

South Africa - Marriages and Divorces 2015

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Identification

SURVEY ID NUMBER

zaf-statssa-md-2015-v1

TITLE

Marriages and Divorces 2015

COUNTRY

Name	Country code
South Africa	zaf

STUDY TYPE

Administrative Data

ABSTRACT

Marriage data:

In South Africa Civil Marriages are administered through the Marriage Act, 1961 (Act No. 25 of 1961) as amended, and its associated regulations. Customary marriages are governed by the Recognition of Customary Marriages Act, 1998 (Act No. 120 of 1998) which came into effect on 15 November 2000. Civil unions (relationships between same-sex couples that are legally recognized by a state authority) are covered by the Civil Union Act, 2006 (Act No. 17 of 2006) which came into operation on 30 November 2006.

The South African Department of Home Affairs is responsible for the administration of marriages in South Africa, under these laws. After the ceremony of a marriage or a civil union, the marriage officer submits the data to the nearest office of the Department of Home Affairs (DHS), where the marriage / civil union details for citizens and permanent residents are recorded in the National Population Register (NPR). Statistics South Africa obtains data on marriages and civil unions from DHA through the State Information Technology Agency (SITA) for this dataset.

NOTE: In customary marriages, the two spouses and their witnesses present themselves at a DHA office in order to register a customary marriage. Therefore the province of registration is not necessarily the province of the place of usual residence of the couple since the registration of the marriage can take place in any DHA office.

Divorce data:

The dissolution of registered marriages and civil unions is governed by the Divorce Act, 1979 as amended, and its associated regulations (Act No.70 of 1979) and the Jurisdiction of Regional Courts Amendment Act, 2008 (Act No. 32 of 2008) as amended which came into effect on 9 August 2010. The South African Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (DJCD) is responsible for managing divorces under these Acts. Statistics South Africa obtains the divorce data from the DJCD for this dataset.

NOTE: The data includes divorce applications that were concluded in 2015, that is, that were finalised and issued with decrees of divorce in 2015 by DJCD.

KIND OF DATA

Administrative records

UNIT OF ANALYSIS

Individuals

Version

VERSION DESCRIPTION

v1: Edited, anonymised dataset for public distribution

VERSION DATE

2017

VERSION NOTES

Version 1 of the Marriages and Divorces 2015 dataset was downloaded from the Statistics South Africa website on the 4 August 2020

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 2015 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
2015-01-01	2015-12-31

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

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PRODUCERS

Name	Affiliation	Role
DataFirst	University of Cape Town	Metadata producer

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2022-09-01

DDI DOCUMENT VERSION

Version 2

Data Description

Data file	Cases	Variables
md-2015-civil-marriages-v1	138627	9
md-2015-civil-unions-v1	1185	6
md-2015-customary-marriages-v1	3467	6
md-2015-divorces-v1	25260	24

Data file: md-2015-civil-marriages-v1

Cases: 138627

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-2015-civil-unions-v1

Cases: 1185

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-2015-customary-marriages-v1

Cases: 3467

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-2015-divorces-v1

Cases: 25260

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 minor 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-2015-civil-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 138627 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 13 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Western Cape	22311	16.1%
2	Eastern Cape	15279	11%
3	Northern Cape	4107	3%
4	Free State	8707	6.3%
5	KwaZulu-Natal	21097	15.2%
6	North West	9302	6.7%
7	Gauteng	37180	26.8%
8	Mpumalanga	7550	5.4%
9	Limpopo	9165	6.6%
97	Unknown	466	0.3%
98	Outside RSA	460	0.3%
99	Unspecified	3003	2.2%

MARRIAGEMONTH: Month of Marriage**Data file: md-2015-civil-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 138627 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 9 Range: 1 - 12 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	9401	6.8%
2	February	10340	7.5%
3	March	11903	8.6%
4	April	11795	8.5%
5	May	10482	7.6%
6	June	8696	6.3%

7	July	9086	6.6%
8	August	9836	7.1%
9	September	11977	8.6%
10	October	13500	9.7%
11	November	13268	9.6%
12	December	18343	13.2%

MARRIAGEYEAR: Year of Marriage

Data file: md-2015-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 138627 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 4 Range: 2015 - 2015 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
2015	2015	138627	100%

SOLEMNISATIONCODE: Way of Solemnisation

Data file: md-2015-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 138627 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Religious	42523	30.7%
2	DHA	80020	57.7%
9	Unspecified	16084	11.6%

BRIDEGROOMSTATUSCODE: Marital status of Bridegroom

Data file: md-2015-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 138627 Invalid: 0

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Bachelor	113891	82.2%
2	Divorcee	5034	3.6%
3	Widower	1439	1%
9	Unspecified	18263	13.2%

BRIDESTATUSCODE: Marital status of Bride

Data file: md-2015-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Spinster	120274	86.8%
2	Divorcee	3317	2.4%
3	Widow	1173	0.8%
9	Unspecified	13863	10%

BRIDEGROOMAGE: Age of Bridegroom

Data file: md-2015-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 138627 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 15 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
15	15	1	0%
16	16	1	0%
17	17	4	0%

18	18	29	0%
19	19	72	0.1%
20	20	199	0.1%
21	21	473	0.3%
22	22	1022	0.7%
23	23	1624	1.2%
24	24	2622	1.9%
25	25	3705	2.7%
26	26	4498	3.2%
27	27	5234	3.8%
28	28	5622	4.1%
29	29	6286	4.5%
30	30	6741	4.9%
31	31	6441	4.6%
32	32	6504	4.7%
33	33	6503	4.7%
34	34	5832	4.2%
35	35	5635	4.1%
36	36	5372	3.9%
37	37	4879	3.5%
38	38	4609	3.3%
39	39	4532	3.3%
40	40	4393	3.2%
41	41	3928	2.8%
42	42	3567	2.6%
43	43	3500	2.5%
44	44	2900	2.1%
45	45	2905	2.1%
46	46	2511	1.8%
47	47	2429	1.8%
48	48	2089	1.5%
49	49	1983	1.4%
50	50	1861	1.3%
51	51	1716	1.2%
52	52	1699	1.2%
53	53	1462	1.1%
54	54	1238	0.9%
55	55	1284	0.9%
56	56	1112	0.8%

57	57	1027	0.7%
58	58	908	0.7%
59	59	802	0.6%
60	60	817	0.6%
61	61	757	0.5%
62	62	689	0.5%
63	63	612	0.4%
64	64	474	0.3%
65	65	541	0.4%
66	66	413	0.3%
67	67	324	0.2%
68	68	313	0.2%
69	69	240	0.2%
70	70	208	0.2%
71	71	181	0.1%
72	72	143	0.1%
73	73	155	0.1%
74	74	140	0.1%
75	75	150	0.1%
76	76	112	0.1%
77	77	97	0.1%
78	78	84	0.1%
79	79	60	0%
80	80	62	0%
81	81	51	0%
82	82	43	0%
83	83	40	0%
84	84	34	0%
85	85	40	0%
86	86	26	0%
87	87	23	0%
88	88	8	0%
89	89	7	0%
90	90	4	0%
91	91	5	0%
92	92	3	0%
93	93	6	0%
94	94	1	0%
95	95	2	0%

96	96	2	0%
97	97	2	0%
98	98	1	0%
999	Unspecified	3	0%

BRIDEAGE: Age of Bride

Data file: md-2015-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 138627 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 15 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
15	15	5	0%
16	16	15	0%
17	17	57	0%
18	18	271	0.2%
19	19	708	0.5%
20	20	1317	1%
21	21	2111	1.5%
22	22	3215	2.3%
23	23	4595	3.3%
24	24	5814	4.2%
25	25	6787	4.9%
26	26	7495	5.4%
27	27	7625	5.5%
28	28	7783	5.6%
29	29	7665	5.5%
30	30	7684	5.5%
31	31	6951	5%
32	32	6449	4.7%
33	33	6107	4.4%
34	34	5199	3.8%
35	35	4790	3.5%
36	36	4351	3.1%
37	37	3722	2.7%

38	38	3553	2.6%
39	39	3286	2.4%
40	40	3158	2.3%
41	41	2782	2%
42	42	2549	1.8%
43	43	2399	1.7%
44	44	1956	1.4%
45	45	1967	1.4%
46	46	1737	1.3%
47	47	1674	1.2%
48	48	1364	1%
49	49	1306	0.9%
50	50	1256	0.9%
51	51	1022	0.7%
52	52	1005	0.7%
53	53	855	0.6%
54	54	716	0.5%
55	55	653	0.5%
56	56	596	0.4%
57	57	557	0.4%
58	58	431	0.3%
59	59	390	0.3%
60	60	394	0.3%
61	61	323	0.2%
62	62	256	0.2%
63	63	277	0.2%
64	64	171	0.1%
65	65	196	0.1%
66	66	149	0.1%
67	67	154	0.1%
68	68	122	0.1%
69	69	87	0.1%
70	70	103	0.1%
71	71	76	0.1%
72	72	64	0%
73	73	52	0%
74	74	40	0%
75	75	50	0%
76	76	36	0%

77	77	33	0%
78	78	17	0%
79	79	22	0%
80	80	10	0%
81	81	19	0%
82	82	12	0%
83	83	10	0%
84	84	6	0%
85	85	6	0%
86	86	6	0%
88	88	1	0%
90	90	1	0%
91	91	1	0%
92	92	1	0%
94	94	2	0%
999	Unspecified	2	0%

AGEDIFF: Age difference between bridegroom and bride

Data file: md-2015-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 138627 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 18 Range: 0 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Spouses same age	10751	7.8%
1	Bridegroom older	106264	76.7%
2	Bridegroom younger	21607	15.6%
9	Unspecified	5	0%

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province**Data file: md-2015-civil-unions-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1185 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 13 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Western Cape	346	29.2%
2	Eastern Cape	49	4.1%
3	Northern Cape	10	0.8%
4	Free State	41	3.5%
5	KwaZulu-Natal	220	18.6%
6	North West	25	2.1%
7	Gauteng	443	37.4%
8	Mpumalanga	24	2%
9	Limpopo	16	1.4%
98	Outside RSA	4	0.3%
99	Unspecified	7	0.6%

REGISTRATIONMONTH: Month of Registration**Data file: md-2015-civil-unions-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1185 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 9 Range: 1 - 12 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	58	4.9%
2	February	87	7.3%
3	March	107	9%
4	April	116	9.8%
5	May	91	7.7%
6	June	79	6.7%
7	July	81	6.8%

8	August	95	8%
9	September	120	10.1%
10	October	123	10.4%
11	November	111	9.4%
12	December	117	9.9%

REGISTRATIONYEAR: Year of Registration

Data file: md-2015-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 1185 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 4 Range: 2015 - 2015 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
2015	2015	1185	100%

SPOUSE1AGE: Age of Spouses-1

Data file: md-2015-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 1185 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	4	0.3%
21	21	7	0.6%
22	22	2	0.2%
23	23	12	1%
24	24	19	1.6%
25	25	27	2.3%
26	26	42	3.5%
27	27	40	3.4%
28	28	50	4.2%

29	29	54	4.6%
30	30	54	4.6%
31	31	57	4.8%
32	32	50	4.2%
33	33	55	4.6%
34	34	57	4.8%
35	35	45	3.8%
36	36	45	3.8%
37	37	48	4.1%
38	38	41	3.5%
39	39	43	3.6%
40	40	35	3%
41	41	36	3%
42	42	28	2.4%
43	43	30	2.5%
44	44	22	1.9%
45	45	24	2%
46	46	17	1.4%
47	47	33	2.8%
48	48	20	1.7%
49	49	31	2.6%
50	50	13	1.1%
51	51	7	0.6%
52	52	10	0.8%
53	53	17	1.4%
54	54	8	0.7%
55	55	13	1.1%
56	56	12	1%
57	57	8	0.7%
58	58	13	1.1%
59	59	9	0.8%
60	60	8	0.7%
61	61	3	0.3%
62	62	2	0.2%
63	63	3	0.3%
64	64	5	0.4%
65	65	2	0.2%
66	66	2	0.2%
67	67	4	0.3%

68	68	4	0.3%
70	70	4	0.3%
71	71	1	0.1%
72	72	2	0.2%
73	73	2	0.2%
76	76	1	0.1%
79	79	1	0.1%
84	84	1	0.1%

SPOUSE2AGE: Age of Spouses-2

Data file: md-2015-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 1185 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 18 - 78 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
18	18	3	0.3%
19	19	3	0.3%
20	20	9	0.8%
21	21	10	0.8%
22	22	17	1.4%
23	23	26	2.2%
24	24	33	2.8%
25	25	33	2.8%
26	26	61	5.1%
27	27	54	4.6%
28	28	60	5.1%
29	29	69	5.8%
30	30	52	4.4%
31	31	62	5.2%
32	32	37	3.1%
33	33	51	4.3%
34	34	45	3.8%
35	35	40	3.4%
36	36	40	3.4%

37	37	50	4.2%
38	38	25	2.1%
39	39	42	3.5%
40	40	40	3.4%
41	41	31	2.6%
42	42	32	2.7%
43	43	20	1.7%
44	44	28	2.4%
45	45	15	1.3%
46	46	24	2%
47	47	17	1.4%
48	48	17	1.4%
49	49	16	1.4%
50	50	19	1.6%
51	51	13	1.1%
52	52	12	1%
53	53	7	0.6%
54	54	8	0.7%
55	55	9	0.8%
56	56	5	0.4%
57	57	5	0.4%
58	58	5	0.4%
59	59	5	0.4%
60	60	6	0.5%
61	61	5	0.4%
62	62	4	0.3%
63	63	4	0.3%
64	64	3	0.3%
65	65	4	0.3%
66	66	1	0.1%
67	67	1	0.1%
68	68	1	0.1%
70	70	1	0.1%
71	71	3	0.3%
73	73	1	0.1%
78	78	1	0.1%

AGEDIFF: Age difference between Spouses-1 and Spouses-2**Data file: md-2015-civil-unions-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1185 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 17 Range: 0 - 2 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Spouses same age	92	7.8%
1	Spouses-1 older	720	60.8%
2	Spouses-1 younger	373	31.5%

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province**Data file: md-2015-customary-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 3467 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 13 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Western Cape	63	1.8%
2	Eastern Cape	269	7.8%
3	Northern Cape	82	2.4%
4	Free State	49	1.4%
5	KwaZulu-Natal	1686	48.6%
6	North West	37	1.1%
7	Gauteng	212	6.1%
8	Mpumalanga	388	11.2%
9	Limpopo	603	17.4%
97	Unknown	71	2%
99	Unspecified	7	0.2%

MARRIAGEYEAR: Year of Marriage**Data file: md-2015-customary-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 3467 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 4 Range: 1946 - 2015 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1946	1946	1	0%
1949	1949	2	0.1%
1950	1950	3	0.1%
1951	1951	2	0.1%
1952	1952	3	0.1%
1953	1953	3	0.1%
1954	1954	3	0.1%

1955	1955	4	0.1%
1956	1956	5	0.1%
1957	1957	8	0.2%
1958	1958	9	0.3%
1959	1959	10	0.3%
1960	1960	15	0.4%
1961	1961	15	0.4%
1962	1962	14	0.4%
1963	1963	16	0.5%
1964	1964	12	0.3%
1965	1965	12	0.3%
1966	1966	17	0.5%
1967	1967	35	1%
1968	1968	23	0.7%
1969	1969	38	1.1%
1970	1970	43	1.2%
1971	1971	36	1%
1972	1972	40	1.2%
1973	1973	60	1.7%
1974	1974	59	1.7%
1975	1975	60	1.7%
1976	1976	69	2%
1977	1977	65	1.9%
1978	1978	61	1.8%
1979	1979	63	1.8%
1980	1980	65	1.9%
1981	1981	73	2.1%
1982	1982	82	2.4%
1983	1983	62	1.8%
1984	1984	88	2.5%
1985	1985	64	1.8%
1986	1986	57	1.6%
1987	1987	78	2.2%
1988	1988	83	2.4%
1989	1989	59	1.7%
1990	1990	73	2.1%
1991	1991	51	1.5%
1992	1992	70	2%
1993	1993	65	1.9%

1994	1994	70	2%
1995	1995	57	1.6%
1996	1996	44	1.3%
1997	1997	44	1.3%
1998	1998	53	1.5%
1999	1999	44	1.3%
2000	2000	37	1.1%
2001	2001	8	0.2%
2002	2002	16	0.5%
2003	2003	15	0.4%
2004	2004	23	0.7%
2005	2005	35	1%
2006	2006	25	0.7%
2007	2007	28	0.8%
2008	2008	38	1.1%
2009	2009	38	1.1%
2010	2010	46	1.3%
2011	2011	45	1.3%
2012	2012	59	1.7%
2013	2013	59	1.7%
2014	2014	206	5.9%
2015	2015	701	20.2%

REGISTRATIONYEAR: Year of Registration

Data file: md-2015-customary-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 3467 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 4 Range: 2015 - 2015 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
2015	2015	3467	100%

BRIDEGROOMAGE: Age of Bridegroom

Data file: md-2015-customary-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 3467 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 15 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
15	15	1	0%
16	16	2	0.1%
17	17	2	0.1%
18	18	8	0.2%
19	19	30	0.9%
20	20	45	1.3%
21	21	74	2.1%
22	22	89	2.6%
23	23	97	2.8%
24	24	120	3.5%
25	25	131	3.8%
26	26	129	3.7%
27	27	140	4%
28	28	159	4.6%
29	29	147	4.2%
30	30	145	4.2%
31	31	121	3.5%
32	32	158	4.6%
33	33	120	3.5%
34	34	107	3.1%
35	35	109	3.1%
36	36	132	3.8%
37	37	90	2.6%
38	38	112	3.2%
39	39	122	3.5%
40	40	81	2.3%
41	41	66	1.9%
42	42	90	2.6%
43	43	82	2.4%
44	44	58	1.7%
45	45	66	1.9%
46	46	56	1.6%

47	47	53	1.5%
48	48	52	1.5%
49	49	42	1.2%
50	50	38	1.1%
51	51	39	1.1%
52	52	40	1.2%
53	53	38	1.1%
54	54	31	0.9%
55	55	20	0.6%
56	56	29	0.8%
57	57	19	0.5%
58	58	26	0.7%
59	59	10	0.3%
60	60	10	0.3%
61	61	14	0.4%
62	62	11	0.3%
63	63	17	0.5%
64	64	10	0.3%
65	65	15	0.4%
66	66	8	0.2%
67	67	6	0.2%
68	68	7	0.2%
69	69	5	0.1%
70	70	5	0.1%
72	72	3	0.1%
73	73	4	0.1%
74	74	4	0.1%
75	75	2	0.1%
76	76	7	0.2%
77	77	3	0.1%
78	78	2	0.1%
79	79	4	0.1%
83	83	1	0%
999	Unspecified	3	0.1%

BRIDEAGE: Age of Bride

Data file: md-2015-customary-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 3467 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 8 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
8	8	1	0%
9	9	1	0%
10	10	1	0%
11	11	1	0%
13	13	1	0%
14	14	6	0.2%
15	15	15	0.4%
16	16	29	0.8%
17	17	65	1.9%
18	18	92	2.7%
19	19	137	4%
20	20	173	5%
21	21	151	4.4%
22	22	172	5%
23	23	174	5%
24	24	152	4.4%
25	25	187	5.4%
26	26	137	4%
27	27	177	5.1%
28	28	135	3.9%
29	29	159	4.6%
30	30	138	4%
31	31	135	3.9%
32	32	119	3.4%
33	33	110	3.2%
34	34	92	2.7%
35	35	95	2.7%
36	36	86	2.5%
37	37	76	2.2%
38	38	77	2.2%
39	39	58	1.7%
40	40	61	1.8%

41	41	52	1.5%
42	42	42	1.2%
43	43	37	1.1%
44	44	28	0.8%
45	45	43	1.2%
46	46	24	0.7%
47	47	24	0.7%
48	48	22	0.6%
49	49	27	0.8%
50	50	13	0.4%
51	51	17	0.5%
52	52	18	0.5%
53	53	15	0.4%
54	54	7	0.2%
55	55	11	0.3%
56	56	6	0.2%
57	57	12	0.3%
58	58	6	0.2%
59	59	3	0.1%
60	60	5	0.1%
61	61	7	0.2%
62	62	7	0.2%
63	63	5	0.1%
64	64	5	0.1%
66	66	3	0.1%
67	67	1	0%
68	68	2	0.1%
69	69	1	0%
70	70	1	0%
72	72	1	0%
73	73	1	0%
75	75	1	0%
77	77	1	0%
78	78	1	0%
85	85	3	0.1%
999	Unspecified	2	0.1%

AGEDIFF: Age difference between bridegroom and bride**Data file: md-2015-customary-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 3467 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 41 Range: 0 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Spouses same age	189	5.5%
1	Bridegroom older	2940	84.8%
2	Bridegroom younger	335	9.7%
9	Either bridegroom or bride age is missing	3	0.1%

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province**Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 13 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Western Cape	4854	19.2%
2	Eastern Cape	3398	13.5%
3	Northern Cape	589	2.3%
4	Free State	2187	8.7%
5	KwaZulu-Natal	4140	16.4%
6	North West	665	2.6%
7	Gauteng	6544	25.9%
8	Mpumalanga	1747	6.9%
9	Limpopo	1136	4.5%

MALERACE: Population group of husband**Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 13 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Black African	11170	44.2%
2	Coloured	4430	17.5%
3	Indian/Asian	1774	7%
4	White	6749	26.7%
5	Other	131	0.5%
9	Unspecified	1006	4%

FEMALERACE: Population group of wife**Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 13 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Black African	11131	44.1%
2	Coloured	4611	18.3%
3	Indian/Asian	1682	6.7%
4	White	6708	26.6%
5	Other	25	0.1%
9	Unspecified	1103	4.4%

COUPLERACE: Population group of couple**Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 13 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Black African	10841	42.9%
2	Coloured	4213	16.7%
3	Indian/Asian	1566	6.2%
4	White	6588	26.1%
5	Mixed	837	3.3%
9	Unspecified	1215	4.8%

MALEOCCUPATION: Occupation of Husband**Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 57 Range: 0 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Not economically active	4255	16.8%
1	Professional, semi-professional and technical occupations	2580	10.2%
2	Managers and administrators	3405	13.5%
3	Clerical and sales occupations	1470	5.8%
4	Transport, delivery and communications	905	3.6%
5	Service occupations	2161	8.6%
6	Farming and related occupations	106	0.4%
7	Artisans, apprentice and related occupations	1646	6.5%
8	Production foreman, mine and quarry workers	1034	4.1%
99	Unspecified	7698	30.5%

FEMALEOCCUPATION: Occupation of wife

Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 57 Range: 0 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Not economically active	6207	24.6%
1	Professional, semi-professional and technical occupations	3121	12.4%
2	Managers and administrators	1814	7.2%
3	Clerical and sales occupations	3087	12.2%
4	Transport, delivery and communications	56	0.2%
5	Service occupations	1891	7.5%
6	Farming and related occupations	19	0.1%
7	Artisans, apprentice and related occupations	173	0.7%
8	Production foreman, mine and quarry workers	349	1.4%
99	Unspecified	8543	33.8%

PLAINTIFFSEX: Sex of plaintiff**Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Male	8538	33.8%
2	Female	13038	51.6%
3	Both	2171	8.6%
9	Unspecified	1513	6%

MALESTATUS: Marital status of husband**Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Bachelor	20010	79.2%
2	Widower	398	1.6%
3	Divorcee	2974	11.8%
9	Unspecified	1878	7.4%

FEMALESTATUS: Marital status of wife**Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Spinster	20189	79.9%
2	Widow	399	1.6%
3	Divorcee	2417	9.6%
9	Unspecified	2255	8.9%

MALENOTIMESMARRIED: Number of times husband married

Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	1	20823	82.4%
2	2	3028	12%
3	3	385	1.5%
4	4	74	0.3%
5	5	20	0.1%
6	6	9	0%
99	Unspecified	921	3.6%

FEMALENOTIMESMARRIED: Number of times wife married

Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	1	21204	83.9%
2	2	2575	10.2%
3	3	314	1.2%
4	4	69	0.3%

5	5	12	0%
6	6	10	0%
99	Unspecified	1076	4.3%

MALEAGE: Age of husband

Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 16 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
16	16	1	0%
19	19	1	0%
20	20	2	0%
21	21	5	0%
22	22	13	0.1%
23	23	27	0.1%
24	24	50	0.2%
25	25	88	0.3%
26	26	118	0.5%
27	27	191	0.8%
28	28	219	0.9%
29	29	334	1.3%
30	30	427	1.7%
31	31	518	2.1%
32	32	577	2.3%
33	33	667	2.6%
34	34	754	3%
35	35	755	3%
36	36	768	3%
37	37	740	2.9%
38	38	838	3.3%
39	39	897	3.6%
40	40	921	3.6%
41	41	947	3.7%

42	42	963	3.8%
43	43	1019	4%
44	44	931	3.7%
45	45	956	3.8%
46	46	909	3.6%
47	47	901	3.6%
48	48	923	3.7%
49	49	783	3.1%
50	50	749	3%
51	51	703	2.8%
52	52	682	2.7%
53	53	556	2.2%
54	54	484	1.9%
55	55	501	2%
56	56	415	1.6%
57	57	396	1.6%
58	58	315	1.2%
59	59	296	1.2%
60	60	216	0.9%
61	61	200	0.8%
62	62	215	0.9%
63	63	169	0.7%
64	64	136	0.5%
65	65	120	0.5%
66	66	108	0.4%
67	67	85	0.3%
68	68	91	0.4%
69	69	85	0.3%
70	70	45	0.2%
71	71	54	0.2%
72	72	43	0.2%
73	73	39	0.2%
74	74	25	0.1%
75	75	23	0.1%
76	76	22	0.1%
77	77	18	0.1%
78	78	14	0.1%
79	79	11	0%
80	80	11	0%

81	81	10	0%
82	82	5	0%
83	83	4	0%
84	84	2	0%
85	85	3	0%
86	86	7	0%
87	87	3	0%
90	90	3	0%
92	92	1	0%
999	Unspecified	1152	4.6%

FEMALEAGE: Age of wife

Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 17 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
17	17	1	0%
18	18	2	0%
19	19	6	0%
20	20	10	0%
21	21	40	0.2%
22	22	65	0.3%
23	23	123	0.5%
24	24	197	0.8%
25	25	243	1%
26	26	366	1.4%
27	27	420	1.7%
28	28	575	2.3%
29	29	604	2.4%
30	30	745	2.9%
31	31	815	3.2%
32	32	875	3.5%
33	33	955	3.8%

34	34	935	3.7%
35	35	939	3.7%
36	36	938	3.7%
37	37	933	3.7%
38	38	908	3.6%
39	39	930	3.7%
40	40	957	3.8%
41	41	910	3.6%
42	42	970	3.8%
43	43	953	3.8%
44	44	863	3.4%
45	45	809	3.2%
46	46	766	3%
47	47	767	3%
48	48	672	2.7%
49	49	644	2.5%
50	50	559	2.2%
51	51	542	2.1%
52	52	469	1.9%
53	53	405	1.6%
54	54	330	1.3%
55	55	320	1.3%
56	56	247	1%
57	57	231	0.9%
58	58	214	0.8%
59	59	168	0.7%
60	60	141	0.6%
61	61	119	0.5%
62	62	94	0.4%
63	63	101	0.4%
64	64	57	0.2%
65	65	55	0.2%
66	66	58	0.2%
67	67	47	0.2%
68	68	36	0.1%
69	69	26	0.1%
70	70	28	0.1%
71	71	23	0.1%
72	72	17	0.1%

73	73	12	0%
74	74	11	0%
75	75	8	0%
76	76	8	0%
77	77	2	0%
78	78	4	0%
79	79	4	0%
80	80	4	0%
82	82	1	0%
83	83	1	0%
87	87	1	0%
999	Unspecified	981	3.9%

SOLEMNISATIONCODE: Way of solemnisation

Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Religious	12016	47.6%
2	DHA	11077	43.9%
9	Unspecified	2167	8.6%

MARRIAGEPROPERTYSYSTEM: Matrimonial property system

Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25260 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	20444	80.9%

2	Out of community of property	1328	5.3%
3	Out of community of property (excluding accrual system)	1026	4.1%
4	Out of community of property (including accrual system)	1519	6%
5	Other	67	0.3%
9	Unspecified	876	3.5%

MARRIAGEMONTH: Month of marriage

Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	1699	6.7%
2	February	1829	7.2%
3	March	1989	7.9%
4	April	2085	8.3%
5	May	1841	7.3%
6	June	1683	6.7%
7	July	1786	7.1%
8	August	1684	6.7%
9	September	2195	8.7%
10	October	2149	8.5%
11	November	2184	8.6%
12	December	3199	12.7%
99	Unspecified	937	3.7%

MARRIAGEYEAR: Year of marriage

Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1956 - 9999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1956		1	0%
1957		1	0%
1960		2	0%
1961		1	0%
1962		2	0%
1963		6	0%
1964		1	0%
1965		5	0%
1966		5	0%
1967		6	0%
1968		7	0%
1969		13	0.1%
1970		19	0.1%
1971		17	0.1%
1972		20	0.1%
1973		20	0.1%
1974		21	0.1%
1975		36	0.1%
1976		48	0.2%
1977		48	0.2%
1978		43	0.2%
1979		65	0.3%
1980		82	0.3%
1981		94	0.4%
1982		117	0.5%
1983		135	0.5%
1984		158	0.6%
1985		176	0.7%
1986		199	0.8%
1987		222	0.9%
1988		250	1%
1989		329	1.3%
1990		349	1.4%
1991		428	1.7%
1992		418	1.7%

1993		420	1.7%
1994		525	2.1%
1995		580	2.3%
1996		547	2.2%
1997		598	2.4%
1998		660	2.6%
1999		712	2.8%
2000		725	2.9%
2001		764	3%
2002		824	3.3%
2003		968	3.8%
2004		1058	4.2%
2005		1129	4.5%
2006		1262	5%
2007		1358	5.4%
2008		1446	5.7%
2009		1465	5.8%
2010		1446	5.7%
2011		1417	5.6%
2012		1337	5.3%
2013		1015	4%
2014		656	2.6%
2015		62	0.2%
9999	Unspecified	942	3.7%

NOOFCHILDREN: Number of minor children involved

Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0 - 7 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0		11215	44.4%
1		7129	28.2%
2		5234	20.7%

3		1409	5.6%
4		233	0.9%
5		31	0.1%
6		8	0%
7		1	0%

DIVORCEMONTH: Month of divorce

Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	1211	4.8%
2	February	2127	8.4%
3	March	2196	8.7%
4	April	2029	8%
5	May	2231	8.8%
6	June	2183	8.6%
7	July	2531	10%
8	August	2369	9.4%
9	September	2166	8.6%
10	October	2380	9.4%
11	November	2246	8.9%
12	December	1591	6.3%
99	Unspecified	0	0%

DIVORCEYEAR: Year of divorce

Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 2015 - 2015 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
2015		25260	100%

DURATIONOFMARRIAGE: Duration of marriage

Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 999 Mean: 49.1 Standard deviation: 187.153
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0 - 999 Format: Numeric

MARRIAGETYPE: Type of marriage

Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 18 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Civil marriage	3629	14.4%
2	Customary marriage	56	0.2%
3	Civil union	33	0.1%
9	Unspecified	21542	85.3%

POLYGAMOUSMARRIAGE: Involved in polygamous marriage

Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
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1	Yes	69	0.3%
2	No	3209	12.7%
9	Unspecified	21982	87%

GROUNDSDIVORCE: Main grounds for divorce

Data file: md-2015-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25260 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 22 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

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CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Adultery	1012	4%
2	Abuse	564	2.2%
3	Childlessness	14	0.1%
4	Desertion	638	2.5%
5	Financial difficulties	242	1%
6	Medical Insanity	5	0%
7	Imprisonment	13	0.1%
8	Other (Specify)	819	3.2%
9	Unspecified	21953	86.9%