

South Africa - Marriages and Divorces 2007

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Identification

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zaf-statssa-md-2007-v1

TITLE
Marriages and Divorces 2007

COUNTRY

Name	Country code
South Africa	zaf

STUDY TYPE
Administrative Data

ABSTRACT
The data in this dataset is based on annual marriage and divorce data from administrative records of registration systems. The marriage data currently cover civil marriages that are administrated by the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) through the Marriage Act, 1961 (Act No. 25 of 1961). The Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (DJCD) is mandated through the Divorce Act, 1979 (Act No. 70 of 1979) to deal with matters of dissolution of civil marriages. Data on divorces granted (from civil marriages) are obtained from DJCD, through its divorce courts. Although the marriage and divorce data were collected in the same year, they are not linked to each other. Marriages are civil marriages that were recorded in 2006. Divorces are the divorce applications which were granted in 2007.

KIND OF DATA
Administrative records

UNIT OF ANALYSIS
Individuals

Version

VERSION DESCRIPTION
v1: Edited, anonymised dataset for licensed distribution

VERSION DATE
2008

VERSION NOTES
Version 1 of the Marriages and Divorces 2007 dataset was downloaded from Statistics South Africa's website on the 16th of April 2014

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 2007 in South Africa.

Producers and sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name
Statistics 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
2007-01-01	2007-12-31

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 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

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CITATION REQUIREMENTS

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DDI DOCUMENT VERSION

Version 4

Data Description

Data file	Cases	Variables
md-2007-divorces-v1-20140416 The md-2007-divorces-v1-20140416 data file contains information on couples divorced in 2007.	0	23
md-2007-marriages-v1-20140416 The md-2007-marriages-v1-20140416 data file contains information on civil marriages granted in 2007.	0	9

Data file: md-2007-divorces-v1-20140416

The md-2007-divorces-v1-20140416 data file contains information on couples divorced in 2007.

Cases:	0
Variables:	23

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V1	ProvinceCode	Name of Province	
V2	HusbandRaceCode	Population group of husband	
V3	WifeRaceCode	Population group of wife	
V4	CoupleRaceCode	Population group of couple	
V5	HusbandOccCode	Occupation code of husband	
V6	WifeOccCode	Occupation code of wife	
V7	PlaintiffCode	The plaintiff	
V8	HusbandMarStatusCode	Husband marital status at the time of marriage	
V9	WifeMarStatusCode	Wife marital status at the time of marriage	
V10	HusbandNoTimesMarried	Number of times married: Husband	
V11	WifeNoTimesMarried	Number of times married: Wife	
V12	HusbandAge	Age of husband at time of divorce	
V13	WifeAge	Age of wife at time of divorce	
V14	SolemnisationCode	Present marriage solemnised	
V15	MarriageTypeCode	Matrimonial property system	
V16	NoOfChildren	Number of minor children involved	
V17	SeparationDate	Date of separation	
V18	MarriageMonth	Month of marriage	
V19	MarriageYear	Year of marriage	
V20	DivorceMonth	Month of divorce	
V21	DivorceYear	Year of divorce	
V22	LengthOfMar	Length of marriage of the couple	
V23	PlaintiffOccupationCode	Plaintiff occupation	

Total: 23

Data file: md-2007-marriages-v1-20140416

The md-2007-marriages-v1-20140416 data file contains information on civil marriages granted in 2007.

Cases: 0

Variables: 9

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V24	ProvinceCode	Name of Province	
V25	MarriageYear	Year of Marriage	
V26	MarriageMonth	Month of Marriage	
V27	SolemnisationCode	Way of Solemnisation	
V28	ManStatusCode	Marital status of husband	
V29	WomanStatusCode	Marital status of wife	
V30	ManAge	Age of Husband	
V31	WomanAge	Age of Wife	
V32	AgeDiff	Age difference between the husband and the wife	

Total: 9