South Africa - Marriages and Divorces 2017

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Identification

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zaf-statssa-md-2017-v1

TITLE
Marriages and Divorces 2017

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 2017, that is, that were finalised and issued with decrees of divorce in 2017 by DJCD.

KIND OF DATA
Administrative records

UNIT OF ANALYSIS
Individuals

Version

VERSION DESCRIPTION
v1: Edited, anonymised dataset for public distribution

VERSION DATE
2019

VERSION NOTES

Version 1 of the Marriages and Divorces 2017 dataset was downloaded from the Statistics South Africa website on the 5 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 recoreded by the Department of Home Affairs and all divorce applications that were granted by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development in 2017 in South Africa.

Producers and sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

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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
2017-01-01	2017-12-31

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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DDI DOCUMENT VERSION
Version 2

Data Description

Data file	Cases	Variables
md-2017-civil-marriages-v1	135458	9
md-2017-civil-unions-v1	1357	6
md-2017-customary-marriages-v1	2588	6
md-2017-divorces-v1	25390	24

Data file	Cases	Variables
md-2017-civil-marriages-v1	135458	9
md-2017-customary-marriages-v1	2588	6

Data file: md-2017-civil-marriages-v1

Cases:	135458
Variables:	9

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V136	ProvinceCode	Name of Province	
V137	MarriageMonth	Month of Marriage	
V138	MarriageYear	Year of Marriage	
V139	SolemnisationCode	Way of Solemnisation	
V140	BridegroomStatusCode	Marital status of Bridegroom	
V141	BrideStatusCode	Marital status of Bride	
V142	BridegroomAge	Age of Bridegroom	
V143	BrideAge	Age of Bride	
V144	AgeDiff	Age difference between bridegroom and bride	

Total: 9

Data file: md-2017-civil-unions-v1

Cases: 1357

Variables: 6

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V145	ProvinceCode	Name of Province	
V146	RegistrationMonth	Month of Registration	
V147	RegistrationYear	Year of Registration	
V148	Spouse1Age	Age of Spouses-1	
V149	Spouse2Age	Age of Spouses-2	
V150	AgeDiff	Age difference between Spouses-1 and Spouses-2	

Total: 6

Data file: md-2017-customary-marriages-v1

Cases:	2588
Variables:	6

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V151	ProvinceCode	Name of Province	
V152	MarriageYear	Year of Marriage	
V153	RegistrationYear	Year of Registration	
V154	BridegroomAge	Age of Bridegroom	
V155	BrideAge	Age of Bride	
V156	AgeDiff	Age difference between bridegroom and bride	

Total: 6

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Cases:	25390
Variables:	24

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V157	ProvinceCode	Name of Province	
V158	MaleRace	Population group of husband	
V159	FemaleRace	Population group of wife	
V160	CoupleRace	Population group of couple	
V161	MaleOccupation	Occupation of Husband	
V162	FemaleOccupation	Occupation of wife	
V163	PlaintiffSex	Sex of plaintiff	
V164	MaleStatus	Marital status of husband	
V165	FemaleStatus	Marital status of wife	
V166	MaleNoTimesMarried	Number of times husband married	
V167	FemaleNoTimesMarried	Number of times wife married	
V168	MaleAge	Age of husband	
V169	FemaleAge	Age of wife	
V170	SolemnisationCode	Way of solemnisation	
V171	MarriagePropertySystem	Matrimonial property system	
V172	MarriageMonth	Month of marriage	
V173	MarriageYear	Year of marriage	
V174	NoOfChildren	Number of minor children involved	
V175	DivorceMonth	Month of divorce	
V176	DivorceYear	Year of divorce	
V177	DurationOfMarriage	Duration of marriage	
V178	MarriageType	Type of marriage	
V179	PolygamousMarriage	Involved in polygamous marriage	
V180	GroundsForDivorce	Main grounds for divorce	

Total: 24

▌ PROVINCECODE: Name of Province

Data file: md-2017-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 135458   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 13   Range: 1 - 99   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Western Cape	22144	16.3%
2	Eastern Cape	14550	10.7%
3	Northern Cape	3950	2.9%
4	Free State	9479	7%
5	KwaZulu-Natal	21206	15.7%
6	North West	9238	6.8%
7	Gauteng	35359	26.1%
8	Mpumalanga	7071	5.2%
9	Limpopo	9894	7.3%
97	Unknown	35	0%
98	Outside RSA	418	0.3%
99	Unspecified	2114	1.6%

▌ MARRIAGEMONTH: Month of Marriage

Data file: md-2017-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 135458   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 9   Range: 1 - 12   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	9053	6.7%
2	February	9702	7.2%
3	March	11490	8.5%
4	April	12342	9.1%
5	May	9817	7.2%
6	June	8928	6.6%

7	July	9699	7.2%
8	August	9353	6.9%
9	September	12992	9.6%
10	October	12166	9%
11	November	12456	9.2%
12	December	17460	12.9%

MARRIAGEYEAR: Year of Marriage

Data file: md-2017-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 135458   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 4   Range: 2017 - 2017   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
2017	2017	135458	100%

SOLEMNISATIONCODE: Way of Solemnisation

Data file: md-2017-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 135458   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 11   Range: 1 - 9   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Religious	38981	28.8%
2	DHA	78768	58.1%
9	Unspecified	17709	13.1%

BRIDEGROOMSTATUSCODE: Marital status of Bridegroom

Data file: md-2017-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 135458   Invalid: 0

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Bachelor	111306	82.2%
2	Divorcee	5074	3.7%
3	Widower	1171	0.9%
9	Unspecified	17907	13.2%

BRIDESTATUSCODE: Marital status of Bride

Data file: md-2017-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 135458   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 11   Range: 1 - 9   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Spinster	117779	86.9%
2	Divorcee	3227	2.4%
3	Widow	896	0.7%
9	Unspecified	13556	10%

BRIDEGROOMAGE: Age of Bridegroom

Data file: md-2017-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 135458   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 11   Range: 17 - 999   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
17	17	2	0%
18	18	15	0%
19	19	64	0%

20	20	197	0.1%
21	21	421	0.3%
22	22	818	0.6%
23	23	1353	1%
24	24	2233	1.6%
25	25	3092	2.3%
26	26	4189	3.1%
27	27	4921	3.6%
28	28	5431	4%
29	29	5532	4.1%
30	30	5767	4.3%
31	31	6181	4.6%
32	32	6302	4.7%
33	33	5952	4.4%
34	34	5774	4.3%
35	35	5946	4.4%
36	36	5156	3.8%
37	37	4963	3.7%
38	38	4719	3.5%
39	39	4157	3.1%
40	40	4152	3.1%
41	41	4012	3%
42	42	3818	2.8%
43	43	3381	2.5%
44	44	3129	2.3%
45	45	3139	2.3%
46	46	2506	1.9%
47	47	2654	2%
48	48	2215	1.6%
49	49	2200	1.6%
50	50	1963	1.4%
51	51	1692	1.2%
52	52	1615	1.2%
53	53	1581	1.2%
54	54	1496	1.1%
55	55	1332	1%
56	56	1076	0.8%
57	57	1122	0.8%
58	58	1006	0.7%

59	59	940	0.7%
60	60	899	0.7%
61	61	778	0.6%
62	62	677	0.5%
63	63	622	0.5%
64	64	636	0.5%
65	65	591	0.4%
66	66	357	0.3%
67	67	401	0.3%
68	68	342	0.3%
69	69	257	0.2%
70	70	257	0.2%
71	71	209	0.2%
72	72	190	0.1%
73	73	141	0.1%
74	74	135	0.1%
75	75	139	0.1%
76	76	86	0.1%
77	77	96	0.1%
78	78	68	0.1%
79	79	67	0%
80	80	46	0%
81	81	60	0%
82	82	36	0%
83	83	30	0%
84	84	27	0%
85	85	19	0%
86	86	14	0%
87	87	15	0%
88	88	11	0%
89	89	10	0%
90	90	6	0%
91	91	2	0%
92	92	3	0%
93	93	3	0%
95	95	5	0%
96	96	4	0%
97	97	2	0%
98	98	1	0%

99	99	1	0%
999	Unspecified	1	0%

▌ BRIDEAGE: Age of Bride

Data file: md-2017-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 135458   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: 15 - 96   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
15	15	2	0%
16	16	16	0%
17	17	52	0%
18	18	245	0.2%
19	19	571	0.4%
20	20	1054	0.8%
21	21	1779	1.3%
22	22	2690	2%
23	23	3675	2.7%
24	24	4957	3.7%
25	25	6134	4.5%
26	26	6922	5.1%
27	27	7581	5.6%
28	28	7449	5.5%
29	29	7151	5.3%
30	30	6884	5.1%
31	31	6697	4.9%
32	32	6404	4.7%
33	33	6009	4.4%
34	34	5625	4.2%
35	35	5195	3.8%
36	36	4435	3.3%
37	37	4142	3.1%
38	38	3650	2.7%
39	39	3286	2.4%

40	40	3074	2.3%
41	41	2858	2.1%
42	42	2761	2%
43	43	2419	1.8%
44	44	2276	1.7%
45	45	2234	1.6%
46	46	1709	1.3%
47	47	1798	1.3%
48	48	1490	1.1%
49	49	1457	1.1%
50	50	1183	0.9%
51	51	1106	0.8%
52	52	1037	0.8%
53	53	911	0.7%
54	54	851	0.6%
55	55	718	0.5%
56	56	626	0.5%
57	57	610	0.5%
58	58	491	0.4%
59	59	465	0.3%
60	60	407	0.3%
61	61	363	0.3%
62	62	289	0.2%
63	63	260	0.2%
64	64	219	0.2%
65	65	205	0.2%
66	66	141	0.1%
67	67	150	0.1%
68	68	117	0.1%
69	69	110	0.1%
70	70	77	0.1%
71	71	75	0.1%
72	72	67	0%
73	73	47	0%
74	74	53	0%
75	75	41	0%
76	76	24	0%
77	77	33	0%
78	78	28	0%

79	79	18	0%
80	80	13	0%
81	81	8	0%
82	82	7	0%
83	83	5	0%
84	84	6	0%
85	85	2	0%
86	86	5	0%
87	87	1	0%
88	88	2	0%
89	89	3	0%
91	91	1	0%
92	92	1	0%
96	96	1	0%

AGEDIFF: Age difference between bridegroom and bride

Data file: md-2017-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 135458   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 18   Range: 0 - 9   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Spouses same age	10412	7.7%
1	Bridegroom older	103901	76.7%
2	Bridegroom younger	21144	15.6%
9	Unspecified	1	0%

█ PROVINCECODE: Name of Province

Data file: md-2017-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 1357   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 13   Range: 1 - 99   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Western Cape	391	28.8%
2	Eastern Cape	57	4.2%
3	Northern Cape	16	1.2%
4	Free State	42	3.1%
5	KwaZulu-Natal	245	18.1%
6	North West	43	3.2%
7	Gauteng	507	37.4%
8	Mpumalanga	32	2.4%
9	Limpopo	15	1.1%
98	Outside RSA	3	0.2%
99	Unspecified	6	0.4%

█ REGISTRATIONMONTH: Month of Registration

Data file: md-2017-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 1357   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 9   Range: 1 - 12   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	64	4.7%
2	February	93	6.9%
3	March	139	10.2%
4	April	134	9.9%
5	May	86	6.3%
6	June	104	7.7%
7	July	92	6.8%

8	August	101	7.4%
9	September	142	10.5%
10	October	131	9.7%
11	November	132	9.7%
12	December	139	10.2%

REGISTRATIONYEAR: Year of Registration

Data file: md-2017-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 1357   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 4   Range: 2017 - 2017   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
2017	2017	1357	100%

SPOUSE1AGE: Age of Spouses-1

Data file: md-2017-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 1357   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: 20 - 89   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
20	20	4	0.3%
21	21	6	0.4%
22	22	8	0.6%
23	23	13	1%
24	24	16	1.2%
25	25	28	2.1%
26	26	38	2.8%
27	27	39	2.9%
28	28	68	5%
29	29	63	4.6%

30	30	68	5%
31	31	77	5.7%
32	32	56	4.1%
33	33	73	5.4%
34	34	58	4.3%
35	35	66	4.9%
36	36	54	4%
37	37	53	3.9%
38	38	41	3%
39	39	30	2.2%
40	40	45	3.3%
41	41	43	3.2%
42	42	32	2.4%
43	43	27	2%
44	44	31	2.3%
45	45	23	1.7%
46	46	31	2.3%
47	47	32	2.4%
48	48	27	2%
49	49	15	1.1%
50	50	21	1.5%
51	51	18	1.3%
52	52	17	1.3%
53	53	14	1%
54	54	11	0.8%
55	55	15	1.1%
56	56	7	0.5%
57	57	14	1%
58	58	8	0.6%
59	59	9	0.7%
60	60	10	0.7%
61	61	5	0.4%
62	62	2	0.1%
63	63	2	0.1%
64	64	4	0.3%
65	65	3	0.2%
66	66	3	0.2%
67	67	1	0.1%
68	68	4	0.3%

69	69	6	0.4%
70	70	4	0.3%
71	71	2	0.1%
72	72	1	0.1%
73	73	2	0.1%
75	75	1	0.1%
81	81	1	0.1%
82	82	1	0.1%
83	83	1	0.1%
84	84	1	0.1%
85	85	2	0.1%
86	86	1	0.1%
89	89	1	0.1%

SPOUSE2AGE: Age of Spouses-2

Data file: md-2017-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 1357   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: 20 - 81   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
20	20	6	0.4%
21	21	9	0.7%
22	22	22	1.6%
23	23	27	2%
24	24	35	2.6%
25	25	47	3.5%
26	26	60	4.4%
27	27	65	4.8%
28	28	74	5.5%
29	29	84	6.2%
30	30	67	4.9%
31	31	67	4.9%
32	32	61	4.5%
33	33	59	4.3%

34	34	68	5%
35	35	63	4.6%
36	36	41	3%
37	37	44	3.2%
38	38	35	2.6%
39	39	31	2.3%
40	40	40	2.9%
41	41	31	2.3%
42	42	24	1.8%
43	43	27	2%
44	44	30	2.2%
45	45	30	2.2%
46	46	17	1.3%
47	47	16	1.2%
48	48	22	1.6%
49	49	20	1.5%
50	50	12	0.9%
51	51	12	0.9%
52	52	9	0.7%
53	53	13	1%
54	54	11	0.8%
55	55	8	0.6%
56	56	10	0.7%
57	57	7	0.5%
58	58	8	0.6%
59	59	4	0.3%
60	60	6	0.4%
62	62	6	0.4%
63	63	5	0.4%
64	64	5	0.4%
65	65	2	0.1%
66	66	1	0.1%
67	67	3	0.2%
68	68	2	0.1%
71	71	3	0.2%
74	74	4	0.3%
75	75	1	0.1%
79	79	1	0.1%
81	81	2	0.1%

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

Data file: md-2017-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 1357   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 17   Range: 0 - 2   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Spouses same age	95	7%
1	Spouses-1 older	847	62.4%
2	Spouses-1 younger	415	30.6%

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province

Data file: md-2017-customary-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 2588   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 13   Range: 1 - 99   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Western Cape	8	0.3%
2	Eastern Cape	168	6.5%
3	Northern Cape	9	0.3%
4	Free State	22	0.9%
5	KwaZulu-Natal	1452	56.1%
6	North West	36	1.4%
7	Gauteng	148	5.7%
8	Mpumalanga	153	5.9%
9	Limpopo	535	20.7%
97	Unknown	49	1.9%
98	Outside RSA	6	0.2%
99	Unspecified	2	0.1%

MARRIAGEYEAR: Year of Marriage

Data file: md-2017-customary-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 2588   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 4   Range: 1943 - 2017   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1943	1943	1	0%
1948	1948	2	0.1%
1950	1950	1	0%
1951	1951	1	0%
1953	1953	2	0.1%
1954	1954	3	0.1%

1955	1955	3	0.1%
1956	1956	1	0%
1957	1957	3	0.1%
1958	1958	6	0.2%
1959	1959	6	0.2%
1960	1960	9	0.3%
1961	1961	9	0.3%
1962	1962	10	0.4%
1963	1963	16	0.6%
1964	1964	6	0.2%
1965	1965	12	0.5%
1966	1966	18	0.7%
1967	1967	19	0.7%
1968	1968	21	0.8%
1969	1969	20	0.8%
1970	1970	20	0.8%
1971	1971	17	0.7%
1972	1972	26	1%
1973	1973	20	0.8%
1974	1974	38	1.5%
1975	1975	44	1.7%
1976	1976	32	1.2%
1977	1977	35	1.4%
1978	1978	32	1.2%
1979	1979	35	1.4%
1980	1980	44	1.7%
1981	1981	44	1.7%
1982	1982	51	2%
1983	1983	49	1.9%
1984	1984	74	2.9%
1985	1985	37	1.4%
1986	1986	50	1.9%
1987	1987	47	1.8%
1988	1988	48	1.9%
1989	1989	40	1.5%
1990	1990	41	1.6%
1991	1991	33	1.3%
1992	1992	40	1.5%
1993	1993	42	1.6%

1994	1994	45	1.7%
1995	1995	34	1.3%
1996	1996	31	1.2%
1997	1997	38	1.5%
1998	1998	25	1%
1999	1999	35	1.4%
2000	2000	32	1.2%
2001	2001	12	0.5%
2002	2002	16	0.6%
2003	2003	14	0.5%
2004	2004	15	0.6%
2005	2005	12	0.5%
2006	2006	24	0.9%
2007	2007	20	0.8%
2008	2008	28	1.1%
2009	2009	29	1.1%
2010	2010	33	1.3%
2011	2011	37	1.4%
2012	2012	46	1.8%
2013	2013	36	1.4%
2014	2014	49	1.9%
2015	2015	60	2.3%
2016	2016	229	8.8%
2017	2017	580	22.4%

REGISTRATIONYEAR: Year of Registration

Data file: md-2017-customary-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 2588   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 4   Range: 2017 - 2017   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
2017	2017	2588	100%

BRIDEGROOMAGE: Age of Bridegroom

Data file: md-2017-customary-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 2588   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: 15 - 97   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
15	15	2	0.1%
16	16	3	0.1%
17	17	3	0.1%
18	18	6	0.2%
19	19	19	0.7%
20	20	28	1.1%
21	21	30	1.2%
22	22	57	2.2%
23	23	53	2%
24	24	88	3.4%
25	25	82	3.2%
26	26	99	3.8%
27	27	96	3.7%
28	28	96	3.7%
29	29	94	3.6%
30	30	97	3.7%
31	31	102	3.9%
32	32	97	3.7%
33	33	102	3.9%
34	34	91	3.5%
35	35	102	3.9%
36	36	76	2.9%
37	37	76	2.9%
38	38	80	3.1%
39	39	70	2.7%
40	40	90	3.5%
41	41	70	2.7%
42	42	53	2%
43	43	68	2.6%
44	44	42	1.6%

45	45	57	2.2%
46	46	55	2.1%
47	47	42	1.6%
48	48	43	1.7%
49	49	37	1.4%
50	50	30	1.2%
51	51	37	1.4%
52	52	21	0.8%
53	53	32	1.2%
54	54	26	1%
55	55	18	0.7%
56	56	25	1%
57	57	17	0.7%
58	58	14	0.5%
59	59	24	0.9%
60	60	13	0.5%
61	61	11	0.4%
62	62	12	0.5%
63	63	9	0.3%
64	64	11	0.4%
65	65	10	0.4%
66	66	11	0.4%
67	67	10	0.4%
68	68	8	0.3%
69	69	5	0.2%
70	70	6	0.2%
71	71	5	0.2%
72	72	3	0.1%
73	73	7	0.3%
74	74	2	0.1%
75	75	3	0.1%
76	76	1	0%
77	77	1	0%
78	78	2	0.1%
80	80	2	0.1%
81	81	2	0.1%
85	85	2	0.1%
87	87	1	0%
97	97	1	0%

BRIDEAGE: Age of Bride

Data file: md-2017-customary-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 2588   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 2   Range: 8 - 96   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
8	8	3	0.1%
12	12	1	0%
13	13	4	0.2%
14	14	3	0.1%
15	15	9	0.3%
16	16	21	0.8%
17	17	36	1.4%
18	18	70	2.7%
19	19	74	2.9%
20	20	111	4.3%
21	21	93	3.6%
22	22	126	4.9%
23	23	119	4.6%
24	24	119	4.6%
25	25	120	4.6%
26	26	109	4.2%
27	27	126	4.9%
28	28	117	4.5%
29	29	98	3.8%
30	30	98	3.8%
31	31	97	3.7%
32	32	92	3.6%
33	33	81	3.1%
34	34	67	2.6%
35	35	65	2.5%
36	36	71	2.7%
37	37	58	2.2%
38	38	49	1.9%

39	39	51	2%
40	40	44	1.7%
41	41	45	1.7%
42	42	47	1.8%
43	43	39	1.5%
44	44	42	1.6%
45	45	33	1.3%
46	46	33	1.3%
47	47	27	1%
48	48	18	0.7%
49	49	18	0.7%
50	50	17	0.7%
51	51	14	0.5%
52	52	14	0.5%
53	53	11	0.4%
54	54	15	0.6%
55	55	7	0.3%
56	56	10	0.4%
57	57	6	0.2%
58	58	9	0.3%
59	59	8	0.3%
60	60	9	0.3%
61	61	6	0.2%
62	62	4	0.2%
63	63	1	0%
64	64	6	0.2%
65	65	1	0%
66	66	2	0.1%
67	67	3	0.1%
71	71	1	0%
72	72	2	0.1%
73	73	1	0%
76	76	1	0%
83	83	1	0%
84	84	1	0%
87	87	1	0%
89	89	1	0%
94	94	1	0%
96	96	1	0%

AGEDIFF: Age difference between bridegroom and bride

Data file: md-2017-customary-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 2588   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 18   Range: 0 - 2   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Spouses same age	115	4.4%
1	Bridegroom older	2223	85.9%
2	Bridegroom younger	250	9.7%

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 13   Range: 1 - 9   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Western Cape	6050	23.8%
2	Eastern Cape	3285	12.9%
3	Northern Cape	768	3%
4	Free State	2254	8.9%
5	KwaZulu-Natal	4349	17.1%
6	North West	426	1.7%
7	Gauteng	6046	23.8%
8	Mpumalanga	997	3.9%
9	Limpopo	1215	4.8%

MALERACE: Population group of husband

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 13   Range: 1 - 9   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Black African	11684	46%
2	Coloured	4741	18.7%
3	Indian/Asian	1603	6.3%
4	White	6260	24.7%
5	Other	82	0.3%
9	Unspecified	1020	4%

FEMALERACE: Population group of wife

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 13   Range: 1 - 9   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Black African	11589	45.6%
2	Coloured	4945	19.5%
3	Indian/Asian	1509	5.9%
4	White	6159	24.3%
5	Other	25	0.1%
9	Unspecified	1163	4.6%

COUPLERACE: Population group of couple

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 13   Range: 1 - 9   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Black African	11309	44.5%
2	Coloured	4517	17.8%
3	Indian/Asian	1401	5.5%
4	White	6048	23.8%
5	Mixed	833	3.3%
9	Unspecified	1282	5%

MALEOCCUPATION: Occupation of Husband

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Not economically active	4575	18%
1	Professional, semi-professional and technical occupations	3481	13.7%
2	Managers and administrators	3530	13.9%
3	Clerical and sales occupations	1324	5.2%
4	Transport, delivery and communications	905	3.6%
5	Service occupations	1898	7.5%
6	Farming and related occupations	121	0.5%
7	Artisans, apprentice and related occupations	1533	6%
8	Production foreman, mine and quarry workers	1089	4.3%
99	Unspecified	6934	27.3%

FEMALEOCCUPATION: Occupation of wife

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 57   Range: 0 - 99   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Not economically active	6279	24.7%
1	Professional, semi-professional and technical occupations	3959	15.6%
2	Managers and administrators	2038	8%
3	Clerical and sales occupations	2717	10.7%
4	Transport, delivery and communications	59	0.2%
5	Service occupations	1812	7.1%
6	Farming and related occupations	24	0.1%
7	Artisans, apprentice and related occupations	205	0.8%
8	Production foreman, mine and quarry workers	484	1.9%
99	Unspecified	7813	30.8%

█ PLAINTIFFSEX: Sex of plaintiff

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 11   Range: 1 - 9   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Male	8878	35%
2	Female	12938	51%
3	Both	1728	6.8%
9	Unspecified	1846	7.3%

█ MALESTATUS: Marital status of husband

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 11   Range: 1 - 9   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Bachelor	20592	81.1%
2	Widower	386	1.5%
3	Divorcee	2812	11.1%
9	Unspecified	1600	6.3%

█ FEMALESTATUS: Marital status of wife

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 11   Range: 1 - 9   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Spinster	20648	81.3%
2	Widow	345	1.4%
3	Divorcee	2410	9.5%
9	Unspecified	1987	7.8%

MALENOTIMESMARRIED: Number of times husband married

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 11   Range: 1 - 99   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	1	21224	83.6%
2	2	2940	11.6%
3	3	298	1.2%
4	4	52	0.2%
5	5	7	0%
7	7	1	0%
99	Unspecified	868	3.4%

FEMALENOTIMESMARRIED: Number of times wife married

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 11   Range: 1 - 99   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	1	21531	84.8%
2	2	2539	10%
3	3	252	1%
4	4	45	0.2%

5	5	7	0%
6	6	2	0%
99	Unspecified	1014	4%

MALEAGE: Age of husband

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390 Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 18 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
18	18	1	0%
19	19	3	0%
20	20	2	0%
21	21	7	0%
22	22	12	0%
23	23	25	0.1%
24	24	50	0.2%
25	25	87	0.3%
26	26	133	0.5%
27	27	173	0.7%
28	28	218	0.9%
29	29	294	1.2%
30	30	320	1.3%
31	31	489	1.9%
32	32	566	2.2%
33	33	675	2.7%
34	34	709	2.8%
35	35	783	3.1%
36	36	791	3.1%
37	37	852	3.4%
38	38	870	3.4%
39	39	865	3.4%
40	40	976	3.8%
41	41	938	3.7%

42	42	981	3.9%
43	43	997	3.9%
44	44	925	3.6%
45	45	1012	4%
46	46	869	3.4%
47	47	952	3.7%
48	48	947	3.7%
49	49	803	3.2%
50	50	739	2.9%
51	51	696	2.7%
52	52	648	2.6%
53	53	640	2.5%
54	54	541	2.1%
55	55	542	2.1%
56	56	381	1.5%
57	57	414	1.6%
58	58	356	1.4%
59	59	332	1.3%
60	60	289	1.1%
61	61	238	0.9%
62	62	192	0.8%
63	63	202	0.8%
64	64	157	0.6%
65	65	147	0.6%
66	66	133	0.5%
67	67	114	0.4%
68	68	97	0.4%
69	69	64	0.3%
70	70	77	0.3%
71	71	45	0.2%
72	72	40	0.2%
73	73	30	0.1%
74	74	32	0.1%
75	75	34	0.1%
76	76	16	0.1%
77	77	21	0.1%
78	78	14	0.1%
79	79	9	0%
80	80	13	0.1%

81	81	10	0%
82	82	8	0%
83	83	4	0%
84	84	4	0%
85	85	4	0%
86	86	2	0%
87	87	3	0%
91	91	1	0%
92	92	1	0%
999	Unspecified	775	3.1%

FEMALEAGE: Age of wife

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 11   Range: 18 - 999   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
18	18	2	0%
19	19	7	0%
20	20	15	0.1%
21	21	30	0.1%
22	22	52	0.2%
23	23	105	0.4%
24	24	160	0.6%
25	25	218	0.9%
26	26	301	1.2%
27	27	404	1.6%
28	28	519	2%
29	29	596	2.3%
30	30	652	2.6%
31	31	752	3%
32	32	908	3.6%
33	33	928	3.7%
34	34	989	3.9%

35	35	1057	4.2%
36	36	1005	4%
37	37	980	3.9%
38	38	966	3.8%
39	39	941	3.7%
40	40	974	3.8%
41	41	945	3.7%
42	42	940	3.7%
43	43	921	3.6%
44	44	895	3.5%
45	45	872	3.4%
46	46	781	3.1%
47	47	726	2.9%
48	48	700	2.8%
49	49	673	2.7%
50	50	599	2.4%
51	51	508	2%
52	52	471	1.9%
53	53	429	1.7%
54	54	386	1.5%
55	55	364	1.4%
56	56	262	1%
57	57	277	1.1%
58	58	231	0.9%
59	59	182	0.7%
60	60	165	0.6%
61	61	143	0.6%
62	62	114	0.4%
63	63	99	0.4%
64	64	84	0.3%
65	65	78	0.3%
66	66	57	0.2%
67	67	34	0.1%
68	68	30	0.1%
69	69	33	0.1%
70	70	23	0.1%
71	71	22	0.1%
72	72	19	0.1%
73	73	15	0.1%

74	74	9	0%
75	75	8	0%
76	76	8	0%
77	77	10	0%
78	78	5	0%
80	80	4	0%
81	81	2	0%
84	84	2	0%
88	88	1	0%
91	91	1	0%
999	Unspecified	701	2.8%

SOLEMNISATIONCODE: Way of solemnisation

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 11   Range: 1 - 9   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Religious	11675	46%
2	DHA	11275	44.4%
9	Unspecified	2440	9.6%

MARRIAGEPROPERTYSYSTEM: Matrimonial property system

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   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	20697	81.5%
2	Out of community of property	1540	6.1%

3	Out of community of property (excluding accrual system)	783	3.1%
4	Out of community of property (including accrual system)	1453	5.7%
5	Other	0	0%
9	Unspecified	917	3.6%

MARRIAGEMONTH: Month of marriage

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 11   Range: 1 - 99   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	1647	6.5%
2	February	1807	7.1%
3	March	2035	8%
4	April	1974	7.8%
5	May	1811	7.1%
6	June	1633	6.4%
7	July	1686	6.6%
8	August	1736	6.8%
9	September	2105	8.3%
10	October	2244	8.8%
11	November	2292	9%
12	December	3368	13.3%
99	Unspecified	1052	4.1%

MARRIAGEYEAR: Year of marriage

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 11   Range: 1949 - 9999   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1949		2	0%
1957		1	0%
1960		1	0%
1963		2	0%
1964		2	0%
1965		3	0%
1966		6	0%
1967		5	0%
1968		6	0%
1969		7	0%
1970		7	0%
1971		16	0.1%
1972		12	0%
1973		11	0%
1974		18	0.1%
1975		27	0.1%
1976		29	0.1%
1977		40	0.2%
1978		41	0.2%
1979		56	0.2%
1980		71	0.3%
1981		74	0.3%
1982		84	0.3%
1983		102	0.4%
1984		93	0.4%
1985		130	0.5%
1986		138	0.5%
1987		163	0.6%
1988		197	0.8%
1989		225	0.9%
1990		270	1.1%
1991		291	1.1%
1992		336	1.3%
1993		346	1.4%
1994		448	1.8%
1995		508	2%
1996		482	1.9%
1997		537	2.1%

1998		537	2.1%
1999		623	2.5%
2000		608	2.4%
2001		711	2.8%
2002		757	3%
2003		820	3.2%
2004		913	3.6%
2005		994	3.9%
2006		1076	4.2%
2007		1182	4.7%
2008		1266	5%
2009		1378	5.4%
2010		1413	5.6%
2011		1420	5.6%
2012		1429	5.6%
2013		1376	5.4%
2014		1283	5.1%
2015		1044	4.1%
2016		658	2.6%
2017		63	0.2%
9999	Unspecified	1052	4.1%

NOOFCHILDREN: Number of minor children involved

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0   Minimum: 0   Maximum: 99   Mean: 0.924   Standard deviation: 1.452
Type: Continuous   Decimal: 0   Width: 10   Range: 0 - 99   Format: Numeric

DIVORCEMONTH: Month of divorce

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 11   Range: 1 - 99   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	

1	January	1210	4.8%
2	February	2060	8.1%
3	March	2339	9.2%
4	April	1686	6.6%
5	May	2428	9.6%
6	June	2282	9%
7	July	2315	9.1%
8	August	2346	9.2%
9	September	2140	8.4%
10	October	2127	8.4%
11	November	2724	10.7%
12	December	1733	6.8%
99	Unspecified	0	0%

DIVORCEYEAR: Year of divorce

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 10   Range: 2017 - 2017   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
2017		25390	100%

DURATIONOFMARRIAGE: Duration of marriage

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0   Minimum: 0   Maximum: 999   Mean: 53.201   Standard deviation: 196.824
Type: Continuous   Decimal: 0   Width: 10   Range: 0 - 999   Format: Numeric

MARRIAGETYPE: Type of marriage

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 18   Range: 1 - 9   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Civil marriage	10112	39.8%
2	Customary marriage	137	0.5%
3	Civil union	127	0.5%
9	Unspecified	15014	59.1%

POLYGAMOUSMARRIAGE: Involved in polygamous marriage

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 11   Range: 1 - 9   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Yes	191	0.8%
2	No	9192	36.2%
9	Unspecified	16007	63%

GROUNDSFORDIVORCE: Main grounds for divorce

Data file: md-2017-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25390   Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete   Decimal: 0   Width: 22   Range: 1 - 9   Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Adultery	2955	11.6%
2	Abuse	1485	5.8%
3	Childlessness	4	0%
4	Desertion	1884	7.4%
5	Financial difficulties	617	2.4%

6	Medical Insanity	16	0.1%
7	Imprisonment	38	0.1%
8	Other (Specify)	0	0%
9	Unspecified	18391	72.4%