

PRESS RELEASE

Statistics on Marriages and Divorces, 2025

Marriages Continued to Decline in 2025; Lower Marriage Rates and Higher Median Age at First Marriage in 2025 compared to 2015

1. A total of 24,688 marriages were registered in 2025, 6.2% lower than the 26,328 marriages registered in 2024. Over the last decade (excluding 2020 – 2022)¹, the average number of marriages registered per year between 2023 and 2025 was 26,442, lower than the 27,156 in the period between 2016 and 2019, reflecting a longer-term downward trend.

2. General marriage rates² for both males and females in 2025 were lower than a decade ago. There were 39.1 marriages per thousand unmarried males aged 15 to 49 years in 2025, down from 44.2 in 2015. Similarly, there were 38.1 marriages per thousand unmarried females aged 15 to 49 years in 2025, down from 41.1 in 2015.

3. The median ages at first marriage for grooms and brides were 31.1 years and 29.6 years respectively in 2025, up from 30.3 years for grooms and 28.2 years for brides a decade ago, reflecting the continuing trend towards later marriages.

Fewer Marital Dissolutions in 2025 compared to 2024; Lower Divorce Rates and Higher Median Age at Divorce in 2025 compared to 2015

4. In 2025, a total of 7,242 marriages ended in a divorce or an annulment, a 1.9% decrease from the 7,382 marital dissolutions in 2024. Over the last decade (excluding 2020 – 2022)³, the average number of marital dissolutions per year between 2023 and 2025 (7,247) was lower than the average in the period between 2016 and 2019 (7,540).

5. The general divorce rates⁴ were lower for both males and females in 2025 compared to a decade ago. There were 6.1 marital dissolutions for every thousand married males aged 20 years and over in 2025, a decline from 7.1 in 2015.

¹ Data for 2020-2022 have been excluded from the average due to fluctuations in the number of marriages arising from disruptions in marriage plans due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

² General marriage rate refers to the number of marriages registered among residents aged 15 to 49 years during the year, out of every thousand unmarried residents in the same age group.

³ Data for 2020-2022 have been excluded from the average as the number of dissolutions fluctuated between 2020 and 2022 due to disruption in divorce proceedings from the COVID-19 pandemic and changes in Syariah Court operations. Court services were temporarily closed in late 2022 as the Syariah Court was preparing for the launch of new divorce e-services.

⁴ General divorce rate refers to the number of divorces and annulments granted to married residents aged 20 years and over during the year, out of every thousand married residents in the same age group.

Similarly, there were 5.8 marital dissolutions for every thousand married females aged 20 years and over in 2025, down from 6.6 in 2015.

6. The median age at divorce rose over the last ten years, from 42.9 years in 2015 to 44.3 years in 2025 for male divorcees, and from 38.8 years to 41.2 years for female divorcees.

7. The median duration of marriage for divorces in 2025 was 11.5 years, longer than the 10.0 years in 2015. Couples who were married for 5 to 9 years made up the largest share, accounting for 27.6% of divorces in 2025.

Lower Dissolution Rates Before the 10th Marriage Anniversary Among the 2006-2014 Resident Marriage Cohorts⁵ than the 2005 Marriage Cohort

8. Compared with the 2005 marriage cohort, the 2006 to 2014 marriage cohorts had lower dissolution rates before the 10th marriage anniversary. The cumulative proportion of resident marriages that dissolved before the 10th anniversary declined from 17.0% for the 2005 marriage cohort to 13.5% for the 2014 marriage cohort.

9. The proportion of resident marriages that dissolved was the highest between the 5th and before the 10th anniversary, as compared to other 5-year intervals. From the 10th anniversary onwards, the proportion of marriages that dissolved decreased with each subsequent 5-year interval.

10. The report on ‘Statistics on Marriages and Divorces, 2025’ and accompanying materials are available on the SingStat Website at <https://www.singstat.gov.sg/news/statistics-on-marriages-and-divorces-2025>.

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⁵ Resident marriage cohorts refer to marriages contracted in a particular year between persons where either or both are Singapore citizens or permanent residents. Data on marriage cohort dissolution rates are based on local marriage and dissolution records up to 2024.