Note: Total *includes* grooms and brides whose ethnic group and previous marital status were not reported.

Table A1.41
Muslim Inter - ethnic Group Marriages
by Ethnic Group of Grooms and Brides, 2008

Ethnic Group Of Grooms	Ethnic Group of Brides							Number
	Total	Malays	Chinese	Indians	Eurasians	Caucasians	Others	
Total	1,302	572	115	197	16	5	397	
Malays	561	-	82	139	14	5	321	
Chinese	83	67	-	5	-	-	11	
Indians	251	185	12	-	1	-	53	
Eurasians	23	17	1	1	-	-	4	
Caucasians	63	46	1	8	-	-	8	
Others	321	257	19	44	1	-	-	

Table A1.42
Muslim Marriages by Age Group
of Grooms and Brides, 2008

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	
Total	4,207	224	1,267	1,521	482	271	200	135	67	28	12	
Under 20	72	56	14	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
20 - 24	578	97	365	102	10	1	2	1	-	-	-	
25 - 29	1,696	50	628	900	85	18	11	3	1	-	-	
30 - 34	743	10	169	342	168	36	14	2	1	1	-	
35 - 39	426	5	61	115	119	80	35	9	2	-	-	
40 - 44	281	2	15	36	59	76	61	24	7	1	-	
45 - 49	189	3	14	15	25	37	43	40	10	2	-	
50 - 54	94	1	1	3	8	9	19	35	15	2	1	
55 - 59	77	-	-	5	6	12	10	16	21	6	1	
60 & Over	51	-	-	1	2	2	5	5	10	16	10	

Table A1.43

**Muslim Marriages by Age Group and Ethnic Group
of Grooms and Brides, 2008**

Age Group (Years)	Number			
	Total	Malays	Indians	Others
	Grooms			
Total	4,207	3,154	442	610
Under 20	72	62	5	5
20 - 24	578	452	62	64
25 - 29	1,696	1,251	206	239
30 - 34	743	534	81	128
35 - 39	426	319	35	72
40 - 44	281	223	14	43
45 - 49	189	136	20	33
50 - 54	94	70	8	16
55 - 59	77	63	9	5
60 & Over	51	44	2	5
	Brides			
Total	4,207	3,165	388	653
Under 20	224	178	19	27
20 - 24	1,267	962	149	156
25 - 29	1,521	1,133	133	254
30 - 34	482	341	39	102
35 - 39	271	198	21	52
40 - 44	200	146	21	33
45 - 49	135	117	2	16
50 - 54	67	56	4	7
55 - 59	28	24	-	4
60 & Over	12	10	-	2

Note: Total *includes* grooms and brides whose ethnic group were not reported.

Table A1.44
Muslim Marriages by Age Group and Previous Marital Status
of Grooms, 2008

Age Group (Years)	Number				
	Total	Bachelor	Widower	Divorcee	Married Man
Total	4,207	3,189	93	901	23
Under 20	72	72	-	-	-
20 - 24	578	558	-	20	-
25 - 29	1,696	1,608	2	86	-
30 - 34	743	569	7	167	-
35 - 39	426	222	7	194	3
40 - 44	281	95	10	169	6
45 - 49	189	42	10	133	4
50 - 54	94	16	15	56	7
55 - 59	77	7	20	49	1
60 & Over	51	-	22	27	2

Note: Total *includes* grooms whose previous marital status were not reported.

Table A1.45
Muslim Marriages by Age Group and Previous Marital Status
of Brides, 2008

Age Group (Years)	Number			
	Total	Spinster	Widow	Divorcee
Total	4,207	3,119	87	1,001
Under 20	224	223	-	1
20 - 24	1,267	1,182	-	85
25 - 29	1,521	1,327	7	187
30 - 34	482	250	9	223
35 - 39	271	78	10	183
40 - 44	200	34	12	154
45 - 49	135	16	16	103
50 - 54	67	9	17	41
55 - 59	28	-	10	18
60 & Over	12	-	6	6

Table A1.46**Muslim Marriages of Bachelors by Age Group of Grooms and Brides, 2008**

Age Group of Grooms (Years)	Age Group of Brides (Years)								
	Total	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & Over
Total	3,189	213	1,134	1,314	292	120	75	30	11
Under 20	72	56	14	2	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24	558	96	352	98	9	1	1	1	-
25 - 29	1,608	48	592	865	75	16	8	3	1
30 - 34	569	7	134	275	113	28	9	2	1
35 - 39	222	5	34	58	66	38	16	4	1
40 - 44	95	-	5	12	21	28	23	5	1
45 - 49	42	1	3	2	6	9	10	8	3
50 & Over	23	-	-	2	2	-	8	7	4

Table A1.47**Muslim Marriages of Spinsters by Age Group of Grooms and Brides, 2008**

Age Group of Grooms (Years)	Age Group of Brides (Years)								
	Total	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & Over
Total	3,119	223	1,182	1,327	250	78	34	16	9
Under 20	70	56	12	2	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24	520	96	336	83	5	-	-	-	-
25 - 29	1,535	50	598	828	51	5	2	1	-
30 - 34	560	10	156	286	88	15	3	1	1
35 - 39	235	5	54	82	63	21	7	3	-
40 - 44	98	2	12	30	21	22	10	1	-
45 - 49	65	3	13	9	18	12	7	2	1
50 & Over	36	1	1	7	4	3	5	8	7

Table A1.48
Muslim Marriages of Bachelors and Spinsters by Age Group of Grooms and Brides, 2008

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	
Total	2,747	212	1,078	1,191	193	46	19	7	1	
Under 20	70	56	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	
20 - 24	512	95	332	81	4	-	-	-	-	
25 - 29	1,477	48	569	806	47	5	1	1	-	
30 - 34	470	7	128	243	76	12	3	1	-	
35 - 39	153	5	31	47	50	15	3	2	-	
40 - 44	39	-	3	8	10	12	6	-	-	
45 - 49	19	1	3	2	5	2	5	-	1	
50 & Over	7	-	-	2	1	-	1	3	-	

Table A1.49
Muslim Marriages by Occupation of Grooms and Brides, 2008

Occupation of Grooms	Occupation of Brides								Number
	Total	Profes - sional & Technical	Admin - istrative & Managerial	Clerical	Sales & Services	Production & Related Workers	Others	Not Working	
Total	4,207	751	780	390	686	178	557	865	
Professional & Technical	928	512	201	46	56	11	33	69	
Administrative & Managerial	296	40	166	9	24	5	17	35	
Clerical	65	6	7	17	11	4	4	16	
Sales & Services	620	35	95	60	239	18	17	156	
Production & Related Workers	573	59	101	62	112	58	59	122	
Others	1,636	92	195	190	233	75	419	432	
Not Working	89	7	15	6	11	7	8	35	

Table A1.50

**Muslim Marriages by Age Group and Occupation
of Grooms and Brides, 2008**

Age Group (Years)	Number							
	Total	Profes - sional & Technical	Admin - istrative & Managerial	Clerical	Sales & Services	Production & Related Workers	Others	Not Working
	Grooms							
Total	4,207	928	296	65	620	573	1,636	89
Under 20	72	-	-	1	23	6	38	4
20 - 24	578	64	20	3	117	59	290	25
25 - 29	1,696	480	135	22	236	221	574	28
30 - 34	743	220	72	18	91	103	229	10
35 - 39	426	98	37	3	61	72	152	3
40 - 44	281	34	12	7	33	48	143	4
45 - 49	189	20	11	5	33	21	97	2
50 - 54	94	6	3	4	12	21	48	-
55 - 59	77	5	5	1	9	17	36	4
60 & Over	51	1	1	1	5	5	29	9
	Brides							
Total	4,207	751	780	390	686	178	557	865
Under 20	224	5	6	7	42	3	14	147
20 - 24	1,267	179	238	127	251	33	190	249
25 - 29	1,521	391	367	142	231	33	183	174
30 - 34	482	119	91	54	62	18	48	90
35 - 39	271	31	45	33	35	20	41	66
40 - 44	200	16	22	19	34	32	32	45
45 - 49	135	4	7	4	21	24	32	43
50 - 54	67	3	2	4	8	9	15	26
55 - 59	28	3	1	-	2	4	1	17
60 & Over	12	-	1	-	-	2	1	8

Table A1.51

**Muslim Marriages by Age Group and Educational Qualification
of Grooms and Brides, 2008**

Age Group (Years)	Number				
	Total	Primary or Lower	Secondary	Post Secondary	University
	Grooms				
Total	4,207	377	1,545	1,899	385
Under 20	72	2	57	13	-
20 - 24	578	36	251	275	16
25 - 29	1,696	51	451	1,023	171
30 - 34	743	56	226	343	118
35 - 39	426	36	199	136	55
40 - 44	281	70	144	52	14
45 - 49	189	45	100	36	8
50 - 54	94	31	53	8	2
55 - 59	77	25	40	11	1
60 & Over	51	25	24	2	-
	Brides				
Total	4,207	367	1,650	1,704	485
Under 20	224	22	150	50	2
20 - 24	1,267	50	481	652	84
25 - 29	1,521	43	447	757	273
30 - 34	482	46	202	153	81
35 - 39	271	40	142	62	27
40 - 44	200	50	117	21	12
45 - 49	135	60	67	3	5
50 - 54	67	32	29	5	1
55 - 59	28	18	9	1	-
60 & Over	12	6	6	-	-

Note: Total *includes* grooms and brides whose educational qualification were not reported.

Table A1.52**Muslim Marriages by Educational Qualification
of Grooms and Brides, 2008**

Educational Qualification of Grooms	Educational Qualification of Brides				
	Total	Primary or Lower	Secondary	Post Secondary	University
Total	4,207	367	1,650	1,704	485
Primary or Lower	377	137	184	52	4
Secondary	1,545	168	913	394	70
Post Secondary	1,899	58	507	1,140	194
University	385	4	46	118	217

Note: Total *includes* grooms and brides whose educational qualification were not reported.

Table A1.53**Resident Muslim Marriages by Ethnic Group of Couple,
1998– 2008**

Year	Total	Malays	Indians	Others	Number
					Inter – ethnic Group
1998	4,117	3,019	242	16	840
1999	4,068	2,918	213	19	918
2000	4,000	2,805	218	18	959
2001	3,985	2,911	208	18	848
2002	3,925	2,837	210	25	853
2003	3,863	2,749	198	26	890
2004	4,086	2,816	189	48	1,033
2005	3,936	2,540	179	104	1,113
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

Note: Resident marriage refer to a marriage where either or both the groom and bride are residents. Resident population comprises Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents.
Total *includes* grooms and brides whose ethnic group were not reported.

Table A1.54

**Muslim Marriages by Age Group and Educational Qualification
of Resident Grooms and Brides, 2008**

Age Group (Years)	Number				
	Total	Primary or Lower	Secondary	Post Secondary	University
	Resident Grooms				
Total	3,959	370	1,487	1,829	272
Under 20	69	2	55	12	-
20 - 24	556	35	239	270	12
25 - 29	1,601	47	434	994	126
30 - 34	685	55	213	330	87
35 - 39	392	36	194	127	35
40 - 44	264	69	140	45	9
45 - 49	179	45	98	33	3
50 - 54	89	31	51	7	-
55 - 59	76	25	40	11	-
60 & Over	48	25	23	-	-
	Resident Brides				
Total	3,876	310	1,505	1,620	441
Under 20	211	19	144	47	1
20 - 24	1,194	35	449	631	79
25 - 29	1,421	34	404	730	253
30 - 34	404	33	167	136	68
35 - 39	241	34	131	52	24
40 - 44	182	45	110	17	10
45 - 49	123	55	61	2	5
50 - 54	61	31	25	4	1
55 - 59	27	18	8	1	-
60 & Over	12	6	6	-	-

Note: Total *includes* grooms whose educational qualification were not reported.

**Tables on
Divorces and Annulments**

Table A2.1**Total Divorces, 1980 - 2008**

Year	Total Divorces & Annulments	Crude Rate of Divorce ¹ (Per 1,000 Residents)	General Divorce Rate ² (Per 1,000 Married Residents)		Median Age at Divorce (Years)	
			Males	Females	Males	Females
1980	1,721	0.8	3.7	3.8	34.0	30.8
1985	2,344	0.9	4.6	4.6	34.8	31.4
1990	3,634	1.3	6.1	6.1	35.9	32.6
1991	4,419	1.6	7.0	7.1	36.7	33.6
1992	3,944	1.4	6.2	6.2	37.2	34.1
1993	3,966	1.4	6.0	6.1	37.0	33.8
1994	3,772	1.3	5.5	5.6	37.3	34.3
1995	4,298	1.4	6.1	6.2	38.1	35.0
1996	4,634	1.5	6.4	6.6	38.4	35.3
1997	4,888	1.6	6.6	6.6	38.1	35.0
1998	5,651	1.8	7.5	7.6	38.7	35.4
1999	5,333	1.7	6.9	7.0	38.9	35.4
2000	5,160	1.6	6.5	6.5	39.0	35.5
2001	5,090	1.5	6.3	6.5	39.0	35.5
2002	5,825	1.7	7.1	7.2	38.7	35.6
2003	6,561	2.0	8.0	8.1	39.0	35.6
2004	6,388	1.9	7.3	7.2	38.9	35.2
2005	6,909	2.0	7.8	7.7	39.0	35.4
2006	7,061	2.0	7.8	7.6	39.5	35.7
2007	7,241	2.0	7.8	7.6	39.7	36.0
2008	7,220	2.0	7.6	7.4	39.9	36.2

Note:

1 Data include annulments. Data from 2004 onwards have been revised to be based on divorces and annulments where either or both spouses are residents. Resident population comprises Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents.

2 Data include annulments. Data on divorces and annulments from 2004 onwards have been revised to be based on residents. Resident population comprises Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents.

Table A2.2

Age-Sex Specific Divorce Rate, 1980 – 2008

Year	Per 1,000 Married Resident Males						
	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & Over
	Males						
1980	5.9	6.9	6.5	4.4	3.8	2.1	0.8
1985	13.3	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
1991	23.8	16.1	11.5	9.0	6.8	4.6	1.9
1992	16.9	13.3	9.7	7.8	6.4	4.5	2.0
1993	12.7	13.9	10.0	7.9	6.2	4.5	1.9
1994	17.0	11.8	9.2	7.1	5.6	4.6	1.7
1995	14.9	12.1	9.7	8.4	6.6	5.5	2.0
1996	16.2	12.5	9.8	8.7	7.1	5.7	2.3
1997	21.3	14.2	11.0	8.7	6.7	5.6	2.5
1998	28.0	18.9	11.7	10.0	7.6	6.1	3.1
1999	32.8	15.6	11.2	9.2	7.4	6.0	2.7
2000	25.9	14.2	10.7	8.9	6.8	5.8	2.6
2001	30.5	15.2	11.3	7.9	6.9	5.6	2.4
2002	43.9	18.0	13.8	10.8	7.1	5.7	2.7
2003	31.6	20.5	14.5	11.9	8.6	6.5	3.2
2004	40.7	22.0	15.3	9.8	7.7	5.7	2.9
2005	34.1	20.9	16.4	12.1	7.9	6.5	3.0
2006	35.0	21.9	16.6	12.1	8.5	6.9	3.1
2007	38.7	21.4	16.3	12.0	8.7	6.9	3.2
2008	33.4	19.8	16.2	12.4	8.8	6.7	3.2

Note:

Data include annulments. Data on divorces and annulments from 2004 onwards have been revised to be based on residents. Resident population comprises Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents.

Table A2.2

Age-Sex Specific Divorce Rate, 1980 – 2008

Per 1,000 Married Resident Females

Year	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & Over
	Females						
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
1991	19.0	14.5	10.2	7.4	5.2	3.9	1.1
1992	16.2	12.2	8.6	6.8	5.1	3.6	1.2
1993	17.4	11.5	9.1	6.6	4.8	3.6	1.2
1994	16.1	10.4	7.8	6.2	5.0	3.2	1.1
1995	15.7	11.2	8.6	7.5	5.5	4.0	1.4
1996	17.0	11.8	9.3	7.5	6.3	4.7	1.4
1997	20.2	14.1	9.3	7.4	5.6	4.5	1.9
1998	29.0	14.8	11.0	8.3	6.7	5.7	2.1
1999	23.7	14.0	10.2	8.0	6.4	4.8	2.0
2000	20.9	13.2	9.8	7.5	5.8	4.6	2.0
2001	25.0	14.5	9.3	7.4	5.6	4.5	1.9
2002	29.1	16.7	12.1	8.4	6.4	4.7	2.0
2003	28.7	17.4	13.2	10.1	7.2	5.1	2.5
2004	29.5	17.0	12.6	8.2	6.3	4.5	2.2
2005	27.3	19.2	13.9	9.2	6.7	5.1	2.4
2006	29.5	17.8	14.3	9.5	7.0	4.9	2.4
2007	30.7	18.5	13.7	9.9	6.8	5.0	2.5
2008	28.9	17.2	14.2	10.0	7.2	5.4	2.3

Note:

Data include annulments. Data on divorces and annulments from 2004 onwards have been revised to be based on residents. Resident population comprises Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents.

Table A2.3

**Total Divorces by Age Group and Sex
of Divorcees, 1998 – 2008**

Age Group (Years)	Number										
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	Male Divorcees										
Total	5,389	5,084	4,943	4,838	5,538	6,293	6,047	6,569	6,649	6,812	6,852
Under 25	83	82	98	91	94	134	153	133	135	133	108
25 – 29	573	524	522	498	526	605	574	590	555	545	548
30 – 34	1,088	981	907	949	1,059	1,183	1,279	1,406	1,347	1,372	1,351
35 – 39	1,169	1,089	1,051	951	1,259	1,338	1,160	1,373	1,378	1,378	1,433
40 – 44	923	899	834	870	889	1,078	1,016	1,055	1,123	1,141	1,167
45 – 49	633	629	619	625	666	783	720	853	909	910	924
50 – 54	398	356	383	368	430	493	478	518	553	584	640
55 – 59	203	176	155	160	185	268	288	329	352	360	384
60 & Over	147	144	156	155	173	190	198	228	216	273	275
Unknown	172	204	218	171	257	221	181	84	81	116	22
Median Age (Years)	38.7	38.9	39.0	39.0	38.7	39.0	38.9	39.0	39.5	39.7	39.9
	Female Divorcees										
Total	5,389	5,084	4,943	4,838	5,538	6,293	6,047	6,569	6,649	6,812	6,852
Under 25	336	284	324	297	289	411	396	371	376	364	326
25 – 29	963	923	901	942	975	1,040	976	1,088	1,042	1,043	1,067
30 – 34	1,224	1,127	1,045	981	1,249	1,402	1,446	1,623	1,640	1,594	1,631
35 – 39	1,024	982	916	914	1,026	1,196	1,032	1,164	1,205	1,302	1,356
40 – 44	762	748	689	674	766	876	811	872	951	923	979
45 – 49	518	442	445	460	503	565	524	620	606	643	724
50 – 54	238	228	266	236	268	369	304	363	377	417	414
55 – 59	109	93	82	103	117	139	153	202	200	210	205
60 & Over	44	51	61	58	66	71	98	105	108	128	129
Unknown	171	206	214	173	279	224	307	161	144	188	21
Median Age (Years)	35.4	35.4	35.5	35.5	35.6	35.6	35.2	35.4	35.7	36.0	36.2

Table A2.4**Total Divorces by Duration of Marriage, 1998– 2008**

	Number										
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total	5,389	5,084	4,943	4,838	5,538	6,293	6,047	6,569	6,649	6,812	6,852
Duration of Marriage (Years)											
Under 5	1,150	1,067	1,092	1,000	1,130	1,352	1,178	1,279	1,277	1,236	1,204
5 – 9	1,593	1,518	1,458	1,534	1,753	1,919	2,093	2,267	2,234	2,345	2,303
10 – 14	923	896	860	775	1,012	1,153	1,063	1,130	1,226	1,234	1,232
15 – 19	725	655	606	580	653	722	631	728	721	766	824
20 – 24	535	467	396	464	459	530	456	491	521	503	571
25 – 29	258	304	328	292	326	356	338	317	319	358	362
30 & Over	205	177	203	193	205	261	288	357	351	370	356
Median Duration (Years)	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.1	9.2	9.5	9.5	9.8

Table A2.5

**Divorces under the Women's Charter by (A) Ethnic Group of Couple
and (B) Duration of Marriage, 1998– 2008**

	Number										
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total	3,924	3,521	3,336	3,491	4,006	4,188	4,192	4,696	4,705	5,065	5,155
Ethnic Group											
Chinese	3,346	2,897	2,714	2,882	3,235	3,425	3,350	3,967	3,942	4,221	4,323
Indians	309	228	193	210	233	264	251	299	331	350	340
Others	28	197	223	181	253	228	18	37	31	42	48
Inter – ethnic Group	241	199	206	218	285	271	215	342	376	440	428
Duration of Marriage (Years)											
Under 5	686	620	553	533	624	611	535	630	623	658	649
5 – 9	1,191	1,084	1,054	1,204	1,365	1,407	1,576	1,779	1,708	1,870	1,845
10 – 14	667	639	596	570	737	811	780	861	927	981	965
15 – 19	546	464	415	434	479	475	455	509	523	577	647
20 – 24	453	352	300	365	359	385	344	356	391	375	454
25 – 29	223	231	261	233	276	294	267	260	240	286	290
30 & Over	158	131	157	152	166	205	235	301	293	318	305
Median Duration (Years)	10.6	10.4	10.5	10.0	10.1	10.4	9.9	9.8	10.1	10.0	10.4

Note: Total for 2004 onwards *include* male and female divorcees whose ethnic group were not reported.

Table A2.6

Divorces under the Women's Charter by Age Group and Sex of Divorcees, 1998 – 2008

Age Group (Years)	Number										
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	Male Divorcees										
Total	3,924	3,521	3,336	3,491	4,006	4,188	4,192	4,696	4,705	5,065	5,155
Under 25	26	16	21	19	19	30	27	24	21	30	29
25 – 29	370	320	293	306	323	329	316	340	291	304	325
30 – 34	762	659	621	696	786	762	893	1,025	956	1,036	1,026
35 – 39	827	746	697	688	881	874	778	1,017	1,029	1,082	1,132
40 – 44	683	648	550	619	624	705	721	743	779	853	870
45 – 49	512	462	452	467	509	566	542	627	665	672	719
50 – 54	317	257	282	291	338	359	363	401	433	455	507
55 – 59	163	130	119	127	151	214	231	267	272	303	299
60 & Over	92	79	83	107	118	128	140	168	178	214	226
Unknown	172	204	218	171	257	221	181	84	81	116	22
Median Age (Years)	39.3	39.5	39.5	39.5	39.2	39.9	40.0	39.5	40.1	40.1	40.3
	Female Divorcees										
Total	3,924	3,521	3,336	3,491	4,006	4,188	4,192	4,696	4,705	5,065	5,155
Under 25	159	107	111	103	88	138	125	133	106	118	133
25 – 29	671	635	604	672	701	641	603	739	677	718	748
30 – 34	892	796	730	750	944	975	1,046	1,229	1,251	1,260	1,289
35 – 39	746	688	593	657	732	798	729	841	877	1,020	1,081
40 – 44	573	511	485	479	544	586	581	614	680	670	747
45 – 49	400	325	325	358	383	394	380	468	431	474	549
50 – 54	194	158	182	181	208	276	235	267	287	343	332
55 – 59	93	64	57	78	86	112	118	161	164	168	145
60 & Over	25	31	35	40	41	44	68	83	88	106	110
Unknown	171	206	214	173	279	224	307	161	144	188	21
Median Age (Years)	35.8	35.8	35.9	36.0	35.8	36.2	36.0	35.8	36.2	36.4	36.5

Table A2.7**Divorces under the Women's Charter by Ethnic Group of Couple,
January – December 2008**

Month	Total	Chinese	Indians	Others	Number
					Inter – ethnic Group
Total	5,155	4,323	340	48	428
January	412	348	27	6	31
February	325	259	27	6	32
March	432	377	18	-	37
April	464	383	35	4	42
May	438	365	36	5	32
June	373	305	32	3	30
July	464	390	25	4	41
August	332	278	16	3	34
September	438	370	32	2	33
October	581	488	33	8	51
November	350	291	27	3	26
December	546	469	32	4	39

Note: Total *includes* male and female divorcees whose ethnic group were not reported.

Table A2.8**Inter – ethnic Group Divorces under the Women's Charter by Ethnic Group
of Male and Female Divorcees, 2008**

Ethnic Group of Male Divorcees	Ethnic Group of Female Divorcees						
	Total	Chinese	Indians	Eurasians	Caucasians	Malays	Others
Total	428	125	22	14	16	76	175
Chinese	234	-	12	10	11	50	151
Indians	66	41	-	3	3	9	10
Eurasians	22	17	1	-	-	3	1
Caucasians	59	39	3	-	-	8	9
Malays	12	6	1	1	-	-	4
Others	35	22	5	-	2	6	-

Table A2.9

Divorces under the Women's Charter by Age Group, Ethnic Group and Sex of Divorcees, 2008

Age Group (Years)	Number			
	Total	Chinese	Indians	Others
	Male Divorcees			
Total	5,155	4,565	406	179
Under 25	29	27	2	-
25 – 29	325	284	31	10
30 – 34	1,026	931	76	19
35 – 39	1,132	1,007	88	37
40 – 44	870	754	84	32
45 – 49	719	631	57	31
50 – 54	507	450	37	20
55 – 59	299	265	17	17
60 & Over	226	198	14	13
Unknown	22	18	-	-
	Female Divorcees			
Total	5,155	4,448	364	329
Under 25	133	115	8	9
25 – 29	748	642	51	55
30 – 34	1,289	1,107	87	94
35 – 39	1,081	930	76	73
40 – 44	747	637	59	48
45 – 49	549	471	45	33
50 – 54	332	291	27	12
55 – 59	145	135	5	4
60 & Over	110	105	4	1
Unknown	21	15	2	-

Note: Total *includes* male and female divorcees whose ethnic group were not reported.

Table A2.10

Divorces under the Women's Charter by Age Group of Male and Female Divorcees, 2008

Age Group of Male Divorcees (Years)	Age Group of Female Divorcees (Years)										
	Total	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 & Over	Un-known
Total	5,155	133	748	1,289	1,081	747	549	332	145	110	21
Under 25	29	28	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 – 29	325	63	211	50	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 – 34	1,026	22	358	544	88	8	5	1	-	-	-
35 – 39	1,132	8	109	472	467	66	7	2	1	-	-
40 – 44	870	5	40	146	331	297	43	4	3	1	-
45 – 49	719	4	14	44	132	251	236	33	5	-	-
50 – 54	507	2	9	25	33	92	179	149	14	4	-
55 – 59	299	1	5	6	18	22	63	104	69	11	-
60 & Over	226	-	1	2	10	11	16	39	53	94	-
Unknown	22	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	21

Table A2.11

Divorces under the Women's Charter by Age at Marriage of Male and Female Divorcees, 2008

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
Total	5,155	504	2,335	1,669	411	133	82	21
Under 20	92	64	24	3	1	-	-	-
20 – 24	1,276	259	868	138	8	2	1	-
25 – 29	2,216	134	1,044	917	100	14	7	-
30 – 34	905	28	280	421	142	30	4	-
35 – 39	349	12	71	122	95	35	14	-
40 & Over	295	7	47	68	65	52	56	-
Unknown	22	-	1	-	-	-	-	21

Table A2.12

Divorces under the Women's Charter by Age at Marriage, Ethnic Group and Sex of Divorcees, 2008

Age at Marriage (Years)	Number			
	Total	Chinese	Indians	Others
Male Divorcees				
Total	5,155	4,565	406	179
Under 20	92	82	8	2
20 – 24	1,276	1,143	104	28
25 – 29	2,216	1,983	176	57
30 – 34	905	786	83	36
35 – 39	349	301	22	26
40 & Over	295	252	13	30
Unknown	22	18	-	-
Female Divorcees				
Total	5,155	4,448	364	329
Under 20	504	429	52	22
20 – 24	2,335	2,049	154	130
25 – 29	1,669	1,436	108	120
30 – 34	411	349	30	31
35 – 39	133	105	12	15
40 & Over	82	65	6	11
Unknown	21	15	2	-

Note: Total *includes* male and female divorcees whose ethnic group were not reported.

Table A2.13

Divorces under the Women's Charter by Duration of Marriage and Ethnic Group of Couple, 2008

Duration of Marriage (Years)	Number				
	Total	Chinese	Indians	Others	Inter – ethnic Group
Total	5,155	4,323	340	48	428
Under 5	649	548	33	6	61
5 – 9	1,845	1,513	106	12	211
10 – 14	965	805	82	7	68
15 – 19	647	531	49	13	51
20 – 24	454	392	33	7	20
25 – 29	290	256	21	1	10
30 & Over	305	278	16	2	7
Median Duration (Years)	10.4	10.5	11.7	14.3	8.2

Note: Total *includes* male and female divorcees whose ethnic group were not reported.

Table A2.14

Divorces under the Women's Charter by Duration of Marriage, Age Group and Sex of Divorcees, 2008

Duration of Marriage (Years)	Age Group (Years)									Number
	Total	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & Over	Un-known	
Male Divorcees										
Total	5,155	29	325	1,026	1,132	870	719	1,032	22	
Under 5	649	20	160	244	106	55	28	36	-	
5 – 9	1,845	9	163	704	565	217	80	107	-	
10 – 14	965	-	2	75	406	285	120	75	2	
15 – 19	647	-	-	1	54	259	209	118	6	
20 – 24	454	-	-	-	1	54	213	180	6	
25 – 29	290	-	-	1	-	-	65	219	5	
30 & Over	305	-	-	1	-	-	4	297	3	
Female Divorcees										
Total	5,155	133	748	1,289	1,081	747	549	587	21	
Under 5	649	89	254	203	62	24	14	3	-	
5 – 9	1,845	41	477	833	347	89	36	22	-	
10 – 14	965	-	16	244	466	168	49	21	1	
15 – 19	647	1	1	9	192	285	107	46	6	
20 – 24	454	1	-	-	14	164	202	67	6	
25 – 29	290	-	-	-	-	17	126	142	5	
30 & Over	305	1	-	-	-	-	15	286	3	

Table A2.15

Divorces under the Women's Charter by Duration of Marriage and Number of Dependent Children, 2008

Duration of Marriage (Years)	Number of Dependent Children Under 18 Years of Age						Number
	Total	0	1	2	3	4 & Over	
Total	5,155	2,594	1,402	913	223	23	
Under 5	649	453	154	41	1	-	
5 - 9	1,845	1,081	517	216	29	2	
10 - 14	965	333	295	282	49	6	
15 - 19	647	116	171	246	103	11	
20 - 24	454	123	172	117	38	4	
25 - 29	290	199	78	10	3	-	
30 & Over	305	289	15	1	-	-	

Table A2.16

**Divorces under the Women's Charter by (A) Duration of Marriage;
(B) Petitioner and Reason for Divorce, 2008**

	Number					
	Total	Live Apart/ Separately	Unreasonable Behaviour	Desertion	Adultery	Others
Total	5,155	2,611	2,397	81	64	2
Duration of Marriage (Years)						
Under 5	649	201	418	25	4	1
5 – 9	1,845	949	841	31	23	1
10 – 14	965	502	441	7	15	-
15 – 19	647	350	285	5	7	-
20 – 24	454	254	190	4	6	-
25 – 29	290	166	116	3	5	-
30 & Over	305	189	106	6	4	-
Petitioner						
Husband	1,738	1,105	562	51	19	1
Wife	3,417	1,506	1,835	30	45	1

Table A2.17

**Divorces under the Women's Charter by Reason for Divorce
and Ethnic Group of Couple, 2008**

	Number				
Reason for Divorce	Total	Chinese	Indians	Others	Inter – ethnic Group
Total	5,155	4,323	340	48	428
Live Apart / Separately	2,611	2,213	155	27	208
Unreasonable Behaviour	2,397	2,003	177	20	189
Desertion	81	48	6	-	27
Adultery	64	57	2	1	4
Others	2	2	-	-	-

Note: Total *includes* male and female divorcees whose ethnic group were not reported.

Table A2.18

**Divorces under the Women's Charter by Reason for Divorce,
Age Group and Sex of Divorcees, 2008**

Reason for Divorce	Age Group (Years)								
	Total	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & Over	Un-known
	Male Divorcees								
Total	5,155	29	325	1,026	1,132	870	719	1,032	22
Live Apart / Separately	2,611	10	124	501	565	441	373	591	6
Unreasonable Behaviour	2,397	18	192	503	537	401	326	407	13
Desertion	81	1	3	11	18	12	12	23	1
Adultery	64	-	6	10	12	15	8	11	2
Others	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
	Female Divorcees								
Total	5,155	133	748	1,289	1,081	747	549	587	21
Live Apart / Separately	2,611	49	339	635	525	380	315	362	6
Unreasonable Behaviour	2,397	80	376	624	529	348	218	210	12
Desertion	81	4	21	21	10	6	10	8	1
Adultery	64	-	10	9	17	13	6	7	2
Others	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table A2.19

**Muslim Divorces by (A) Ethnic Group of Couple
and (B) Duration of Marriage, 1998 – 2008**

	Number										
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total	1,465	1,563	1,607	1,347	1,532	2,105	1,855	1,873	1,944	1,747	1,697
Ethnic Group											
Malays	1,141	1,183	1,131	1,015	1,148	1,640	1,425	1,481	1,460	1,305	1,253
Indians	58	52	76	55	93	86	68	69	97	94	59
Others	20	14	40	12	8	6	10	8	6	8	19
Inter – ethnic Group	246	314	360	265	283	373	352	315	379	339	366
Duration of Marriage (Years)											
Under 5	464	447	539	467	506	741	643	649	654	578	555
5 – 9	402	434	404	330	388	512	517	488	526	475	458
10 – 14	256	257	264	205	275	342	283	269	299	253	267
15 – 19	179	191	191	146	174	247	176	219	198	189	177
20 – 24	82	115	96	99	100	145	112	135	130	128	117
25 – 29	35	73	67	59	50	62	71	57	79	72	72
30 & Over	47	46	46	41	39	56	53	56	58	52	51
Median Duration (Years)	8.1	8.8	8.1	8.0	8.5	7.7	7.1	7.6	7.8	7.8	8.0

Note: Total in 2006 and 2007 *include* female divorcees whose ethnic group were not reported.

Table A2.20

Muslim Divorces by Age Group and Sex of Divorcees, 1998 – 2008

Age Group (Years)	Number										
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	Male Divorcees										
Total	1,465	1,563	1,607	1,347	1,532	2,105	1,855	1,873	1,944	1,747	1,697
Under 25	57	66	77	72	75	104	126	109	114	103	79
25 – 29	203	204	229	192	203	276	258	250	264	241	223
30 – 34	326	322	286	253	273	421	386	381	391	336	325
35 – 39	342	343	354	263	378	464	382	356	349	296	301
40 – 44	240	251	284	251	265	373	295	312	344	288	297
45 – 49	121	167	167	158	157	217	178	226	244	238	205
50 – 54	81	99	101	77	92	134	115	117	120	129	133
55 – 59	40	46	36	33	34	54	57	62	80	57	85
60 & Over	55	65	73	48	55	62	58	60	38	59	49
Median Age (Years)	36.2	37.2	37.9	38.0	37.9	37.8	37.4	37.1	38.0	37.9	38.4
	Female Divorcees										
Total	1,465	1,563	1,607	1,347	1,532	2,105	1,855	1,873	1,944	1,747	1,697
Under 25	177	177	213	194	201	273	271	238	270	246	193
25 – 29	292	288	297	270	274	399	373	349	365	325	319
30 – 34	332	331	315	231	305	427	400	394	389	334	342
35 – 39	278	294	323	257	294	398	303	323	328	282	275
40 – 44	189	237	204	195	222	290	230	258	271	253	232
45 – 49	118	117	120	102	120	171	144	152	175	169	175
50 – 54	44	70	84	55	60	93	69	96	90	74	82
55 – 59	16	29	25	25	31	27	35	41	36	42	60
60 & Over	19	20	26	18	25	27	30	22	20	22	19
Median Age (Years)	33.9	34.8	34.7	34.5	34.6	34.4	33.5	34.3	34.3	34.6	34.9

Table A2.21**Muslim Divorces by Ethnic Group of Couple
January – December 2008**

Month	Total	Malays	Indians	Others	Number
					Inter – ethnic Group
Total	1,697	1,253	59	19	366
January	167	128	5	1	33
February	154	113	6	-	35
March	153	109	5	5	34
April	177	130	8	1	38
May	108	71	4	3	30
June	129	91	6	2	30
July	135	111	3	1	20
August	141	107	8	1	25
September	150	107	4	1	38
October	134	100	6	1	27
November	134	101	2	1	30
December	115	85	2	2	26

Table A2.22**Muslim Divorces by Previous Marital Status and
Ethnic Group of Couple, 2008**

Previous Marital Status	Total	Malays	Indians	Others	Number
					Inter – ethnic Group
Total	1,697	1,253	59	19	366
Bachelor & Spinster	1,214	890	49	15	260
Widow	-	-	-	-	-
Divorcee	150	109	1	3	37
Widower & Spinster	1	1	-	-	-
Widow	1	1	-	-	-
Divorcee	1	1	-	-	-
Divorcee & Spinster	95	67	1	1	26
Widow	4	3	-	-	1
Divorcee	228	180	6	-	42
Married Man & Spinster	2	1	1	-	-
Widow	-	-	-	-	-
Divorcee	1	-	1	-	-

Table A2.23

Muslim Inter – ethnic Group Divorces by Ethnic Group of Male and Female Divorcees, 2008

Ethnic Group of Male Divorcees	Ethnic Group of Female Divorcees				
	Total	Malays	Indians	Chinese	Others
Total	366	211	61	36	58
Malays	125	-	45	32	48
Indians	118	111	-	2	5
Chinese	41	34	2	-	5
Others	82	66	14	2	-

Table A2.24

Muslim Divorces by Age Group of Male and Female Divorcees, 2008

Age Group of Male Divorcees (Years)	Age Group of Female Divorcees (Years)									
	Total	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 & Over
Total	1,697	193	319	342	275	232	175	82	60	19
Under 25	79	70	8	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
25 – 29	223	73	123	17	6	3	1	-	-	-
30 – 34	325	29	128	138	19	6	1	3	1	-
35 – 39	301	12	33	118	111	18	7	1	1	-
40 – 44	297	6	20	52	101	91	21	5	1	-
45 – 49	205	2	6	10	28	73	66	10	9	1
50 – 54	133	1	1	5	7	28	55	26	10	-
55 – 59	85	-	-	1	3	9	18	31	19	4
60 & Over	49	-	-	1	-	3	6	6	19	14

Table A2.25

Muslim Divorces by Age Group, Ethnic Group and Sex of Divorcees, 2008

Age Group (Years)	Number			
	Total	Malays	Indians	Others
	Male Divorcees			
Total	1,697	1,378	177	142
Under 25	79	70	5	4
25 – 29	223	181	23	19
30 – 34	325	260	39	26
35 – 39	301	246	33	22
40 – 44	297	245	24	28
45 – 49	205	162	24	19
50 – 54	133	111	11	11
55 – 59	85	65	12	8
60 & Over	49	38	6	5
	Female Divorcees			
Total	1,697	1,464	120	113
Under 25	193	182	3	8
25 – 29	319	271	24	24
30 – 34	342	283	26	33
35 – 39	275	235	23	17
40 – 44	232	199	19	14
45 – 49	175	154	12	9
50 – 54	82	71	9	2
55 – 59	60	51	4	5
60 & Over	19	18	-	1

Table A2.26**Muslim Divorces by Age Group and Previous Marital Status
of Male Divorcees, 2008**

Age Group (Years)	Number			
	Total	Bachelor	Divorcee	Others
Total	1,697	1,364	327	6
Under 25	79	77	1	1
25 – 29	223	207	16	-
30 – 34	325	291	33	1
35 – 39	301	248	53	-
40 – 44	297	233	64	-
45 – 49	205	140	64	1
50 – 54	133	94	39	-
55 – 59	85	52	33	-
60 & Over	49	22	24	3

Table A2.27**Muslim Divorces by Age Group and Previous Marital Status
of Female Divorcees, 2008**

Age Group (Years)	Number			
	Total	Spinster	Divorcee	Others
Total	1,697	1,312	380	5
Under 25	193	182	11	-
25 – 29	319	292	27	-
30 – 34	342	269	73	-
35 – 39	275	202	73	-
40 – 44	232	159	72	1
45 – 49	175	110	65	-
50 – 54	82	61	20	1
55 – 59	60	32	27	1
60 & Over	19	5	12	2

Table A2.28

Muslim Divorces by Age Group, Occupation and Sex of Divorcees, 2008

Age Group (Years)	Number							
	Total	Profes- sional & Technical	Admin- istrative & Managerial	Clerical	Sales & Services	Production & Related Workers	Others	Not Working
	Male Divorcees							
Total	1,697	222	53	51	605	49	297	420
Under 25	79	7	-	1	34	3	12	22
25 – 29	223	37	6	7	79	5	30	59
30 – 34	325	43	12	11	126	8	46	79
35 – 39	301	49	17	9	108	6	44	68
40 – 44	297	38	10	13	97	13	64	62
45 – 49	205	24	4	5	82	5	53	32
50 – 54	133	15	3	4	31	8	28	44
55 – 59	85	6	1	1	39	1	13	24
60 & Over	49	3	-	-	9	-	7	30
	Female Divorcees							
Total	1,697	152	45	308	412	10	160	610
Under 25	193	16	1	39	59	-	5	73
25 – 29	319	31	9	73	92	3	18	93
30 – 34	342	44	12	89	71	1	22	103
35 – 39	275	23	11	47	57	2	26	109
40 – 44	232	22	6	32	53	4	43	72
45 – 49	175	9	4	21	45	-	27	69
50 – 54	82	1	2	4	21	-	12	42
55 – 59	60	5	-	3	12	-	5	35
60 & Over	19	1	-	-	2	-	2	14

Table A2.29**Muslim Divorces by Occupation of Male and Female Divorcees, 2008**

Occupation of Male Divorcees	Occupation of Female Divorcees							
	Total	Professional & Technical	Administrative & Managerial	Clerical	Sales & Services	Production & Related Workers	Others	Not Working
Total	1,697	152	45	308	412	10	160	610
Professional & Technical	222	44	12	50	36	3	9	68
Administrative & Managerial	53	6	9	14	8	-	1	15
Clerical	51	3	1	13	15	-	1	18
Sales & Services	605	46	13	107	166	-	48	225
Production & Related Workers	49	3	1	6	16	3	7	13
Others	297	15	3	51	69	3	38	118
Not Working	420	35	6	67	102	1	56	153

Table A2.30**Muslim Divorces by Age at Marriage of Male and Female Divorcees, 2008**

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
Total	1,697	304	693	331	161	88	120
Under 20	73	59	13	1	-	-	-
20 – 24	498	163	284	36	10	2	3
25 – 29	554	56	285	166	30	12	5
30 – 34	251	17	71	83	56	15	9
35 – 39	147	7	28	32	41	26	13
40 & Over	174	2	12	13	24	33	90

Table A2.31

**Muslim Divorces by Age at Marriage, Ethnic Group
and Sex of Divorcees, 2008**

Age at Marriage (Years)	Number			
	Total	Malays	Indians	Others
	Male Divorcees			
Total	1,697	1,378	177	142
Under 20	73	68	5	-
20 – 24	498	410	56	32
25 – 29	554	437	65	52
30 – 34	251	206	19	26
35 – 39	147	121	13	13
40 & Over	174	136	19	19
	Female Divorcees			
Total	1,697	1,464	120	113
Under 20	304	273	17	14
20 – 24	693	605	46	42
25 – 29	331	274	27	30
30 – 34	161	134	11	16
35 – 39	88	76	7	5
40 & Over	120	102	12	6

Table A2.32

Muslim Divorces by Duration of Marriage and Ethnic Group of Couple, 2008

Duration of Marriage (Years)	Number				
	Total	Malays	Indians	Others	Inter – ethnic Group
Total	1,697	1,253	59	19	366
Under 5	555	412	15	9	119
5 – 9	458	319	16	4	119
10 – 14	267	209	8	3	47
15 – 19	177	132	7	1	37
20 – 24	117	87	6	-	24
25 – 29	72	56	5	-	11
30 & Over	51	38	2	2	9
Median Duration (Years)	8.0	8.1	9.0	5.4	7.8

Table A2.33

Muslim Divorces by Duration of Marriage and Number of Dependent Children, 2008

Duration of Marriage (Years)	Number					
	Number of Dependent Children Under 18 Years of Age					
	Total	0	1	2	3	4 & Over
Total	1,697	646	459	358	157	77
Under 5	555	275	200	68	9	3
5 – 9	458	150	122	130	42	14
10 – 14	267	60	39	73	58	37
15 – 19	177	30	37	51	39	20
20 – 24	117	41	41	25	8	2
25 – 29	72	41	18	11	1	1
30 & Over	51	49	2	-	-	-

Table A2.34

Muslim Divorces by Duration of Marriage, Occupation and Sex of Divorcees, 2008

Duration of Marriage (Years)								Number
	Total	Professional & Technical	Administrative & Managerial	Clerical	Sales & Services	Production & Related Workers	Others	Not Working
	Male Divorcees							
Total	1,697	222	53	51	605	49	297	420
Under 5	555	80	15	16	187	15	86	156
5 – 9	458	57	16	15	184	13	72	101
10 – 14	267	44	8	10	90	10	48	57
15 – 19	177	16	11	5	60	6	47	32
20 – 24	117	8	2	3	47	1	25	31
25 – 29	72	11	1	1	22	4	11	22
30 & Over	51	6	-	1	15	-	8	21
	Female Divorcees							
Total	1,697	152	45	308	412	10	160	610
Under 5	555	58	13	118	151	4	29	182
5 – 9	458	44	15	99	109	2	27	162
10 – 14	267	19	8	51	49	2	29	109
15 – 19	177	15	3	27	41	2	36	53
20 – 24	117	5	5	7	36	-	21	43
25 – 29	72	7	1	5	20	-	11	28
30 & Over	51	4	-	1	6	-	7	33

Table A2.35

Muslim Divorces by Duration of Marriage, Age Group and Sex of Divorcees, 2008

Duration of Marriage (Years)	Age Group (Years)								Number
	Total	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & Over	
	Male Divorcees								
Total	1,697	79	223	325	301	297	205	267	
Under 5	555	72	154	134	67	59	37	32	
5 – 9	458	7	66	153	113	62	25	32	
10 – 14	267	-	3	38	99	65	27	35	
15 – 19	177	-	-	-	22	84	40	31	
20 – 24	117	-	-	-	-	26	57	34	
25 – 29	72	-	-	-	-	1	19	52	
30 & Over	51	-	-	-	-	-	-	51	
	Female Divorcees								
Total	1,697	193	319	342	275	232	175	161	
Under 5	555	161	171	94	43	36	27	23	
5 – 9	458	32	136	151	54	43	24	18	
10 – 14	267	-	12	93	97	27	20	18	
15 – 19	177	-	-	4	74	58	28	13	
20 – 24	117	-	-	-	7	63	27	20	
25 – 29	72	-	-	-	-	5	44	23	
30 & Over	51	-	-	-	-	-	5	46	

Table A2.36

**Muslim Divorces by (A) Duration of Marriage;
(B) Petitioner and Reason for Divorce, 2008**

	Number										
	Total	Infidelity	Desertion	DRC / Imprisonment	Person- ality Differ- ence	Neglect/ Indiffe- rence/ Irrespo- nsibility	Assault	Inadeq- uate Mainte- nance	Nagging / Complain- ing	Verbal Abuse	Other Reasons*
Total	1,697	391	68	45	309	103	156	180	2	194	249
Duration of Marriage (Years)											
Under 5	555	102	20	25	99	40	61	58	-	62	88
5 – 9	458	98	21	12	96	27	42	48	1	49	64
10 – 14	267	68	10	4	47	16	25	25	-	34	38
15 – 19	177	49	9	2	36	12	9	18	1	15	26
20 – 24	117	35	5	1	15	2	12	14	-	16	17
25 – 29	72	21	1	1	10	4	4	14	-	11	6
30 & Over	51	18	2	-	6	2	3	3	-	7	10
Petitioner											
Husband	527	113	28	4	165	33	26	18	1	50	89
Wife	1,087	265	40	41	120	70	127	158	1	140	125
Joint	83	13	-	-	24	-	3	4	-	4	35

* Other Reasons include Drug Addiction, Sexual Problems, Problems with In-Laws and Drinking Problems

Table A2.37

Muslim Divorces by Reason for Divorce and Ethnic Group of Couple, 2008

Reason for Divorce	Number				
	Total	Malays	Indians	Others	Inter-ethnic Group
Total	1,697	1,253	59	19	366
Infidelity	391	305	9	5	72
Desertion	68	44	5	-	19
DRC / Imprisonment	45	39	-	-	6
Personality Difference	309	221	7	7	74
Neglect / Indifference / Irresponsibility	103	76	3	1	23
Assault	156	112	8	1	35
Inadequate Maintenance	180	139	4	3	34
Nagging / Complaining	2	1	-	-	1
Verbal Abuse	194	144	9	-	41
Other Reasons*	249	172	14	2	61

* Other Reasons include Drug Addiction, Sexual Problems, Problems with In-Laws and Drinking Problems.

Table A2.38

Muslim Divorces by Reason for Divorce, Age Group and Sex of Divorcees, 2008

Reason for Divorce	Number							
	Age Group (Years)							
	Total	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & Over
Male Divorcees								
Total	1,697	79	223	325	301	297	205	267
Infidelity	391	14	49	70	65	66	53	74
Desertion	68	4	6	11	11	16	7	13
DRC / Imprisonment	45	4	7	8	8	12	2	4
Personality Difference	309	10	29	69	67	57	37	40
Neglect / Indifference / Irresponsibility	103	6	18	22	17	15	8	17
Assault	156	11	30	31	28	23	22	11
Inadequate Maintenance	180	10	20	29	30	33	26	32
Nagging / Complaining	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Verbal Abuse	194	10	35	36	39	20	19	35
Other Reasons*	249	10	29	48	36	54	31	41
Female Divorcees								
Total	1,697	193	319	342	275	232	175	161
Infidelity	391	34	71	72	68	56	49	41
Desertion	68	8	16	7	12	4	12	9
DRC / Imprisonment	45	11	10	9	5	6	3	1
Personality Difference	309	27	47	82	53	51	21	28
Neglect / Indifference / Irresponsibility	103	16	23	16	19	12	10	7
Assault	156	29	40	27	22	17	13	8
Inadequate Maintenance	180	22	28	34	27	26	21	22
Nagging / Complaining	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Verbal Abuse	194	22	45	47	23	17	24	16
Other Reasons*	249	24	38	48	45	43	22	29

* Other Reasons include Drug Addiction, Sexual Problems, Problems with In-Laws and Drinking Problems.

Table A2.39

**Muslim Divorces by Reason for Divorce, Occupation
and Sex of Divorcees, 2008**

Reason for Divorce	Number							
	Total	Profes- sional & Technical	Admin- istrative & Managerial	Clerical	Sales & Services	Production & Related Workers	Others	Not Working
	Male Divorcees							
Total	1,697	222	53	51	605	49	297	420
Infidelity	391	55	13	14	164	8	64	73
Desertion	68	11	1	1	13	1	10	31
DRC / Imprisonment	45	1	-	-	2	1	1	40
Personality Difference	309	45	15	13	129	6	60	41
Neglect / Indifference / Irresponsibility	103	8	3	2	34	9	24	23
Assault	156	17	4	7	62	4	18	44
Inadequate Maintenance	180	17	5	6	60	4	34	54
Nagging / Complaining	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Verbal Abuse	194	28	3	2	65	4	39	53
Other Reasons*	249	40	9	6	75	11	47	61
	Female Divorcees							
Total	1,697	152	45	308	412	10	160	610
Infidelity	391	33	15	61	89	-	44	149
Desertion	68	2	1	7	16	-	8	34
DRC / Imprisonment	45	5	-	8	10	-	4	18
Personality Difference	309	35	10	65	66	1	26	106
Neglect / Indifference / Irresponsibility	103	11	-	14	29	1	5	43
Assault	156	14	3	34	41	-	14	50
Inadequate Maintenance	180	18	8	37	51	4	18	44
Nagging / Complaining	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Verbal Abuse	194	15	4	46	40	-	19	70
Other Reasons*	249	19	4	36	70	4	21	95

* Other Reasons include Drug Addiction, Sexual Problems, Problems with In-Laws and Drinking Problems.

Table A2.40

**Annulments under the Women's Charter by Ethnic Group of Couple,
1998 – 2008**

	Number										
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total	262	249	217	252	287	268	341	340	412	429	368
Ethnic Group											
Chinese	222	206	185	218	230	223	247	278	329	364	291
Indians	30	31	18	12	23	16	29	30	34	27	25
Others	-	1	3	8	3	6	-	-	2	3	5
Inter – ethnic Group	10	11	11	14	31	23	20	29	45	34	46
Median Age (Years)											
Husband	29.9	30.4	30.3	30.6	31.2	31.2	30.7	31.5	32.7	33.0	33.0
Wife	27.1	26.7	27.3	27.1	28.4	28.3	28.1	28.5	29.3	29.2	28.9
Duration of Marriage (Years)											
Under 1	29	25	19	20	28	23	34	38	61	40	29
1	112	90	67	97	99	81	113	105	121	171	127
2	67	72	84	68	81	76	109	90	95	102	112
3	31	29	35	45	33	50	44	53	52	55	52
4	14	11	6	10	20	17	23	21	14	14	19
5 & Over	9	22	6	12	26	21	18	33	69	47	29
Median Duration (Years)	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.0	2.3

Note: Total for 2004 onwards *include* males and females whose ethnic group were not reported.

Table A2.41

Annulments under the Women's Charter by Age Group of Husbands and Wives, 2008

Age Group of Husbands (Years)	Age Group of Wives (Years)						Number
	Total	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 & Over	
Total	368	59	150	106	32	21	
Under 25	12	9	2	1	-	-	
25 – 29	103	21	73	6	2	1	
30 – 34	118	7	52	51	5	3	
35 – 39	61	4	15	27	14	1	
40 & Over	74	18	8	21	11	16	

Table A2.42

Annulments under the Women's Charter by Duration of Marriage and Age Group of Husbands and Wives, 2008

Duration of Marriage (Years)	Total	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 & Over
Husbands						
Total	368	12	103	118	61	74
Under 1	29	2	7	7	4	9
1	127	7	41	41	17	21
2	112	2	31	38	16	25
3	52	1	19	17	7	8
4	19	-	4	7	6	2
5 & Over	29	-	1	8	11	9
Wives						
Total	368	59	150	106	32	21
Under 1	29	13	9	5	2	-
1	127	30	57	29	6	5
2	112	9	51	35	11	6
3	52	4	28	14	3	3
4	19	3	3	9	4	-
5 & Over	29	-	2	14	6	7

Table A2.43

**Annulments under the Women's Charter by Ethnic Group of Couple,
January – December 2008**

Month	Total	Chinese	Indians	Others	Number
					Inter – ethnic Group
Total	368	291	25	5	46
January	29	21	2	-	6
February	32	28	2	-	2
March	33	28	2	-	3
April	37	28	2	1	6
May	26	22	-	-	4
June	31	28	-	-	3
July	26	23	2	-	1
August	20	13	3	-	4
September	30	20	3	1	5
October	44	34	5	1	4
November	22	19	1	1	1
December	38	27	3	1	7

Note: Total *includes* males and females whose ethnic group were not reported.



GLOSSARY

Age-Specific Marriage Rate

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

"Inter-Ethnic" marriages refer to marriages where both the groom and bride are of different ethnicity.

For marriages registered under the Muslim Law Act,

"Others" comprises Muslim couples of the same ethnicity from other ethnic groups besides Malays and Indians.

"Inter-Ethnic" marriages refer to marriages where both the groom and bride are of different ethnicity.

General Marriage Rate

The number of marriages registered among unmarried population aged 15-44 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 population aged 20 years and over during the year, out of every thousand married population in the same age group.



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