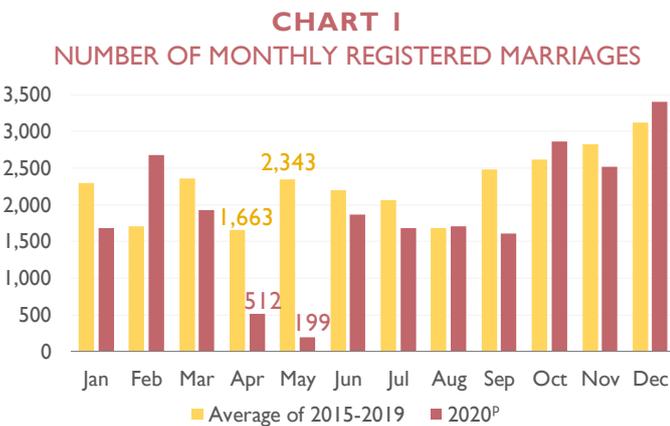


# Do You Know: Impact of COVID-19 on Marriages in Singapore

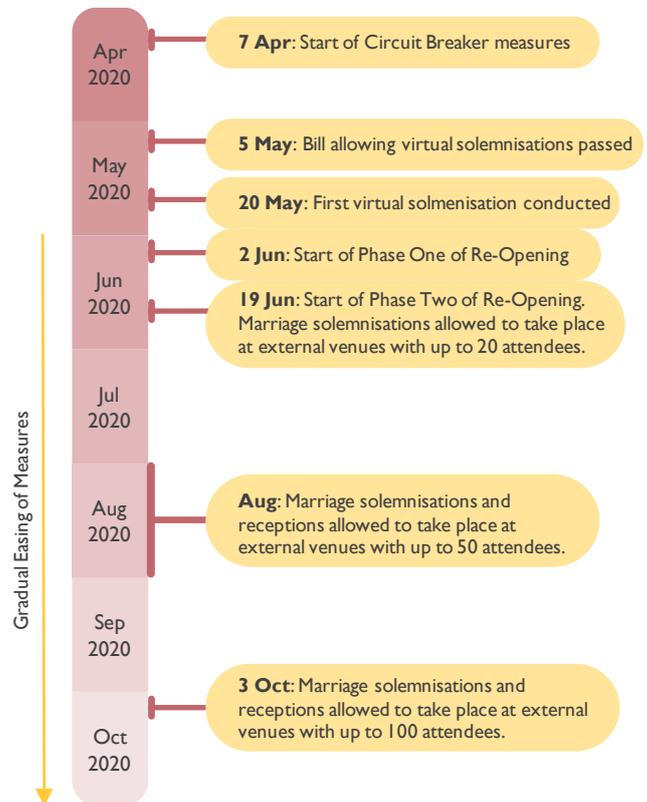
2020 was an unprecedented and challenging year with the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, affecting many aspects of Singaporeans' lives, including the registration of marriages.

There were 22,649 registered marriages<sup>1</sup> in 2020, 17 per cent lower than the annual average number of marriages registered between 2015 and 2019. The most significant dip in the number of registered marriages were in the months of April and May, when the number of marriages declined 69 per cent and 92 per cent respectively (Chart 1), affected by the Circuit Breaker (CB) measures implemented from 7 Apr to 1 Jun 2020.



Note: The 2020 marriage data presented in this article are preliminary as at the time of release of the article. The finalised annual data on marriages will be made available around mid-2021 on the [SingStat Website](#)<sup>2</sup>.

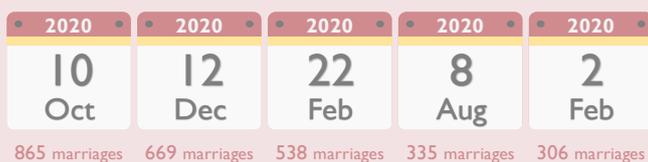
## Timeline on Impact of COVID-19 on Registration of Marriages



Note: For the latest update on COVID-19 wedding restrictions after 2020, please visit MOH's [website](#).

## Do You Know?

While COVID-19 has resulted in fewer number of marriages registered, it has not deterred some couples from marrying on “popular dates” in 2020. The five most popular dates were as follows:



The number of marriages registered on these dates were higher than the daily average of 75 marriages from 2015 - 2019. In fact, the number of registrations in August, October and December were higher in 2020 compared to the average registration numbers in the corresponding months in 2015 - 2019.

In 2020, 662 couples solemnised their marriages via video link<sup>3</sup>.

1 Statistics on marriages include those registered under the Women's Charter maintained by the Registry of Marriages, as well as those registered under the Administration of Muslim Law Act maintained by the Registry of Muslim Marriages.  
 2 The latest annual/monthly data on marriages by ethnic group of couple is available on the [SingStat Table Builder](#) from the following tables:  
 • [Marriages Under the Women's Charter by Ethnic Group of Couple and Month of Marriage, Annual](#);  
 • [Marriages Under the Administration of Muslim Law Act by Ethnic Group of Couple and Month of Marriage, Annual](#)  
 3 The government passed the [COVID-19 \(Temporary Measures for Solemnisation and Registration of Marriages\) Bill](#) on 5 May 2020. This allowed marriage solemnisations and registrations to be conducted remotely via video link in the online presence of their witnesses.