

South Africa - Marriages and Divorces 2018

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Identification

SURVEY ID NUMBER
zaf-statssa-md-2018-v1

TITLE
Marriages and Divorces 2018

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 2018, that is, that were finalised and issued with decrees of divorce in 2018 by DJCD.

KIND OF DATA
Administrative records

UNIT OF ANALYSIS
Individuals

Version

VERSION DESCRIPTION
v1: Edited, anonymised dataset for public distribution

VERSION DATE
2020

VERSION NOTES

Version 1 of the Marriages and Divorces 2018 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 recorded by the Department of Home Affairs and all divorce applications that were granted by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development in 2018 in South Africa.

Producers and sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name
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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
2018-01-01	2018-12-31

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-2018-civil-marriages-v1	131240	9
md-2018-civil-unions-v1	1650	6
md-2018-customary-marriages-v1	3160	6
md-2018-divorces-v1	25284	24

Data file: md-2018-civil-marriages-v1

Cases: 131240

Variables: 9

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V181	ProvinceCode	Name of Province	
V182	MarriageMonth	Month of Marriage	
V183	MarriageYear	Year of Marriage	
V184	SolemnisationCode	Way of Solemnisation	
V185	BridegroomStatusCode	Marital status of Bridegroom	
V186	BrideStatusCode	Marital status of Bride	
V187	BridegroomAge	Age of Bridegroom	
V188	BrideAge	Age of Bride	
V189	AgeDiff	Age difference between bridegroom and bride	

Total: 9

Data file: md-2018-civil-unions-v1

Cases: 1650

Variables: 6

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V190	ProvinceCode	Name of Province	
V191	RegistrationMonth	Month of Registration	
V192	RegistrationYear	Year of Registration	
V193	Spouse1Age	Age of Spouses-1	
V194	Spouse2Age	Age of Spouses-2	
V195	AgeDiff	Age difference between Spouses-1 and Spouses-2	

Total: 6

Data file: md-2018-customary-marriages-v1

Cases: 3160

Variables: 6

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V196	ProvinceCode	Name of Province	
V197	MarriageYear	Year of Marriage	
V198	RegistrationYear	Year of Registration	
V199	BridegroomAge	Age of Bridegroom	
V200	BrideAge	Age of Bride	
V201	AgeDiff	Age difference between bridegroom and bride	

Total: 6

Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1

Cases: 25284

Variables: 24

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V202	ProvinceCode	Name of Province	
V203	MaleRace	Population group of husband	
V204	FemaleRace	Population group of wife	
V205	CoupleRace	Population group of couple	
V206	MaleOccupation	Occupation of Husband	
V207	FemaleOccupation	Occupation of wife	
V208	PlaintiffSex	Sex of plaintiff	
V209	MaleStatus	Marital status of husband	
V210	FemaleStatus	Marital status of wife	
V211	MaleNoTimesMarried	Number of times husband married	
V212	FemaleNoTimesMarried	Number of times wife married	
V213	MaleAge	Age of husband	
V214	FemaleAge	Age of wife	
V215	SolemnisationCode	Way of solemnisation	
V216	MarriagePropertySystem	Matrimonial property system	
V217	MarriageMonth	Month of marriage	
V218	MarriageYear	Year of marriage	
V219	NoOfChildren	Number of children involved	
V220	DivorceMonth	Month of divorce	
V221	DivorceYear	Year of divorce	
V222	DurationOfMarriage	Duration of marriage	
V223	MarriageType	Type of marriage	
V224	PolygamousMarriage	Involved in polygamous marriage	
V225	GroundsForDivorce	Main grounds for divorce	

Total: 24

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province**Data file: md-2018-civil-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 131240 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 13 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Western Cape	19478	14.8%
2	Eastern Cape	14080	10.7%
3	Northern Cape	4004	3.1%
4	Free State	9165	7%
5	KwaZulu-Natal	21180	16.1%
6	North West	9071	6.9%
7	Gauteng	33300	25.4%
8	Mpumalanga	6866	5.2%
9	Limpopo	9258	7.1%
97	Unknown	28	0%
98	Outside RSA	403	0.3%
99	Unspecified	4407	3.4%

MARRIAGEMONTH: Month of Marriage**Data file: md-2018-civil-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 131240 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 9 Range: 1 - 12 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	8634	6.6%
2	February	9357	7.1%
3	March	11573	8.8%
4	April	11522	8.8%
5	May	9548	7.3%
6	June	9230	7%

7	July	8820	6.7%
8	August	9594	7.3%
9	September	12418	9.5%
10	October	11441	8.7%
11	November	12367	9.4%
12	December	16736	12.8%

MARRIAGEYEAR: Year of Marriage

Data file: md-2018-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 131240 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 4 Range: 2018 - 2018 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
2018	2018	131240	100%

SOLEMNISATIONCODE: Way of Solemnisation

Data file: md-2018-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 131240 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Religious	37138	28.3%
2	DHA	77725	59.2%
9	Unspecified	16377	12.5%

BRIDEGROOMSTATUSCODE: Marital status of Bridegroom

Data file: md-2018-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 131240 Invalid: 0

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Never married	107747	82.1%
2	Divorcee	4950	3.8%
3	Widower	1029	0.8%
9	Unspecified	17514	13.3%

BRIDESTATUSCODE: Marital status of Bride

Data file: md-2018-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 131240 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 13 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Never married	113930	86.8%
2	Divorcee	3111	2.4%
3	Widow	735	0.6%
9	Unspecified	13464	10.3%

BRIDEGROOMAGE: Age of Bridegroom

Data file: md-2018-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 131240 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 16 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
16	16	1	0%
17	17	1	0%
18	18	16	0%

19	19	57	0%
20	20	137	0.1%
21	21	350	0.3%
22	22	783	0.6%
23	23	1322	1%
24	24	1894	1.4%
25	25	2893	2.2%
26	26	3817	2.9%
27	27	4569	3.5%
28	28	5043	3.8%
29	29	5310	4%
30	30	5577	4.2%
31	31	5501	4.2%
32	32	5618	4.3%
33	33	5728	4.4%
34	34	5567	4.2%
35	35	5779	4.4%
36	36	5386	4.1%
37	37	4693	3.6%
38	38	4648	3.5%
39	39	4314	3.3%
40	40	3907	3%
41	41	3810	2.9%
42	42	3623	2.8%
43	43	3609	2.7%
44	44	3281	2.5%
45	45	3009	2.3%
46	46	2853	2.2%
47	47	2290	1.7%
48	48	2466	1.9%
49	49	2128	1.6%
50	50	2141	1.6%
51	51	1637	1.2%
52	52	1683	1.3%
53	53	1546	1.2%
54	54	1420	1.1%
55	55	1370	1%
56	56	1230	0.9%
57	57	963	0.7%

58	58	1016	0.8%
59	59	887	0.7%
60	60	967	0.7%
61	61	784	0.6%
62	62	690	0.5%
63	63	620	0.5%
64	64	607	0.5%
65	65	520	0.4%
66	66	509	0.4%
67	67	326	0.2%
68	68	340	0.3%
69	69	294	0.2%
70	70	251	0.2%
71	71	212	0.2%
72	72	180	0.1%
73	73	139	0.1%
74	74	115	0.1%
75	75	115	0.1%
76	76	115	0.1%
77	77	91	0.1%
78	78	96	0.1%
79	79	69	0.1%
80	80	63	0%
81	81	45	0%
82	82	40	0%
83	83	36	0%
84	84	28	0%
85	85	24	0%
86	86	25	0%
87	87	9	0%
88	88	11	0%
89	89	11	0%
90	90	6	0%
91	91	4	0%
92	92	8	0%
93	93	5	0%
94	94	6	0%
96	96	1	0%
97	97	1	0%

99	99	1	0%
999	Unspecified	3	0%

BRIDEAGE: Age of Bride

Data file: md-2018-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 131240 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 14 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
14	14	1	0%
15	15	2	0%
16	16	11	0%
17	17	39	0%
18	18	172	0.1%
19	19	482	0.4%
20	20	888	0.7%
21	21	1536	1.2%
22	22	2392	1.8%
23	23	3337	2.5%
24	24	4482	3.4%
25	25	5666	4.3%
26	26	6588	5%
27	27	7000	5.3%
28	28	6875	5.2%
29	29	7050	5.4%
30	30	6627	5%
31	31	6212	4.7%
32	32	6179	4.7%
33	33	5956	4.5%
34	34	5439	4.1%
35	35	5056	3.9%
36	36	4808	3.7%
37	37	4146	3.2%
38	38	3835	2.9%

39	39	3493	2.7%
40	40	3024	2.3%
41	41	2786	2.1%
42	42	2641	2%
43	43	2480	1.9%
44	44	2270	1.7%
45	45	2056	1.6%
46	46	1976	1.5%
47	47	1585	1.2%
48	48	1617	1.2%
49	49	1426	1.1%
50	50	1381	1.1%
51	51	1054	0.8%
52	52	989	0.8%
53	53	867	0.7%
54	54	851	0.6%
55	55	777	0.6%
56	56	690	0.5%
57	57	544	0.4%
58	58	526	0.4%
59	59	469	0.4%
60	60	495	0.4%
61	61	385	0.3%
62	62	317	0.2%
63	63	262	0.2%
64	64	229	0.2%
65	65	196	0.1%
66	66	187	0.1%
67	67	119	0.1%
68	68	142	0.1%
69	69	109	0.1%
70	70	86	0.1%
71	71	81	0.1%
72	72	69	0.1%
73	73	42	0%
74	74	41	0%
75	75	40	0%
76	76	38	0%
77	77	21	0%

78	78	22	0%
79	79	17	0%
80	80	11	0%
81	81	8	0%
82	82	11	0%
83	83	9	0%
84	84	9	0%
85	85	3	0%
86	86	1	0%
88	88	7	0%
89	89	1	0%
99	99	1	0%

AGEDIFF: Age difference between bridegroom and bride

Data file: md-2018-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 131240 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 18 Range: 0 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Spouses same age	10227	7.8%
1	Bridegroom older	100305	76.4%
2	Bridegroom younger	20705	15.8%
9	Unspecified	3	0%

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province**Data file: md-2018-civil-unions-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1650 Invalid: 0

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Western Cape	465	28.2%
2	Eastern Cape	58	3.5%
3	Northern Cape	20	1.2%
4	Free State	46	2.8%
5	KwaZulu-Natal	298	18.1%
6	North West	40	2.4%
7	Gauteng	632	38.3%
8	Mpumalanga	31	1.9%
9	Limpopo	13	0.8%
98	Outside RSA	2	0.1%
99	Unspecified	45	2.7%

REGISTRATIONMONTH: Month of Registration**Data file: md-2018-civil-unions-v1****Overview**

Valid: 1650 Invalid: 0

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	79	4.8%
2	February	100	6.1%
3	March	149	9%
4	April	169	10.2%
5	May	124	7.5%
6	June	103	6.2%
7	July	115	7%

8	August	132	8%
9	September	197	11.9%
10	October	167	10.1%
11	November	155	9.4%
12	December	160	9.7%

REGISTRATIONYEAR: Year of Registration

Data file: md-2018-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 1650 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 4 Range: 2018 - 2018 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
2018	2018	1650	100%

SPOUSE1AGE: Age of Spouses-1

Data file: md-2018-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 1650 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 19 - 90 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
19	19	2	0.1%
20	20	1	0.1%
21	21	9	0.5%
22	22	9	0.5%
23	23	12	0.7%
24	24	22	1.3%
25	25	39	2.4%
26	26	42	2.5%
27	27	52	3.2%
28	28	55	3.3%

29	29	82	5%
30	30	80	4.8%
31	31	91	5.5%
32	32	90	5.5%
33	33	85	5.2%
34	34	73	4.4%
35	35	63	3.8%
36	36	72	4.4%
37	37	66	4%
38	38	53	3.2%
39	39	53	3.2%
40	40	43	2.6%
41	41	46	2.8%
42	42	25	1.5%
43	43	36	2.2%
44	44	41	2.5%
45	45	23	1.4%
46	46	38	2.3%
47	47	37	2.2%
48	48	24	1.5%
49	49	32	1.9%
50	50	25	1.5%
51	51	9	0.5%
52	52	17	1%
53	53	20	1.2%
54	54	25	1.5%
55	55	18	1.1%
56	56	19	1.2%
57	57	15	0.9%
58	58	12	0.7%
59	59	9	0.5%
60	60	15	0.9%
61	61	9	0.5%
62	62	9	0.5%
63	63	3	0.2%
64	64	7	0.4%
65	65	6	0.4%
66	66	1	0.1%
67	67	3	0.2%

68	68	7	0.4%
69	69	2	0.1%
70	70	3	0.2%
71	71	3	0.2%
72	72	2	0.1%
73	73	1	0.1%
74	74	3	0.2%
75	75	2	0.1%
76	76	3	0.2%
77	77	2	0.1%
78	78	2	0.1%
80	80	1	0.1%
90	90	1	0.1%

SPOUSE2AGE: Age of Spouses-2

Data file: md-2018-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 1650 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 18 - 81 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
18	18	2	0.1%
19	19	2	0.1%
20	20	3	0.2%
21	21	15	0.9%
22	22	14	0.8%
23	23	25	1.5%
24	24	49	3%
25	25	52	3.2%
26	26	51	3.1%
27	27	73	4.4%
28	28	84	5.1%
29	29	97	5.9%
30	30	90	5.5%
31	31	72	4.4%

32	32	87	5.3%
33	33	78	4.7%
34	34	77	4.7%
35	35	58	3.5%
36	36	58	3.5%
37	37	59	3.6%
38	38	44	2.7%
39	39	47	2.8%
40	40	46	2.8%
41	41	47	2.8%
42	42	40	2.4%
43	43	20	1.2%
44	44	18	1.1%
45	45	33	2%
46	46	37	2.2%
47	47	26	1.6%
48	48	22	1.3%
49	49	22	1.3%
50	50	37	2.2%
51	51	12	0.7%
52	52	19	1.2%
53	53	19	1.2%
54	54	15	0.9%
55	55	15	0.9%
56	56	15	0.9%
57	57	5	0.3%
58	58	5	0.3%
59	59	8	0.5%
60	60	7	0.4%
61	61	7	0.4%
62	62	7	0.4%
63	63	3	0.2%
64	64	5	0.3%
65	65	3	0.2%
66	66	3	0.2%
67	67	6	0.4%
68	68	1	0.1%
69	69	2	0.1%
71	71	1	0.1%

72	72	1	0.1%
73	73	1	0.1%
74	74	1	0.1%
75	75	2	0.1%
76	76	1	0.1%
81	81	1	0.1%

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

Data file: md-2018-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 1650 Invalid: 0

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Spouses same age	131	7.9%
1	Spouses-1 older	981	59.5%
2	Spouses-1 younger	538	32.6%

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province**Data file: md-2018-customary-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 3160 Invalid: 0

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Western Cape	12	0.4%
2	Eastern Cape	283	9%
3	Northern Cape	52	1.6%
4	Free State	39	1.2%
5	KwaZulu-Natal	1495	47.3%
6	North West	68	2.2%
7	Gauteng	207	6.6%
8	Mpumalanga	255	8.1%
9	Limpopo	676	21.4%
97	Unknown	53	1.7%
98	Outside RSA	11	0.3%
99	Unspecified	9	0.3%

MARRIAGEYEAR: Year of Marriage**Data file: md-2018-customary-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 3160 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1945 - 9999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1945	1945	1	0%
1949	1949	1	0%
1950	1950	1	0%
1951	1951	1	0%
1952	1952	1	0%
1953	1953	1	0%

1954	1954	1	0%
1955	1955	1	0%
1957	1957	9	0.3%
1958	1958	4	0.1%
1959	1959	5	0.2%
1960	1960	7	0.2%
1961	1961	10	0.3%
1962	1962	13	0.4%
1963	1963	6	0.2%
1964	1964	12	0.4%
1965	1965	8	0.3%
1966	1966	17	0.5%
1967	1967	20	0.6%
1968	1968	35	1.1%
1969	1969	27	0.9%
1970	1970	23	0.7%
1971	1971	24	0.8%
1972	1972	34	1.1%
1973	1973	23	0.7%
1974	1974	25	0.8%
1975	1975	26	0.8%
1976	1976	52	1.6%
1977	1977	56	1.8%
1978	1978	38	1.2%
1979	1979	38	1.2%
1980	1980	61	1.9%
1981	1981	57	1.8%
1982	1982	49	1.6%
1983	1983	63	2%
1984	1984	48	1.5%
1985	1985	61	1.9%
1986	1986	47	1.5%
1987	1987	62	2%
1988	1988	49	1.6%
1989	1989	48	1.5%
1990	1990	66	2.1%
1991	1991	39	1.2%
1992	1992	52	1.6%
1993	1993	43	1.4%

1994	1994	62	2%
1995	1995	47	1.5%
1996	1996	27	0.9%
1997	1997	37	1.2%
1998	1998	49	1.6%
1999	1999	31	1%
2000	2000	34	1.1%
2001	2001	17	0.5%
2002	2002	11	0.3%
2003	2003	13	0.4%
2004	2004	29	0.9%
2005	2005	26	0.8%
2006	2006	32	1%
2007	2007	30	0.9%
2008	2008	30	0.9%
2009	2009	52	1.6%
2010	2010	54	1.7%
2011	2011	68	2.2%
2012	2012	69	2.2%
2013	2013	60	1.9%
2014	2014	73	2.3%
2015	2015	115	3.6%
2016	2016	99	3.1%
2017	2017	237	7.5%
2018	2018	587	18.6%
9999	Unspecified	6	0.2%

REGISTRATIONYEAR: Year of Registration

Data file: md-2018-customary-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 3160 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 4 Range: 2018 - 2018 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
2018	2018	3160	100%

BRIDEGROOMAGE: Age of Bridegroom**Data file: md-2018-customary-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 3160 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 10 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
10	10	1	0%
14	14	1	0%
15	15	1	0%
16	16	1	0%
17	17	3	0.1%
18	18	6	0.2%
19	19	18	0.6%
20	20	28	0.9%
21	21	52	1.6%
22	22	70	2.2%
23	23	82	2.6%
24	24	94	3%
25	25	99	3.1%
26	26	102	3.2%
27	27	120	3.8%
28	28	125	4%
29	29	136	4.3%
30	30	111	3.5%
31	31	130	4.1%
32	32	114	3.6%
33	33	107	3.4%
34	34	98	3.1%
35	35	107	3.4%
36	36	103	3.3%
37	37	115	3.6%
38	38	87	2.8%
39	39	114	3.6%
40	40	93	2.9%

41	41	78	2.5%
42	42	74	2.3%
43	43	63	2%
44	44	65	2.1%
45	45	67	2.1%
46	46	52	1.6%
47	47	53	1.7%
48	48	54	1.7%
49	49	43	1.4%
50	50	48	1.5%
51	51	34	1.1%
52	52	36	1.1%
53	53	50	1.6%
54	54	27	0.9%
55	55	20	0.6%
56	56	20	0.6%
57	57	37	1.2%
58	58	22	0.7%
59	59	10	0.3%
60	60	35	1.1%
61	61	18	0.6%
62	62	15	0.5%
63	63	19	0.6%
64	64	14	0.4%
65	65	9	0.3%
66	66	9	0.3%
67	67	5	0.2%
68	68	9	0.3%
69	69	8	0.3%
70	70	8	0.3%
71	71	6	0.2%
72	72	7	0.2%
73	73	1	0%
74	74	1	0%
76	76	5	0.2%
77	77	4	0.1%
78	78	2	0.1%
79	79	2	0.1%
80	80	1	0%

81	81	1	0%
84	84	1	0%
85	85	1	0%
92	92	1	0%
100	100	1	0%
999	Unspecified	6	0.2%

BRIDEAGE: Age of Bride

Data file: md-2018-customary-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 3160 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 10 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
10	10	1	0%
11	11	3	0.1%
12	12	1	0%
13	13	5	0.2%
14	14	11	0.3%
15	15	22	0.7%
16	16	42	1.3%
17	17	54	1.7%
18	18	90	2.8%
19	19	109	3.4%
20	20	121	3.8%
21	21	117	3.7%
22	22	120	3.8%
23	23	129	4.1%
24	24	125	4%
25	25	142	4.5%
26	26	148	4.7%
27	27	128	4.1%
28	28	125	4%
29	29	127	4%
30	30	126	4%

31	31	105	3.3%
32	32	91	2.9%
33	33	107	3.4%
34	34	113	3.6%
35	35	87	2.8%
36	36	78	2.5%
37	37	82	2.6%
38	38	72	2.3%
39	39	68	2.2%
40	40	54	1.7%
41	41	56	1.8%
42	42	64	2%
43	43	55	1.7%
44	44	38	1.2%
45	45	42	1.3%
46	46	38	1.2%
47	47	29	0.9%
48	48	23	0.7%
49	49	20	0.6%
50	50	14	0.4%
51	51	20	0.6%
52	52	21	0.7%
53	53	19	0.6%
54	54	12	0.4%
55	55	13	0.4%
56	56	14	0.4%
57	57	7	0.2%
58	58	11	0.3%
59	59	8	0.3%
60	60	8	0.3%
61	61	6	0.2%
62	62	3	0.1%
63	63	3	0.1%
64	64	6	0.2%
65	65	3	0.1%
66	66	7	0.2%
67	67	2	0.1%
68	68	2	0.1%
69	69	1	0%

70	70	1	0%
71	71	1	0%
72	72	1	0%
74	74	1	0%
78	78	1	0%
80	80	1	0%
999	Unspecified	6	0.2%

AGEDIFF: Age difference between bridegroom and bride

Data file: md-2018-customary-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 3160 Invalid: 0

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Spouses same age	167	5.3%
1	Bridegroom older	2720	86.1%
2	Bridegroom younger	267	8.4%
9	Unspecified	6	0.2%

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province**Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Western Cape	6274	24.8%
2	Eastern Cape	3325	13.2%
3	Northern Cape	370	1.5%
4	Free State	2457	9.7%
5	KwaZulu-Natal	3868	15.3%
6	North West	483	1.9%
7	Gauteng	6623	26.2%
8	Mpumalanga	677	2.7%
9	Limpopo	1207	4.8%

MALERACE: Population group of husband**Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Black African	12073	47.7%
2	Coloured	4801	19%
3	Indian/Asian	1409	5.6%
4	White	5999	23.7%
5	Other	92	0.4%
9	Unspecified	910	3.6%

FEMALERACE: Population group of wife**Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 13 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Black African	12013	47.5%
2	Coloured	4969	19.7%
3	Indian/Asian	1318	5.2%
4	White	5912	23.4%
5	Other	9	0%
9	Unspecified	1063	4.2%

COUPLERACE: Population group of couple**Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 13 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Black African	11721	46.4%
2	Coloured	4540	18%
3	Indian/Asian	1214	4.8%
4	White	5780	22.9%
5	Mixed	779	3.1%
9	Unspecified	1250	4.9%

MALEOCCUPATION: Occupation of Husband**Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Not economically active	4728	18.7%
1	Professional, semi-professional and technical occupations	3113	12.3%
2	Managers and administrators	3435	13.6%
3	Clerical and sales occupations	1455	5.8%
4	Transport, delivery and communications	989	3.9%
5	Service occupations	2413	9.5%
6	Farming and related occupations	133	0.5%
7	Artisans, apprentice and related occupations	1597	6.3%
8	Production foreman, mine and quarry workers	786	3.1%
99	Unspecified	6635	26.2%

FEMALEOCCUPATION: Occupation of wife

Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	Not economically active	6291	24.9%
1	Professional, semi-professional and technical occupations	3761	14.9%
2	Managers and administrators	1974	7.8%
3	Clerical and sales occupations	2986	11.8%
4	Transport, delivery and communications	72	0.3%
5	Service occupations	2106	8.3%
6	Farming and related occupations	35	0.1%
7	Artisans, apprentice and related occupations	229	0.9%
8	Production foreman, mine and quarry workers	326	1.3%
99	Unspecified	7504	29.7%

PLAINTIFFSEX: Sex of plaintiff**Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Male	8791	34.8%
2	Female	13218	52.3%
3	Both	1523	6%
9	Unspecified	1752	6.9%

MALESTATUS: Marital status of husband**Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 13 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Never married	20598	81.5%
2	Widower	387	1.5%
3	Divorcee	2933	11.6%
9	Unspecified	1366	5.4%

FEMALESTATUS: Marital status of wife**Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 13 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Never married	20809	82.3%
2	Widow	373	1.5%
3	Divorcee	2431	9.6%
9	Unspecified	1671	6.6%

MALENOTIMESMARRIED: Number of times husband married

Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	1	20997	83%
2	2	2988	11.8%
3	3	333	1.3%
4	4	57	0.2%
5	5	16	0.1%
6	6	3	0%
7	7	1	0%
8	8	1	0%
99	Unspecified	888	3.5%

FEMALENOTIMESMARRIED: Number of times wife married

Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	1	21329	84.4%
2	2	2570	10.2%

3	3	223	0.9%
4	4	49	0.2%
5	5	11	0%
6	6	2	0%
7	7	2	0%
99	Unspecified	1098	4.3%

MALEAGE: Age of husband

Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 19 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
19	19	1	0%
20	20	1	0%
21	21	4	0%
22	22	9	0%
23	23	21	0.1%
24	24	32	0.1%
25	25	64	0.3%
26	26	108	0.4%
27	27	171	0.7%
28	28	239	0.9%
29	29	264	1%
30	30	321	1.3%
31	31	403	1.6%
32	32	517	2%
33	33	583	2.3%
34	34	723	2.9%
35	35	737	2.9%
36	36	840	3.3%
37	37	885	3.5%
38	38	886	3.5%
39	39	925	3.7%

40	40	822	3.3%
41	41	904	3.6%
42	42	921	3.6%
43	43	932	3.7%
44	44	972	3.8%
45	45	931	3.7%
46	46	981	3.9%
47	47	823	3.3%
48	48	938	3.7%
49	49	783	3.1%
50	50	913	3.6%
51	51	734	2.9%
52	52	710	2.8%
53	53	602	2.4%
54	54	568	2.2%
55	55	539	2.1%
56	56	466	1.8%
57	57	382	1.5%
58	58	382	1.5%
59	59	320	1.3%
60	60	316	1.2%
61	61	291	1.2%
62	62	226	0.9%
63	63	188	0.7%
64	64	189	0.7%
65	65	161	0.6%
66	66	133	0.5%
67	67	104	0.4%
68	68	105	0.4%
69	69	100	0.4%
70	70	68	0.3%
71	71	64	0.3%
72	72	43	0.2%
73	73	35	0.1%
74	74	34	0.1%
75	75	23	0.1%
76	76	26	0.1%
77	77	18	0.1%
78	78	17	0.1%

79	79	17	0.1%
80	80	11	0%
81	81	5	0%
82	82	7	0%
83	83	7	0%
84	84	3	0%
85	85	6	0%
86	86	3	0%
87	87	3	0%
88	88	2	0%
89	89	4	0%
91	91	2	0%
93	93	1	0%
98	98	1	0%
999	Unspecified	714	2.8%

FEMALEAGE: Age of wife

Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 20 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
20	20	8	0%
21	21	13	0.1%
22	22	43	0.2%
23	23	94	0.4%
24	24	134	0.5%
25	25	212	0.8%
26	26	265	1%
27	27	363	1.4%
28	28	465	1.8%
29	29	562	2.2%
30	30	624	2.5%
31	31	729	2.9%

32	32	823	3.3%
33	33	901	3.6%
34	34	916	3.6%
35	35	1079	4.3%
36	36	1060	4.2%
37	37	950	3.8%
38	38	967	3.8%
39	39	968	3.8%
40	40	911	3.6%
41	41	1027	4.1%
42	42	909	3.6%
43	43	973	3.8%
44	44	877	3.5%
45	45	865	3.4%
46	46	866	3.4%
47	47	719	2.8%
48	48	756	3%
49	49	675	2.7%
50	50	605	2.4%
51	51	518	2%
52	52	500	2%
53	53	453	1.8%
54	54	392	1.6%
55	55	327	1.3%
56	56	282	1.1%
57	57	273	1.1%
58	58	248	1%
59	59	203	0.8%
60	60	188	0.7%
61	61	169	0.7%
62	62	129	0.5%
63	63	110	0.4%
64	64	84	0.3%
65	65	67	0.3%
66	66	61	0.2%
67	67	52	0.2%
68	68	50	0.2%
69	69	33	0.1%
70	70	31	0.1%

71	71	21	0.1%
72	72	19	0.1%
73	73	15	0.1%
74	74	13	0.1%
75	75	11	0%
76	76	5	0%
77	77	4	0%
78	78	5	0%
79		3	0%
80	80	2	0%
81	81	1	0%
82	82	2	0%
83	83	3	0%
84	84	4	0%
85	85	1	0%
86	86	1	0%
87	87	2	0%
999	Unspecified	643	2.5%

SOLEMNISATIONCODE: Way of solemnisation

Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Religious	11535	45.6%
2	DHA	11543	45.7%
9	Unspecified	2206	8.7%

MARRIAGEPROPERTYSYSTEM: Matrimonial property system

Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25284 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	20758	82.1%
2	Out of community of property	1375	5.4%
3	Out of community of property (excluding accrual system)	826	3.3%
4	Out of community of property (including accrual system)	1595	6.3%
5	Other	0	0%
9	Unspecified	730	2.9%

MARRIAGEMONTH: Month of marriage

Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0

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

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	1683	6.7%
2	February	1799	7.1%
3	March	2099	8.3%
4	April	2108	8.3%
5	May	1758	7%
6	June	1687	6.7%
7	July	1683	6.7%
8	August	1686	6.7%
9	September	2227	8.8%
10	October	2213	8.8%
11	November	2261	8.9%
12	December	3354	13.3%
99	Unspecified	726	2.9%

MARRIAGEYEAR: Year of marriage

Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1957 - 9999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1957		1	0%
1959		1	0%
1960		1	0%
1963		1	0%
1964		1	0%
1966		3	0%
1967		6	0%
1968		3	0%
1969		7	0%
1970		5	0%
1971		8	0%
1972		13	0.1%
1973		14	0.1%
1974		21	0.1%
1975		26	0.1%
1976		23	0.1%
1977		28	0.1%
1978		43	0.2%
1979		37	0.1%
1980		59	0.2%
1981		64	0.3%
1982		82	0.3%
1983		94	0.4%
1984		92	0.4%
1985		107	0.4%
1986		132	0.5%
1987		124	0.5%
1988		174	0.7%
1989		205	0.8%
1990		230	0.9%
1991		282	1.1%
1992		289	1.1%

1993		326	1.3%
1994		426	1.7%
1995		426	1.7%
1996		498	2%
1997		485	1.9%
1998		498	2%
1999		601	2.4%
2000		589	2.3%
2001		606	2.4%
2002		670	2.6%
2003		790	3.1%
2004		881	3.5%
2005		926	3.7%
2006		1046	4.1%
2007		1171	4.6%
2008		1235	4.9%
2009		1247	4.9%
2010		1328	5.3%
2011		1443	5.7%
2012		1438	5.7%
2013		1452	5.7%
2014		1366	5.4%
2015		1227	4.9%
2016		1010	4%
2017		633	2.5%
2018		60	0.2%
9999	Unspecified	730	2.9%

NOOFCHILDREN: Number of children involved

Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0 - 6 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
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0		10982	43.4%
1		7005	27.7%
2		5492	21.7%
3		1530	6.1%
4		235	0.9%
5		32	0.1%
6		8	0%

DIVORCEMONTH: Month of divorce

Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	January	1554	6.1%
2	February	2211	8.7%
3	March	2115	8.4%
4	April	1938	7.7%
5	May	2386	9.4%
6	June	2338	9.2%
7	July	2233	8.8%
8	August	2297	9.1%
9	September	1978	7.8%
10	October	2467	9.8%
11	November	2347	9.3%
12	December	1420	5.6%
99	Unspecified	0	0%

DIVORCEYEAR: Year of divorce

Data file: md-2018-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 2018 - 2018 Format: Numeric

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Value	Category	Cases	
2018		25284	100%

DURATIONOFMARRIAGE: Duration of marriage

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Overview

Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 999 Mean: 40.893 Standard deviation: 165.425
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0 - 999 Format: Numeric

MARRIAGETYPE: Type of marriage

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Valid: 25284 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 18 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

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Value	Category	Cases	
1	Civil marriage	11997	47.4%
2	Customary marriage	127	0.5%
3	Civil union	163	0.6%
9	Unspecified	12997	51.4%

POLYGAMOUSMARRIAGE: Involved in polygamous marriage

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1	Yes	157	0.6%
2	No	11207	44.3%
9	Unspecified	13920	55.1%

GROUNDSDIVORCE: Main grounds for divorce

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Value	Category	Cases	
1	Adultery	3560	14.1%
2	Abuse	1741	6.9%
3	Childlessness	12	0%
4	Desertion	2024	8%
5	Financial difficulties	724	2.9%
6	Medical Insanity	15	0.1%
7	Imprisonment	48	0.2%
8	Other (Specify)	0	0%
9	Unspecified	17160	67.9%