

South Africa - Marriages and Divorces 2023

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Identification

SURVEY ID NUMBER
zaf-statssa-md-2023-v1

TITLE
Marriages and Divorces 2023

ABBREVIATION OR ACRONYM
MD 2023

COUNTRY

| Name | Country code |
|--------------|--------------|
| South Africa | zaf |

STUDY TYPE
Socio-Economic/Monitoring Survey

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 2023.

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

VERSION NOTES
This version was retrieved by DataFirst on 27 March 2025.

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, civil unions and customary 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 2023 in South Africa.

Producers and sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

| Name | Affiliation |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Statistics South Africa | Government of South Africa |

PRODUCERS

| Name | Abbreviation | Affiliation | Role |
|--|--------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Department of Home Affairs | DHA | Government of South Africa | Data producer |
| Department of Justice and Constitutional Development | DJCD | Government of South Africa | Data producer |

Data Collection

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

| Start | End |
|------------|------------|
| 2023-01-01 | 2023-12-31 |

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.

Access policy

ACCESS CONDITIONS

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CITATION REQUIREMENTS

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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

2025-03-27

DDI DOCUMENT VERSION

Version 1

Data Description

| Data file | Cases | Variables |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| md-2023-civil-marriages-v1 | 0 | 9 |
| md-2023-civil-unions-v1 | 0 | 6 |
| md-2023-customary-marriages-v1 | 0 | 6 |
| md-2023-divorces-v1 | 0 | 24 |

Data file: md-2023-civil-marriages-v1

Cases: 0

Variables: 9

Variables

| ID | Name | Label | Question |
|----|----------------------|---|----------|
| V1 | ProvinceCode | Name of Province | |
| V2 | MarriageMonth | Month of marriage | |
| V3 | MarriageYear | Year of marriage | |
| V4 | SolemnisationCode | Way of solemnisation | |
| V5 | BridegroomStatusCode | Marital status of Bridegroom | |
| V6 | BrideStatusCode | Marital status of Bride | |
| V7 | BridegroomAge | Age of Bridegroom | |
| V8 | BrideAge | Age of Bride | |
| V9 | AgeDiff | Age difference between bridegroom and bride | |

Total: 9

Data file: md-2023-civil-unions-v1

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| Cases: | 0 |
| Variables: | 6 |

Variables

| ID | Name | Label | Question |
|-----|-------------------|--|----------|
| V10 | ProvinceCode | Name of Province | |
| V11 | RegistrationMonth | Month of Registration | |
| V12 | RegistrationYear | Year of Registration | |
| V13 | Spouse1Age | Age of Spouses-1 | |
| V14 | Spouse2Age | Age of Spouses-2 | |
| V15 | AgeDiff | Age difference between Spouses-1 and Spouses-2 | |

Total: 6

Data file: md-2023-customary-marriages-v1

Cases: 0

Variables: 6

Variables

| ID | Name | Label | Question |
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| V16 | ProvinceCode | Name of Province | |
| V17 | MarriageYear | Year of Marriage | |
| V18 | RegistrationYear | Year of Registration | |
| V19 | BridegroomAge | Age of Bridegroom | |
| V20 | BrideAge | Age of Bride | |
| V21 | AgeDiff | Age difference between bridegroom and bride | |

Total: 6

Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1

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| Cases: | 0 |
| Variables: | 24 |

Variables

| ID | Name | Label | Question |
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| V22 | ProvinceCode | Name of Province | |
| V23 | MaleRace | Population group of husband | |
| V24 | FemaleRace | Population group of wife | |
| V25 | CoupleRace | Population group of couple | |
| V26 | MaleOccupation | Occupation of Husband | |
| V27 | FemaleOccupation | Occupation of wife | |
| V28 | PlaintiffSex | Sex of plaintiff | |
| V29 | MaleStatus | Marital status of husband | |
| V30 | FemaleStatus | Marital status of wife | |
| V31 | MaleNoTimesMarried | Number of times husband married | |
| V32 | FemaleNoTimesMarried | Number of times wife married | |
| V33 | MaleAge | Age of husband | |
| V34 | FemaleAge | Age of wife | |
| V35 | SolemnisationCode | Way of solemnisation | |
| V36 | MarriagePropertySystem | Matrimonial property system | |
| V37 | MarriageMonth | Month of marriage | |
| V38 | MarriageYear | Year of marriage | |
| V39 | NoOfChildren | Number of children involved | |
| V40 | DivorceMonth | Month of divorce | |
| V41 | DivorceYear | Year of divorce | |
| V42 | DurationOfMarriage | Duration of marriage | |
| V43 | MarriageType | Type of marriage | |
| V44 | PolygamousMarriage | Involved in polygamous marriage | |
| V45 | GroundsForDivorce | Main grounds for divorce | |

Total: 24

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province**Data file: md-2023-civil-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
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| 1 | Western Cape |
| 2 | Eastern Cape |
| 3 | Northern Cape |
| 4 | Free State |
| 5 | KwaZulu-Natal |
| 6 | North West |
| 7 | Gauteng |
| 8 | Mpumalanga |
| 9 | Limpopo |
| 98 | Outside RSA |
| 99 | Unspecified |

MARRIAGEMONTH: Month of marriage**Data file: md-2023-civil-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 1 - 12 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
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| 1 | January |
| 2 | February |
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| 8 | August |
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| 11 | November |
| 12 | December |

MARRIAGEYEAR: Year of marriage

Data file: md-2023-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 2023 - 2023 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
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| 2023 | 2023 |

SOLEMNISATIONCODE: Way of solemnisation

Data file: md-2023-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
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| 1 | Religious |
| 2 | DHA |
| 9 | Unspecified |

BRIDEGROOMSTATUSCODE: Marital status of Bridegroom

Data file: md-2023-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|---------------|
| 1 | Never married |
| 2 | Divorcee |
| 3 | Widower |
| 9 | Unspecified |

BRIDESTATUSCODE: Marital status of Bride

Data file: md-2023-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|---------------|
| 1 | Never married |
| 2 | Divorcee |
| 3 | Widow |
| 9 | Unspecified |

BRIDEGROOMAGE: Age of Bridegroom

Data file: md-2023-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 16 - 98 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

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BRIDEAGE: Age of Bride**Data file: md-2023-civil-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 14 - 92 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

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AGEDIFF: Age difference between bridegroom and bride

Data file: md-2023-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 0 - 2 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
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| 0 | Spouses same age |
| 1 | Bridegroom older |
| 2 | Bridegroom younger |

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province**Data file: md-2023-civil-unions-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|---------------|
| 1 | Western Cape |
| 2 | Eastern Cape |
| 3 | Northern Cape |
| 4 | Free State |
| 5 | KwaZulu-Natal |
| 6 | North West |
| 7 | Gauteng |
| 8 | Mpumalanga |
| 9 | Limpopo |
| 98 | Outside RSA |
| 99 | Unspecified |

REGISTRATIONMONTH: Month of Registration**Data file: md-2023-civil-unions-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 1 - 12 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
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| 1 | January |
| 2 | February |
| 3 | March |
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| 7 | July |

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| 8 | August |
| 9 | September |
| 10 | October |
| 11 | November |
| 12 | December |

REGISTRATIONYEAR: Year of Registration

Data file: md-2023-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 2023 - 2023 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
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| 2023 | 2023 |

SPOUSE1AGE: Age of Spouses-1

Data file: md-2023-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 19 - 87 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

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SPOUSE2AGE: Age of Spouses-2

Data file: md-2023-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 18 - 87 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

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

Data file: md-2023-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 0 - 2 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|-------------------|
| 0 | Spouses same age |
| 1 | Spouses-1 older |
| 2 | Spouses-1 younger |

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province**Data file: md-2023-customary-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|---------------|
| 1 | Western Cape |
| 2 | Eastern Cape |
| 3 | Northern Cape |
| 4 | Free State |
| 5 | KwaZulu-Natal |
| 6 | North West |
| 7 | Gauteng |
| 8 | Mpumalanga |
| 9 | Limpopo |
| 97 | Unknown |
| 98 | Outside RSA |
| 99 | Unspecified |

MARRIAGEYEAR: Year of Marriage**Data file: md-2023-customary-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 1944 - 2023 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

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REGISTRATIONYEAR: Year of Registration

Data file: md-2023-customary-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 2023 - 2023 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|----------|
| 2023 | 2023 |

BRIDEGROOMAGE: Age of Bridegroom

Data file: md-2023-customary-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 13 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

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| 999 | Unspecified |

BRIDEAGE: Age of Bride

Data file: md-2023-customary-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 6 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

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| 86 | 86 |
| 999 | Unspecified |

AGEDIFF: Age difference between bridegroom and bride

Data file: md-2023-customary-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 0 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|--------------------|
| 0 | Spouses same age |
| 1 | Bridegroom older |
| 2 | Bridegroom younger |
| 9 | Unspecified |

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province**Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|---------------|
| 1 | Western Cape |
| 2 | Eastern Cape |
| 3 | Northern Cape |
| 4 | Free State |
| 5 | KwaZulu-Natal |
| 6 | North West |
| 7 | Gauteng |
| 8 | Mpumalanga |
| 9 | Limpopo |

MALERACE: Population group of husband**Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|---------------|
| 1 | Black African |
| 2 | Coloured |
| 3 | Indian/Asian |
| 4 | White |
| 5 | Other |
| 9 | Unspecified |

FEMALERACE: Population group of wife**Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|---------------|
| 1 | Black African |
| 2 | Coloured |
| 3 | Indian/Asian |
| 4 | White |
| 5 | Other |
| 9 | Unspecified |

COUPLERACE: Population group of couple**Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|---------------|
| 1 | Black African |
| 2 | Coloured |
| 3 | Indian/Asian |
| 4 | White |
| 5 | Mixed |
| 9 | Unspecified |

MALEOCCUPATION: Occupation of Husband**Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 0 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|---|
| 0 | Unemployed |
| 1 | Professional, semi-professional and technical occupations |
| 2 | Managers and administrators |
| 3 | Clerical and sales occupations |
| 4 | Transport, delivery and communications |
| 5 | Service occupations |
| 6 | Farming and related occupations |
| 7 | Artisans, apprentice and related occupations |
| 8 | Production foreman, mine and quarry workers |
| 99 | Unspecified |

FEMALEOCCUPATION: Occupation of wife

Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 0 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|---|
| 0 | Unemployed |
| 1 | Professional, semi-professional and technical occupations |
| 2 | Managers and administrators |
| 3 | Clerical and sales occupations |
| 4 | Transport, delivery and communications |
| 5 | Service occupations |
| 6 | Farming and related occupations |
| 7 | Artisans, apprentice and related occupations |
| 8 | Production foreman, mine and quarry workers |
| 99 | Unspecified |

PLAINTIFFSEX: Sex of plaintiff**Data file:** md-2023-divorces-v1**Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|-------------|
| 1 | Male |
| 2 | Female |
| 3 | Both |
| 9 | Unspecified |

MALESTATUS: Marital status of husband**Data file:** md-2023-divorces-v1**Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|---------------|
| 1 | Never married |
| 2 | Widower |
| 3 | Divorcee |
| 9 | Unspecified |

FEMALESTATUS: Marital status of wife**Data file:** md-2023-divorces-v1**Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|---------------|
| 1 | Never married |
| 2 | Widow |
| 3 | Divorcee |
| 9 | Unspecified |

MALENOTIMESMARRIED: Number of times husband married

Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
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| 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 3 |
| 4 | 4 |
| 5 | 5 |
| 7 | 7 |
| 99 | Unspecified |

FEMALENOTIMESMARRIED: Number of times wife married

Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
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| 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 3 |
| 4 | 4 |

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| 5 | 5 |
| 6 | 6 |
| 99 | Unspecified |

MALEAGE: Age of husband

Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 20 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

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| 999 | Unspecified |

FEMALEAGE: Age of wife

Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 20 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

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| 999 | Unspecified |

SOLEMNISATIONCODE: Way of solemnisation

Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 16 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|-------------|
| 1 | Religious |
| 2 | DHA |
| 9 | Unspecified |

MARRIAGEPROPERTYSYSTEM: Matrimonial property system

Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 58 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|--|
| 1 | 1. In community of property |
| 2 | 2. Out of community of property |
| 3 | 3. Out of community of property (excluding accrual system) |

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| 4 | 4. Out of community of property (including accrual system) |
| 5 | 5. Other |
| 9 | 9. Unspecified |

MARRIAGEMONTH: Month of marriage

Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 15 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|-----------------|
| 1 | 1. January |
| 2 | 2. February |
| 3 | 3. March |
| 4 | 4. April |
| 5 | 5. May |
| 6 | 6. June |
| 7 | 7. July |
| 8 | 8. August |
| 9 | 9. September |
| 10 | 10. October |
| 11 | 11. November |
| 12 | 12. December |
| 99 | 99. Unspecified |

MARRIAGEYEAR: Year of marriage

Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 1986 - 9999 Format: Numeric

NOOFCHILDREN: Number of children involved

Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

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

DIVORCEMONTH: Month of divorce

Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 15 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|-----------------|
| 1 | 1. January |
| 2 | 2. February |
| 3 | 3. March |
| 4 | 4. April |
| 5 | 5. May |
| 6 | 6. June |
| 7 | 7. July |
| 8 | 8. August |
| 9 | 9. September |
| 10 | 10. October |
| 11 | 11. November |
| 12 | 12. December |
| 99 | 99. Unspecified |

DIVORCEYEAR: Year of divorce

Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 2023 - 2023 Format: Numeric

DURATIONOFMARRIAGE: Duration of marriage

Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0 - 999 Format: Numeric

MARRIAGETYPE: Type of marriage

Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 21 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 1. Civil marriage |
| 2 | 2. Customary marriage |
| 3 | 3. Civil union |
| 4 | 4. Other |
| 9 | 9. Unspecified |

POLYGAMOUSMARRIAGE: Involved in polygamous marriage

Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 14 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|----------------|
| 1 | 1. Yes |
| 2 | 2. No |
| 9 | 9. Unspecified |

GROUNDSFORDIVORCE: Main grounds for divorce

Data file: md-2023-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 25 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

| Value | Category |
|-------|---------------------------|
| 1 | 1. Adultery |
| 2 | 2. Abuse |
| 3 | 3. Childlessness |
| 4 | 4. Desertion |
| 5 | 5. Financial difficulties |
| 6 | 6. Medical Insanity |
| 7 | 7. Imprisonment |
| 9 | 9. Unspecified |