

South Africa - Marriages and Divorces 2020

Statistics South Africa

Report generated on: September 1, 2022

Visit our data catalog at: <https://www.datafirst.uct.ac.za/dataportal/index.php>

Identification

SURVEY ID NUMBER
zaf-statssa-md-2020-v1

TITLE
Marriages and Divorces 2020

COUNTRY

Name	Country code
South Africa	zaf

STUDY TYPE
Administrative Data

ABSTRACT

The Marriages and Divorces (MD) dataset is one of three primary sources of marriage and divorce statistics in South Africa. Unlike the other two sources (population censuses and household sample surveys), the MD dataset is compiled from administrative data and based on continuous recording (i.e. from civil registration systems and administrative records). Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) regularly publishes a series of data on marriages and divorces, with the first dataset in the series beginning in 2006. The most recent dataset in the series is MD 2020.

Marriage data: Data on marriages for citizens and permanent residents are obtained from registered marriage records that are collected through the civil registration systems of the Department of Home Affairs (DHA). South Africa recognises three types of marriages by law: civil marriages, customary marriages and civil unions. Before 2008, marriage data only covered civil marriages. The registration of customary marriages and civil unions began in 2003 and 2007 respectively. However from 2008 onwards, Stats SA began publishing available data on customary marriages and civil unions.

Divorce data: Data on divorces are obtained from various regional courts that deal with divorce matters. The data are based on successful divorce cases that have been issued with a decree of divorce by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (DoJCD). Divorce cases come from marriages that were registered in different years as well as divorce cases that were filed in different years but whose divorce decrees were granted in the relevant year of collection.

NOTE: although both the data on marriages and divorces are collected in the same year, the data sets are not linked to each other.

KIND OF DATA
Administrative records

UNIT OF ANALYSIS
Individuals

Version

VERSION DESCRIPTION
v1: Edited, anonymised dataset for public distribution

VERSION DATE
2022

Scope

NOTES

Marriage data covers: province of registration, date and type of marriage (religious or civil) and age (and age difference) and status (e.g. single/widow/divorcee) of marital couple.

Divorce data includes: individual level data: Age, gender and population group, status, and occupation and number of

children. Data is also collected on the marriage (date, number, type and duration, and matrimonial property system) and the divorce (date of separation and date of divorce).

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

The data has national coverage.

GEOGRAPHIC UNIT

The lowest level of geographic aggregation covered by the data is province

UNIVERSE

The data covers all civil marriages that were recorded by the Department of Home Affairs and all divorce applications that were granted by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development in 2020 in South Africa.

Producers and sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name	Affiliation
Statistics South Africa	Government of South Africa

PRODUCERS

Name	Affiliation	Role
Department of Home Affairs	Government of South Africa	Data producer
Department of Justice and Constitutional Development	Government of South Africa	Data producer

Data Collection

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
2020-01-01	2020-12-31

DATA COLLECTION MODE

Other

DATA COLLECTION NOTES

The marriage data is provided to Statistics South Africa by the South African Department of Home Affairs (DHA) from their marriage registration database based on registration forms.

The divorce data is obtained by Statistic South Africa from the South African Department of Justice and Constitutional Development from administrative records on divorces granted for civil marriages by its divorce courts.

Data Appraisal

DATA APPRAISAL

Geography is problematic in this dataset as not all the data files have geographic data. The Civil Marriages and Civil Unions data files include a Province of Registration variable but the Customary Marriages data file does not. There is also no geographical data in the Divorces file. As this data file includes divorce data from only a subset of divorce courts, this lack of geographical information compromises its usability.

Access policy

ACCESS CONDITIONS

Public access data for use under a Creative Commons CC-BY (Attribution-only) License

CITATION REQUIREMENTS

Statistics South Africa. Marriages and Divorces 2020 [dataset]. Version 1. Pretoria: Statistics South Africa [producer], 2022. Cape Town: DataFirst [distributor], 2022. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.25828/pky5-3507>

ACCESS AUTHORITY

Name	Affiliation	Email	URL
DataFirst	University of Cape Town	support@data1st.org	Link

Disclaimer and copyrights

COPYRIGHT

Copyright 2013, Statistics South Africa

Metadata production

DDI DOCUMENT ID

ddi-zaf-datafirst-md-2014-v1

PRODUCERS

Name	Affiliation	Role
DataFirst	University of Cape Town	Metadata producer

DATE OF METADATA PRODUCTION

2022-09-01

DDI DOCUMENT VERSION

Version 2

Data Description

Data file	Cases	Variables
md-2020-civil-marriages-v1	1000	9
md-2020-civil-unions-v1	1000	6
md-2020-customary-marriages-v1	1000	6
md-2020-divorces-v1	1000	24

Data file: md-2020-civil-marriages-v1

Cases: 1000

Variables: 9

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V46	ProvinceCode	Name of Province	
V47	MarriageMonth	Month of Marriage	
V48	MarriageYear	Year of Marriage	
V49	SolemnisationCode	Way of Solemnisation	
V50	BridegroomStatusCode	Marital status of Bridegroom	
V51	BrideStatusCode	Marital status of Bride	
V52	BridegroomAge	Age of Bridegroom	
V53	BrideAge	Age of Bride	
V54	AgeDiff	Age difference between bridegroom and bride	

Total: 9

Data file: md-2020-civil-unions-v1

Cases: 1000

Variables: 6

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V55	ProvinceCode	Name of Province	
V56	RegistrationMonth	Month of Registration	
V57	RegistrationYear	Year of Registration	
V58	Spouse1Age	Age of Spouses-1	
V59	Spouse2Age	Age of Spouses-2	
V60	AgeDiff	Age difference between Spouses-1 and Spouses-2	

Total: 6

Data file: md-2020-customary-marriages-v1

Cases: 1000

Variables: 6

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V61	ProvinceCode	Name of Province	
V62	MarriageYear	Year of Marriage	
V63	RegistrationYear	Year of Registration	
V64	BridegroomAge	Age of Bridegroom	
V65	BrideAge	Age of Bride	
V66	AgeDiff	Age difference between bridegroom and bride	

Total: 6

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Cases: 1000

Variables: 24

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V67	ProvinceCode	Name of Province	
V68	MaleRace	Population group of husband	
V69	FemaleRace	Population group of wife	
V70	CoupleRace	Population group of couple	
V71	MaleOccupation	Occupation of Husband	
V72	FemaleOccupation	Occupation of wife	
V73	PlaintiffSex	Sex of plaintiff	
V74	MaleStatus	Marital status of husband	
V75	FemaleStatus	Marital status of wife	
V76	MaleNoTimesMarried	Number of times husband married	
V77	FemaleNoTimesMarried	Number of times wife married	
V78	MaleAge	Age of husband	
V79	FemaleAge	Age of wife	
V80	SolemnisationCode	Way of solemnisation	
V81	MarriagePropertySystem	Matrimonial property system	
V82	MarriageMonth	Month of marriage	
V83	MarriageYear	Year of marriage	
V84	NoOfChildren	Number of children involved	
V85	DivorceMonth	Month of divorce	
V86	DivorceYear	Year of divorce	
V87	DurationOfMarriage	Duration of marriage	
V88	MarriageType	Type of marriage	
V89	PolygamousMarriage	Involved in polygamous marriage	
V90	GroundsForDivorce	Main grounds for divorce	

Total: 24

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province**Data file: md-2020-civil-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Western Cape	30	3%
2	Eastern Cape	29	2.9%
3	Northern Cape	2	0.2%
4	Free State	0	0%
5	KwaZulu-Natal	13	1.3%
6	North West	1	0.1%
7	Gauteng	899	89.9%
8	Mpumalanga	21	2.1%
9	Limpopo	0	0%
97	Unknown	0	0%
98	Outside RSA	4	0.4%
99	Unspecified	1	0.1%

MARRIAGEMONTH: Month of Marriage**Data file: md-2020-civil-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 12 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	154	15.4%
2	February	161	16.1%
3	March	110	11%
4	April	2	0.2%
5	May	2	0.2%
6	June	65	6.5%

7	July	47	4.7%
8	August	41	4.1%
9	September	64	6.4%
10	October	119	11.9%
11	November	120	12%
12	December	115	11.5%

MARRIAGEYEAR: Year of Marriage

Data file: md-2020-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 4 Range: 2020 - 2020 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
2020	2020	1000	100%

SOLEMNISATIONCODE: Way of Solemnisation

Data file: md-2020-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Religious	122	12.2%
2	DHA	870	87%
9	Unspecified	8	0.8%

BRIDEGROOMSTATUSCODE: Marital status of Bridegroom

Data file: md-2020-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Never married	781	78.1%
2	Divorcee	49	4.9%
3	Widower	3	0.3%
9	Unspecified	167	16.7%

BRIDESTATUSCODE: Marital status of Bride

Data file: md-2020-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Never married	821	82.1%
2	Divorcee	33	3.3%
3	Widow	1	0.1%
9	Unspecified	145	14.5%

BRIDEGROOMAGE: Age of Bridegroom

Data file: md-2020-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 3 Range: 18 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
18	18	0	0%
19	19	0	0%
20	20	0	0%

21	21	3	0.3%
22	22	4	0.4%
23	23	5	0.5%
24	24	4	0.4%
25	25	17	1.7%
26	26	22	2.2%
27	27	15	1.5%
28	28	28	2.8%
29	29	32	3.2%
30	30	40	4%
31	31	36	3.6%
32	32	36	3.6%
33	33	45	4.5%
34	34	44	4.4%
35	35	39	3.9%
36	36	40	4%
37	37	43	4.3%
38	38	37	3.7%
39	39	41	4.1%
40	40	41	4.1%
41	41	38	3.8%
42	42	43	4.3%
43	43	27	2.7%
44	44	25	2.5%
45	45	34	3.4%
46	46	24	2.4%
47	47	21	2.1%
48	48	17	1.7%
49	49	18	1.8%
50	50	28	2.8%
51	51	13	1.3%
52	52	12	1.2%
53	53	11	1.1%
54	54	7	0.7%
55	55	14	1.4%
56	56	12	1.2%
57	57	8	0.8%
58	58	13	1.3%
59	59	6	0.6%

60	60	4	0.4%
61	61	8	0.8%
62	62	6	0.6%
63	63	5	0.5%
64	64	3	0.3%
65	65	4	0.4%
66	66	7	0.7%
67	67	6	0.6%
68	68	2	0.2%
69	69	0	0%
70	70	2	0.2%
71	71	2	0.2%
72	72	1	0.1%
73	73	1	0.1%
74	74	0	0%
75	75	1	0.1%
76	76	0	0%
77	77	1	0.1%
78	78	1	0.1%
79	79	0	0%
80	80	1	0.1%
81	81	2	0.2%
82	82	0	0%
83	83	0	0%
84	84	0	0%
85	85	0	0%
86	86	0	0%
87	87	0	0%
88	88	0	0%
89	89	0	0%
90	90	0	0%
91	91	0	0%
92	92	0	0%
93	93	0	0%
95	95	0	0%
96	96	0	0%
999	Unspecified	0	0%

BRIDEAGE: Age of Bride**Data file: md-2020-civil-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 3 Range: 16 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
16	16	0	0%
17	17	1	0.1%
18	18	1	0.1%
19	19	0	0%
20	20	3	0.3%
21	21	6	0.6%
22	22	13	1.3%
23	23	20	2%
24	24	25	2.5%
25	25	29	2.9%
26	26	37	3.7%
27	27	31	3.1%
28	28	48	4.8%
29	29	43	4.3%
30	30	44	4.4%
31	31	47	4.7%
32	32	54	5.4%
33	33	47	4.7%
34	34	37	3.7%
35	35	42	4.2%
36	36	49	4.9%
37	37	50	5%
38	38	43	4.3%
39	39	39	3.9%
40	40	33	3.3%
41	41	22	2.2%
42	42	18	1.8%
43	43	25	2.5%
44	44	12	1.2%
45	45	20	2%

46	46	24	2.4%
47	47	21	2.1%
48	48	17	1.7%
49	49	11	1.1%
50	50	11	1.1%
51	51	6	0.6%
52	52	11	1.1%
53	53	6	0.6%
54	54	3	0.3%
55	55	4	0.4%
56	56	4	0.4%
57	57	7	0.7%
58	58	4	0.4%
59	59	5	0.5%
60	60	6	0.6%
61	61	2	0.2%
62	62	2	0.2%
63	63	4	0.4%
64	64	2	0.2%
65	65	2	0.2%
66	66	1	0.1%
67	67	2	0.2%
68	68	0	0%
69	69	1	0.1%
70	70	0	0%
71	71	1	0.1%
72	72	3	0.3%
73	73	0	0%
74	74	1	0.1%
75	75	0	0%
76	76	0	0%
77	77	0	0%
78	78	0	0%
79	79	0	0%
80	80	0	0%
81	81	0	0%
82	82	0	0%
83	83	0	0%
84	84	0	0%

85	85	0	0%
86	86	0	0%
87	87	0	0%
88	88	0	0%
89	89	0	0%
91	91	0	0%
93	93	0	0%
999	Unspecified	0	0%

AGEDIFF: Age difference between bridegroom and bride

Data file: md-2020-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 0 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Spouses same age	73	7.3%
1	Bridegroom older	773	77.3%
2	Bridegroom younger	154	15.4%
9	Unspecified	0	0%

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province**Data file: md-2020-civil-unions-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Western Cape	356	35.6%
2	Eastern Cape	40	4%
3	Northern Cape	4	0.4%
4	Free State	20	2%
5	KwaZulu-Natal	149	14.9%
6	North West	16	1.6%
7	Gauteng	390	39%
8	Mpumalanga	20	2%
9	Limpopo	5	0.5%
98	Outside RSA	0	0%
99	Unspecified	0	0%

REGISTRATIONMONTH: Month of Registration**Data file: md-2020-civil-unions-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 12 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	64	6.4%
2	February	146	14.6%
3	March	109	10.9%
4	April	2	0.2%
5	May	5	0.5%
6	June	65	6.5%
7	July	66	6.6%

8	August	81	8.1%
9	September	118	11.8%
10	October	111	11.1%
11	November	121	12.1%
12	December	112	11.2%

REGISTRATIONYEAR: Year of Registration

Data file: md-2020-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 4 Range: 2020 - 2020 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
2020	2020	1000	100%

SPOUSE1AGE: Age of Spouses-1

Data file: md-2020-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 18 - 92 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
18	18	1	0.1%
19	19	1	0.1%
20	20	1	0.1%
21	21	4	0.4%
22	22	6	0.6%
23	23	9	0.9%
24	24	22	2.2%
25	25	16	1.6%
26	26	34	3.4%
27	27	27	2.7%

28	28	52	5.2%
29	29	52	5.2%
30	30	58	5.8%
31	31	60	6%
32	32	49	4.9%
33	33	45	4.5%
34	34	41	4.1%
35	35	54	5.4%
36	36	33	3.3%
37	37	37	3.7%
38	38	24	2.4%
39	39	30	3%
40	40	27	2.7%
41	41	22	2.2%
42	42	15	1.5%
43	43	23	2.3%
44	44	16	1.6%
45	45	12	1.2%
46	46	28	2.8%
47	47	18	1.8%
48	48	18	1.8%
49	49	14	1.4%
50	50	13	1.3%
51	51	11	1.1%
52	52	13	1.3%
53	53	13	1.3%
54	54	10	1%
55	55	6	0.6%
56	56	10	1%
57	57	5	0.5%
58	58	4	0.4%
59	59	7	0.7%
60	60	5	0.5%
61	61	6	0.6%
62	62	6	0.6%
63	63	2	0.2%
64	64	3	0.3%
65	65	3	0.3%
66	66	2	0.2%

67	67	1	0.1%
68	68	4	0.4%
69	69	5	0.5%
71	71	5	0.5%
72	72	1	0.1%
73	73	2	0.2%
74	74	3	0.3%
75	75	0	0%
76	76	3	0.3%
81	81	2	0.2%
82	82	2	0.2%
84	84	1	0.1%
85	85	0	0%
86	86	2	0.2%
92	92	1	0.1%

SPOUSE2AGE: Age of Spouses-2

Data file: md-2020-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 19 - 84 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
19	19	2	0.2%
20	20	5	0.5%
21	21	6	0.6%
22	22	12	1.2%
23	23	14	1.4%
24	24	29	2.9%
25	25	36	3.6%
26	26	37	3.7%
27	27	44	4.4%
28	28	59	5.9%
29	29	62	6.2%
30	30	58	5.8%

31	31	61	6.1%
32	32	51	5.1%
33	33	44	4.4%
34	34	41	4.1%
35	35	43	4.3%
36	36	30	3%
37	37	33	3.3%
38	38	30	3%
39	39	29	2.9%
40	40	19	1.9%
41	41	27	2.7%
42	42	19	1.9%
43	43	13	1.3%
44	44	14	1.4%
45	45	14	1.4%
46	46	9	0.9%
47	47	16	1.6%
48	48	13	1.3%
49	49	8	0.8%
50	50	19	1.9%
51	51	8	0.8%
52	52	6	0.6%
53	53	6	0.6%
54	54	6	0.6%
55	55	9	0.9%
56	56	8	0.8%
57	57	5	0.5%
58	58	2	0.2%
59	59	6	0.6%
60	60	5	0.5%
61	61	5	0.5%
62	62	9	0.9%
63	63	3	0.3%
64	64	3	0.3%
65	65	1	0.1%
66	66	4	0.4%
67	67	3	0.3%
69	69	1	0.1%
70	70	1	0.1%

71	71	2	0.2%
72	72	3	0.3%
73	73	1	0.1%
76	76	1	0.1%
77	77	1	0.1%
78	78	1	0.1%
80	80	1	0.1%
81	81	1	0.1%
84	84	1	0.1%

AGEDIFF: Age difference between Spouses-1 and Spouses-2

Data file: md-2020-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 0 - 2 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Spouses same age	99	9.9%
1	Spouses-1 older	603	60.3%
2	Spouses-1 younger	298	29.8%

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province**Data file: md-2020-customary-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Western Cape	4	0.4%
2	Eastern Cape	138	13.8%
3	Northern Cape	14	1.4%
4	Free State	19	1.9%
5	KwaZulu-Natal	407	40.7%
6	North West	14	1.4%
7	Gauteng	52	5.2%
8	Mpumalanga	92	9.2%
9	Limpopo	250	25%
97	Unknown	10	1%
98	Outside RSA	0	0%
99	Unspecified	0	0%

MARRIAGEYEAR: Year of Marriage**Data file: md-2020-customary-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 4 Range: 1953 - 2020 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1953	1953	1	0.1%
1954	1954	1	0.1%
1955	1955	1	0.1%
1956	1956	1	0.1%
1957	1957	2	0.2%
1958	1958	2	0.2%

1959	1959	3	0.3%
1960	1960	1	0.1%
1961	1961	3	0.3%
1962	1962	3	0.3%
1963	1963	4	0.4%
1964	1964	4	0.4%
1965	1965	5	0.5%
1966	1966	7	0.7%
1967	1967	8	0.8%
1968	1968	9	0.9%
1969	1969	12	1.2%
1970	1970	18	1.8%
1971	1971	9	0.9%
1972	1972	11	1.1%
1973	1973	17	1.7%
1974	1974	20	2%
1975	1975	16	1.6%
1976	1976	14	1.4%
1977	1977	10	1%
1978	1978	20	2%
1979	1979	18	1.8%
1980	1980	15	1.5%
1981	1981	11	1.1%
1982	1982	25	2.5%
1983	1983	29	2.9%
1984	1984	20	2%
1985	1985	16	1.6%
1986	1986	29	2.9%
1987	1987	22	2.2%
1988	1988	21	2.1%
1989	1989	24	2.4%
1990	1990	21	2.1%
1991	1991	14	1.4%
1992	1992	26	2.6%
1993	1993	19	1.9%
1994	1994	17	1.7%
1995	1995	13	1.3%
1996	1996	13	1.3%
1997	1997	11	1.1%

1998	1998	10	1%
1999	1999	14	1.4%
2000	2000	11	1.1%
2001	2001	8	0.8%
2002	2002	13	1.3%
2003	2003	8	0.8%
2004	2004	8	0.8%
2005	2005	8	0.8%
2006	2006	11	1.1%
2007	2007	11	1.1%
2008	2008	13	1.3%
2009	2009	10	1%
2010	2010	16	1.6%
2011	2011	14	1.4%
2012	2012	18	1.8%
2013	2013	19	1.9%
2014	2014	18	1.8%
2015	2015	16	1.6%
2016	2016	15	1.5%
2017	2017	29	2.9%
2018	2018	20	2%
2019	2019	61	6.1%
2020	2020	83	8.3%

REGISTRATIONYEAR: Year of Registration

Data file: md-2020-customary-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 4 Range: 2020 - 2020 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
2020	2020	1000	100%

BRIDEGROOMAGE: Age of Bridegroom

Data file: md-2020-customary-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 3 Range: 14 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
14	14	2	0.2%
17	17	3	0.3%
18	18	4	0.4%
19	19	1	0.1%
20	20	22	2.2%
21	21	28	2.8%
22	22	25	2.5%
23	23	44	4.4%
24	24	40	4%
25	25	44	4.4%
26	26	47	4.7%
27	27	50	5%
28	28	54	5.4%
29	29	48	4.8%
30	30	62	6.2%
31	31	56	5.6%
32	32	49	4.9%
33	33	60	6%
34	34	66	6.6%
35	35	33	3.3%
36	36	35	3.5%
37	37	35	3.5%
38	38	31	3.1%
39	39	25	2.5%
40	40	17	1.7%
41	41	19	1.9%
42	42	17	1.7%
43	43	18	1.8%
44	44	8	0.8%
45	45	10	1%

46	46	6	0.6%
47	47	7	0.7%
48	48	4	0.4%
49	49	8	0.8%
50	50	3	0.3%
51	51	2	0.2%
52	52	4	0.4%
53	53	0	0%
54	54	2	0.2%
55	55	0	0%
56	56	3	0.3%
57	57	0	0%
58	58	2	0.2%
59	59	3	0.3%
60	60	1	0.1%
61	61	0	0%
62	62	1	0.1%
63	63	0	0%
64	64	0	0%
65	65	1	0.1%
66	66	0	0%
67	67	0	0%
68	68	0	0%
69	69	0	0%
70	70	0	0%
71	71	0	0%
72	72	0	0%
73	73	0	0%
74	74	0	0%
76	76	0	0%
77	77	0	0%
79	79	0	0%
81	81	0	0%
84	84	0	0%
85	85	0	0%
90	90	0	0%
95	95	0	0%
999	Unspecified	0	0%

BRIDEAGE: Age of Bride

Data file: md-2020-customary-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 3 Range: 9 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
9	9	0	0%
11	11	1	0.1%
12	12	1	0.1%
13	13	2	0.2%
14	14	6	0.6%
15	15	8	0.8%
16	16	21	2.1%
17	17	32	3.2%
18	18	47	4.7%
19	19	41	4.1%
20	20	57	5.7%
21	21	67	6.7%
22	22	53	5.3%
23	23	64	6.4%
24	24	75	7.5%
25	25	52	5.2%
26	26	60	6%
27	27	73	7.3%
28	28	66	6.6%
29	29	64	6.4%
30	30	61	6.1%
31	31	47	4.7%
32	32	56	5.6%
33	33	46	4.6%
34	34	0	0%
35	35	0	0%
36	36	0	0%
37	37	0	0%

38	38	0	0%
39	39	0	0%
40	40	0	0%
41	41	0	0%
42	42	0	0%
43	43	0	0%
44	44	0	0%
45	45	0	0%
46	46	0	0%
47	47	0	0%
48	48	0	0%
49	49	0	0%
50	50	0	0%
51	51	0	0%
52	52	0	0%
53	53	0	0%
54	54	0	0%
55	55	0	0%
56	56	0	0%
57	57	0	0%
58	58	0	0%
59	59	0	0%
60	60	0	0%
61	61	0	0%
62	62	0	0%
63	63	0	0%
64	64	0	0%
65	65	0	0%
66	66	0	0%
67	67	0	0%
68	68	0	0%
70	70	0	0%
74	74	0	0%
75	75	0	0%
80	80	0	0%
999	Unspecified	0	0%

AGEDIFF: Age difference between bridegroom and bride**Data file: md-2020-customary-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 0 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Spouses same age	52	5.2%
1	Bridegroom older	898	89.8%
2	Bridegroom younger	50	5%
9	Unspecified	0	0%

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Western Cape	152	15.2%
2	Eastern Cape	157	15.7%
3	Northern Cape	37	3.7%
4	Free State	53	5.3%
5	KwaZulu-Natal	204	20.4%
6	North West	48	4.8%
7	Gauteng	247	24.7%
8	Mpumalanga	66	6.6%
9	Limpopo	36	3.6%

MALERACE: Population group of husband**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Black African	557	55.7%
2	Coloured	105	10.5%
3	Indian/Asian	59	5.9%
4	White	231	23.1%
5	Other	11	1.1%
9	Unspecified	37	3.7%

FEMALERACE: Population group of wife**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Black African	571	57.1%
2	Coloured	116	11.6%
3	Indian/Asian	49	4.9%
4	White	223	22.3%
5	Other	0	0%
9	Unspecified	41	4.1%

COUPLERACE: Population group of couple**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Black African	542	54.2%
2	Coloured	99	9.9%
3	Indian/Asian	43	4.3%
4	White	219	21.9%
5	Mixed	36	3.6%
9	Unspecified	61	6.1%

MALEOCCUPATION: Occupation of Husband**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Not economically active / Unemployed	321	32.1%
1	Professional, semi-professional and technical occupations	91	9.1%
2	Managers and administrators	115	11.5%
3	Clerical and sales occupations	30	3%
4	Transport, delivery and communications	28	2.8%
5	Service occupations	85	8.5%
6	Farming and related occupations	5	0.5%
7	Artisans, apprentice and related occupations	19	1.9%
8	Production foreman, mine and quarry workers	21	2.1%
99	Unspecified	285	28.5%

FEMALEOCCUPATION: Occupation of wife

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Not economically active / Unemployed	345	34.5%
1	Professional, semi-professional and technical occupations	131	13.1%
2	Managers and administrators	57	5.7%
3	Clerical and sales occupations	68	6.8%
4	Transport, delivery and communications	3	0.3%
5	Service occupations	84	8.4%
6	Farming and related occupations	0	0%
7	Artisans, apprentice and related occupations	1	0.1%
8	Production foreman, mine and quarry workers	7	0.7%
99	Unspecified	304	30.4%

PLAINTIFFSEX: Sex of plaintiff**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Male	361	36.1%
2	Female	521	52.1%
3	Both	52	5.2%
9	Unspecified	66	6.6%

MALESTATUS: Marital status of husband**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Never married	811	81.1%
2	Widower	34	3.4%
3	Divorcee	109	10.9%
9	Unspecified	46	4.6%

FEMALESTATUS: Marital status of wife**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Never married	968	96.8%
2	Widow	0	0%
3	Divorcee	0	0%
9	Unspecified	32	3.2%

MALENOTIMESMARRIED: Number of times husband married

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	1	838	83.8%
2	2	134	13.4%
3	3	8	0.8%
4	4	3	0.3%
5	5	1	0.1%
6	6	0	0%
99	Unspecified	16	1.6%

FEMALENOTIMESMARRIED: Number of times wife married

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	1	1000	100%
2	2	0	0%
3	3	0	0%
4	4	0	0%

5	5	0	0%
6	6	0	0%
7	7	0	0%
99	Unspecified	0	0%

MALEAGE: Age of husband

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 3 Range: 21 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
21	21	0	0%
22	22	0	0%
23	23	0	0%
24	24	0	0%
25	25	0	0%
26	26	0	0%
27	27	0	0%
28	28	0	0%
29	29	0	0%
30	30	0	0%
31	31	0	0%
32	32	0	0%
33	33	0	0%
34	34	0	0%
35	35	0	0%
36	36	0	0%
37	37	0	0%
38	38	0	0%
39	39	0	0%
40	40	0	0%
41	41	0	0%
42	42	0	0%
43	43	0	0%

44	44	0	0%
45	45	0	0%
46	46	0	0%
47	47	0	0%
48	48	0	0%
49	49	0	0%
50	50	0	0%
51	51	0	0%
52	52	0	0%
53	53	0	0%
54	54	0	0%
55	55	0	0%
56	56	0	0%
57	57	0	0%
58	58	91	9.1%
59	59	90	9%
60	60	115	11.5%
61	61	65	6.5%
62	62	114	11.4%
63	63	45	4.5%
64	64	37	3.7%
65	65	31	3.1%
66	66	27	2.7%
67	67	29	2.9%
68	68	14	1.4%
69	69	12	1.2%
70	70	25	2.5%
71	71	8	0.8%
72	72	13	1.3%
73	73	14	1.4%
74	74	9	0.9%
75	75	13	1.3%
76	76	7	0.7%
77	77	5	0.5%
78	78	2	0.2%
79	79	7	0.7%
80	80	6	0.6%
81	81	1	0.1%
82	82	1	0.1%

83	83	5	0.5%
84	84	1	0.1%
85	85	0	0%
86	86	1	0.1%
87	87	0	0%
88	88	0	0%
89	89	2	0.2%
90	90	1	0.1%
999	Unspecified	209	20.9%

FEMALEAGE: Age of wife

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 3 Range: 19 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
19	19	0	0%
20	20	0	0%
21	21	0	0%
22	22	0	0%
23	23	0	0%
24	24	1	0.1%
25	25	4	0.4%
26	26	3	0.3%
27	27	2	0.2%
28	28	3	0.3%
29	29	3	0.3%
30	30	6	0.6%
31	31	6	0.6%
32	32	5	0.5%
33	33	9	0.9%
34	34	13	1.3%
35	35	13	1.3%
36	36	11	1.1%

37	37	10	1%
38	38	13	1.3%
39	39	7	0.7%
40	40	11	1.1%
41	41	13	1.3%
42	42	12	1.2%
43	43	10	1%
44	44	19	1.9%
45	45	17	1.7%
46	46	9	0.9%
47	47	18	1.8%
48	48	29	2.9%
49	49	21	2.1%
50	50	34	3.4%
51	51	25	2.5%
52	52	35	3.5%
53	53	27	2.7%
54	54	41	4.1%
55	55	57	5.7%
56	56	47	4.7%
57	57	60	6%
58	58	38	3.8%
59	59	36	3.6%
60	60	44	4.4%
61	61	37	3.7%
62	62	33	3.3%
63	63	21	2.1%
64	64	30	3%
65	65	17	1.7%
66	66	16	1.6%
67	67	13	1.3%
68	68	16	1.6%
69	69	8	0.8%
70	70	4	0.4%
71	71	3	0.3%
72	72	4	0.4%
73	73	3	0.3%
74	74	2	0.2%
75	75	1	0.1%

76	76	3	0.3%
77	77	3	0.3%
78	78	1	0.1%
79	79	0	0%
81	81	0	0%
82	82	0	0%
84	84	0	0%
89	89	1	0.1%
999	Unspecified	72	7.2%

SOLEMNISATIONCODE: Way of solemnisation

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Religious	406	40.6%
2	DHA	516	51.6%
9	Unspecified	78	7.8%

MARRIAGEPROPERTYSYSTEM: Matrimonial property system

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 55 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	In community of property	808	80.8%
2	Out of community of property	75	7.5%
3	Out of community of property (excluding accrual system)	37	3.7%
4	Out of community of property (including accrual system)	37	3.7%

5	Other	0	0%
9	Unspecified	43	4.3%

MARRIAGEMONTH: Month of marriage

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	75	7.5%
2	February	78	7.8%
3	March	85	8.5%
4	April	79	7.9%
5	May	67	6.7%
6	June	72	7.2%
7	July	72	7.2%
8	August	53	5.3%
9	September	72	7.2%
10	October	95	9.5%
11	November	73	7.3%
12	December	130	13%
99	Unspecified	49	4.9%

MARRIAGEYEAR: Year of marriage

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1962 - 9999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1962		1	0.1%

1966		1	0.1%
1967		1	0.1%
1969		3	0.3%
1970		1	0.1%
1971		1	0.1%
1972		5	0.5%
1973		1	0.1%
1974		3	0.3%
1975		7	0.7%
1976		4	0.4%
1977		7	0.7%
1978		13	1.3%
1979		9	0.9%
1980		15	1.5%
1981		19	1.9%
1982		17	1.7%
1983		21	2.1%
1984		22	2.2%
1985		17	1.7%
1986		22	2.2%
1987		18	1.8%
1988		22	2.2%
1989		23	2.3%
1990		17	1.7%
1991		20	2%
1992		23	2.3%
1993		28	2.8%
1994		24	2.4%
1995		23	2.3%
1996		21	2.1%
1997		22	2.2%
1998		23	2.3%
1999		28	2.8%
2000		18	1.8%
2001		20	2%
2002		27	2.7%
2003		27	2.7%
2004		25	2.5%
2005		15	1.5%

2006		23	2.3%
2007		32	3.2%
2008		28	2.8%
2009		27	2.7%
2010		31	3.1%
2011		21	2.1%
2012		30	3%
2013		30	3%
2014		26	2.6%
2015		25	2.5%
2016		23	2.3%
2017		20	2%
2018		11	1.1%
2019		9	0.9%
2020		1	0.1%
9999	Unspecified	49	4.9%

NOOFCHILDREN: Number of children involved

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0 - 4 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		773	77.3%
1		152	15.2%
2		63	6.3%
3		9	0.9%
4		3	0.3%

DIVORCEMONTH: Month of divorce

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	67	6.7%
2	February	125	12.5%
3	March	101	10.1%
4	April	2	0.2%
5	May	49	4.9%
6	June	65	6.5%
7	July	100	10%
8	August	97	9.7%
9	September	106	10.6%
10	October	101	10.1%
11	November	107	10.7%
12	December	80	8%
99	Unspecified	0	0%

DIVORCEYEAR: Year of divorce

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 2020 - 2020 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
2020		1000	100%

DURATIONOFMARRIAGE: Duration of marriage

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 0 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		1	0.1%
1		9	0.9%
2		11	1.1%
3		20	2%
4		23	2.3%
5		25	2.5%
6		26	2.6%
7		30	3%
8		30	3%
9		21	2.1%
10		31	3.1%
11		27	2.7%
12		28	2.8%
13		32	3.2%
14		23	2.3%
15		15	1.5%
16		25	2.5%
17		27	2.7%
18		27	2.7%
19		20	2%
20		18	1.8%
21		28	2.8%
22		23	2.3%
23		22	2.2%
24		21	2.1%
25		23	2.3%
26		24	2.4%
27		28	2.8%
28		23	2.3%
29		20	2%
30		16	1.6%
31		23	2.3%
32		22	2.2%
33		18	1.8%
34		22	2.2%

35		17	1.7%
36		22	2.2%
37		21	2.1%
38		17	1.7%
39		19	1.9%
40		15	1.5%
41		9	0.9%
42		13	1.3%
43		7	0.7%
44		4	0.4%
45		7	0.7%
46		3	0.3%
47		1	0.1%
48		5	0.5%
49		1	0.1%
50		1	0.1%
51		3	0.3%
54		1	0.1%
58		1	0.1%
99	Unspecified	0	0%
999		51	5.1%

MARRIAGETYPE: Type of marriage

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 18 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Civil marriage	508	50.8%
2	Customary marriage	7	0.7%
3	Civil union	4	0.4%
9	Unspecified	481	48.1%

POLYGAMOUSMARRIAGE: Involved in polygamous marriage**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Yes	16	1.6%
2	No	466	46.6%
9	Unspecified	518	51.8%

GROUNDSFORDIVORCE: Main grounds for divorce**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 22 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Adultery	117	11.7%
2	Abuse	38	3.8%
3	Childlessness	0	0%
4	Desertion	139	13.9%
5	Financial difficulties	24	2.4%
6	Medical Insanity	0	0%
7	Imprisonment	0	0%
8	Other (Specify)	0	0%
9	Unspecified	682	68.2%