

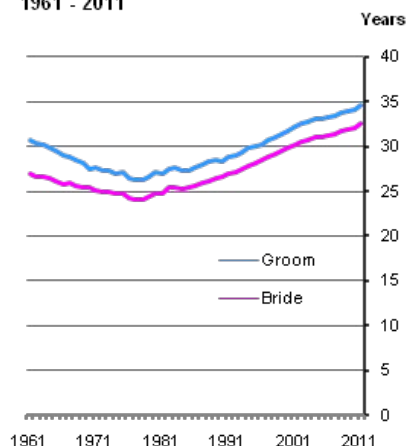
Marriages and Civil Partnerships

2011

	2011	2010
Marriages	19,855	20,594
Marriages per 1,000 population	4.3	4.5
Average Age of Groom	34.6	34.1
Average Age of Bride	32.5	32.0
Civil Marriages	5,768	5,991

Marriage rate falls as average age of bride and groom continues to rise

Fig.1 Average age of bride and groom, 1961 - 2011



The average age of grooms in 2011 was 34.6 years, 0.5 years more than the average age in 2010.

In the past fifty years, the average age of grooms has decreased from 30.6 years in 1961 to a low of 26.2 years in 1977 and has increased to a high of 34.6 years in 2011. A similar trend is evident for brides with the average age decreasing from 26.9 in 1961 to 24.0 in 1977 and has increased to a high of 32.5 in 2011. See table 1 and fig 1.

The number of marriages registered in 2011 was 19,855, which equates to a crude marriage rate of 4.3 per 1,000 of the population. This compares with a total of 20,594 marriages and a marriage rate of 4.5 per thousand of the population in 2010. The 2011 marriage rate was the lowest in the state since 1998 when the recorded rate was 4.5 per 1,000 of the population. See table 1.

Of the 19,855 marriages registered in 2011, there were 13,156 Roman Catholic marriage ceremonies (66%), 5,768 civil marriages (29%), 448 Church of Ireland ceremonies (2%) and the remaining 2% was made up of Presbyterian, Methodist, Jewish and other ceremonies. See table 1.

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July was the most popular month for marriage in 2011, when 14% of marriages occurred. Marriages in July, August and September accounted for over 39% of marriages. January continued to be the least popular month for marriage ceremonies with 535 (almost 3%) of marriages occurring during that month. See table 16.

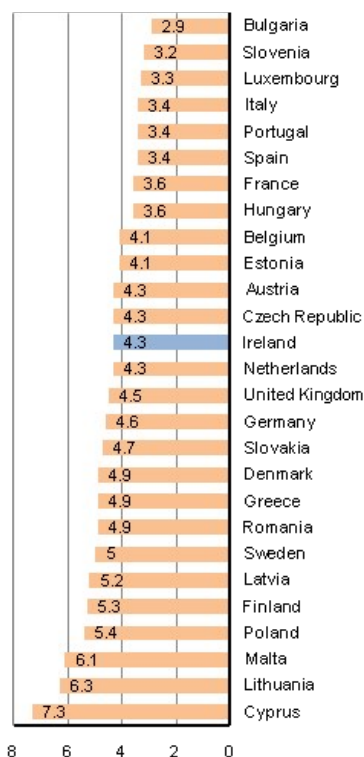
Friday and Saturday were the most popular days of the week to get married with 70% of marriages occurring on those days. The least popular day was Sunday when 177 couples wed (less than 1% of total). See table 16.

Saturday 30th July was the most popular date for marriage in 2011 with 263 (1%) marriages taking place. This was closely followed by Friday 26th August, when 251 (1%) marriages occurred.

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Fig. 2 Crude marriage rates per 1,000 population in the European Union, 2011



Cyprus had the highest crude marriage rate in the EU 27 with a rate of 7.3 per 1,000 population. Bulgaria had the lowest rates, with 2.9 marriages per 1,000 population. Ireland, along with the Czech Republic, Austria and the Netherlands was ranked 14th with a rate of 4.3 per 1,000 of the population. This was slightly lower than the European (EU 27) average rate which was 4.4 marriages per thousand population in 2010. Figures for average rate for 2011 are not available for all EU27 countries at time of printing.

Civil marriages account for 29% of all marriages

In 2011, civil marriages accounted for 29% of all marriages, the same rate as in 2010. Of the 5,768 civil marriages in 2011, there were 3,855 (67%) where both the bride and groom were single. See tables 1, 17 and fig 3.

In 2011, the average age of the groom in civil marriages was 37.9 years and the average age of the groom in Roman Catholic marriages was 33.1 years. The average age of the bride in civil marriages was 35.0 years and the average age of the bride in Roman Catholic marriages was 31.3 years. See table 3.

In 2011, civil marriage ceremonies were the most common form of ceremony for grooms aged 45 and over (69%), and for brides aged 40 and over (67%). See table 3.

At a NUTS3 regional level, nearly 43% of grooms and brides in the Dublin region had civil marriages. By contrast, almost 20% grooms and brides living in the border region had civil marriages. See tables 14 and 15.

Groom older than bride in 64% of marriages

The average age of grooms and brides in 2011 was 34.6 and 32.5 respectively. The average age of grooms marrying for the first time was 33.2 years and for brides the average age was 31.6 years. See tables 22 and 23.

In 2011, the groom was older than the bride in almost 64% of marriages. This was generally witnessed across all age groups except in the case of grooms under 25, where the bride was older in 43% of marriages. See tables 7, 8 and fig 4.

In 2011, almost 3% of grooms were under the age of 25 and 35% of grooms were aged 35 and over on their wedding day. For brides, 6% were under the age of 25 and almost 24% were aged 35 and over on their wedding day. See table 1.

At a local authority level, Monaghan had the lowest average age for grooms at 33.2 years and Donegal had the lowest average age for brides at 30.9 years. At the other end of the scale, Waterford City had the highest average age for grooms at 36.1 years and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown had the highest average age for brides at 33.7 years. See tables 9 and 10.

88% of marriages were first time marriages

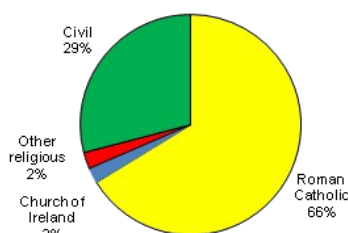
In 2011, 88% (17,434) of marriages were the first marriage for both the groom and bride. The breakdown between grooms and brides was 18,168 (92%) grooms and 18,520 (93%) brides marrying for the first time. See tables 17, 22 and 23.

There were 2,272 marriages involving at least one divorced person in 2011, including 447 marriages where both parties were divorced. Civil ceremonies accounted for 1,855 of these marriages, 234 were Roman Catholic ceremonies, and the remaining 183 were other religious ceremonies. See table 17.

Couples residing outside Ireland before marriage account for 8% of marriages

Marriages where both the bride and groom were residing in Ireland before marriage accounted for almost 90% (17,771) of marriages. In 2011, 1,605 (8%) marriages involved both the bride and groom living outside the State before marriage. See tables 11 and 12.

Fig. 3 Marriages by form of ceremony, 2011



Over 92% of grooms residing in Waterford City married brides who were also residing in Waterford City. In contrast, only 73% of Leitrim grooms married brides living in Leitrim. In relation to brides, almost 91% of brides residing in Wexford married grooms from the same area, while at the other end of the scale 73% of Monaghan brides married grooms residing in Monaghan. See tables 11 and 12.

The future permanent residence of married couples was stated to be outside Ireland in 9% (1,843) of marriages in 2011. This compares to 1,762 (9%) in 2010. See table 1.

One in five marriages were between brides and grooms of the same socio-economic group

Over 20% (4,036) of all marriages involved the bride and groom being of the same socio-economic group.

Over 32% of grooms and 30% of brides in the 'higher professional' category married persons in the same socio-economic group. Over 23% of grooms and brides in the 'employer and managers' socio-economic group married an individual in the same group, Almost 23% of grooms and 19% of brides in the 'other non-manual' group married within their own group, and 9% of grooms and 11% of brides in the 'salaried employees' group married within their own group.

There was a greater disparity apparent for the following socio-economic groups - for those in the 'lower professional' group over 41% of grooms and 18% of brides married within the group, in the 'intermediate non-manual workers' group, 30% of grooms and 13% of brides married within the group, in the 'skilled manual workers' group, 3% of grooms and 42% of brides married within the group, and in the 'other manual workers' group, 8% of grooms and 21% of brides married within the group. In the combined socio-economic groups of 'farmers, relatives assisting and farm managers' and 'other agricultural occupations and fisherman' 2% of grooms and 23% of brides married within those groups. See table 6 and background notes page 27.

Number of divorces granted down by 9%

There were 2,819 divorces granted by the Circuit Court and the High Court in 2011. This was a decrease of 294 (9%) on the 2010 figure. See Appendix Table A.

Civil Partnerships

	2011	2010
Civil Partnerships	536	—
Civil Partnerships per 1,000 Population	0.12	—
Average Age of Male Partners	44.7	—
Average Age of Female Partners	43.8	—

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 01/01/2011.

Over 70% of Civil Partnerships resident in Leinster

There were 536 civil partnership ceremonies in 2011, 335 male unions and 201 female unions. Over 70% (377) of these same-sex couples reside in the Leinster area with 34% living in Dublin City and a further 19% residing in the greater Dublin area. Excluding the Dublin area, Cork County had the highest number of civil partnerships registered in 2011 (33) and accounted for over 6% of all civil partnerships registered in that year. In contrast, North Tipperary and Monaghan had just 1 civil partnership each that were registered in 2011. See Table 1A.

Previous Marital Status of partners in registered Civil Partnerships

Of the 1,072 individual partners, 1018 or 95% were previously single while 48 (4%) were divorcees and 6 were widowed. See Tables 2.A, 2B and 2C.

Average Age of Partner in Civil Partnership higher than in Marriages

The average age of partner in civil partnership couples is 44.3, the average age of male partner being 44.7 (average age of



groom in marriage is 34.6) and female partner slightly less at 43.8 (average age of bride in marriage 32.5). See Tables 2.A, 2B and 2C.

Of all the male partnerships, over 36% indicate that there is a 1- 4 year difference in ages. Over 43% of female partnerships indicate that there is 1-4 year age gap between couples. In contrast, 6% of males and 9% of female partnerships show no age difference between partners. See Table 6A.

Table 1 Summary data for marriages 1994-1996, 2002 and 2004-2011

	1994	1995	1996	2002	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
State	16,621	15,604	16,174	20,556	20,979	21,355	22,089	22,756	22,187	21,627	20,594	19,855
Marriages per 1,000 population	4.6	4.3	4.5	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.5	4.3
Average age of groom	29.8	30.0	30.2	32.5	33.0	33.1	33.2	33.4	33.8	34.0	34.1	34.6
Average age of bride	27.8	28.1	28.4	30.4	30.9	31.0	31.2	31.3	31.7	31.8	32.0	32.5
Percentage of marriages by age of groom	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Under 20	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
20-24	14.9	12.8	10.8	5.4	4.5	4.8	4.7	4.0	3.0	3.3	3.0	2.3
25-29	47.4	46.5	46.3	34.6	31.5	30.3	29.4	29.1	27.7	27.2	25.4	22.4
30-34	24.3	27.3	29.0	34.9	36.6	37.0	37.0	37.5	37.5	36.8	38.3	39.7
35-39	7.3	7.8	8.2	13.6	14.9	14.7	15.7	16.3	17.0	17.3	17.8	18.6
Over 40	5.4	5.1	5.2	10.8	11.9	12.6	12.7	12.7	14.1	14.9	15.0	16.5
Percentage of marriages by age of bride	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Under 20	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.3	1.4	1.1
20-24	27.3	23.7	21.6	11.7	9.5	9.6	8.6	7.8	6.8	7.2	5.7	4.9
25-29	47.5	49.1	49.5	42.9	40.9	39.7	39.0	39.4	38.1	36.0	34.9	32.6
30-34	16.7	18.8	19.9	28.3	31.5	31.5	32.1	32.4	33.6	33.8	36.2	37.6
35-39	4.1	4.4	5.1	9.4	9.7	10.3	11.1	11.4	11.9	12.1	12.6	13.5
Over 40	2.8	2.4	2.7	6.5	7.2	7.6	7.9	7.8	8.7	9.6	9.3	10.3
Form of ceremony												
Roman Catholic	15,200	14,158	14,607	15,908	15,978	15,867	16,211	16,854	15,978	14,624	13,781	13,156
Church of Ireland	434	425	483	781	539	553	530	526	534	447	427	448
Presbyterian	51	76	91	112	127	119	161	176	160	111	89	67
Methodist	33	25	38	40	21	17	26	20	32	21	27	15
Jewish	3	1	2	6	4	5	2	1	0	5	0	0
Other religious	50	28	25	26	24	32	32	33	184	205	279	401
Civil marriages	850	891	928	3,683	4,286	4,762	5,127	5,146	5,299	6,214	5,991	5,768
Country of future residence												
Outside Republic of Ireland	2,661	2,502	2,604	2,293	2,057	1,890	1,917	1,798	1,909	1,835	1,762	1,843
Northern Ireland	235	216	271	256	281	257	346	330	367	362	289	304
England and Wales	1,477	1,338	1,295	1,119	1,047	990	932	915	981	899	810	846
Scotland	60	66	64	86	78	67	84	75	95	86	76	92
Europe (remainder)	166	203	222	182	130	129	115	113	114	124	146	139
U.S.A	509	490	570	480	353	281	248	211	165	158	164	169
Elsewhere	214	189	182	170	168	166	192	154	187	206	277	293
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	12	1	1
Percentage of marriages with country of residence outside Republic of Ireland	16.0	16.0	16.1	11.2	9.9	8.9	8.7	7.9	8.6	8.5	8.6	9.3

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Table 2 Age specific marriage rates, 2008-2011

Age	Marriages per 1,000 males at specified ages				Marriages per 1,000 females at specified ages			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
All ages, 16-49	18.1	17.6	17.2	16.6	18.6	18.1	17.4	16.9
16-19	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.8	2.3	2.5	1.9
20	1.4	1.8	1.9	1.7	3.7	5.0	3.7	3.1
21	2.0	2.4	2.6	1.8	4.5	5.7	5.0	3.5
22	2.3	3.5	3.1	2.6	5.3	7.0	5.6	5.5
23	4.2	4.5	4.8	3.8	8.8	9.2	7.9	7.5
24	7.1	7.8	6.4	5.6	16.3	14.8	12.3	12.1
20-24	3.5	4.1	3.9	3.1	8.1	8.6	7.1	6.4
25	13.3	13.0	11.8	10.8	23.5	21.9	19.0	17.2
26	21.4	21.3	18.9	15.2	34.1	30.9	30.2	25.6
27	29.9	29.2	26.8	24.2	42.8	41.3	36.9	34.9
28	38.5	37.7	36.5	33.5	53.1	47.1	44.7	43.1
29	47.6	45.2	43.6	39.6	54.8	51.1	50.8	47.5
25-29	30.1	29.6	28.1	25.4	41.5	38.6	36.7	34.4
30	52.1	46.2	45.7	42.8	52.8	51.3	49.0	46.3
31	50.7	50.2	47.8	46.5	49.2	48.1	46.8	45.5
32	44.4	44.6	42.5	42.9	40.1	37.6	38.9	36.9
33	41.1	38.4	38.7	38.5	32.4	31.8	31.5	32.0
34	34.3	32.0	32.3	30.8	29.1	26.3	26.6	25.7
30-34	44.6	42.3	41.5	40.5	40.8	39.3	38.9	37.6
35	27.8	27.0	26.9	27.8	21.9	20.7	20.8	21.3
36	24.8	22.5	23.4	22.3	17.6	16.5	17.2	17.4
37	20.4	21.6	19.5	20.7	13.8	14.2	13.7	13.2
38	17.5	18.0	17.7	16.9	12.8	11.8	10.4	11.4
39	15.3	14.5	13.5	13.2	10.5	10.5	10.0	10.6
35-39	21.3	20.8	20.3	20.3	15.5	14.8	14.5	14.8
40	13.0	12.4	13.1	11.9	9.1	9.0	8.5	8.0
41	10.7	10.7	10.8	10.5	7.5	7.3	5.7	6.4
42	9.1	9.0	9.2	8.6	5.2	6.6	6.0	6.0
43	7.9	7.1	7.6	7.0	3.9	5.0	4.5	5.0
44	6.9	7.2	6.4	6.2	4.1	4.4	4.8	4.9
40-44	9.6	9.3	9.5	8.9	6.0	6.5	5.9	6.1
45	6.4	6.0	5.2	6.4	4.0	4.2	3.6	4.3
46	5.0	5.3	4.4	5.0	4.1	3.1	3.0	3.7
47	4.8	5.0	4.5	5.1	3.0	3.7	2.9	3.0
48	4.6	4.2	4.1	4.7	2.9	3.1	2.4	3.1
49	3.6	4.1	3.5	4.2	3.1	3.1	2.7	2.6
45-49	4.9	4.9	4.3	5.1	3.4	3.5	2.9	3.4

Table 3 Marriages registered in 2011 classified according to age of groom/age of bride and form of ceremony

Age	Form of ceremony ¹				Civil Marriages	Total
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	Other religious denominations		
Age of groom						
Under 20	100	–	–	–	7	107
20-24	210	8	5	20	217	460
25-29	3,251	84	17	69	1,027	4,448
30-34	5,989	194	26	116	1,559	7,884
35-39	2,442	92	12	80	1,061	3,687
40-44	736	28	–	46	673	1,483
45-49	254	20	3	39	452	768
50-54	87	8	–	24	305	424
55-59	43	5	4	15	217	284
60 and over	44	9	–	7	250	310
Total	13,156	448	67	416	5,768	19,855
Age of bride						
Under 20	142	–	–	5	62	209
20-24	443	24	9	37	453	966
25-29	4,933	141	27	86	1,280	6,467
30-34	5,516	179	18	119	1,638	7,470
35-39	1,565	73	5	82	964	2,689
40-44	376	14	4	32	572	998
45-49	111	3	1	29	370	514
50-54	31	5	1	19	222	278
55-59	19	5	2	4	112	142
60 and over	20	4	–	3	95	122
Total	13,156	448	67	416	5,768	19,855
Average age of groom	33.1	34.9	33.5	37.3	37.9	34.6
Average age of bride	31.3	32.6	31.4	34.5	35.0	32.5

¹There is at present no provision for the civil registration of Muslim marriage ceremonies solemnised in the State.

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Table 4 Marriages registered in 2011 classified by socio-economic group and age of groom

Socio-economic 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
Farmers, relatives assisting and farm managers	–	4	88	191	136	63	43	18	6	9	558	36.6
Other agricultural occupations and fishermen	6	15	67	78	47	22	12	6	4	4	261	34.2
Higher professional	–	8	432	1,030	378	137	49	35	23	21	2,113	34.2
Lower professional	3	19	404	923	451	161	66	36	21	16	2,100	34.5
Employers and managers	7	27	423	1,039	588	277	134	72	56	35	2,658	35.9
Salaried employees	–	3	143	347	134	47	21	15	14	3	727	34.6
Intermediate non-manual workers	–	39	487	731	287	74	49	25	20	6	1,718	33.2
Other non-manual workers	3	56	490	731	421	231	136	79	38	31	2,216	35.6
Skilled manual workers	8	85	1,413	2,283	943	328	172	89	47	44	5,412	33.8
Other manual workers	4	39	220	338	202	92	55	26	20	8	1,004	34.9
Other	76	165	281	193	98	51	31	23	35	133	1,086	35.7
Not stated	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	2	37.0
Total	107	460	4,448	7,884	3,687	1,483	768	424	284	310	19,855	34.6

Table 5 Marriages registered in 2011 classified by socio-economic group and age of bride

Socio-economic 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
Farmers, relatives assisting and farm managers	–	2	5	6	1	–	1	–	1	1	17	34.9
Other agricultural occupations and fishermen	–	3	15	13	8	1	–	2	1	1	44	33.6
Higher professional	–	28	715	1,060	309	73	38	14	9	7	2,253	32.4
Lower professional	4	67	1,669	2,015	625	191	89	43	23	11	4,737	32.3
Employers and managers	1	49	765	1,115	443	136	61	34	20	3	2,627	33.0
Salaried employees	–	8	186	268	87	23	9	7	2	1	591	32.5
Intermediate non-manual workers	8	204	1,275	1,424	493	212	105	63	26	14	3,824	32.5
Other non-manual workers	22	230	981	778	335	161	94	53	15	11	2,680	32.1
Skilled manual workers	1	7	104	147	48	26	11	1	2	1	348	33.0
Other manual workers	4	34	99	107	65	36	15	10	6	–	376	33.5
Other	169	334	652	537	275	138	91	51	37	72	2,356	32.3
Not stated	–	–	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	2	35.5
Total	209	966	6,467	7,470	2,689	998	514	278	142	122	19,855	32.5

Table 6 Marriages registered in 2011 classified by socio-economic group of bride and groom

Socio-economic group of groom	Socio-economic group of bride											Total	
	Farmers, relatives assisting and farm managers	Other agricultural occupations and fishermen	Higher professional	Lower professional	Employers and managers	Salaried employees	Intermediate non-manual workers	Other non-manual workers	Skilled manual workers	Other manual workers	Other		Not stated
Farmers, relatives assisting and farm managers	9	4	57	183	60	9	115	63	11	11	36	–	558
Other agricultural occupations and fishermen	2	5	21	61	19	4	43	43	1	9	53	–	261
Higher professional	–	3	684	623	265	65	242	120	20	3	87	1	2,113
Lower professional	1	1	281	871	271	71	254	173	39	15	123	–	2,100
Employers and managers	–	5	309	628	617	99	454	254	50	19	223	–	2,658
Salaried employees	1	2	82	198	115	66	132	74	11	6	40	–	727
Intermediate non-manual workers	–	3	143	377	209	49	515	228	19	26	149	–	1,718
Other non-manual workers	1	4	121	310	265	50	481	500	32	77	375	–	2,216
Skilled manual workers	2	12	475	1,228	657	150	1,218	875	146	106	543	–	5,412
Other manual workers	1	3	40	135	93	18	242	198	10	80	184	–	1,004
Other	–	2	39	123	56	10	128	152	9	24	543	–	1,086
Not stated	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	2
Total	17	44	2,253	4,737	2,627	591	3,824	2,680	348	376	2,356	2	19,855

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Table 7 Marriages registered in 2011 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	818	3,719	2,523	7,953	3,427	1,261	19,855
16	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	2
17	–	–	3	3	1	–	–	7
18	–	1	10	23	13	–	–	47
19	–	2	13	10	26	–	–	51
Under 20	–	3	27	37	40	–	–	107
20	2	7	12	4	26	–	–	51
21	1	6	13	5	25	1	–	51
22	2	8	22	14	28	–	–	74
23	1	20	39	14	36	2	–	112
24	6	25	49	28	57	7	–	172
20-24	12	66	135	65	172	10	–	460
25	15	39	109	66	95	19	–	343
26	9	43	169	110	155	20	–	506
27	9	76	275	159	284	33	–	836
28	9	76	374	268	454	54	3	1,238
29	12	63	424	313	633	76	4	1,525
25-29	54	297	1,351	916	1,621	202	7	4,448
30	11	73	443	310	806	92	8	1,743
31	15	57	377	346	901	184	10	1,890
32	10	54	300	196	874	207	13	1,654
33	6	33	229	163	741	256	19	1,447
34	5	43	164	103	570	253	12	1,150
30-34	47	260	1,513	1,118	3,892	992	62	7,884
35	6	29	128	92	483	272	22	1,032
36	3	19	102	64	338	274	25	825
37	5	29	85	37	284	261	49	750
38	1	14	83	31	206	222	56	613
39	4	12	38	27	161	179	46	467
35-39	19	103	436	251	1,472	1,208	198	3,687
40	1	13	47	22	121	142	73	419
41	5	12	32	16	93	132	71	361
42	2	8	23	15	89	89	54	280
43	2	7	25	4	62	70	56	226
44	–	6	20	7	43	74	47	197
40-44	10	46	147	64	408	507	301	1,483
45	1	7	11	12	44	75	49	199
46	–	4	18	7	38	45	45	157
47	–	4	9	6	36	45	54	154
48	1	3	8	4	28	40	54	138
49	–	4	8	3	29	29	47	120
45-49	2	22	54	32	175	234	249	768
50-54	5	9	29	23	78	131	149	424
55-59	3	6	13	13	51	87	111	284
60-64	2	5	9	3	28	20	95	162
65-69	–	–	5	1	11	26	39	82
70-74	–	–	–	–	3	4	33	40
75 and over	–	1	–	–	2	6	17	26

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Table 8 Marriages registered in 2011 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	
All ages	1,261	3,427	7,953	2,523	3,719	818	19,855
16	–	1	6	1	–	–	8
17	1	1	18	3	–	–	23
18	6	14	42	23	3	–	88
19	14	23	36	10	7	–	90
Under 20	21	39	102	37	10	–	209
20	16	25	33	4	12	–	90
21	16	33	38	5	9	–	101
22	20	54	58	14	13	–	159
23	27	82	95	14	10	1	229
24	33	123	173	28	28	2	387
20-24	112	317	397	65	72	3	966
25	40	143	306	66	29	2	586
26	54	234	438	110	68	1	905
27	72	265	688	159	122	6	1,312
28	79	309	867	268	189	13	1,725
29	86	304	922	313	297	17	1,939
25-29	331	1,255	3,221	916	705	39	6,467
30	68	287	899	310	354	23	1,941
31	77	227	755	346	422	43	1,872
32	64	211	546	196	408	50	1,475
33	45	171	419	163	362	63	1,225
34	41	123	349	103	274	65	957
30-34	295	1,019	2,968	1,118	1,820	244	7,470
35	49	104	228	92	229	78	787
36	44	98	187	64	175	70	642
37	40	74	145	37	126	52	478
38	48	64	112	31	103	44	410
39	34	55	90	27	97	56	372
35-39	215	395	762	251	730	300	2,689
40	29	46	72	22	71	33	279
41	28	42	53	16	49	24	218
42	23	24	47	15	43	27	190
43	28	30	36	4	34	20	158
44	17	25	50	7	26	17	153
40-44	125	167	258	64	223	121	998
45	12	30	31	12	24	14	133
46	11	27	28	7	21	16	116
47	10	30	20	6	12	12	94
48	16	25	17	4	17	10	94
49	12	19	19	3	10	8	77
45-49	61	131	115	32	84	60	514
50-54	57	56	62	23	34	24	278
55-59	26	25	39	13	21	13	142
60-64	9	16	19	3	13	6	72
65-69	6	4	6	1	5	6	31
70-74	2	3	2	–	2	1	13
75 and over	1	–	2	–	–	1	6

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Table 9 Marriages registered in 2011 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		
Total	107	460	4,448	7,884	3,687	1,483	768	424	284	310	19,855	34.6
LEINSTER	63	253	2,254	4,063	1,933	738	423	224	158	186	10,295	34.8
Carlow	3	8	60	99	38	17	10	3	3	2	243	33.7
Dublin City	7	64	514	924	446	203	89	55	39	43	2,384	34.9
South Dublin	11	24	211	363	166	58	32	20	13	16	914	34.4
Fingal	3	27	235	498	239	85	50	25	16	14	1,192	34.7
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	1	16	161	356	192	72	43	24	16	24	905	35.8
Kildare	3	8	190	363	162	61	41	12	17	13	870	34.8
Kilkenny	2	6	74	145	72	12	9	6	4	7	337	34.4
Laois	3	12	89	120	50	27	9	2	5	4	321	33.6
Longford	1	7	30	57	29	10	6	4	3	4	151	35.1
Louth	5	10	108	170	79	34	18	9	9	5	447	34.3
Meath	6	14	196	311	158	46	29	14	8	13	795	34.3
Offaly	4	14	78	106	48	15	11	8	3	6	293	33.7
Westmeath	4	13	72	139	59	21	13	6	3	4	334	34.0
Wexford	6	20	116	206	97	37	34	19	8	17	560	35.5
Wicklow	4	10	120	206	98	40	29	17	11	14	549	35.5
MUNSTER	17	98	1,049	1,869	868	355	156	105	68	67	4,652	34.6
Clare	2	7	90	166	79	30	12	10	9	5	410	34.6
Cork City	4	16	62	123	71	39	10	12	10	3	350	35.1
Cork County	3	17	371	714	306	128	61	33	23	22	1,678	34.7
Kerry	3	9	111	192	94	31	23	7	2	6	478	34.2
Limerick City	—	10	47	69	38	9	4	10	2	3	192	34.5
Limerick County	—	18	141	236	98	36	18	7	9	8	571	34.0
North Tipperary	3	8	76	117	59	25	9	9	6	5	317	34.6
South Tipperary	1	6	64	110	60	19	6	4	3	5	278	34.3
Waterford City	—	5	34	40	24	18	5	8	2	4	140	36.1
Waterford County	1	2	53	102	39	20	8	5	2	6	238	35.0
CONNACHT	24	45	418	821	372	138	62	35	26	27	1,968	34.2
Galway City	2	9	57	99	51	15	7	4	—	2	246	33.5
Galway County	6	17	154	329	151	46	19	17	10	11	760	34.4
Leitrim	2	3	25	54	27	9	5	1	5	1	132	34.6
Mayo	7	9	92	170	82	29	12	4	6	6	417	34.0
Roscommon	5	4	45	82	25	17	11	6	3	4	202	34.6
Sligo	2	3	45	87	36	22	8	3	2	3	211	34.5
ULSTER (part of)	3	27	321	379	167	64	39	15	8	10	1,033	33.5
Cavan	2	7	81	93	48	18	15	5	3	3	275	34.0
Donegal	1	16	166	214	77	37	16	6	5	6	544	33.3
Monaghan	—	4	74	72	42	9	8	4	—	1	214	33.2
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES												
Border	12	43	499	690	309	129	70	28	24	19	1,823	33.9
Midland	12	46	269	422	186	73	39	20	14	18	1,099	34.0
West	20	39	348	680	309	107	49	31	19	23	1,625	34.2
Dublin	22	131	1,121	2,141	1,043	418	214	124	84	97	5,395	34.9
Mid-East	13	32	506	880	418	147	99	43	36	40	2,214	34.8
Mid-West	5	43	354	588	274	100	43	36	26	21	1,490	34.4
South-East	13	47	401	702	330	123	72	45	22	41	1,796	34.8
South-West	10	42	544	1,029	471	198	94	52	35	31	2,506	34.6
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	107	423	4,042	7,132	3,340	1,295	680	379	260	290	17,948	34.6
NORTHERN IRELAND	—	11	95	128	52	26	20	7	4	3	346	34.2
BRITAIN	—	14	205	395	169	96	32	19	10	13	953	34.7
ELSEWHERE	—	12	106	229	126	66	36	19	10	4	608	35.7
NOT STATED	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Table 10 Marriages registered in 2011 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		
Total	209	966	6,467	7,470	2,689	998	514	278	142	122	19,855	32.5
LEINSTER	122	511	3,211	3,876	1,424	560	298	153	86	76	10,317	32.7
Carlow	6	8	67	99	29	10	8	1	4	2	234	32.6
Dublin City	23	158	622	902	362	143	67	50	15	23	2,365	33.1
South Dublin	15	57	282	339	140	45	22	10	7	5	922	32.3
Fingal	5	52	360	493	171	57	36	11	8	6	1,199	32.7
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	4	32	237	374	138	62	26	16	8	15	912	33.7
Kildare	5	30	297	328	130	42	21	15	6	5	879	32.7
Kilkenny	6	10	115	136	45	19	9	4	2	3	349	32.5
Laois	7	17	123	123	30	12	4	5	2	2	328	31.6
Longford	3	12	42	54	16	9	2	1	—	2	141	31.7
Louth	7	30	168	134	63	30	17	10	1	1	461	32.3
Meath	5	31	305	296	85	37	24	6	8	6	803	32.2
Offaly	8	10	100	107	34	9	9	4	2	—	283	31.6
Westmeath	13	11	107	128	43	19	6	2	5	—	334	32.1
Wexford	9	27	202	164	66	29	21	7	8	6	539	32.7
Wicklow	6	26	184	199	72	37	26	11	7	—	568	32.9
MUNSTER	43	207	1,573	1,744	632	211	110	67	30	25	4,642	32.4
Clare	5	22	134	155	55	29	8	1	4	2	415	32.2
Cork City	7	22	101	128	56	14	11	6	3	2	350	32.5
Cork County	4	57	572	679	222	75	39	28	10	7	1,693	32.5
Kerry	5	20	176	163	69	19	10	2	3	3	470	32.0
Limerick City	9	15	54	60	35	4	3	4	2	2	188	31.9
Limerick County	5	27	199	215	68	26	14	9	3	3	569	32.3
North Tipperary	2	17	111	103	36	10	5	3	1	4	292	31.9
South Tipperary	3	9	98	104	31	13	6	3	3	1	271	32.2
Waterford City	2	9	45	55	26	10	7	6	1	—	161	33.4
Waterford County	1	9	83	82	34	11	7	5	—	1	233	32.5
CONNACHT	32	92	670	755	254	84	38	22	14	14	1,975	32.1
Galway City	5	15	69	126	35	10	6	3	1	2	272	32.4
Galway County	8	29	249	282	102	33	10	8	3	7	731	32.3
Leitrim	1	9	39	48	13	7	4	1	2	—	124	32.2
Mayo	11	20	169	145	52	13	8	4	2	2	426	31.3
Roscommon	5	8	72	69	31	12	3	4	3	2	209	32.7
Sligo	2	11	72	85	21	9	7	2	3	1	213	32.1
ULSTER (part of)	5	86	468	351	111	44	19	11	4	3	1,102	31.1
Cavan	2	20	115	84	37	15	6	1	1	1	282	31.6
Donegal	3	58	240	182	49	24	8	7	3	2	576	30.9
Monaghan	—	8	113	85	25	5	5	3	—	—	244	31.1
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES												
Border	15	136	747	618	208	90	47	24	10	5	1,900	31.6
Midland	31	50	372	412	123	49	21	12	12	4	1,086	31.8
West	29	72	559	622	220	68	27	19	9	13	1,638	32.1
Dublin	47	299	1,501	2,108	811	307	151	87	38	49	5,398	33.0
Mid-East	16	87	786	823	287	116	71	32	21	11	2,250	32.6
Mid-West	21	81	498	533	194	69	30	17	10	11	1,464	32.1
South-East	27	72	610	640	231	92	58	26	18	13	1,787	32.6
South-West	16	99	849	970	347	108	60	36	16	12	2,513	32.4
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	202	896	5,922	6,726	2,421	899	465	253	134	118	18,036	32.4
NORTHERN IRELAND	—	17	100	96	37	15	8	4	2	1	280	32.4
BRITAIN	4	26	281	382	130	47	20	12	1	3	906	32.6
ELSEWHERE	3	27	164	266	101	37	21	9	5	—	633	33.0
NOT STATED	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Table 11 Marriages registered in 2011 classified by area of residence of groom before marriage, also showing whether bride has same area of residence

Area of residence of groom	Total	Area of residence of bride			Not stated	Percentage of brides from same area as groom
		Same area as groom	Different area from groom: Republic of Ireland	Different area from groom: Not Republic of Ireland		
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS	17,948	15,537	2,234	177	-	86.6
Carlow	243	195	47	1	-	80.2
Dublin City	2,384	2,127	232	25	-	89.2
South Dublin	914	817	90	7	-	89.4
Fingal	1,192	1,048	125	19	-	87.9
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	905	791	107	7	-	87.4
Kildare	870	782	84	4	-	89.9
Kilkenny	337	296	38	3	-	87.8
Laois	321	289	31	1	-	90.0
Longford	151	110	40	1	-	72.8
Louth	447	396	44	7	-	88.6
Meath	795	705	86	4	-	88.7
Offaly	293	244	47	2	-	83.3
Westmeath	334	283	50	1	-	84.7
Wexford	560	489	69	2	-	87.3
Wicklow	549	497	49	3	-	90.5
Clare	410	359	45	6	-	87.6
Cork City	350	270	76	4	-	77.1
Cork County	1,678	1,501	172	5	-	89.5
Kerry	478	411	64	3	-	86.0
Limerick City	192	151	39	2	-	78.6
Limerick County	571	461	99	11	-	80.7
North Tipperary	317	245	70	2	-	77.3
South Tipperary	278	233	41	4	-	83.8
Waterford City	140	129	10	1	-	92.1
Waterford County	238	200	38	-	-	84.0
Galway City	246	199	41	6	-	80.9
Galway County	760	619	131	10	-	81.4
Leitrim	132	96	35	1	-	72.7
Mayo	417	353	60	4	-	84.7
Roscommon	202	162	40	-	-	80.2
Sligo	211	171	35	5	-	81.0
Cavan	275	232	40	3	-	84.4
Donegal	544	499	27	18	-	91.7
Monaghan	214	177	32	5	-	82.7
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES	17,948	16,459	1,312	177	-	91.7
Border	1,823	1,647	137	39	-	90.3
Midland	1,099	967	127	5	-	88.0
West	1,625	1,470	135	20	-	90.5
Dublin	5,395	5,080	257	58	-	94.2
Mid-East	2,214	2,012	191	11	-	90.9
Mid-West	1,490	1,302	167	21	-	87.4
South-East	1,796	1,626	159	11	-	90.5
South-West	2,506	2,355	139	12	-	94.0
PROVINCES	17,948	17,071	700	177	-	95.1
Leinster	10,295	9,931	277	87	-	96.5
Munster	4,652	4,417	197	38	-	94.9
Connacht	1,968	1,790	152	26	-	91.0
Ulster (part of)	1,033	933	74	26	-	90.3
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	17,948	17,771	-	177	-	99.0
NORTHERN IRELAND	346	229	111	6	-	66.2
BRITAIN	953	852	86	15	-	89.4
ELSEWHERE	608	524	68	16	-	86.2
NOT STATED	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Table 12 Marriages registered in 2011 classified by area of residence of bride before marriage, also showing whether groom has same area of residence

Area of residence of bride	Area of residence of groom				Not stated grooms from same area as bride	Percentage of
	Total	Same area as bride	Different area from bride: Republic of Ireland	Different area from bride: Not Republic of Ireland		
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS	18,036	15,537	2,234	265	–	86.1
Carlow	234	195	38	1	–	83.3
Dublin City	2,365	2,127	215	23	–	89.9
South Dublin	922	817	97	8	–	88.6
Fingal	1,199	1,048	138	13	–	87.4
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	912	791	104	17	–	86.7
Kildare	879	782	89	8	–	89.0
Kilkenny	349	296	50	3	–	84.8
Laois	328	289	35	4	–	88.1
Longford	141	110	27	4	–	78.0
Louth	461	396	51	14	–	85.9
Meath	803	705	95	3	–	87.8
Offaly	283	244	38	1	–	86.2
Westmeath	334	283	47	4	–	84.7
Wexford	539	489	48	2	–	90.7
Wicklow	568	497	62	9	–	87.5
Clare	415	359	52	4	–	86.5
Cork City	350	270	79	1	–	77.1
Cork County	1,693	1,501	173	19	–	88.7
Kerry	470	411	57	2	–	87.4
Limerick City	188	151	37	–	–	80.3
Limerick County	569	461	95	13	–	81.0
North Tipperary	292	245	42	5	–	83.9
South Tipperary	271	233	34	4	–	86.0
Waterford City	161	129	32	–	–	80.1
Waterford County	233	200	31	2	–	85.8
Galway City	272	199	67	6	–	73.2
Galway County	731	619	106	6	–	84.7
Leitrim	124	96	27	1	–	77.4
Mayo	426	353	69	4	–	82.9
Roscommon	209	162	46	1	–	77.5
Sligo	213	171	36	6	–	80.3
Cavan	282	232	41	9	–	82.3
Donegal	576	499	32	45	–	86.6
Monaghan	244	177	44	23	–	72.5
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES	18,036	16,459	1,312	265	–	91.3
Border	1,900	1,647	155	98	–	86.7
Midland	1,086	967	106	13	–	89.0
West	1,638	1,470	151	17	–	89.7
Dublin	5,398	5,080	257	61	–	94.1
Mid-East	2,250	2,012	218	20	–	89.4
Mid-West	1,464	1,302	140	22	–	88.9
South-East	1,787	1,626	149	12	–	91.0
South-West	2,513	2,355	136	22	–	93.7
PROVINCES	18,036	17,071	700	265	–	94.6
Leinster	10,317	9,931	272	114	–	96.3
Munster	4,642	4,417	175	50	–	95.2
Connacht	1,975	1,790	161	24	–	90.6
Ulster (part of)	1,102	933	92	77	–	84.7
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	18,036	17,771	–	265	–	98.5
NORTHERN IRELAND	280	229	41	10	–	81.8
BRITAIN	906	852	41	13	–	94.0
ELSEWHERE	633	524	95	14	–	82.8
NOT STATED	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Table 13 Marriages celebrated in each county and city during 2011 classified by form of ceremony

Province, county or city	Form of ceremony ¹					Total
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	Other religious denominations	Civil marriages	
TOTAL	13,156	448	67	416	5,768	19,855
LEINSTER	5,762	252	21	322	3,480	9,837
Carlow	199	16	–	4	92	311
Dublin City	728	28	7	90	1,474	2,327
South Dublin	344	6	2	11	59	422
Fingal	369	14	–	32	81	496
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	296	36	1	28	60	421
Kildare	565	24	–	24	369	982
Kilkenny	371	5	2	1	92	471
Laois	292	18	–	4	58	372
Longford	101	3	–	–	55	159
Louth	364	5	3	19	173	564
Meath	675	17	1	38	232	963
Offaly	240	4	2	5	77	328
Westmeath	309	6	1	8	98	422
Wexford	480	15	–	12	166	673
Wicklow	429	55	2	46	394	926
MUNSTER	4,151	88	2	50	1,331	5,622
Clare	473	–	–	2	22	497
Cork City	304	2	–	5	403	714
Cork County	1,239	45	1	24	170	1,479
Kerry	658	10	–	6	172	846
Limerick City	112	2	–	3	257	374
Limerick County	482	11	1	4	18	516
North Tipperary	297	9	–	–	35	341
South Tipperary	270	2	–	–	102	374
Waterford City	50	–	–	4	80	134
Waterford County	266	7	–	2	72	347
CONNACHT	2,035	32	1	22	644	2,734
Galway City	158	2	–	3	43	206
Galway County	659	7	–	6	318	990
Leitrim	165	3	–	4	27	199
Mayo	592	8	1	3	121	725
Roscommon	229	3	–	2	41	275
Sligo	232	9	–	4	94	339
ULSTER (part of)	1,208	76	43	22	313	1,662
Cavan	259	25	4	7	124	419
Donegal	685	34	30	9	159	917
Monaghan	264	17	9	6	30	326
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES						
Border	1,969	93	46	49	607	2,764
Midland	942	31	3	17	288	1,281
West	1,638	20	1	14	523	2,196
Dublin	1,737	84	10	161	1,674	3,666
Mid-East	1,669	96	3	108	995	2,871
Mid-West	1,364	22	1	9	332	1,728
South-East	1,636	45	2	23	604	2,310
South-West	2,201	57	1	35	745	3,039

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Table 14 Marriages registered in 2011 classified by area of residence of groom and form of ceremony

Area of residence of groom	Form of ceremony ¹					Total
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	Other religious denominations	Civil marriages	
TOTAL	13,156	448	67	416	5,768	19,855
LEINSTER	6,306	240	18	283	3,448	10,295
Carlow	163	15	–	1	64	243
Dublin City	1,135	56	5	87	1,101	2,384
South Dublin	563	15	2	27	307	914
Fingal	730	21	2	42	397	1,192
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	498	32	3	41	331	905
Kildare	577	17	–	19	257	870
Kilkenny	274	7	1	3	52	337
Laois	229	5	1	4	82	321
Longford	112	2	–	1	36	151
Louth	322	4	–	11	110	447
Meath	544	14	1	18	218	795
Offaly	219	5	1	4	64	293
Westmeath	244	5	1	1	83	334
Wexford	406	12	–	9	133	560
Wicklow	290	30	1	15	213	549
MUNSTER	3,368	57	3	43	1,181	4,652
Clare	304	–	–	3	103	410
Cork City	206	3	–	8	133	350
Cork County	1,225	31	1	18	403	1,678
Kerry	367	6	–	4	101	478
Limerick City	106	1	–	–	85	192
Limerick County	435	7	1	6	122	571
North Tipperary	254	7	–	1	55	317
South Tipperary	204	1	1	1	71	278
Waterford City	85	–	–	2	53	140
Waterford County	182	1	–	–	55	238
CONNACHT	1,481	17	1	12	457	1,968
Galway City	160	1	–	4	81	246
Galway County	572	3	–	2	183	760
Leitrim	101	3	–	1	27	132
Mayo	336	3	–	2	76	417
Roscommon	151	1	1	1	48	202
Sligo	161	6	–	2	42	211
ULSTER (part of)	790	41	19	13	170	1,033
Cavan	191	16	1	5	62	275
Donegal	422	20	16	4	82	544
Monaghan	177	5	2	4	26	214
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:						
Border	1,374	54	19	27	349	1,823
Midland	804	17	3	10	265	1,099
West	1,219	8	1	9	388	1,625
Dublin	2,926	124	12	197	2,136	5,395
Mid-East	1,411	61	2	52	688	2,214
Mid-West	1,099	15	1	10	365	1,490
South-East	1,314	36	2	16	428	1,796
South-West	1,798	40	1	30	637	2,506
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	11,945	355	41	351	5,256	17,948
NORTHERN IRELAND	223	23	17	8	75	346
BRITAIN	657	51	7	32	206	953
ELSEWHERE	331	19	2	25	231	608
NOT STATED	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Table 15 Marriages registered in 2011 classified by area of residence of bride and form of ceremony

Area of residence of bride	Form of ceremony ¹					Total
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	Other religious denominations	Civil marriages	
TOTAL	13,156	448	67	416	5,768	19,855
LEINSTER	6,301	245	21	293	3,457	10,317
Carlow	156	12	–	3	63	234
Dublin City	1,128	50	3	90	1,094	2,365
South Dublin	573	16	1	27	305	922
Fingal	732	18	3	43	403	1,199
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	493	42	3	42	332	912
Kildare	574	18	–	22	265	879
Kilkenny	293	4	1	2	49	349
Laois	237	5	1	3	82	328
Longford	97	2	–	2	40	141
Louth	322	8	3	11	117	461
Meath	553	13	2	18	217	803
Offaly	213	4	1	2	63	283
Westmeath	247	4	1	2	80	334
Wexford	388	11	–	11	129	539
Wicklow	295	38	2	15	218	568
MUNSTER	3,388	57	2	39	1,156	4,642
Clare	315	–	–	4	96	415
Cork City	204	3	–	9	134	350
Cork County	1,236	33	1	14	409	1,693
Kerry	360	6	–	4	100	470
Limerick City	112	–	–	–	76	188
Limerick County	445	8	–	4	112	569
North Tipperary	238	5	–	–	49	292
South Tipperary	199	1	1	1	69	271
Waterford City	106	–	–	–	55	161
Waterford County	173	1	–	3	56	233
CONNACHT	1,498	17	–	14	446	1,975
Galway City	181	2	–	3	86	272
Galway County	559	3	–	4	165	731
Leitrim	92	2	–	1	29	124
Mayo	343	3	–	2	78	426
Roscommon	159	1	–	1	48	209
Sligo	164	6	–	3	40	213
ULSTER (part of)	855	43	27	13	164	1,102
Cavan	197	19	1	5	60	282
Donegal	451	20	21	5	79	576
Monaghan	207	4	5	3	25	244
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:						
Border	1,433	59	30	28	350	1,900
Midland	794	15	3	9	265	1,086
West	1,242	9	–	10	377	1,638
Dublin	2,926	126	10	202	2,134	5,398
Mid-East	1,422	69	4	55	700	2,250
Mid-West	1,110	13	–	8	333	1,464
South-East	1,315	29	2	20	421	1,787
South-West	1,800	42	1	27	643	2,513
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	12,042	362	50	359	5,223	18,036
NORTHERN IRELAND	157	24	12	9	78	280
BRITAIN	628	43	5	27	203	906
ELSEWHERE	329	19	–	21	264	633
NOT STATED	–	–	–	–	–	–

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Table 16 Marriages registered in 2011 classified by month and day of week of marriage

Month of occurrence	Day of occurrence						Total	
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		Saturday
January	10	36	35	34	46	203	171	535
February	3	54	39	45	69	304	184	698
March	3	47	54	93	102	443	293	1035
April	13	60	75	71	174	580	570	1543
May	28	78	79	68	193	622	558	1626
June	20	76	85	95	338	784	770	2168
July	38	90	77	125	375	1017	1014	2736
August	17	125	139	124	413	892	807	2517
September	11	75	78	76	381	1060	836	2517
October	23	66	58	65	222	630	737	1801
November	2	52	66	64	116	478	286	1064
December	9	118	197	234	344	496	217	1615
Total	177	877	982	1094	2773	7509	6443	19855

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Table 17 Marriages registered in 2011 classified by form of ceremony and previous status of partners

Marriages contracted between	Form of ceremony ¹				Civil marriages	Total
	Catholic Church of Ireland	448	Presbyterian	67		
Total	13,156	448	67	416	5,768	19,855
Single men and single women	12,839	403	59	278	3,855	17,434
Single men and widows	22	—	—	1	20	43
Widowers and single women	49	1	—	3	32	85
Widowers and widows	12	2	—	1	6	21
Divorced men and single women	120	21	4	65	791	1,001
Single men and divorced women	90	8	—	39	554	691
Divorced men and widows	2	2	—	4	38	46
Widowers and divorced women	10	2	—	5	70	87
Divorced men and divorced women	12	9	4	20	402	447

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Table 18 Marriages registered in 2011 classified by county of residence and previous marital status of groom

Area of residence of groom	Single men	Widowers	Divorcees	Total
TOTAL	18,168	193	1,494	19,855
LEINSTER	9,391	116	788	10,295
Carlow	224	1	18	243
Dublin City	2,181	26	177	2,384
South Dublin	834	8	72	914
Fingal	1,101	12	79	1,192
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	817	14	74	905
Kildare	782	17	71	870
Kilkenny	314	4	19	337
Laois	299	—	22	321
Longford	136	3	12	151
Louth	405	1	41	447
Meath	739	10	46	795
Offaly	268	1	24	293
Westmeath	302	3	29	334
Wexford	502	11	47	560
Wicklow	487	5	57	549
MUNSTER	4,284	41	327	4,652
Clare	381	3	26	410
Cork City	310	4	36	350
Cork County	1,552	11	115	1,678
Kerry	445	4	29	478
Limerick City	169	5	18	192
Limerick County	530	6	35	571
North Tipperary	297	1	19	317
South Tipperary	257	1	20	278
Waterford City	122	2	16	140
Waterford County	221	4	13	238
CONNACHT	1,834	17	117	1,968
Galway City	234	—	12	246
Galway County	713	8	39	760
Leitrim	120	—	12	132
Mayo	387	2	28	417
Roscommon	181	4	17	202
Sligo	199	3	9	211
ULSTER (part of)	970	8	55	1,033
Cavan	253	2	20	275
Donegal	514	5	25	544
Monaghan	203	1	10	214
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:				
Border	1,694	12	117	1,823
Midland	1,005	7	87	1,099
West	1,515	14	96	1,625
Dublin	4,933	60	402	5,395
Mid-East	2,008	32	174	2,214
Mid-West	1,377	15	98	1,490
South-East	1,640	23	133	1,796
South-West	2,307	19	180	2,506
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	16,479	182	1,287	17,948
NORTHERN IRELAND	309	3	34	346
BRITAIN	856	4	93	953
ELSEWHERE	524	4	80	608
NOT STATED	—	—	—	—

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Table 19 Marriages registered in 2011 classified by county of residence and previous marital status of bride

Area of residence of bride	Single women	Widows	Divorcees	Total
TOTAL	18,520	110	1,225	19,855
LEINSTER	9,606	64	647	10,317
Carlow	211	1	22	234
Dublin City	2,208	16	141	2,365
South Dublin	875	1	46	922
Fingal	1,113	7	79	1,199
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	852	10	50	912
Kildare	820	4	55	879
Kilkenny	327	3	19	349
Laois	306	3	19	328
Longford	131	1	9	141
Louth	422	2	37	461
Meath	751	5	47	803
Offaly	258	1	24	283
Westmeath	311	2	21	334
Wexford	494	7	38	539
Wicklow	527	1	40	568
MUNSTER	4,334	26	282	4,642
Clare	397	2	16	415
Cork City	321	1	28	350
Cork County	1,587	11	95	1,693
Kerry	444	1	25	470
Limerick City	172	2	14	188
Limerick County	528	7	34	569
North Tipperary	278	–	14	292
South Tipperary	252	2	17	271
Waterford City	145	–	16	161
Waterford County	210	–	23	233
CONNACHT	1,863	9	103	1,975
Galway City	257	1	14	272
Galway County	688	5	38	731
Leitrim	114	1	9	124
Mayo	410	–	16	426
Roscommon	196	1	12	209
Sligo	198	1	14	213
ULSTER (part of)	1,040	5	57	1,102
Cavan	265	–	17	282
Donegal	540	4	32	576
Monaghan	235	1	8	244
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:				
Border	1,774	9	117	1,900
Midland	1,006	7	73	1,086
West	1,551	7	80	1,638
Dublin	5,048	34	316	5,398
Mid-East	2,098	10	142	2,250
Mid-West	1,375	11	78	1,464
South-East	1,639	13	135	1,787
South-West	2,352	13	148	2,513
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	16,843	104	1,089	18,036
NORTHERN IRELAND	250	1	29	280
BRITAIN	867	2	37	906
ELSEWHERE	560	3	70	633
NOT STATED	–	–	–	–

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Table 22 Marriages registered in 2011 classified by age and previous marital status of groom

Age	Single Men	Widowers	Divorcees	Total
Total	18,168	193	1,494	19,855
Age of groom				
Under 20	107	–	–	107
20-24	459	–	1	460
25-29	4,438	–	10	4,448
30-34	7,816	6	62	7,884
35-39	3,492	7	188	3,687
40-44	1,163	22	298	1,483
45-49	421	20	327	768
50-54	150	17	257	424
55-59	71	29	184	284
60 and over	51	92	167	310
Average age of groom	33.2	57.9	48.6	34.6

Table 23 Marriages registered in 2011 classified by age and previous marital status of bride

Age	Single women	Widows	Divorcees	Total
Total	18,520	110	1,225	19,855
Age of bride				
Under 20	209	–	–	209
20-24	962	–	4	966
25-29	6,419	1	47	6,467
30-34	7,308	2	160	7,470
35-39	2,421	18	250	2,689
40-44	764	20	214	998
45-49	268	13	233	514
50-54	103	13	162	278
55-59	39	17	86	142
60 and over	27	26	69	122
Average age of bride	31.6	51.4	44.1	32.5

Table A Divorce, Judicial Separation and Nullity applications received and granted by the courts in year ending December 2011

Court	County	Divorce Applications		Judicial Separation Applications		Nullity Applications	
		Received	Granted	Received	Granted	Received	Granted
TOTAL		3,363	2,819	1,391	1,049	40	34
CIRCUIT COURT							
Leinster		1,972	1,663	755	592	24	12
Carlow	Carlow	48	36	9	8	–	–
Dublin	Dublin	1,247	964	490	371	14	1
Naas	Kildare	92	87	33	33	3	–
Kilkenny	Kilkenny	57	56	13	10	–	1
Portlaoise	Laois	47	47	8	13	1	1
Longford	Longford	23	26	8	4	4	1
Dundalk	Louth	77	61	34	33	–	–
Trim	Meath	78	77	54	44	1	1
Tullamore	Offaly	44	58	13	10	–	–
Mullingar	Westmeath	65	64	23	15	–	5
Wexford	Wexford	111	116	29	25	–	1
Wicklow	Wicklow	83	71	41	26	1	1
Munster		888	787	380	283	10	13
Ennis	Clare	66	69	47	23	–	–
Cork	Cork	375	333	195	132	6	6
Tralee	Kerry	92	83	33	26	1	4
Limerick	Limerick	150	157	53	46	2	2
Clonmel	Tipperary	104	107	25	40	1	–
Waterford	Waterford	101	38	27	16	–	1
Connacht		335	221	160	118	3	8
Galway	Galway	171	71	86	60	2	4
Carrick on Shannon	Leitrim	15	17	10	6	–	1
Castlebar	Mayo	64	61	38	30	–	3
Roscommon	Roscommon	39	36	15	7	1	–
Sligo	Sligo	46	36	11	15	–	–
Ulster		140	110	69	33	3	1
Cavan	Cavan	36	39	20	19	–	–
Letterkenny	Donegal	84	71	38	14	2	1
Monaghan	Monaghan	20	–	11	–	1	–
TOTAL CIRCUIT COURT		3,335	2,781	1,364	1,026	40	34
HIGH COURT		28	38	27	23	–	–
SUPREME COURT		–	–	–	–	–	–

Source: Courts Service.

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Table 1A Civil Partnerships registered in 2011 classified by future area of residence of partners

Area of residence of partners	All partnerships	Male partnerships	Female partnerships
TOTAL	536	335	201
LEINSTER	377	244	133
Carlow	4	3	1
Dublin City	182	135	47
South Dublin	27	16	11
Fingal	40	25	15
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	35	17	18
Kildare	21	12	9
Kilkenny	4	2	2
Laois	2	2	–
Longford	3	2	1
Louth	13	7	6
Meath	10	5	5
Offaly	4	1	3
Westmeath	6	3	3
Wexford	8	2	6
Wicklow	18	12	6
MUNSTER	92	52	40
Clare	9	6	3
Cork City	9	7	2
Cork County	33	15	18
Kerry	8	5	3
Limerick City	8	4	4
Limerick County	11	7	4
North Tipperary	1	–	1
South Tipperary	3	2	1
Waterford City	4	3	1
Waterford County	6	3	3
CONNACHT	32	14	18
Galway City	4	3	1
Galway County	14	6	8
Leitrim	2	1	1
Mayo	5	2	3
Roscommon	2	1	1
Sligo	5	1	4
ULSTER (part of)	13	6	7
Cavan	4	3	1
Donegal	8	3	5
Monaghan	1	–	1
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES			
Border	33	15	18
Midland	15	8	7
West	25	12	13
Dublin	284	193	91
Mid-East	49	29	20
Mid-West	29	17	12
South-East	29	15	14
South-West	50	27	23
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	514	316	198
OUTSIDE THE STATE	22	19	3

Table 2A Civil Partnerships registered in 2011 classified by previous marital status and average age of partners

Total	Single	Widows/Widowers	Divorcees	Average age of partner
1,072	1,018	6	48	44.3

Table 2B Civil Partnerships registered in 2011 classified by previous civil status, and average age of male partners

Total	Single men	Widowers	Divorcees	Average age of male partner
670	649	4	17	44.7

Table 2C Civil Partnerships registered in 2011 classified by previous civil status and average age of female partners

Total	Single women	Widows	Divorcees	Average age of female partner
402	369	2	31	43.8

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Table 3A Civil Partnerships registered in 2011 classified by older partners age and younger partners relative age

All partners Age	Total older partners	Younger partner									
		Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over
Total all ages	536	3	18	45	96	93	93	85	63	26	14
Under 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24	8	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-29	19	1	7	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30-34	48	-	3	15	30	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-39	59	-	1	8	25	25	-	-	-	-	-
40-44	93	-	1	6	24	36	26	-	-	-	-
45-49	91	-	-	1	9	22	35	24	-	-	-
50-54	77	-	-	3	2	4	17	32	19	-	-
55-59	64	-	-	1	3	4	8	15	25	8	-
60 and over	77	-	-	-	3	2	7	14	19	18	14

Table 4A Civil Partnerships registered in 2011 classified by older male partners age and younger male partners relative age

Male partners Age	Total male partners all ages	Younger male partner									
		Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over
Older male partner	335	2	15	32	55	56	63	48	36	16	12
Under 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24	6	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-29	14	-	6	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30-34	23	-	3	9	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-39	38	-	1	5	15	17	-	-	-	-	-
40-44	53	-	1	5	17	16	14	-	-	-	-
45-49	54	-	-	1	5	16	22	10	-	-	-
50-54	48	-	-	3	2	3	12	18	10	-	-
55-59	40	-	-	1	2	3	8	9	13	4	-
60 and over	59	-	-	-	3	1	7	11	13	12	12

Table 5A Civil Partnerships registered in 2011 classified by older female partner age and younger female partners relative age

Female partners Age	Total female partners all ages	Younger female partner									
		Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over
Total	201	1	3	13	41	37	30	37	27	10	2
Under 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-29	5	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30-34	25	-	-	6	19	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-39	21	-	-	3	10	8	-	-	-	-	-
40-44	40	-	-	1	7	20	12	-	-	-	-
45-49	37	-	-	-	4	6	13	14	-	-	-
50-54	29	-	-	-	-	1	5	14	9	-	-
55-59	24	-	-	-	1	1	-	6	12	4	-
60+	18	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	6	6	2

Table 6A Civil Partnerships registered in 2011 classified by age difference of partners in years and percentage

	Total Number	No age difference		1 to 4 years difference		5 to 9 years difference		10 or more years difference	
		Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
All Partnerships	536	38	7.1	208	38.8	171	31.9	119	22.2
Male Partnerships	335	20	6.0	121	36.1	98	29.3	96	28.7
Female partnerships	201	18	9.0	87	43.3	73	36.3	23	11.4

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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 2011.

The release has been prepared by the Central Statistics Office for the Minister for Health and Children 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 2011 (and hence included in these statistics) occurred in years before 2011.

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 Society of Friends, the usages of people professing the Jewish religion, and the usages of certain other Religious Bodies have been classified under their respective religions.

There is at present no provision for the civil registration of Muslim Marriage Ceremonies solemnised in the State.

Socio-Economic Group (SEG)

This classification is determined by a person's occupation or, in some cases by a combination of occupation and employment status. The men and women whose marriages were registered in 2011 were classified by SEG on the basis of the information on occupation given in the marriage register.

Socio-Economic Group (SEG)	Occupations included are as listed
Farmers, relatives assisting and farm managers	Farmers, farm/stud managers, relatives assisting
Other agricultural occupations and fishermen	Fisherman, agricultural worker, stud farm/groom
Higher professional	Doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect and dentist
Lower professional	Teacher, journalist, nurse, pharmacist and programmer
Employers and managers	Self-employed, managing director and shopkeeper
Salaried employees	Agent, contractor insurance broker and sales rep.
Intermediate non-manual workers	Bar person, civil servant, garda and secretary Air hostess, waiter, driver, postman,
Other non-manual workers	hairdresser, hospital worker, salesman
Skilled manual workers	Carpenter, builder, painter, electrician, mechanic, mechanist etc;
Other manual workers	Labourer, CIE worker, Co. Council worker, porter, ESB worker, corporation worker, construction worker, factory worker, docker, miner and boilerman

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.

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Marriages/Civil Partnerships per 1,000 population

This is calculated for each year as follows:

Marriages/Civil Partnerships per 1,000 population = Number of Marriages/Civil partnerships registered multiplied by 1,000 and divided by population. 2011 population is 4,574,888.

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

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