

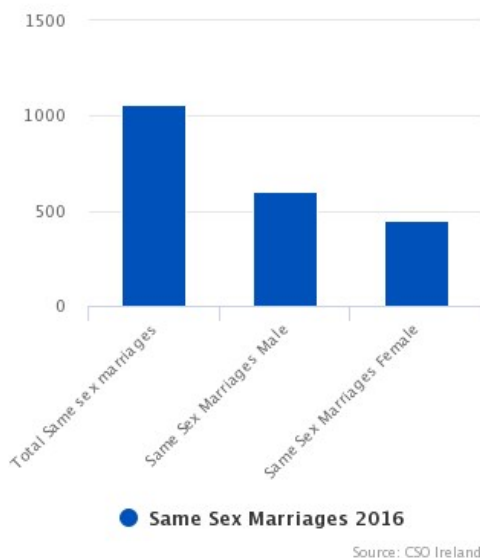
## Marriages and Civil Partnerships

2016

	2016	2015
Opposite Sex Marriages	21,570	22,025
Same Sex Marriages	1,056	–
All Marriages rate per 1,000 population	4.8	4.8
Average Age of Groom (Opposite Sex Marriage)	35.7	35.3
Average Age of Bride (Opposite Sex Marriage)	33.8	33.2
Average Age of Male (Same Sex Marriage)	40.5	–
Average Age of Female (Same Sex Marriage)	41.0	–

### There were 1,056 same sex marriages in 2016

Figure 1 Number of Same Sex Marriages



There were 1,056 same sex marriages in 2016, of which 606 were male unions and 450 female unions.

The average age of couples in same sex marriages in 2016 was 40.7 years.

The average age of male partners in same sex marriages was 40.5 and the average age of female partners was slightly higher at 41.0. See tables 23A, 23B and 23C.

There were 21,570 opposite sex marriages in 2016. The average age of grooms was 35.7 years, 0.4 years more than the average age of grooms in 2015. In the past 50 years, the average age of grooms decreased from 29.0 years in 1966 to a low of 26.2 years in 1977 and increased to a high of 35.7 years in 2016. A similar trend is evident for brides with the average age decreasing from 25.7 in 1966 to 24.0 in 1977 and increasing to a high of 33.8 in 2016. See tables 1 and 3.

The number of all marriages (opposite and same sex) registered in 2016 was 22,626 which equates to a crude (unadjusted) marriage rate of 4.8 per 1,000 population, the same rate as in 2015. This is 601 marriages more than in 2015 when 22,025 marriages took place. Same sex marriages accounted for 4.7%

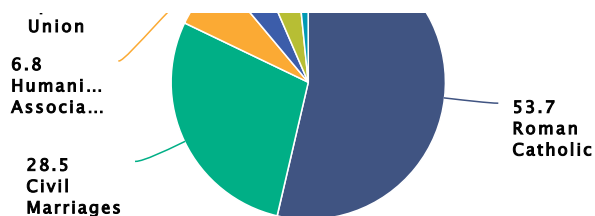
of all marriages in 2016, the first full calendar year for which data is available. Same sex marriage legislation came into effect in November 2015. See table 1.

Figure 2 All marriages by form of ceremony, 2016



### Marriages and Civil Partnerships 2016 (full)





Source: CSO Ireland

In 2016, religious ceremonies accounted for 64.8% of all marriages. There were 12,140 (53.7%) Catholic marriage ceremonies, 372 (1.6%) Church of Ireland ceremonies, The Spiritualist Union of Ireland performed 1,038 (4.6%) ceremonies and 1,104 (4.9%) couples opted for other religious ceremonies. The majority of non-religious ceremonies were civil marriages with 28.5% (6,438) of all marriages; the remaining 1,534 (6.8%) couples had Humanist ceremonies. See tables 1, 3, 3A, 17, 17A and figure 2.

### Over 67% of opposite sex couples have religious marriage ceremonies

In 2016, religious ceremonies accounted for the highest proportion of opposite sex marriages (67.4%). There were 12,140 (56.3%) Catholic marriage ceremonies, 372 (1.7%) Church of Ireland ceremonies, 69 (0.3%) Presbyterian ceremonies while The Spiritualist Union of Ireland, performed 965 (4.5%) marriage ceremonies in 2016. The remaining 999 (4.6%) couples opted for other religious ceremonies. Civil marriage ceremonies were the most popular choice for non-religious marriage ceremonies accounting for 5,588 (25.9%) of all opposite sex marriages. In recent years the Humanist Association has also risen in popularity with 1,437 (6.7%) of marriages in 2016 compared to 1,264 (5.7%) in 2015. See tables 1, 3 and 17, and figure 2.

### Over 80% of same sex couples have civil marriage ceremonies

The most popular form of ceremony for same sex marriage celebrations was civil marriage ceremonies, which accounted for 850 marriages (80.5%) followed by The Humanist Association of Ireland with 97 or 9.2% of ceremonies, The Spiritualist Union of Ireland accounted for 73 or 6.9% of ceremonies and the remainder of same sex couples - 3.4% - had ceremonies with other religious denominations. Almost half of all same sex marriage ceremonies took place in the Dublin City area (45.5%), followed by Cork City and Wicklow County respectively with 5.4%. See Tables 1, 3A, 3B, 13A, 13B and 17A.

### July was the most popular month for opposite sex marriages in 2016

For the first time since 2011, July was the most popular month for opposite sex marriages. In 2016, 13.8% (or 2,968) of marriages occurred in July. Over a quarter (26.1%) of all marriages took place in the months of July and August. January continued to be the least popular month for marriage ceremonies with only 666 (3.1%) of marriages occurring during that month.

## Marriages and Civil Partnerships 2016 (full)



Friday and Saturday were the most popular days of the week to get married with 14,924 or 69.2% of marriages occurring on those days. The least popular day was Sunday when 504 (2.3%) couples wed. See *table 16*.

Saturday 30th July was the most popular date for opposite sex marriages in 2016 with 272 (1.3%) marriages taking place on that day. This was followed by Saturday 4th June, when 259 (1.2%) marriages occurred. New Year's Eve was the third most popular date with 249 (1.2%) marriage celebrations on that day. See *tables 16, 16A and 16B*.

### **September was the most popular month for same sex marriages in 2016**

The most popular month for same sex marriages in 2016 was September with 125 (11.8%) marriages.

Friday was the most popular day for same sex marriages with one third (348) or 33.0% of all same sex marriages celebrated on that day. As with opposite sex marriages, Sunday was the least popular day for same sex marriages when only 30 couples (2.8%) wed. See *table 16A*.

Friday 29th July was the most popular date for same sex marriages in 2016 with 17 (1.6%) marriages occurring on that day. This was followed by Friday 15th July, when 13 (1.2%) marriages took place.

### **EU marriage rate**

In 2015 (most recent available data) Lithuania had the highest crude (unadjusted) marriage rate of the EU 28 Member States with a rate of 7.6 per 1,000 population. Portugal and Slovenia had the lowest rates, with 3.1 marriages per 1,000 population.

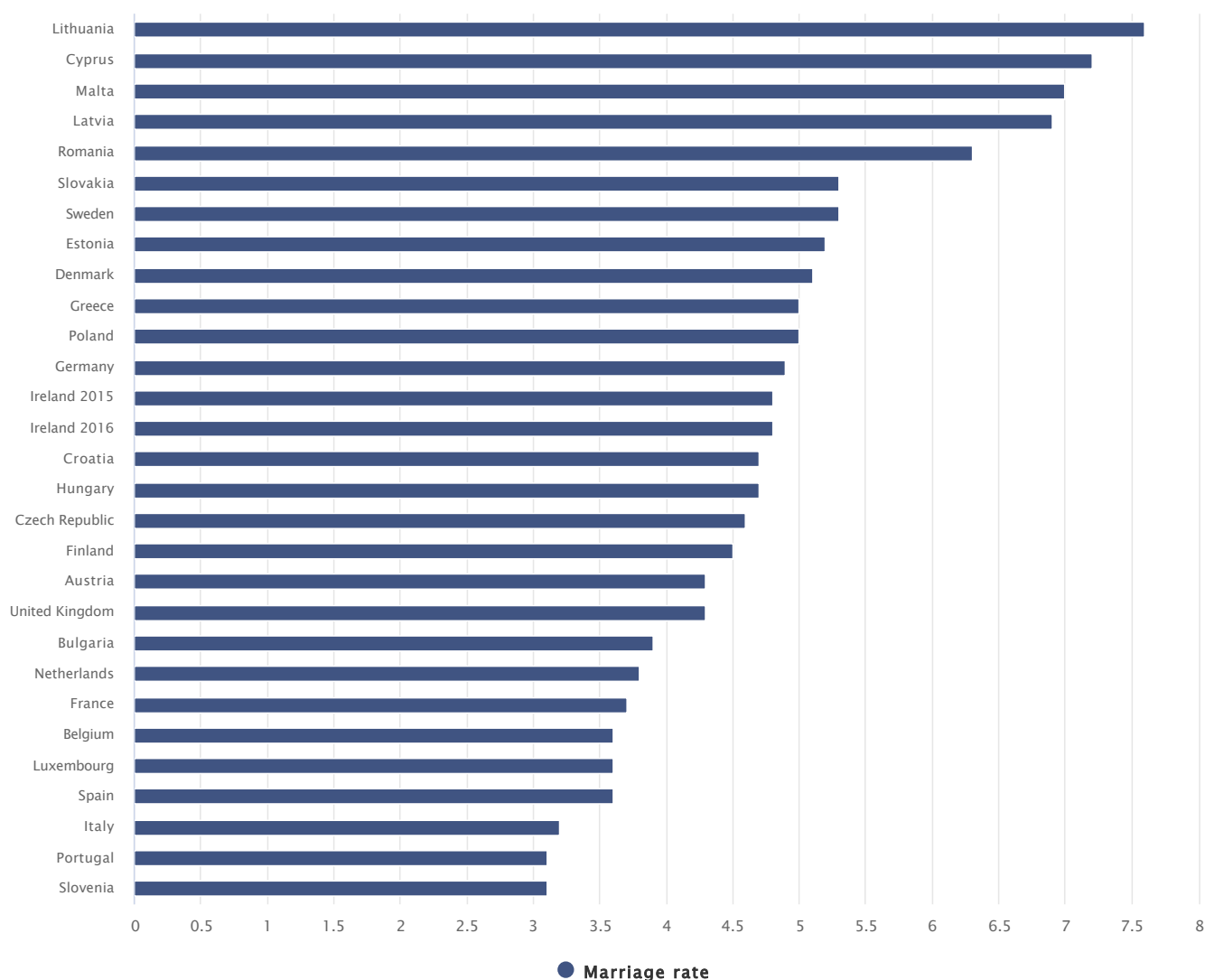
In comparison, in 2015 Ireland had a marriage rate of 4.8 per thousand population and was ranked 13th. (*The latest available data for The United Kingdom and Austria was 2013 and 2012 was the latest data available for France*). See *figure 3*.

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## **Marriages and Civil Partnerships 2016 (full)**



Figure 3 Crude marriage rates per 1,000 population in the European Union, 2015



Source: CSO Ireland

### Groom older than bride in just over 62% of opposite sex marriages

The average age of grooms and brides in 2016 was 35.7 years and 33.8 years respectively. The average age of grooms marrying for the first time was 34.3 years and for brides the average age was 32.8 years. See tables 22 and 23.

The groom was older than the bride in 62.3% of marriages in 2016. See tables 7 and 8.

In 2016, 2.4% of grooms were under the age of 25 and 41.8% of grooms were aged 35 and over on their wedding day. For brides, 3.7% were under the age of 25 and 30.3% were aged 35 and over on their wedding day. See table 1, 7 and 8.

Monaghan had the lowest average age for grooms at 34.5 years. At the other end of the scale, Wicklow had the highest average age for grooms at 37.9 years. As with the grooms, Monaghan had the lowest average age for brides at 32.0 years and Wicklow had the highest average age at 35.5 years. See tables 9 and 10.

### Almost 88% of opposite sex marriages were first time marriages

In 2016, 87.8% (18,934) of marriages were the first marriage for both the groom and bride. The breakdown between grooms and brides was 19,712 (91.4%) grooms and 20,081 (93.1%) brides marrying for the first time. See tables 17, 22 and 23.

There were 2,444 marriages involving at least one divorced person in 2016, including 552 marriages where both parties were divorced. See table 17.

### Over 56% of same sex marriages were first time marriages

#### Marriages and Civil Partnerships 2016 (full)



Of the 2,112 individual same sex partners in 2016, the majority - 1,195 or 56.6% were previously single, 840 (39.8%) were previous civil partners, while 64 (3.0%) were divorcees, 8 (0.4%) were former civil partners, 4 (0.2%) were widows/widowers and there was 1 surviving civil partner. See tables 23A, 23B and 23C.

### **Opposite sex couples residing outside Ireland before marriage account for 13% of marriages**

Marriages where both the bride and groom were residing in Ireland before marriage accounted for 85.0% (18,337) of marriages. In 2016, 2,802 (13.0%) marriages involved both the bride and groom living outside the State before marriage. See tables 11 and 12.

The future permanent residence of married couples was stated to be outside Ireland in 13.6% (2,933) of marriages in 2016. This compares to 2,845 (12.9%) in 2015. See table 1.

### **Over one in five opposite sex marriages were between brides and grooms of the same socio-economic group**

In 2016, 23.7% (5,113) of all marriages involved the bride and groom being of the same socio-economic group.

Over half (57.0%) of grooms and two-fifths (42.2%) of brides in the 'Professional Occupations' socio-economic group married an individual in the same group.

The socio-economic group with the greatest apparent disparity was the "Skilled Trades Occupations" where 2.6% of grooms married within their own group in comparison to 39.8% of brides doing so. See table 6 and background notes.

### **Civil Partnerships**

There were 7 civil partnership ceremonies in 2016, 5 male unions and 2 female unions. See table 1.

### **Number of divorces granted increased by just over 25%**

The most recent divorce data available is for 2015. There were 3,289 divorces granted by the Circuit Court and the High Court in 2015. This was an increase of 660 on the 2014 figure. See table A.

### **Population**

The estimated population (usual residence) in April 2016 was 4,673,745.

#### **Same sex marriage legislation.**

The Marriage Act 2015 (No.35/2015) effective from the 16th November 2015 (S.I 504/15 refers) allows parties of the same sex to marry. From the 16th November 2015, when same sex marriage legislation came into effect, same sex couples no longer had the option to apply for a Civil Partnership. However, couples that had given 3 months' notice prior to the 16th November 2015 were still entitled to have a Civil Partnership ceremony after that date.



Table 1 Summary data for marriages 2006-2016

	Opposite sex marriages											Same sex marriages	All marriages	
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2016	2016	
State	22,089	22,756	22,187	21,627	20,594	19,855	20,713	20,680	22,045	22,025	21,570	1,056	22,626	
Marriages per 1,000 population	5.2	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.8	4.8	4.6	0.2	4.8	
Average age of party 1 <sup>1</sup>	33.2	33.4	33.8	34.0	34.1	34.6	34.7	34.9	35.0	35.3	35.7	43.6	36.1	
Average age of party 2 <sup>2</sup>	31.2	31.3	31.7	31.8	32.0	32.5	32.6	32.8	33.0	33.2	33.8	37.9	34.0	
<b>Percentage of marriages by age of party 1<sup>1</sup></b>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Under 20	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.0	0.5	
20-24	4.7	4.0	3.0	3.3	3.0	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.2	1.8	
25-29	29.4	29.1	27.7	27.2	25.4	22.4	21.8	20.0	19.7	18.5	16.2	8.1	15.8	
30-34	37.0	37.5	37.5	36.8	38.3	39.7	39.8	41.0	40.5	39.7	39.6	16.8	38.6	
35-39	15.7	16.3	17.0	17.3	17.8	18.6	18.8	19.0	19.7	20.6	22.3	18.0	22.1	
40 and over	12.7	12.7	14.1	14.9	15.0	16.5	16.6	17.0	17.3	18.4	19.5	55.9	21.2	
<b>Percentage of marriages by age of party 2<sup>2</sup></b>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Under 20	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.2	0.8	
20-24	8.6	7.8	6.8	7.2	5.7	4.9	4.7	4.3	4.4	4.0	2.8	5.8	3.0	
25-29	39.0	39.4	38.1	36.0	34.9	32.6	31.3	29.4	28.7	27.2	25.3	16.6	24.9	
30-34	32.1	32.4	33.6	33.8	36.2	37.6	38.7	39.7	39.5	40.4	40.8	24.0	40.0	
35-39	11.1	11.4	11.9	12.1	12.6	13.5	13.6	14.7	14.8	15.1	17.0	16.3	17.0	
40 and over	7.9	7.8	8.7	9.6	9.3	10.3	10.5	10.8	11.5	12.2	13.3	37.2	14.4	
<b>Form of ceremony</b>														
Roman Catholic	16,211	16,854	15,978	14,624	13,781	13,156	13,497	12,921	13,072	12,486	12,140	–	12,140	
Church of Ireland	530	526	534	447	427	448	433	453	393	393	372	–	372	
Presbyterian	161	176	160	111	89	67	84	72	81	73	69	–	69	
Methodist	26	20	32	21	27	15	19	25	27	26	27	–	27	
Jewish	2	1	–	5	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	
Spiritualist Union of Ireland	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	819	822	965	73	1,038	
Other religious	32	33	184	205	279	401	883	1,112	538	804	972	36	1,008	
Civil marriages	5,127	5,146	5,299	6,214	5,991	5,768	5,797	6,096	6,167	6,156	5,588	850	6,438	
Humanist Association	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	895	1,264	1,437	97	1,534	
<b>Country of future residence</b>														
<b>Outside Republic of Ireland</b>	1,917	1,798	1,909	1,835	1,762	1,843	2,065	2,316	2,668	2,845	2,933	122	3,055	
Northern Ireland	346	330	367	362	289	304	318	319	432	421	477	28	505	
England and Wales	932	915	981	899	810	846	925	947	1,058	1,117	1,175	41	1,216	
Scotland	84	75	95	86	76	92	64	80	74	97	99	2	101	
Europe (remainder)	115	113	114	124	146	139	148	152	157	150	155	17	172	
U.S.A	248	211	165	158	164	169	176	198	192	214	227	11	238	
Elsewhere	192	154	187	206	277	293	434	620	755	846	797	23	820	
Not stated	–	–	49	12	1	1	–	1	–	1	3	–	3	
<b>Percentage of marriages with country of residence outside Republic of Ireland</b>	8.7	7.9	8.6	8.5	8.6	9.3	10.0	11.2	12.1	12.9	13.6	11.6	13.5	

<sup>1</sup>Party 1 refers to the groom in the case of opposite sex marriages and refers to the older party in the case of same sex marriages.

<sup>2</sup>Party 2 refers to the bride in the case of opposite sex marriages and refers to the younger party in the case of same sex marriages.

Table 2 Age specific marriage rates, 2013-2016

Age	Opposite sex marriages								Same sex marriages				All marriages			
	Marriages per 1,000 males at specified ages				Marriages per 1,000 females at specified ages				Marriages per 1,000 males at specified ages		Marriages per 1,000 females at specified ages		Marriages per 1,000 males at specified ages		Marriages per 1,000 females at specified ages	
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2013	2014	2015	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016
<b>All ages, 16-49</b>	17.9	19.4	19.5	19.0	18.1	19.4	19.5	19.1	0.9	0.6	19.9	19.8	19.9	19.8	19.9	19.8
<b>16-19</b>	1.1	0.7	0.8	1.1	2.2	2.3	2.2	1.6	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.6	1.1	1.6	1.1	1.6
20	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	3.6	5.3	4.4	3.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	3.0	2.5	3.0	2.5	3.0
21	1.8	2.3	3.5	1.9	4.6	5.6	5.6	3.0	0.2	0.0	2.2	3.1	2.2	3.1	2.2	3.1
22	3.1	3.5	3.5	2.5	5.6	6.5	6.4	5.2	0.2	0.2	2.7	5.4	2.7	5.4	2.7	5.4
23	4.1	4.3	4.8	3.8	8.9	8.6	9.6	6.6	0.6	0.3	4.4	6.9	4.4	6.9	4.4	6.9
24	6.9	7.8	7.9	6.3	12.0	13.6	12.1	9.8	0.8	0.7	7.1	10.5	7.1	10.5	7.1	10.5
<b>20-24</b>	3.7	4.1	4.5	3.4	7.0	8.1	7.8	5.6	0.4	0.3	3.8	5.9	3.8	5.9	3.8	5.9
25	10.2	12.1	11.6	8.4	18.4	19.9	19.6	15.6	1.0	0.4	9.4	16.0	9.4	16.0	9.4	16.0
26	16.2	17.8	17.8	13.5	27.9	27.4	27.7	25.3	1.0	0.6	14.4	25.9	14.4	25.9	14.4	25.9
27	22.9	27.2	26.1	21.8	35.7	38.4	36.3	35.4	1.2	0.7	23.0	36.1	23.0	36.1	23.0	36.1
28	36.2	37.5	37.1	32.9	45.5	49.7	51.0	47.9	1.3	0.6	34.1	48.6	34.1	48.6	34.1	48.6
29	45.3	49.6	48.0	45.5	51.0	57.9	58.2	59.0	1.6	0.8	47.0	59.8	47.0	59.8	47.0	59.8
<b>25-29</b>	26.9	29.7	29.0	25.1	36.6	39.8	39.9	38.1	1.2	0.6	26.3	38.7	26.3	38.7	26.3	38.7
30	51.1	56.0	55.8	55.5	51.4	55.3	62.5	60.7	1.4	0.6	56.9	61.4	56.9	61.4	56.9	61.4
31	49.9	56.5	55.9	58.6	50.5	54.7	55.3	58.9	1.5	0.9	60.1	59.8	60.1	59.8	60.1	59.8
32	46.6	52.9	53.6	55.3	39.5	45.0	47.9	51.2	1.6	0.7	56.8	51.9	56.8	51.9	56.8	51.9
33	42.1	45.5	48.8	46.5	34.9	37.4	40.0	38.7	1.5	1.3	48.0	40.0	48.0	40.0	48.0	40.0
34	37.4	37.4	40.5	42.4	28.6	30.3	30.7	32.2	1.5	1.1	43.9	33.3	43.9	33.3	43.9	33.3
<b>30-34</b>	45.3	49.3	50.5	51.3	41.0	44.3	46.6	47.7	1.5	1.0	52.8	48.6	52.8	48.6	52.8	48.6
35	29.7	34.5	33.7	35.4	24.3	26.7	25.0	27.2	1.1	1.0	36.5	28.2	36.5	28.2	36.5	28.2
36	24.1	28.4	29.8	30.6	19.1	20.8	20.3	21.7	1.0	0.9	31.5	22.6	31.5	22.6	31.5	22.6
37	19.9	21.0	25.2	24.5	14.6	15.6	16.6	17.2	1.1	0.8	25.6	18.0	25.6	18.0	25.6	18.0
38	19.2	19.3	18.7	21.5	12.3	12.3	13.1	15.2	1.0	0.8	22.5	16.0	22.5	16.0	22.5	16.0
39	15.7	16.9	16.9	17.4	11.9	11.4	11.3	12.1	1.1	0.8	18.5	12.9	18.5	12.9	18.5	12.9
<b>35-39</b>	21.8	24.1	25.0	26.1	16.5	17.5	17.5	18.9	1.0	0.9	27.1	19.8	27.1	19.8	27.1	19.8
40	13.4	14.6	12.8	14.0	9.1	9.2	8.6	10.1	1.2	0.6	15.1	10.7	15.1	10.7	15.1	10.7
41	12.0	11.0	13.1	12.1	5.8	7.4	8.0	8.6	1.1	1.0	13.2	9.6	13.2	9.6	13.2	9.6
42	8.9	9.7	11.5	10.4	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.7	0.9	0.7	11.2	7.4	11.2	7.4	11.2	7.4
43	7.8	8.5	8.6	8.6	4.5	5.8	6.7	5.9	1.0	0.7	9.6	6.7	9.6	6.7	9.6	6.7
44	6.7	7.8	7.4	8.5	4.5	4.8	6.0	5.9	1.0	0.8	9.6	6.7	9.6	6.7	9.6	6.7
<b>40-44</b>	9.8	10.3	10.7	10.7	6.2	6.8	7.2	7.5	1.0	0.7	11.8	8.2	11.8	8.2	11.8	8.2
45	5.6	7.2	7.3	6.8	4.4	5.0	4.8	4.9	0.9	0.7	7.7	5.6	7.7	5.6	7.7	5.6
46	5.7	5.3	5.8	5.9	3.9	3.3	4.3	3.7	0.9	0.7	6.8	4.4	6.8	4.4	6.8	4.4
47	4.8	5.6	5.5	6.0	3.6	3.5	4.5	3.8	0.9	0.6	6.8	4.4	6.8	4.4	6.8	4.4
48	3.9	4.4	4.6	5.1	2.5	3.3	3.1	3.9	0.8	0.5	5.9	4.4	5.9	4.4	5.9	4.4
49	3.9	3.8	4.8	4.9	2.9	3.4	3.7	3.9	0.7	0.5	5.7	4.5	5.7	4.5	5.7	4.5
<b>45-49</b>	4.8	5.3	5.6	5.7	3											

**Table 3 Marriages of opposite sex couples registered in 2016 classified according to age of groom/age of bride and form of ceremony**

Age	Form of ceremony						Total
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	The Spiritualist Union of Ireland	Other religious denominations	Civil Marriages	
<b>Age of groom</b>							
Under 20	117	–	–	–	–	6	123
20-24	181	3	3	9	38	156	399
25-29	2,152	76	26	126	144	795	3,491
30-34	5,613	137	22	334	294	1,533	8,547
35-39	2,772	71	9	241	232	1,127	4,811
40-44	848	33	5	101	108	656	1,887
45-49	262	22	2	67	82	441	938
50-54	99	11	1	40	40	303	532
55-59	46	6	–	34	29	228	368
60 and over	50	13	1	13	32	343	474
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,140</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>5,588</b>	<b>21,570</b>
<b>Age of bride</b>							
Under 20	154	–	–	1	4	19	178
20-24	249	4	10	15	65	254	613
25-29	3,532	112	27	189	166	1,116	5,450
30-34	5,628	139	17	381	356	1,627	8,800
35-39	1,881	58	11	192	192	1,068	3,666
40-44	455	25	2	102	88	565	1,338
45-49	144	15	1	34	62	361	663
50-54	45	6	–	37	33	261	410
55-59	15	5	–	7	13	157	210
60 and over	37	8	1	7	20	160	242
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,140</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>5,588</b>	<b>21,570</b>
<b>Average age of groom</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>35.7</b>
<b>Average age of bride</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>33.8</b>

**Table 3A Same Sex Marriages registered in 2016 classified according to age of older party/younger party and form of ceremony**

Age	All same sex marriages				Total
	Civil Marriage Ceremonies	The Humanist Association	The Spiritualist Union of Ireland	Other religious denominations	
<b>Age of older party</b>					
Under 20	–	–	–	–	–
20-24	13	–	–	–	13
25-29	72	4	8	2	86
30-34	128	28	13	8	177
35-39	146	22	16	6	190
40-44	126	16	9	9	160
45-49	113	10	13	4	140
50-54	95	9	7	3	114
55-59	62	6	4	2	74
60 and over	95	2	3	2	102
<b>Total</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1,056</b>
<b>Age of younger party</b>					
Under 20	2	–	–	–	2
20-24	56	2	2	1	61
25-29	148	11	13	3	175
30-34	180	38	21	14	253
35-39	138	14	14	6	172
40-44	119	21	13	5	158
45-49	83	5	7	4	99
50-54	65	4	2	3	74
55-59	32	2	1	–	35
60 and over	27	–	–	–	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1,056</b>
<b>Average age of older party</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<b>43.6</b>
<b>Average age of younger party</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>37.9</b>

**Table 3B Same Sex Marriages registered in 2016 classified according to age of older party/younger party and form of ceremony, listing male same sex marriages and female same sex marriages separately**

Age	Male same sex marriages					Female same sex marriages				
	Civil Marriage Ceremonies	The Humanist Association	The Spiritualist Union of Ireland	Other religious denominations	Total	Civil Marriage Ceremonies	The Humanist Association	The Spiritualist Union of Ireland	Other religious denominations	Total
<b>Age of older party</b>										
Under 20	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
20-24	7	–	–	–	7	6	–	–	–	6
25-29	45	3	5	2	55	27	1	3	–	31
30-34	80	17	1	5	103	48	11	12	3	74
35-39	75	12	8	4	99	71	10	8	2	91
40-44	71	12	5	5	93	55	4	4	4	67
45-49	69	5	10	2	86	44	5	3	2	54
50-54	47	6	1	2	56	48	3	6	1	58
55-59	31	4	4	–	39	31	2	–	2	35
60 and over	65	1	2	–	68	30	1	1	2	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>450</b>
<b>Age of younger party</b>										
Under 20	1	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	1
20-24	34	2	–	1	37	22	–	2	–	24
25-29	98	7	7	2	114	50	4	6	1	61
30-34	114	21	6	10	151	66	17	15	4	102
35-39	69	9	11	4	93	69	5	3	2	79
40-44	67	16	6	2	91	52	5	7	3	67
45-49	45	2	5	1	53	38	3	2	3	46
50-54	29	3	–	–	32	36	1	2	3	42
55-59	15	–	1	–	16	17	2	–	–	19
60 and over	18	–	–	–	18	9	–	–	–	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>450</b>
<b>Average age of older party</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>43.3</b>
<b>Average age of younger party</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>38.8</b>

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**Table 4 Marriages of opposite sex couples registered in 2016 classified by occupational group and age of groom**

Occupational group of groom	Age of groom										Average age of groom	
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over		All ages
Administrative and Secretarial occupations	1	13	136	397	234	77	38	17	15	18	946	35.7
Associate professional and Technical occupations	11	47	545	1,374	725	258	126	74	50	57	3,267	35.4
Caring, Leisure and Other service occupations	–	9	49	104	66	37	22	15	16	10	328	37.7
Elementary occupations	9	79	330	628	425	188	124	60	39	37	1,919	36.0
Managers, Directors and Senior officials	2	19	274	767	489	215	126	83	46	66	2,087	37.2
Process, Plant and Machine operatives	–	8	150	388	300	168	104	63	36	40	1,257	38.3
Professional occupations	–	20	829	2,405	1,176	388	154	78	58	79	5,187	35.1
Sales and Customer service occupations	3	21	164	243	117	39	20	6	10	2	625	33.6
Skilled trades occupations	14	65	837	2,028	1,143	476	192	122	78	99	5,054	35.7
Unemployed, Retired, Student, Occupation unknown	83	118	177	213	136	41	32	14	20	66	900	34.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>3,491</b>	<b>8,547</b>	<b>4,811</b>	<b>1,887</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>21,570</b>	<b>35.7</b>

**Table 5 Marriages of opposite sex couples registered in 2016 classified by occupational group and age of bride**

Occupational group of bride	Age of bride										Average age of bride	
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over		All ages
Administrative and Secretarial occupations	1	37	606	1,196	572	211	110	80	38	36	2,887	34.9
Associate professional and Technical occupations	9	40	579	1,130	497	145	54	48	29	18	2,549	33.9
Caring, Leisure and Other service occupations	10	110	796	920	368	190	111	65	25	29	2,624	33.6
Elementary occupations	3	66	248	232	150	69	49	23	14	14	868	34.2
Managers, Directors and Senior officials	–	19	281	618	291	129	68	35	14	18	1,473	35.2
Process, Plant and Machine operatives	–	3	25	39	30	14	10	2	4	3	130	36.8
Professional occupations	–	50	1,863	3,463	1,081	296	103	64	45	41	7,006	33.1
Sales and Customer service occupations	2	59	423	489	208	85	50	28	7	13	1,364	33.2
Skilled trades occupations	1	11	61	103	69	38	18	10	5	8	324	36.0
Unemployed, Retired, Student, Occupation unknown	152	218	568	610	400	161	90	55	29	62	2,345	33.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>5,450</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>3,666</b>	<b>1,338</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>21,570</b>	<b>33.8</b>

**Table 6 Marriages of opposite sex couples registered in 2016 classified by occupational group of bride and groom**

Occupational group of groom	Occupational group of bride										Total
	Administrative and Secretarial occupations	Associate professional and Technical occupations	Caring, Leisure and Other service occupations	Elementary occupations	Managers, Directors and Senior officials	Process, Plant and Machine operatives	Professional occupations	Sales and Customer service occupations	Skilled trades occupations	Unemployed, Retired, Student, Occupation unknown	
Administrative and Secretarial occupations	247	116	65	28	60	3	313	56	8	50	<b>946</b>
Associate professional and Technical occupations	393	624	374	70	252	15	1,051	179	36	273	<b>3,267</b>
Caring, Leisure and Other service occupations	37	30	93	10	14	3	75	19	8	39	<b>328</b>
Elementary occupations	274	135	343	231	102	11	254	204	40	325	<b>1,919</b>
Managers, Directors and Senior officials	284	299	194	61	317	10	570	135	29	188	<b>2,087</b>
Process, Plant and Machine operatives	216	103	228	84	63	26	218	122	20	177	<b>1,257</b>
Professional occupations	505	622	263	46	313	16	2,958	143	39	282	<b>5,187</b>
Sales and Customer service occupations	86	54	86	25	41	4	117	123	9	80	<b>625</b>
Skilled trades occupations	778	487	888	267	267	37	1,295	340	129	566	<b>5,054</b>
Unemployed, Retired, Student, Occupation unknown	67	79	90	46	44	5	155	43	6	365	<b>900</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,887</b>	<b>2,549</b>	<b>2,624</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>1,473</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>7,006</b>	<b>1,364</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>2,345</b>	<b>21,570</b>

**Table 6A Same Sex Marriages registered in 2016 classified by occupational group of older party and younger party**

Occupational group of older party	Occupational group of younger party										Total
	Administrative and Secretarial occupations	Associate professional and Technical occupations	Caring, Leisure and Other service occupations	Elementary occupations	Managers, Directors and Senior officials	Process, Plant and Machine operatives	Professional occupations	Sales and Customer service occupations	Skilled trades occupations	Unemployed, Retired, Student, Occupation unknown	
Administrative and Secretarial occupations	15	23	10	4	8	–	33	4	5	5	<b>107</b>
Associate professional and Technical occupations	16	49	12	7	28	2	48	15	5	10	<b>192</b>
Caring, Leisure and Other service occupations	5	9	13	9	8	1	13	7	2	4	<b>71</b>
Elementary occupations	8	3	7	12	4	1	3	7	2	5	<b>52</b>
Managers, Directors and Senior officials	17	15	12	10	43	–	22	9	7	8	<b>143</b>
Process, Plant and Machine operatives	2	1	2	2	2	–	2	2	–	–	<b>13</b>
Professional occupations	23	53	12	7	35	4	118	11	5	22	<b>290</b>
Sales and Customer service occupations	4	3	5	7	5	1	10	10	2	6	<b>53</b>
Skilled trades occupations	6	6	7	5	7	3	13	3	8	4	<b>62</b>
Unemployed, Retired, Student, Occupation unknown	6	14	5	5	4	–	18	3	5	13	<b>73</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>1,056</b>

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Table 7 Marriages of opposite sex couples registered in 2016 classified by groom's age and bride's relative age

Age of groom	Relative age of bride						Total	
	10 or more years older	5 to 9 years older	1 to 4 years older	Same age	1 to 4 years younger	5 to 9 years younger		10 or more years younger
All ages	154	882	4,146	2,956	8,686	3,585	1,161	21,570
16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	4
18	1	1	21	26	5	-	-	54
19	1	3	12	10	39	-	-	65
Under 20	2	4	35	38	44	-	-	123
20	1	4	8	9	37	-	-	59
21	1	3	17	7	17	-	-	45
22	4	6	19	7	20	-	-	56
23	5	11	21	15	34	2	-	88
24	9	21	49	25	42	5	-	151
20-24	20	45	114	63	150	7	-	399
25	8	28	78	42	58	8	-	222
26	7	34	134	74	99	10	-	358
27	5	49	181	140	196	25	-	596
28	7	70	260	222	353	26	2	940
29	7	71	430	316	509	42	-	1,375
25-29	34	252	1,083	794	1,215	111	2	3,491
30	5	81	472	382	713	67	4	1,724
31	6	78	449	359	861	113	5	1,871
32	5	56	364	293	941	139	6	1,804
33	13	56	316	207	832	186	5	1,615
34	11	46	256	168	775	262	15	1,533
30-34	40	317	1,857	1,409	4,122	767	35	8,547
35	4	42	186	151	645	310	19	1,357
36	3	29	142	102	547	323	26	1,172
37	6	32	113	71	382	266	24	894
38	7	19	100	63	263	272	43	767
39	7	24	64	41	226	207	52	621
35-39	27	146	605	428	2,063	1,378	164	4,811
40	3	14	61	37	160	189	33	497
41	3	8	41	33	143	151	52	431
42	2	4	39	26	108	132	51	362
43	1	10	31	18	96	97	50	303
44	3	14	36	19	79	104	39	294
40-44	12	50	208	133	586	673	225	1,887
45	1	9	35	7	60	73	48	233
46	-	5	29	6	48	69	41	198
47	-	5	26	9	55	51	46	192
48	1	5	16	8	41	54	36	161
49	2	4	19	6	19	46	58	154
45-49	4	28	125	36	223	293	229	938
50-54	3	14	57	24	121	137	176	532
55-59	5	13	28	16	82	101	123	368
60-64	4	9	16	4	52	54	83	222
65-69	1	3	13	8	15	39	60	139
70-74	2	1	5	2	8	20	32	70
75 and over	-	-	-	1	5	5	32	43

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Table 8 Marriages of opposite sex couples registered in 2016 classified by bride's age and groom's relative age

Age of bride	Relative age of groom							Total
	10 or more years older	5 to 9 years older	1 to 4 years older	Same age	1 to 4 years younger	5 to 9 years younger	10 or more years younger	
All ages	1,161	3,585	8,686	2,956	4,146	882	154	21,570
16	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4
17	-	-	14	2	-	-	-	16
18	2	8	60	26	2	-	-	98
19	3	12	21	10	14	-	-	60
Under 20	5	20	99	38	16	-	-	178
20	7	14	23	9	13	-	-	66
21	7	19	26	7	6	-	-	65
22	17	27	43	7	14	-	-	108
23	12	38	67	15	13	-	-	145
24	18	67	103	25	16	-	-	229
20-24	61	165	262	63	62	-	-	613
25	28	101	191	42	35	1	-	398
26	52	169	317	74	49	3	-	664
27	47	192	529	140	87	5	-	1,000
28	56	273	775	222	137	7	-	1,470
29	60	373	947	316	207	15	-	1,918
25-29	243	1,108	2,759	794	515	31	-	5,450
30	58	331	962	382	319	19	-	2,071
31	72	298	904	359	396	24	1	2,054
32	53	262	782	293	449	38	2	1,879
33	61	195	613	207	395	39	4	1,514
34	53	160	480	168	355	63	3	1,282
30-34	297	1,246	3,741	1,409	1,914	183	10	8,800
35	62	147	354	151	308	87	6	1,115
36	50	115	273	102	251	75	5	871
37	48	106	181	71	194	69	3	672
38	39	79	160	63	150	64	12	567
39	32	75	121	41	114	52	6	441
35-39	231	522	1,089	428	1,017	347	32	3,666
40	27	60	98	37	95	43	8	368
41	28	52	85	33	70	43	2	313
42	19	40	65	26	57	32	1	240
43	20	36	62	18	42	27	7	212
44	20	30	53	19	47	25	11	205
40-44	114	218	363	133	311	170	29	1,338
45	20	34	45	7	30	24	11	171
46	16	20	29	6	27	17	11	126
47	13	26	30	9	34	7	1	120
48	18	25	28	8	30	7	7	123
49	16	22	25	6	28	19	7	123
45-49	83	127	157	36	149	74	37	663
50-54	66	88	102	24	80	30	20	410
55-59	32	45	60	16	39	15	3	210
60-64	20	30	34	4	21	14	8	131
65-69	6	12	12	8	14	10	5	67
70-74	3	3	6	2	5	5	1	25
75 and over	-	1	2	1	3	3	9	19

Table 8A Same Sex Marriages registered in 2016 classified by older partner's age and younger partner's relative age

All partners Age	Total older partner						Younger partner					
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over		
Older partner	1056	2	61	175	253	172	158	99	74	35	27	
Under 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
20-24	13	1	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
25-29	86	1	38	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
30-34	177	-	6	70	101	-	-	-	-	-	-	
35-39	190	-	3	34	87	66	-	-	-	-	-	
40-44	160	-	2	13	37	58	50	-	-	-	-	
45-49	140	-	-	5	19	29	58	29	-	-	-	
50-54	114	-	-	4	4	12	30	43	21	-	-	
55-59	74	-	-	-	1	5	9	16	34	9	-	
60 and over	102	-	-	2	4	2	11	11	19	26	27	

Table 8B Same Sex Marriages registered in 2016 classified by older male partner's age and younger male partner's relative age

Male partners Age	Total male partners				Younger male partner						
	All ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over
Older male partner	606	1	37	114	151	93	91	53	32	16	18
Under 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24	7	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-29	55	1	20	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30-34	103	-	5	43	55	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-39	99	-	3	18	48	30	-	-	-	-	-
40-44	93	-	2	8	24	31	28	-	-	-	-
45-49	86	-	-	5	16	19	33	13	-	-	-
50-54	56	-	-	4	3	7	13	21	8	-	-
55-59	39	-	-	-	1	4	7	11	13	3	-
60 and over	68	-	-	2	4	2	10	8	11	13	18

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Table 8C Same Sex Marriages registered in 2016 classified by older female partner's age and younger female partner's relative age

Female partners Age	Total female partners										
	all ages	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over
Older female partner	450	1	24	61	102	79	67	46	42	19	9
Under 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24	6	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-29	31	-	18	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30-34	74	-	1	27	46	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-39	91	-	-	16	39	36	-	-	-	-	-
40-44	67	-	-	5	13	27	22	-	-	-	-
45-49	54	-	-	-	3	10	25	16	-	-	-
50-54	58	-	-	-	1	5	17	22	13	-	-
55-59	35	-	-	-	-	1	2	5	21	6	-
60 and over	34	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	8	13	9

Table 8D Same Sex Marriages registered in 2016 classified by age difference of partners in years and percentage

	Total	No age difference		1 to 4 years difference		5 to 9 years difference		10 or more years difference	
	Number	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
All Same Sex Marriages	1,056	82	7.8	486	46.0	296	28.0	192	18.2
Male Same Sex Marriages	606	42	6.9	257	42.4	165	27.2	142	23.4
Female Same Sex Marriages	450	40	8.9	229	50.9	131	29.1	50	11.1

Table 9 Marriages of opposite sex couples registered in 2016 classified by age and area of residence of groom before marriage

Area of residence of groom	Age of groom										Total	Average age of groom
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over		
<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>3,491</b>	<b>8,547</b>	<b>4,811</b>	<b>1,887</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>21,570</b>	<b>35.7</b>
<b>LEINSTER</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>1,647</b>	<b>4,110</b>	<b>2,416</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>10,683</b>	<b>36.0</b>
Carlow	4	8	50	105	62	22	13	14	1	8	287	35.7
Dublin City	15	74	433	1,061	611	192	110	67	45	60	2,668	35.5
South Dublin	7	27	147	367	233	90	56	24	12	19	982	35.8
Fingal	5	14	167	472	280	137	58	32	28	32	1,225	36.6
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	1	11	124	357	185	86	34	16	17	33	864	36.5
Kildare	3	17	137	357	204	76	40	23	13	21	891	35.8
Kilkenny	2	5	53	142	97	31	12	14	6	3	365	35.6
Laois	-	8	55	110	72	27	12	6	4	5	299	35.5
Longford	2	8	22	46	31	18	3	3	3	4	140	35.4
Louth	3	12	93	184	93	33	28	16	8	12	482	35.6
Meath	6	12	108	261	161	83	41	23	14	13	722	36.3
Offaly	2	8	65	113	54	23	13	5	3	3	289	34.7
Westmeath	1	10	44	125	86	36	13	5	6	8	334	36.0
Wexford	9	16	74	214	110	60	38	13	11	16	561	36.3
Wicklow	3	6	75	196	137	56	36	15	20	30	574	37.9
<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>1,803</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>4,748</b>	<b>36.1</b>
Clare	1	6	59	140	102	35	20	8	5	10	386	36.2
Cork City	4	4	75	163	115	45	16	17	8	6	453	35.8
Cork County	1	20	258	639	382	171	70	42	28	37	1,648	36.1
Kerry	2	-	74	190	122	36	19	12	7	22	484	36.7
Limerick City	1	9	33	60	38	25	8	5	2	8	189	36.2
Limerick County	1	7	79	244	125	56	21	13	7	8	561	35.5
North Tipperary	2	8	48	105	62	26	14	10	3	8	286	36.0
South Tipperary	4	11	49	116	83	25	11	9	6	4	318	35.5
Waterford City	-	7	16	50	40	20	6	9	1	3	152	36.6
Waterford County	3	4	41	96	62	21	10	13	10	11	271	37.2
<b>CONNACHT</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2,052</b>	<b>35.6</b>
Galway City	6	11	39	118	85	26	11	2	5	3	306	34.8
Galway County	9	17	77	271	185	59	26	16	12	10	682	35.6
Leitrim	1	-	22	63	25	11	2	4	2	4	134	35.5
Mayo	8	7	75	192	91	43	21	11	10	8	466	35.5
Roscommon	2	7	33	86	52	14	8	5	5	6	218	35.5
Sligo	3	5	32	101	53	21	10	2	7	12	246	36.6
<b>ULSTER (part of)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>34.9</b>
Cavan	2	2	54	117	48	18	14	8	4	7	274	35.5
Donegal	3	8	123	209	112	39	21	11	6	9	541	34.8
Monaghan	-	1	41	106	39	21	5	3	3	3	222	34.5
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES</b>												
Border	12	28	365	780	370	143	80	44	30	47	1,899	35.3
Midland	5	34	186	394	243	104	41	19	16	20	1,062	35.4
West	25	42	224	667	413	142	66	34	32	27	1,672	35.4
Dublin	28	126	871	2,257	1,309	505	258	139	102	144	5,739	35.9
Mid-East	12	35	320	814	502	215	117	61	47	64	2,187	36.5
Mid-West	5	30	219	549	327	142	63	36	17	34	1,422	35.9
South-East	22	51	283	723	454	179	90	72	35	45	1,954	36.1
South-West	7	24	407	992	619	252	105	71	43	65	2,585	36.2
<b>REPUBLIC OF IRELAND</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>2,875</b>	<b>7,176</b>	<b>4,237</b>	<b>1,682</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>18,520</b>	<b>35.9</b>
<b>NORTHERN IRELAND</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>34.7</b>
<b>BRITAIN</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,313</b>	<b>34.8</b>
<b>ELSEWHERE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>34.4</b>

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Table 10 Marriages of opposite sex couples registered in 2016 classified by age and area of residence of bride before marriage

Area of residence of bride	Age of bride										Total	Average age of bride
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over		
<b>Total</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>5,450</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>3,666</b>	<b>1,338</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>21,570</b>	<b>33.8</b>
<b>LEINSTER</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>2,501</b>	<b>4,322</b>	<b>1,892</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>10,703</b>	<b>34.1</b>
Carlow	6	6	77	106	49	18	18	2	1	3	286	33.5
Dublin City	23	86	619	1,106	487	164	82	55	26	38	2,686	34.0
South Dublin	16	29	221	394	180	73	35	19	10	10	987	34.1
Fingal	7	28	256	484	220	91	55	35	14	12	1,202	34.7
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	1	15	173	396	146	62	19	27	9	18	866	34.8
Kildare	8	27	216	376	144	59	22	16	11	9	888	33.7
Kilkenny	2	11	86	162	71	26	11	3	5	4	381	33.8
Laois	2	13	83	112	62	22	10	3	—	—	307	33.0
Longford	3	9	32	58	28	5	4	1	4	4	148	33.6
Louth	6	15	138	192	81	34	12	7	7	4	501	33.6
Meath	4	18	183	263	130	60	27	16	2	7	710	34.0
Offaly	4	13	78	102	32	14	8	1	1	2	255	32.4
Westmeath	4	13	79	140	63	22	7	5	7	2	342	33.5
Wexford	9	17	119	215	113	42	25	14	5	8	567	34.5
Wicklow	6	9	141	216	86	41	29	22	8	19	577	35.5
<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>4,758</b>	<b>34.0</b>
Clare	—	14	102	155	66	34	8	11	4	3	397	34.0
Cork City	2	17	105	185	73	31	20	9	3	1	446	33.8
Cork County	—	32	416	652	304	110	43	29	11	22	1,619	34.0
Kerry	2	9	110	196	91	26	16	8	11	13	482	34.9
Limerick City	2	3	48	77	31	14	4	4	1	4	188	33.9
Limerick County	5	25	130	242	115	25	19	8	4	4	577	33.3
North Tipperary	7	15	68	102	45	24	9	6	1	4	281	33.5
South Tipperary	7	5	86	131	58	20	12	10	3	2	334	33.7
Waterford City	3	8	35	63	29	19	2	3	3	1	166	33.8
Waterford County	1	3	65	116	30	21	12	7	8	5	268	35.0
<b>CONNACHT</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>33.6</b>
Galway City	14	14	70	125	69	14	9	3	2	3	323	32.8
Galway County	9	19	165	270	119	46	19	14	6	4	671	33.6
Leitrim	—	—	35	57	19	5	6	3	1	3	129	34.3
Mayo	7	15	115	195	77	28	13	4	5	7	466	33.5
Roscommon	—	5	51	100	29	7	8	4	2	3	209	33.7
Sligo	1	10	71	88	42	14	8	6	7	5	252	34.3
<b>ULSTER (part of)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>32.5</b>
Cavan	6	8	85	113	40	17	9	3	7	1	289	33.2
Donegal	5	20	201	202	73	27	17	8	1	3	557	32.4
Monaghan	—	8	88	88	26	11	4	—	2	1	228	32.0
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES</b>												
Border	18	61	618	740	281	108	56	32	25	17	1,956	33.2
Midland	13	48	272	412	185	63	29	13	9	8	1,052	33.1
West	30	53	401	690	294	95	49	25	15	17	1,669	33.4
Dublin	47	158	1,269	2,380	1,033	390	191	136	59	78	5,741	34.3
Mid-East	18	54	540	855	360	160	78	54	21	35	2,175	34.3
Mid-West	14	57	348	576	257	97	40	29	10	15	1,443	33.6
South-East	28	50	468	793	350	146	80	39	25	23	2,002	34.1
South-West	4	58	631	1,033	468	167	79	46	25	36	2,547	34.1
<b>REPUBLIC OF IRELAND</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>4,547</b>	<b>7,479</b>	<b>3,228</b>	<b>1,226</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>18,585</b>	<b>33.9</b>
<b>NORTHERN IRELAND</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>33.0</b>
<b>BRITAIN</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,263</b>	<b>32.9</b>
<b>ELSEWHERE</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,257</b>	<b>32.4</b>

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Table 11 Marriages of opposite sex couples registered in 2016 classified by area of residence of groom before marriage, also showing whether bride has same area of residence

Area of residence of groom	Total	Same area as groom	Area of residence of bride		Percentage of brides from same area as groom
			Different area from groom: Republic of Ireland	Different area from groom: Not Republic of Ireland	
<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS</b>					
Carlow	287	244	42	1	85.0
Dublin City	2,668	2,463	184	21	92.3
South Dublin	982	872	105	5	88.8
Fingal	1,225	1,088	124	13	88.8
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	864	776	79	9	89.8
Kildare	891	800	84	7	89.8
Kilkenny	365	313	50	2	85.8
Laois	299	266	32	1	89.0
Longford	140	116	21	3	82.9
Louth	482	448	20	14	92.9
Meath	722	632	82	8	87.5
Offaly	289	229	59	1	79.2
Westmeath	334	288	44	2	86.2
Wexford	561	509	49	3	90.7
Wicklow	574	523	51	–	91.1
Clare	386	334	48	4	86.5
Cork City	453	376	74	3	83.0
Cork County	1,648	1,478	153	17	89.7
Kerry	484	422	57	5	87.2
Limerick City	189	157	30	2	83.1
Limerick County	561	480	77	4	85.6
North Tipperary	286	224	58	4	78.3
South Tipperary	318	262	55	1	82.4
Waterford City	152	136	14	2	89.5
Waterford County	271	231	36	4	85.2
Galway City	306	256	45	5	83.7
Galway County	682	564	114	4	82.7
Leitrim	134	106	26	2	79.1
Mayo	466	403	53	10	86.5
Roscommon	218	171	47	–	78.4
Sligo	246	212	31	3	86.2
Cavan	274	238	33	3	86.9
Donegal	541	496	30	15	91.7
Monaghan	222	194	23	5	87.4
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES</b>					
Border	1,899	1,742	115	42	91.7
Midland	1,062	927	128	7	87.3
West	1,672	1,519	134	19	90.8
Dublin	5,739	5,463	228	48	95.2
Mid-East	2,187	1,977	195	15	90.4
Mid-West	1,422	1,275	133	14	89.7
South-East	1,954	1,804	137	13	92.3
South-West	2,585	2,421	139	25	93.7
<b>PROVINCES</b>					
Leinster	10,683	10,361	232	90	97.0
Munster	4,748	4,535	167	46	95.5
Connacht	2,052	1,889	139	24	92.1
Ulster (part of)	1,037	944	70	23	91.0
<b>REPUBLIC OF IRELAND</b>	<b>18,520</b>	<b>18,337</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>99.0</b>
<b>NORTHERN IRELAND</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>81.3</b>
<b>BRITAIN</b>	<b>1,313</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>92.3</b>
<b>ELSEWHERE</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>92.5</b>

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Table 12 Marriages of opposite sex couples registered in 2016 classified by area of residence of bride before marriage, also showing whether groom has same area of residence

Area of residence of bride	Total	Area of residence of groom		Percentage of grooms from same area as bride
		Same area as bride	Different area from bride: Republic of Ireland	
<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS</b>				
Carlow	286	244	42	85.3
Dublin City	2,686	2,463	198	91.7
South Dublin	987	872	104	88.3
Fingal	1,202	1,088	98	90.5
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	866	776	84	89.6
Kildare	888	800	80	90.1
Kilkenny	381	313	61	82.2
Laois	307	266	41	86.6
Longford	148	116	31	78.4
Louth	501	448	42	89.4
Meath	710	632	76	89.0
Offaly	255	229	25	89.8
Westmeath	342	288	53	84.2
Wexford	567	509	50	89.8
Wicklow	577	523	49	90.6
Clare	397	334	58	84.1
Cork City	446	376	66	84.3
Cork County	1,619	1,478	124	91.3
Kerry	482	422	55	87.6
Limerick City	188	157	30	83.5
Limerick County	577	480	90	83.2
North Tipperary	281	224	52	79.7
South Tipperary	334	262	65	78.4
Waterford City	166	136	28	81.9
Waterford County	268	231	35	86.2
Galway City	323	256	65	79.3
Galway County	671	564	100	84.1
Leitrim	129	106	17	82.2
Mayo	466	403	52	86.5
Roscommon	209	171	36	81.8
Sligo	252	212	38	84.1
Cavan	289	238	39	82.4
Donegal	557	496	24	89.0
Monaghan	228	194	22	85.1
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES</b>				
Border	1,956	1,742	134	89.1
Midland	1,052	927	122	88.1
West	1,669	1,519	128	91.0
Dublin	5,741	5,463	220	95.2
Mid-East	2,175	1,977	183	90.9
Mid-West	1,443	1,275	150	88.4
South-East	2,002	1,804	172	90.1
South-West	2,547	2,421	100	95.1
<b>PROVINCES</b>				
Leinster	10,703	10,361	240	96.8
Munster	4,758	4,535	168	95.3
Connacht	2,050	1,889	131	92.1
Ulster (part of)	1,074	944	69	87.9
<b>REPUBLIC OF IRELAND</b>	<b>18,585</b>	<b>18,337</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>98.7</b>
<b>NORTHERN IRELAND</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>91.8</b>
<b>BRITAIN</b>	<b>1,263</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>96.0</b>
<b>ELSEWHERE</b>	<b>1,257</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>89.2</b>

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Table 13 Marriages of opposite sex couples celebrated in each county and city during 2016 classified by form of ceremony

Province, county or city	Form of ceremony						Civil marriages	The Humanist Association	Total
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	The Spiritualist Union of Ireland	Other religious denominations				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,140</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>5,588</b>	<b>1,437</b>	<b>21,570</b>	
<b>LEINSTER</b>	<b>5,007</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>3,388</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>10,921</b>	
Carlow	206	13	–	20	16	97	15	367	
Dublin City	559	17	2	48	98	1,708	170	2,602	
South Dublin	284	13	2	32	48	30	13	422	
Fingal	281	13	1	51	39	59	30	474	
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	190	19	2	18	39	25	39	332	
Kildare	463	28	2	108	101	261	125	1,088	
Kilkenny	363	8	1	27	9	126	27	561	
Laois	257	15	–	10	11	56	14	363	
Longford	132	1	–	1	–	27	1	162	
Louth	363	9	1	22	28	171	34	628	
Meath	641	9	4	176	69	220	208	1,327	
Offaly	229	4	–	19	9	64	11	336	
Westmeath	261	1	1	32	38	46	37	416	
Wexford	419	12	–	67	26	196	26	746	
Wicklow	359	34	1	121	100	302	180	1,097	
<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>3,939</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1,283</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>6,037</b>	
Clare	434	3	–	13	47	39	43	579	
Cork City	274	3	1	6	17	392	37	730	
Cork County	1,127	42	–	32	60	162	182	1,605	
Kerry	712	10	–	39	26	151	65	1,003	
Limerick City	101	–	–	1	3	185	2	292	
Limerick County	423	3	–	4	7	32	18	487	
North Tipperary	295	6	–	7	11	79	17	415	
South Tipperary	249	5	–	11	6	91	16	378	
Waterford City	65	3	–	10	7	87	1	173	
Waterford County	259	4	–	18	16	65	13	375	
<b>CONNACHT</b>	<b>1,973</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>2,775</b>	
Galway City	186	4	–	6	23	48	16	283	
Galway County	603	3	–	11	61	232	19	929	
Leitrim	144	5	–	1	4	18	4	176	
Mayo	592	8	1	11	20	94	17	743	
Roscommon	221	–	–	4	6	41	3	275	
Sligo	227	6	1	5	10	108	12	369	
<b>ULSTER (part of)</b>	<b>1,221</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1,837</b>	
Cavan	299	23	4	20	14	104	22	486	
Donegal	671	35	36	6	21	229	7	1,005	
Monaghan	251	13	9	8	9	43	13	346	
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES</b>									
Border	1,955	91	51	62	86	673	92	3010	
Midland	879	21	1	62	58	193	63	1,277	
West	1,602	15	1	32	110	415	55	2,230	
Dublin	1,314	62	7	149	224	1,822	252	3,830	
Mid-East	1,463	71	7	405	270	783	513	3,512	
Mid-West	1,253	12	–	25	68	335	80	1,773	
South-East	1,561	45	1	153	80	662	98	2,600	
South-West	2,113	55	1	77	103	705	284	3,338	

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Table 13A Same Sex marriages celebrated in each county and city during 2016 classified by form of ceremony

Province, county or city	Form of ceremony				Total
	Civil marriages	The Humanist Association	The Spiritualist Union of Ireland	Other religious denominations	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1,056</b>
<b>LEINSTER</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>758</b>
Carlow	7	–	2	–	9
Dublin City	440	25	9	7	481
South Dublin	–	1	3	–	4
Fingal	4	2	6	–	12
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	4	6	1	1	12
Kildare	23	11	6	5	45
Kilkenny	18	2	–	–	20
Laois	6	1	–	–	7
Longford	–	–	–	–	–
Louth	21	1	1	1	24
Meath	13	8	9	2	32
Offaly	5	–	1	–	6
Westmeath	4	1	6	1	12
Wexford	28	3	4	2	37
Wicklow	39	7	10	1	57
<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>184</b>
Clare	2	2	1	1	6
Cork City	54	2	–	1	57
Cork County	10	11	3	4	28
Kerry	13	4	2	2	21
Limerick City	36	–	–	–	36
Limerick County	1	1	–	1	3
North Tipperary	2	–	1	2	5
South Tipperary	7	1	1	–	9
Waterford City	8	–	–	–	8
Waterford County	7	1	1	2	11
<b>CONNACHT</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>69</b>
Galway City	6	2	–	–	8
Galway County	27	2	1	3	33
Leitrim	4	–	–	–	4
Mayo	7	1	2	–	10
Roscommon	2	–	–	–	2
Sligo	11	–	1	–	12
<b>ULSTER (part of)</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>45</b>
Cavan	12	1	–	–	13
Donegal	28	1	–	–	29
Monaghan	1	–	2	–	3
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES</b>					
Border	77	3	4	1	85
Midland	15	2	7	1	25
West	42	5	3	3	53
Dublin	448	34	19	8	509
Mid-East	75	26	25	8	134
Mid-West	41	3	2	4	50
South-East	75	7	8	4	94
South-West	77	17	5	7	106

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Table 13B Same Sex marriages celebrated in each county and city during 2016 classified by sex and form of ceremony

Province, county or city	Male					Female				
	Civil marriages	The Humanist Association	The Spiritualist Union of Ireland	Other religious denominations	Total male	Civil marriages	The Humanist Association	The Spiritualist Union of Ireland	Other religious denominations	Total female
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>450</b>
<b>LEINSTER</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>298</b>
Carlow	4	–	2	–	6	3	–	–	–	3
Dublin City	278	19	4	5	306	162	6	5	2	175
South Dublin	–	–	2	–	2	–	1	1	–	2
Fingal	4	1	3	–	8	–	1	3	–	4
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	3	3	1	1	8	1	3	–	–	4
Kildare	10	8	2	3	23	13	3	4	2	22
Kilkenny	8	2	–	–	10	10	–	–	–	10
Laois	3	–	–	–	3	3	1	–	–	4
Longford	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Louth	14	1	–	1	16	7	–	1	–	8
Meath	8	4	2	–	14	5	4	7	2	18
Offaly	2	–	1	–	3	3	–	–	–	3
Westmeath	2	–	3	1	6	2	1	3	–	6
Wexford	11	2	2	1	16	17	1	2	1	21
Wicklow	28	4	6	1	39	11	3	4	–	18
<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>97</b>
Clare	–	2	–	1	3	2	–	1	–	3
Cork City	28	2	–	1	31	26	–	–	–	26
Cork County	5	4	1	2	12	5	7	2	2	16
Kerry	6	4	1	–	11	7	–	1	2	10
Limerick City	16	–	–	–	16	20	–	–	–	20
Limerick County	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	3
North Tipperary	–	–	–	1	1	2	–	1	1	4
South Tipperary	4	–	1	–	5	3	1	–	–	4
Waterford City	4	–	–	–	4	4	–	–	–	4
Waterford County	2	–	–	2	4	5	1	1	–	7
<b>CONNACHT</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>35</b>
Galway City	4	–	–	–	4	2	2	–	–	4
Galway County	13	2	1	–	16	14	–	–	3	17
Leitrim	2	–	–	–	2	2	–	–	–	2
Mayo	3	1	2	–	6	4	–	–	–	4
Roscommon	2	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–
Sligo	3	–	1	–	4	8	–	–	–	8
<b>ULSTER (part of)</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>20</b>
Cavan	5	–	–	–	5	7	1	–	–	8
Donegal	17	1	–	–	18	11	–	–	–	11
Monaghan	1	–	1	–	2	–	–	1	–	1
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES</b>										
Border	42	2	2	1	47	35	1	2	–	38
Midland	7	–	4	1	12	8	2	3	–	13
West	22	3	3	–	28	20	2	–	3	25
Dublin	285	23	10	6	324	163	11	9	2	185
Mid-East	46	16	10	4	76	29	10	15	4	58
Mid-West	16	2	–	2	20	25	1	2	2	30
South-East	33	4	5	3	45	42	3	3	1	49
South-West	39	10	2	3	54	38	7	3	4	52

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Table 14 Marriages of opposite sex couples registered in 2016 classified by area of residence of groom and form of ceremony

Area of residence of groom	Form of ceremony					Civil marriages	The Humanist Association	Total
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	The Spiritualist Union of Ireland	Other religious denominations			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,140</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>5,588</b>	<b>1,437</b>	<b>21,570</b>
<b>LEINSTER</b>	<b>5,204</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>3,256</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>10,683</b>
Carlow	168	13	2	9	8	78	9	287
Dublin City	1,027	39	2	151	146	1,034	269	2,668
South Dublin	406	10	–	91	86	301	88	982
Fingal	523	14	2	99	69	412	106	1,225
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	392	30	2	51	46	247	96	864
Kildare	460	19	1	60	50	237	64	891
Kilkenny	258	6	–	7	4	84	6	365
Laois	201	15	–	5	9	60	9	299
Longford	97	2	–	1	7	30	3	140
Louth	277	3	–	32	22	121	27	482
Meath	392	8	–	75	35	176	36	722
Offaly	218	1	–	5	5	58	2	289
Westmeath	211	2	1	16	22	72	10	334
Wexford	343	7	–	21	14	162	14	561
Wicklow	231	14	–	43	39	184	63	574
<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>3,097</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>4,748</b>
Clare	271	1	–	4	13	84	13	386
Cork City	235	3	–	17	13	141	44	453
Cork County	1,056	23	–	34	49	374	112	1,648
Kerry	354	5	–	8	6	91	20	484
Limerick City	108	–	–	2	4	68	7	189
Limerick County	387	3	–	9	13	127	22	561
North Tipperary	216	2	–	2	6	57	3	286
South Tipperary	228	–	–	6	1	78	5	318
Waterford City	73	1	–	7	6	61	4	152
Waterford County	169	5	–	8	5	76	8	271
<b>CONNACHT</b>	<b>1,437</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2,052</b>
Galway City	164	1	–	6	19	107	9	306
Galway County	493	4	–	9	29	135	12	682
Leitrim	96	2	–	–	3	31	2	134
Mayo	358	2	–	11	9	80	6	466
Roscommon	169	1	–	3	5	37	3	218
Sligo	157	9	2	–	4	68	6	246
<b>ULSTER (part of)</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1,037</b>
Cavan	172	10	1	9	9	59	14	274
Donegal	418	17	17	2	11	73	3	541
Monaghan	174	3	3	2	2	33	5	222
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:</b>								
Border	1,294	44	23	45	51	385	57	1,899
Midland	727	20	1	27	43	220	24	1,062
West	1,184	8	–	29	62	359	30	1,672
Dublin	2,348	93	6	392	347	1,994	559	5,739
Mid-East	1,083	41	1	178	124	597	163	2,187
Mid-West	982	6	–	17	36	336	45	1,422
South-East	1,239	32	2	58	38	539	46	1,954
South-West	1,645	31	–	59	68	606	176	2,585
<b>REPUBLIC OF IRELAND</b>	<b>10,502</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>5,036</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>18,520</b>
<b>NORTHERN IRELAND</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>525</b>
<b>BRITAIN</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>1,313</b>
<b>ELSEWHERE</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>1,212</b>

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Table 15 Marriages of opposite sex couples registered in 2016 classified by area of residence of bride and form of ceremony

Area of residence of bride	Form of ceremony							Total
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	The Spiritualist Union of Ireland	Other religious denominations	Civil marriages	The Humanist Association	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,140</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>5,588</b>	<b>1,437</b>	<b>21,570</b>
<b>LEINSTER</b>	<b>5,220</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>3,240</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>10,703</b>
Carlow	172	13	–	8	6	78	9	286
Dublin City	1,029	33	3	152	154	1,045	270	2,686
South Dublin	414	16	1	89	85	297	85	987
Fingal	502	13	2	102	70	407	106	1,202
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	384	31	2	57	42	250	100	866
Kildare	463	18	1	60	52	229	65	888
Kilkenny	267	6	1	7	5	87	8	381
Laois	208	16	–	6	8	59	10	307
Longford	106	1	–	1	5	32	3	148
Louth	298	4	–	32	23	116	28	501
Meath	384	9	1	72	38	172	34	710
Offaly	191	–	–	6	6	50	2	255
Westmeath	222	1	1	15	23	69	11	342
Wexford	352	12	–	21	11	158	13	567
Wicklow	228	15	1	42	42	191	58	577
<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>3,105</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>1,156</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>4,758</b>
Clare	284	2	–	4	13	82	12	397
Cork City	233	3	–	15	16	136	43	446
Cork County	1,035	23	1	34	46	373	107	1,619
Kerry	346	5	–	8	6	97	20	482
Limerick City	106	–	–	2	4	70	6	188
Limerick County	402	1	–	11	12	125	26	577
North Tipperary	214	2	–	2	7	53	3	281
South Tipperary	234	1	–	6	1	87	5	334
Waterford City	84	1	–	7	6	61	7	166
Waterford County	167	4	–	9	7	72	9	268
<b>CONNACHT</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2,050</b>
Galway City	185	–	–	4	16	107	11	323
Galway County	480	4	–	13	30	132	12	671
Leitrim	92	4	–	–	2	29	2	129
Mayo	365	1	1	10	11	74	4	466
Roscommon	160	1	–	4	5	37	2	209
Sligo	165	7	1	1	4	68	6	252
<b>ULSTER (part of)</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1,074</b>
Cavan	182	14	1	8	8	62	14	289
Donegal	434	17	19	2	9	73	3	557
Monaghan	183	3	1	2	1	34	4	228
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:</b>								
Border	1,354	49	22	45	47	382	57	1,956
Midland	727	18	1	28	42	210	26	1,052
West	1,190	6	1	31	62	350	29	1,669
Dublin	2,329	93	8	400	351	1,999	561	5,741
Mid-East	1,075	42	3	174	132	592	157	2,175
Mid-West	1,006	5	–	19	36	330	47	1,443
South-East	1,276	37	1	58	36	543	51	2,002
South-West	1,614	31	1	57	68	606	170	2,547
<b>REPUBLIC OF IRELAND</b>	<b>10,571</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>5,012</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>18,585</b>
<b>NORTHERN IRELAND</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>465</b>
<b>BRITAIN</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>1,263</b>
<b>ELSEWHERE</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>1,257</b>

Table 16 Marriages of opposite sex couples registered in 2016 classified by month and day of week of marriage

Month of occurrence	Day of occurrence							Total
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
January	5	41	32	42	56	282	208	666
February	13	46	37	27	86	317	249	775
March	20	55	48	87	170	405	406	1,191
April	18	39	52	45	181	687	716	1,738
May	53	90	81	67	214	575	525	1,605
June	66	70	83	118	351	783	777	2,248
July	96	103	86	121	398	1,089	1,075	2,968
August	76	152	141	147	411	898	847	2,672
September	47	79	81	110	394	1,070	819	2,600
October	43	77	62	60	209	654	808	1,913
November	17	49	52	61	158	497	416	1,250
December	50	183	203	245	442	468	353	1,944
<b>Total</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>3,070</b>	<b>7,725</b>	<b>7,199</b>	<b>21,570</b>

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**Table 16A Same Sex Marriages registered in 2016 classified by month and day of week of marriage**

Month of occurrence	Day of occurrence							Total
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
January	2	4	2	7	12	16	2	45
February	2	9	2	14	10	19	4	60
March	–	4	17	23	20	13	4	81
April	1	17	11	4	18	31	5	87
May	1	11	15	12	13	32	4	88
June	2	7	17	17	26	34	11	114
July	6	14	5	11	24	52	10	122
August	2	19	15	13	26	34	8	117
September	6	8	7	14	33	45	12	125
October	3	4	9	8	20	34	10	88
November	2	8	8	6	9	23	7	63
December	3	7	8	9	21	15	3	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1,056</b>

**Table 16B Marriages of opposite sex and same sex couples registered in 2016 classified by month and day of week of marriage**

Month of occurrence	Day of occurrence							Total
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
January	7	45	34	49	68	298	210	711
February	15	55	39	41	96	336	253	835
March	20	59	65	110	190	418	410	1,272
April	19	56	63	49	199	718	721	1,825
May	54	101	96	79	227	607	529	1,693
June	68	77	100	135	377	817	788	2,362
July	102	117	91	132	422	1,141	1,085	3,090
August	78	171	156	160	437	932	855	2,789
September	53	87	88	124	427	1,115	831	2,725
October	46	81	71	68	229	688	818	2,001
November	19	57	60	67	167	520	423	1,313
December	53	190	211	254	463	483	356	2,010
<b>Total</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>1,096</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>1,268</b>	<b>3,302</b>	<b>8,073</b>	<b>7,279</b>	<b>22,626</b>

**Table 17 Marriages of opposite sex couples registered in 2016 classified by form of ceremony and previous civil status of partners**

Marriages contracted between	Form of ceremony					Civil marriages	The Humanist Association	Total
	Catholic Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	The Spiritualist Union of Ireland	Other religious denominations				
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,140</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>5,588</b>	<b>1,437</b>	<b>21,570</b>
Single men and single women	11,894	317	62	750	736	3,956	1,219	18,934
Single men and widows	30	1	–	3	5	28	2	69
Widowers and single women	40	2	–	3	1	37	6	89
Widowers and widows	12	–	1	2	3	13	–	31
Divorced men and single women	78	20	3	108	114	621	114	1,058
Single men and divorced women	76	15	2	52	71	443	50	709
Divorced men and widows	–	3	–	1	6	34	4	48
Widowers and divorced women	2	3	–	3	8	56	5	77
Divorced men and divorced women	8	11	1	43	55	397	37	552
Former Civil Partner and Former Civil Partner	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	3

**Table 17A Same Sex Marriages registered in 2016 classified by form of ceremony and previous civil status of partners**

Marriages contracted between	Form of ceremony				Total
	Civil marriages	The Humanist Association	The Spiritualist Union of Ireland	Other religious denominations	
<b>Total Male</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>606</b>
<b>Total Female</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>450</b>
Single men and single men	241	48	29	19	337
Male civil partner and male civil partner	217	9	6	–	232
Divorced men and divorced man	3	–	–	–	3
Single men and divorced men	25	2	–	1	28
Other men	4	1	1	–	6
Single women and single women	163	32	27	6	228
Female civil partner and female civil partner	182	3	1	2	188
Widows and divorced women	2	–	–	–	2
Single woman and divorced woman	11	1	9	7	28
Single woman and widow	1	–	–	1	2
Former Civil Partner (female) and Former Civil Partner (female)	1	–	–	–	1
Other women	–	1	–	–	1

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**Table 18 Marriages of opposite sex couples registered in 2016 classified by area of residence and previous civil status of groom**

Area of residence of groom	Single men	Widowers	Divorcees	Former Civil Partner	Total
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,712</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>1,658</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21,570</b>
<b>LEINSTER</b>	<b>9,699</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10,683</b>
Carlow	254	3	30	-	287
Dublin City	2,464	19	183	2	2,668
South Dublin	892	11	78	1	982
Fingal	1,095	19	111	-	1,225
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	782	15	67	-	864
Kildare	810	9	72	-	891
Kilkenny	347	-	18	-	365
Laois	275	5	19	-	299
Longford	129	1	10	-	140
Louth	436	6	40	-	482
Meath	644	4	74	-	722
Offaly	266	3	20	-	289
Westmeath	302	6	26	-	334
Wexford	505	2	54	-	561
Wicklow	498	11	65	-	574
<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>4,348</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,748</b>
Clare	355	6	25	-	386
Cork City	411	4	38	-	453
Cork County	1,515	14	119	-	1,648
Kerry	449	4	31	-	484
Limerick City	176	3	10	-	189
Limerick County	525	2	34	-	561
North Tipperary	255	1	30	-	286
South Tipperary	294	2	22	-	318
Waterford City	134	1	17	-	152
Waterford County	234	4	33	-	271
<b>CONNACHT</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,052</b>
Galway City	293	2	11	-	306
Galway County	636	5	41	-	682
Leitrim	125	-	9	-	134
Mayo	436	3	27	-	466
Roscommon	202	2	14	-	218
Sligo	227	2	17	-	246
<b>ULSTER (part of)</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,037</b>
Cavan	249	3	22	-	274
Donegal	511	3	27	-	541
Monaghan	212	2	8	-	222
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:</b>					
Border	1,760	16	123	-	1,899
Midland	972	15	75	-	1,062
West	1,567	12	93	-	1,672
Dublin	5,233	64	439	3	5,739
Mid-East	1,952	24	211	-	2,187
Mid-West	1,311	12	99	-	1,422
South-East	1,768	12	174	-	1,954
South-West	2,375	22	188	-	2,585
<b>REPUBLIC OF IRELAND</b>	<b>16,938</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18,520</b>
<b>NORTHERN IRELAND</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>525</b>
<b>BRITAIN</b>	<b>1,197</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,313</b>
<b>ELSEWHERE</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,212</b>

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Table 19 Marriages of opposite sex couples registered in 2016 classified by area of residence and previous civil status of bride

Area of residence of bride	Single women	Widows	Divorcees	Former Civil Partner	Total
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,081</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>1,338</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21,570</b>
<b>LEINSTER</b>	<b>9,907</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10,703</b>
Carlow	267	3	16	-	286
Dublin City	2,532	17	135	2	2,686
South Dublin	918	9	59	1	987
Fingal	1,087	13	102	-	1,202
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	810	8	48	-	866
Kildare	828	4	56	-	888
Kilkenny	351	3	27	-	381
Laois	291	-	16	-	307
Longford	136	2	10	-	148
Louth	461	6	34	-	501
Meath	647	6	57	-	710
Offaly	240	2	13	-	255
Westmeath	318	2	22	-	342
Wexford	507	4	56	-	567
Wicklow	514	11	52	-	577
<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>4,443</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,758</b>
Clare	376	5	16	-	397
Cork City	420	-	26	-	446
Cork County	1,515	8	96	-	1,619
Kerry	443	11	28	-	482
Limerick City	177	1	10	-	188
Limerick County	543	-	34	-	577
North Tipperary	263	1	17	-	281
South Tipperary	306	1	27	-	334
Waterford City	153	-	13	-	166
Waterford County	247	1	20	-	268
<b>CONNACHT</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,050</b>
Galway City	303	2	18	-	323
Galway County	635	1	35	-	671
Leitrim	117	-	12	-	129
Mayo	435	3	28	-	466
Roscommon	192	2	15	-	209
Sligo	233	1	18	-	252
<b>ULSTER (part of)</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,074</b>
Cavan	262	4	23	-	289
Donegal	539	5	13	-	557
Monaghan	216	-	12	-	228
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:</b>					
Border	1,828	16	112	-	1,956
Midland	985	6	61	-	1,052
West	1,565	8	96	-	1,669
Dublin	5,347	47	344	3	5,741
Mid-East	1,989	21	165	-	2,175
Mid-West	1,359	7	77	-	1,443
South-East	1,831	12	159	-	2,002
South-West	2,378	19	150	-	2,547
<b>REPUBLIC OF IRELAND</b>	<b>17,282</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18,585</b>
<b>NORTHERN IRELAND</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>465</b>
<b>BRITAIN</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,263</b>
<b>ELSEWHERE</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,257</b>

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Table 20 Marriages of opposite sex couples registered in 2016 classified by age of groom and bride in single years; all marriages

Table with columns for Age of groom (16 & under to 65 & over) and Age of bride (16 & under to 65 & over), and a final column for All ages. Rows represent groom age groups, showing the number of marriages for each combination.

Table 21 Marriages of opposite sex couples registered in 2016 classified by age of groom and bride in single years; first marriages only

Table with columns for Age of groom (16 & under to 65 & over) and Age of bride (16 & under to 65 & over), and a final column for All ages. Rows represent groom age groups, showing the number of first marriages for each combination.

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Table 22 Marriages of opposite sex couples registered in 2016 classified by age and previous civil status of groom

Age	Single Men	Widowers	Divorcees	Former Civil Partner	Total
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,712</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>1,658</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21,570</b>
<b>Age of groom</b>					
Under 20	123	–	–	–	123
20-24	399	–	–	–	399
25-29	3,484	–	6	1	3,491
30-34	8,477	1	69	–	8,547
35-39	4,606	3	200	2	4,811
40-44	1,605	7	275	–	1,887
45-49	597	17	324	–	938
50-54	232	20	280	–	532
55-59	100	33	235	–	368
60 and over	89	116	269	–	474
<b>Average age of groom</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>62.1</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>35.7</b>

Table 23 Marriages of opposite sex couples registered in 2016 classified by age and previous civil status of bride

Age	Single women	Widows	Divorcees	Former Civil Partner	Total
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,081</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>1,338</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21,570</b>
<b>Age of bride</b>					
Under 20	178	–	–	–	178
20-24	613	–	–	–	613
25-29	5,406	1	43	–	5,450
30-34	8,675	6	117	2	8,800
35-39	3,418	12	235	1	3,666
40-44	1,074	13	251	–	1,338
45-49	402	14	247	–	663
50-54	192	24	194	–	410
55-59	62	17	131	–	210
60 and over	61	61	120	–	242
<b>Average age of bride</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>46.1</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>33.8</b>

Table 23A Same Sex Marriages registered in 2016 classified by previous civil status and average age of partners

Total	Civil Partners	Single	Widows/Widowers	Divorcees	Former Civil Partner	Surviving Civil Partner	Average age of partner
2,112	840	1,195	4	64	8	1	40.7

Table 23B Same Sex Marriages registered in 2016 classified by previous civil status and average age of male partners

Total	Civil Partners	Single	Widows/Widowers	Divorcees	Former Civil Partner	Surviving Civil Partner	Average age of partners
1,212	464	708	–	34	5	1	40.5

Table 23C Same Sex Marriages registered in 2016 classified by previous civil status and average age of female partners

Total	Civil Partners	Single	Widows/Widowers	Divorcees	Former Civil Partner	Surviving Civil Partner	Average age of partner
900	376	487	4	30	3	–	41.0

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Table 24 Same Sex Marriages registered in 2016 classified by future area of residence of partners

Area of residence of partners	All Same Sex Marriages	Male Same Sex Marriages	Female Same Sex Marriages
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,056</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>450</b>
<b>LEINSTER</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>294</b>
Carlow	7	5	2
Dublin City	358	245	113
South Dublin	51	25	26
Fingal	84	40	44
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	63	31	32
Kildare	29	12	17
Kilkenny	10	5	5
Laois	9	6	3
Longford	–	–	–
Louth	19	13	6
Meath	17	10	7
Offaly	8	3	5
Westmeath	6	2	4
Wexford	28	10	18
Wicklow	27	15	12
<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>73</b>
Clare	6	4	2
Cork City	24	14	10
Cork County	44	20	24
Kerry	12	8	4
Limerick City	16	4	12
Limerick County	17	8	9
North Tipperary	7	2	5
South Tipperary	4	2	2
Waterford City	3	1	2
Waterford County	8	5	3
<b>CONNACHT</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>35</b>
Galway City	14	5	9
Galway County	18	7	11
Leitrim	7	2	5
Mayo	11	7	4
Roscommon	–	–	–
Sligo	7	1	6
<b>ULSTER (part of)</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>
Cavan	6	1	5
Donegal	13	9	4
Monaghan	2	1	1
<b>REGIONAL AUTHORITIES</b>			
Border	54	27	27
Midland	23	11	12
West	43	19	24
Dublin	556	341	215
Mid-East	73	37	36
Mid-West	46	18	28
South-East	60	28	32
South-West	80	42	38
<b>REPUBLIC OF IRELAND</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>412</b>
Northern Ireland	27	15	12
Outside the State	94	68	26

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**Table A Divorce, Judicial Separation and Nullity applications received and granted by the courts in the year ending December 2015**

County	Divorce applications		Judicial Separation applications		Nullity applications		Civil Partnership applications	
	Received	Granted	Received	Granted	Received	Granted	Received	Granted
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,314</b>	<b>3,289</b>	<b>1,419</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Circuit Court</b>								
<b>Leinster</b>	<b>2,528</b>	<b>1,976</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>14</b>
Carlow	68	52	14	10	-	-	-	-
Dublin	1,552	1,235	440	283	10	5	41	12
Naas	141	115	103	130	-	2	-	-
Kilkenny	78	50	31	8	-	-	2	-
Portlaoise	64	48	19	10	-	-	3	2
Longford	26	22	8	3	-	-	1	-
Dundalk	100	102	48	23	-	-	2	-
Trim	115	116	37	21	-	-	-	-
Tullamore	63	40	21	9	-	-	-	-
Mullingar	77	66	25	7	1	-	-	-
Wexford	143	76	24	8	1	-	-	-
Wicklow	101	54	15	11	1	-	2	-
<b>Munster</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>
Ennis	104	71	34	23	1	-	-	-
Cork	481	376	166	87	7	1	2	2
Tralee	111	92	37	28	1	2	11	4
Limerick	172	156	57	33	2	1	-	-
Clonmel	142	118	46	24	1	-	7	-
Waterford	118	89	32	7	-	2	-	-
<b>Connacht</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Galway	261	33	98	3	5	-	2	-
Carrick on Shannon	18	28	6	3	-	-	-	-
Castlebar	100	82	26	10	1	-	-	1
Roscommon	36	27	13	9	-	-	-	-
Sligo	49	48	12	18	-	1	-	-
<b>Ulster</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Cavan	64	49	21	5	-	-	1	-
Letterkenny	80	82	27	7	1	-	1	1
Monaghan	26	37	24	9	1	-	-	-
<b>Total Circuit Court</b>	<b>4,290</b>	<b>3,264</b>	<b>1,384</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>*High Court</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Supreme Court</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

\*High Court figures are provisional  
Source: Courts Service  
2015 is the latest available data

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# Background Notes

## Source

These statistics have been compiled from the marriage registration forms of all marriages registered in the Republic of Ireland in 2016.

The release has been prepared by the Central Statistics Office for the Minister for Social Protection in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Vital Statistics and Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1952 and Section 73 of the Civil Registration Act, 2004.

## Methodology

Where the weekday and month of a marriage are specified in this release, it refers to the date on which the marriage occurred. Note that some marriages registered in 2016 (and hence included in these statistics) occurred in years before 2016.

## Form of Ceremony

Marriages celebrated according to the rites and ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church, the rites and ceremonies of the Church of Ireland, the forms and disciplines of the Presbyterian Church, the usages of the Methodist Church, the usages of people professing the Jewish religion, The Spiritualist Union of Ireland and the Humanist Association have been classified under their respective religions. The usages of certain other Religious Bodies have been classified under 'other religious'. (*Tables 1, 13, 13A, 13B, 14, 15 and 17 refer*)

## Standard Occupation Codes (SOC2010)

This classification is determined by a person's occupation. The men and women whose marriages were registered from 2012 onwards were classified by standard occupation codes. This replaces the socio-economic group classification used up to 2011.

Standard Occupation Codes	Occupations included are as listed
0	Unemployed, Retired, Student and occupation unknown
1	Managers, Directors and Senior officials
2	Professional occupations
3	Associate professional and Technical occupations
4	Administrative and Secretarial occupations
5	Skilled trades occupations
6	Caring, Leisure and other service occupations
7	Sales and Customer service occupations
8	Process, Plant and Machine operatives
9	Elementary occupations

[http://www.bls.gov/soc/soc\\_structure\\_2010.pdf](http://www.bls.gov/soc/soc_structure_2010.pdf)

## Area of residence

Four classifications of district are available: that in which the marriage took place, the areas of residence of the bride and groom prior to marriage, and the intended future residence.

## Age specific marriage rates

The age specific marriage rates are calculated as follows:

Age Specific Rate = Number of Males (or Females) of that age whose marriages were registered multiplied by 1,000 and divided by Population of Males (or Females) of that age. The small number of marriages for which the age is not stated are distributed in proportion before this calculation is made.

## Marriages/Civil Partnerships per 1,000 population

This is calculated for each year as follows:

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Marriages/Civil Partnerships per 1,000 population = Number of Marriages/Civil partnerships registered multiplied by 1,000 and divided by population. The 2016 usual residence population is 4,673,745.

## Civil Partnership Legislation

Civil Partnerships, introduced by the Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Act 2010, enabled same-sex couples to obtain legal recognition of their relationship and this regulation was enacted on the 1st January 2011.

## Same Sex Marriage Legislation

The Marriage Act 2015 (No 35/2015) effective from the 16th November 2015 (S.I 504/15 refers) allows parties of the same sex to marry.

## NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions

The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions. The composition of the regions is set out below.

### Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region    Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region

<b>Border</b>	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo	<b>Dublin</b>	Dublin City Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
<b>Midland</b>	Laois Longford Offaly Westmeath	<b>Mid-East</b>	Kildare Meath Wicklow
<b>West</b>	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon	<b>Mid-West</b>	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
		<b>South-East</b>	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
		<b>South-West</b>	Cork City Cork County Kerry

## EU-28 countries

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.

## Usual residence population concept

For the purpose of this release the population concept of usual residence has been used, i.e. all persons usually resident and present in the State on census night *plus* absent persons who are usually resident in Ireland but are temporarily away from home *and outside the State* on census night. All persons are classified according to their region of usual residence.

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