

DELAWARE VITAL STATISTICS ANNUAL REPORT MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE, 2021



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MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

In 2021 there were 4,889 marriages and 2,564 divorces in Delaware. Over half of all divorces in 2021 were of marriages that lasted less than 10 years.

Marriage

Male

Youngest: 18
Oldest: 91

Female

Youngest: 18
Oldest: 85

Marriage with the greatest age difference between bride and groom: 43 years.

Most popular month to get married: October.

Divorce

Male

Youngest: 20
Oldest: 86

Female

Youngest: 19
Oldest: 88

Shortest duration of marriage: 7 days

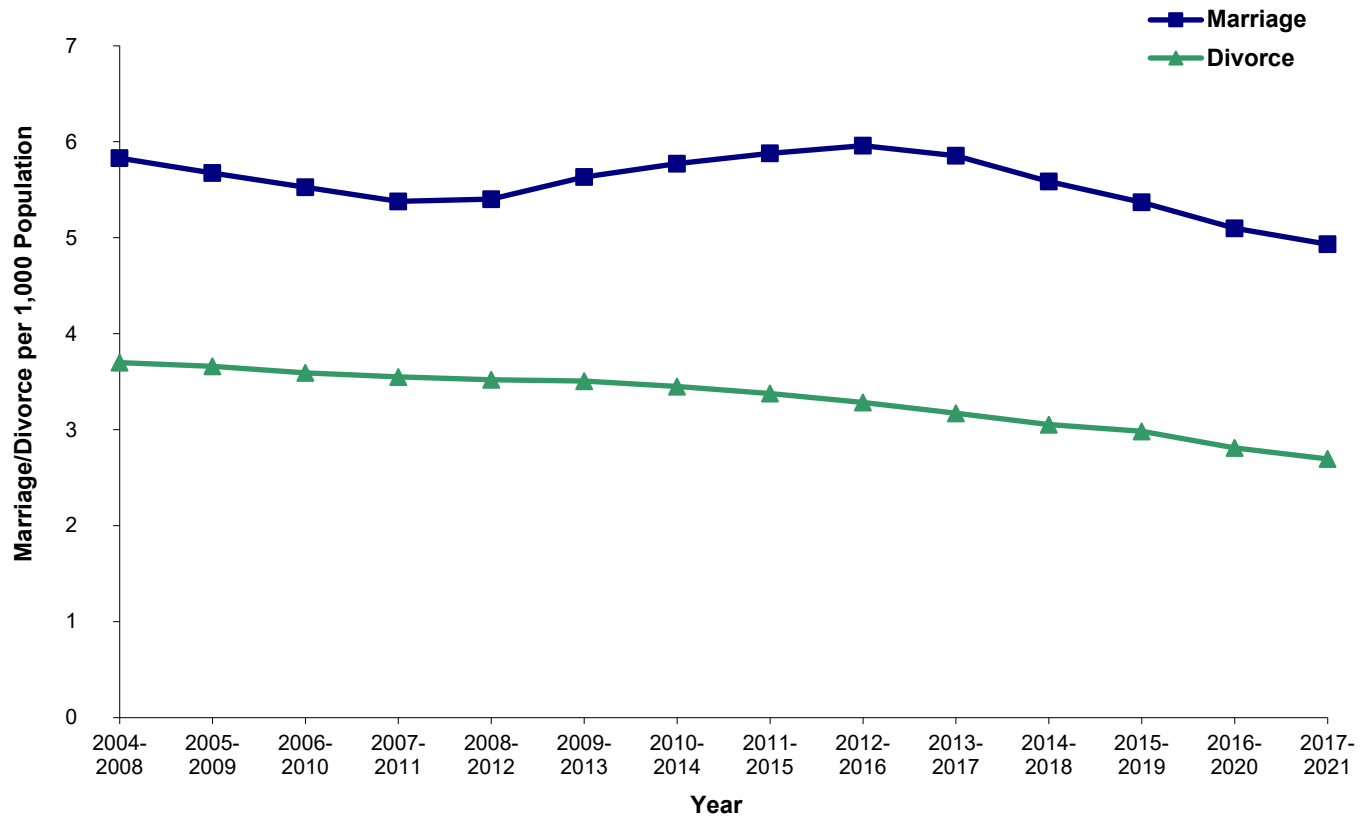
Longest duration of marriage: 52 years

Median duration of marriage: 9 years

Total children under 18 years of age: 1,862

Between 2008-2012 and 2017-2021, the five-year average marriage rate decreased from 5.4 to 4.9 marriages per 1,000 population. The five-year average divorce rate declined 22.9 percent from 3.5 in 2008-2012 to 2.7 divorces per 1,000 population in 2017-2021.

Figure 7. Five-year Average Marriage and Divorce Rates, per 1,000 Population, Delaware, 2004-2021



Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-1 NUMBER OF MARRIAGES BY PLACE OF CEREMONY U.S., DELAWARE AND COUNTIES, 2006-2021

| Year | U.S. | Delaware | Kent | New Castle | Sussex |
|------|-----------|----------|------|------------|--------|
| 2006 | 2,193,000 | 5,105 | 993 | 2,754 | 1,358 |
| 2007 | 2,197,000 | 4,970 | 944 | 2,670 | 1,356 |
| 2008 | 2,157,000 | 4,828 | 984 | 2,429 | 1,415 |
| 2009 | 2,080,000 | 4,772 | 930 | 2,491 | 1,351 |
| 2010 | 2,096,000 | 4,677 | 908 | 2,384 | 1,385 |
| 2011 | 2,118,000 | 4,727 | 927 | 2,421 | 1,379 |
| 2012 | 2,131,000 | 5,314 | 932 | 2,701 | 1,681 |
| 2013 | 2,081,301 | 6,086 | 972 | 3,007 | 2,107 |
| 2014 | 2,140,272 | 5,633 | 946 | 2,759 | 1,928 |
| 2015 | 2,221,579 | 5,404 | 887 | 2,688 | 1,829 |
| 2016 | 2,251,411 | 5,344 | 888 | 2,777 | 1,679 |
| 2017 | 2,236,496 | 5,071 | 911 | 2,559 | 1,601 |
| 2018 | 2,131,853 | 5,066 | 881 | 2,621 | 1,564 |
| 2019 | 2,015,603 | 4,826 | 866 | 2,478 | 1,482 |
| 2020 | 1,676,911 | 4,368 | 901 | 2,044 | 1,423 |
| 2021 | 1,985,072 | 4,889 | 853 | 2,335 | 1,701 |

Note:

U.S. numbers are based on National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) estimate.

Sources: National Center for Health Statistics

Delaware Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health,
Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-2. FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE MARRIAGE RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION BY PLACE OF CEREMONY BY COUNTY, U.S., DELAWARE, 2006-2021

| Years | U.S. | Delaware | Kent | New Castle | Sussex |
|-----------|------|----------|------|------------|--------|
| 2006-2010 | 7.1 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 4.8 | 7.2 |
| 2007-2011 | 6.9 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 4.6 | 7.1 |
| 2008-2012 | 6.8 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 4.6 | 7.3 |
| 2009-2013 | 6.7 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 7.9 |
| 2010-2014 | 6.7 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 8.3 |
| 2011-2015 | 6.8 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 8.6 |
| 2012-2016 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 8.8 |
| 2013-2017 | 6.8 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 8.5 |
| 2014-2018 | 6.8 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 7.8 |
| 2015-2019 | 6.7 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 7.3 |
| 2016-2020 | 6.3 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 6.8 |
| 2017-2021 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 6.6 |

Note:

U.S. rates are based on NCHS estimate.

Sources: National Center for Health Statistics

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Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-3. NUMBER AND PERCENT OF MARRIAGES BY RACE OF GROOM AND BRIDE, DELAWARE, 2021

| Race of Groom | Race of bride | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Non-Hispanic White | | Non-Hispanic Black | | Non-Hispanic American Indian | | Non-Hispanic Asian/Pacific Islander | | Non-Hispanic Other | | Hispanic | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Non-Hispanic White | 39 | 83.0 | 2 | 6.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 12.5 | 1 | 0.0 | 5 | 26.3 |
| Non-Hispanic Black | 2 | 4.3 | 31 | 93.9 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 2 | 10.5 |
| Non-Hispanic American Indian | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 5.3 |
| Non-Hispanic Asian/Pacific Islander | 1 | 2.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 7 | 87.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Non-Hispanic Other | 3 | 6.4 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 4,781 | 100.0 | 2 | 10.5 |
| Hispanic | 2 | 4.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 9 | 47.4 |

Notes:

1. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.
2. Percentages are calculated based upon the total number of marriages in each race of bride.

Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-4. NUMBER AND PERCENT OF MARRIAGES BY PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS AND RACE OF BRIDE AND GROOM, DELAWARE, 2021

| Previous Marital Status | Race | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| | All Races | | White NonHispanic | | Black NonHispanic | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Groom | | | | | | |
| Single | 3,418 | 69.9 | 32 | 66.7 | 24 | 66.7 |
| Widowed | 124 | 2.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Divorced | 1,347 | 27.6 | 16 | 33.3 | 12 | 33.3 |
| Bride | | | | | | |
| Single | 3,444 | 70.4 | 27 | 57.4 | 23 | 69.7 |
| Widowed | 115 | 2.4 | 1 | 2.1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Divorced | 1,330 | 27.2 | 19 | 40.4 | 10 | 30.3 |

Notes:

1. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.
2. Percentages are calculated based upon the total number of marriages in each race.
3. "All Races" includes "Other" and "Unknown" race categories.

Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-5. NUMBER AND PERCENT OF MARRIAGES BY MARRIAGE ORDER, TYPE OF CEREMONY, AND RACE OF BRIDE AND GROOM, DELAWARE, 2021

| Marriage Order | Type of Ceremony | Race | | | | | |
|----------------|------------------|-----------|---------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| | | All Races | | White NonHispanic | | Black NonHispanic | |
| | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Groom | | | | | | | |
| First Marriage | Civil | 2,823 | 82.6 | 31 | 96.9 | 21 | 87.5 |
| | Religious | 595 | 17.4 | 1 | 3.1 | 3 | 12.5 |
| Remarriage | Civil | 1,143 | 77.7 | 15 | 93.8 | 10 | 83.3 |
| | Religious | 328 | 22.3 | 1 | 6.3 | 2 | 16.7 |
| Bride | | | | | | | |
| First Marriage | Civil | 2,843 | 82.5 | 26 | 96.3 | 19 | 82.6 |
| | Religious | 601 | 17.5 | 1 | 3.7 | 4 | 17.4 |
| Remarriage | Civil | 1,123 | 77.7 | 19 | 95.0 | 10 | 100.0 |
| | Religious | 322 | 22.3 | 1 | 5.0 | 0 | 0.0 |

Notes:

1. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.
2. Percentages are calculated based upon the total number of marriages in each marriage order category and race.
3. "All Races" includes "Other" and "Unknown" race categories.

Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics

TABLE B-6. MEDIAN AND MEAN AGE OF BRIDE AND GROOM BY MARRIAGE ORDER AND RACE, DELAWARE, 2021

| Marriage Order | Race | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------|------|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| | All Races | | White NonHispanic | | Black NonHispanic | |
| | Median | Mean | Median | Mean | Median | Mean |
| Groom | | | | | | |
| First Marriage | 31 | 32 | 30 | 31 | 36 | 35 |
| Remarriage | 48 | 49 | 47 | 46 | 41 | 43 |
| Bride | | | | | | |
| First Marriage | 29 | 31 | 29 | 30 | 33 | 33 |
| Remarriage | 46 | 46 | 41 | 42 | 41 | 44 |

Note:

"All Races" includes "Other" and "Unknown" race categories.

Source: Department of Delaware Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics

TABLE B-7. NUMBER AND PERCENT OF MARRIAGES BY MARRIAGE ORDER, AGE, AND RACE OF BRIDE AND GROOM, DELAWARE, 2021

| Marriage Order | Age | Race | | | | | | |
|----------------|----------------|-----------|---------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|------|
| | | All Races | | Non-Hispanic White | | Non-Hispanic Black | | |
| | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | |
| Groom | | | | | | | | |
| All Marriages | <20 | 31 | 0.6 | 1 | 2.1 | 0 | 0.0 | |
| | 20-29 | 1,495 | 30.6 | 15 | 31.3 | 10 | 27.8 | |
| | 30-39 | 1,735 | 35.5 | 19 | 39.6 | 10 | 27.8 | |
| | 40-49 | 717 | 14.7 | 5 | 10.4 | 12 | 33.3 | |
| | 50-64 | 700 | 14.3 | 7 | 14.6 | 4 | 11.1 | |
| | 65+ | 211 | 4.3 | 1 | 2.1 | 0 | 0.0 | |
| | Unk | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | |
| | First Marriage | <20 | 31 | 0.9 | 1 | 3.1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | | 20-29 | 1,435 | 42.0 | 14 | 43.8 | 9 | 37.5 |
| | | 30-39 | 1,419 | 41.5 | 14 | 43.8 | 6 | 25.0 |
| | | 40-49 | 325 | 9.5 | 2 | 6.3 | 8 | 33.3 |
| | | 50-64 | 181 | 5.3 | 1 | 3.1 | 1 | 4.2 |
| | | 65+ | 27 | 0.8 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | | Unk | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Remarriage | <20 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | | 20-29 | 60 | 4.1 | 1 | 6.3 | 1 | 8.3 |
| | | 30-39 | 316 | 21.5 | 5 | 31.3 | 4 | 33.3 |
| 40-49 | | 392 | 26.6 | 3 | 18.8 | 4 | 33.3 | |
| 50-64 | | 519 | 35.3 | 6 | 37.5 | 3 | 25.0 | |
| 65+ | | 184 | 12.5 | 1 | 6.3 | 0 | 0.0 | |
| Unk | | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | |
| Bride | | | | | | | | |
| All Marriages | <20 | 65 | 1.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | |
| | 20-29 | 1,813 | 37.1 | 18 | 38.3 | 9 | 27.3 | |
| | 30-39 | 1,618 | 33.1 | 15 | 31.9 | 11 | 33.3 | |
| | 40-49 | 692 | 14.2 | 10 | 21.3 | 11 | 33.3 | |
| | 50-64 | 555 | 11.4 | 4 | 8.5 | 2 | 6.1 | |
| | 65+ | 146 | 3.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | |
| | Unk | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | |
| | First Marriage | <20 | 64 | 1.9 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | | 20-29 | 1,731 | 50.3 | 16 | 59.3 | 9 | 39.1 |
| | | 30-39 | 1,239 | 36.0 | 9 | 33.3 | 7 | 30.4 |
| | | 40-49 | 270 | 7.8 | 1 | 3.7 | 7 | 30.4 |
| | | 50-64 | 113 | 3.3 | 1 | 3.7 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | | 65+ | 27 | 0.8 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | | Unk | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Remarriage | <20 | 1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | | 20-29 | 82 | 5.7 | 2 | 10.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | | 30-39 | 379 | 26.2 | 6 | 30.0 | 4 | 40.0 |
| 40-49 | | 422 | 29.2 | 9 | 45.0 | 4 | 40.0 | |
| 50-64 | | 442 | 30.6 | 3 | 15.0 | 2 | 20.0 | |
| 65+ | | 119 | 8.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | |
| Unk | | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | |

Notes:

1. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.
2. Percentages are calculated based upon the total number of marriages in each marriage order category and race.
3. "All Races" includes "Other" and "Unknown" race categories.
4. "All Marriages" includes unknown number of this marriage.

Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-8. NUMBER OF MARRIAGES BY MARRIAGE ORDER AND AGE OF BRIDE, BY MARRIAGE ORDER, AND BY AGE OF GROOM DELAWARE, 2021

| Marriage Order of Groom | Age of Groom \ Age of Bride | Marriage Order of Bride | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|
| | | First Marriage | | | | | | | Remarriage | | | | | | |
| | | <20 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Unk | <20 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Unk |
| First Marriage | <20 | 17 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 20-29 | 40 | 1,180 | 136 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 41 | 25 | 4 | 0 | 0 | |
| | 30-39 | 2 | 398 | 752 | 52 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 143 | 43 | 5 | 0 | |
| | 40-49 | 0 | 18 | 101 | 82 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 29 | 69 | 13 | 1 | |
| | 50-64 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 21 | 40 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 22 | 63 | 9 | |
| | 65+ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 6 | |
| | Unk | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Remarriage | <20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | 20-29 | 2 | 33 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| | 30-39 | 1 | 62 | 116 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 87 | 25 | 4 | 0 | |
| | 40-49 | 1 | 19 | 82 | 57 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 65 | 139 | 23 | 0 | |
| | 50-64 | 1 | 6 | 23 | 35 | 24 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 114 | 279 | 17 | |
| | 65+ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 21 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 50 | 86 | |
| | Unk | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-9. NUMBER AND PERCENT OF MARRIAGES BY MONTH OF CEREMONY, DELAWARE, 2021

| Month | Number | Percent |
|-----------|--------|---------|
| January | 205 | 4.2 |
| February | 217 | 4.4 |
| March | 244 | 5.0 |
| April | 363 | 7.4 |
| May | 507 | 10.4 |
| June | 520 | 10.6 |
| July | 431 | 8.8 |
| August | 434 | 8.9 |
| September | 615 | 12.6 |
| October | 710 | 14.5 |
| November | 346 | 7.1 |
| December | 297 | 6.1 |
| Total | 4,889 | 100.0 |

Notes:

1. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.
2. Percentages are calculated based upon the total number of marriages.

Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-10. NUMBER AND PERCENT OF MARRIAGES BY DAY OF WEEK CEREMONY PERFORMED, DELAWARE, 2021

| Day | Number | Percent |
|-----------|--------|---------|
| Sunday | 545 | 11.1 |
| Monday | 239 | 4.9 |
| Tuesday | 209 | 4.3 |
| Wednesday | 514 | 10.5 |
| Thursday | 433 | 8.9 |
| Friday | 891 | 18.2 |
| Saturday | 2,058 | 42.1 |
| Total | 4,889 | 100.0 |

Notes:

1. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.
2. Percentages are calculated based upon the total number of marriages.

Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-11. NUMBER OF DIVORCES/ANNULMENTS* BY PLACE OF DECREE, DELAWARE AND COUNTIES, 2006-2021

| Year | Delaware | Kent | New Castle | Sussex |
|------|----------|------|------------|--------|
| 2006 | 3,239 | 673 | 1,836 | 730 |
| 2007 | 3,215 | 721 | 1,771 | 723 |
| 2008 | 3,057 | 704 | 1,753 | 600 |
| 2009 | 3,169 | 694 | 1,795 | 680 |
| 2010 | 3,152 | 690 | 1,771 | 691 |
| 2011 | 3,230 | 706 | 1,766 | 758 |
| 2012 | 3,239 | 742 | 1,843 | 654 |
| 2013 | 3,133 | 729 | 1,607 | 797 |
| 2014 | 3,047 | 659 | 1,717 | 671 |
| 2015 | 2,954 | 632 | 1,590 | 732 |
| 2016 | 2,932 | 676 | 1,637 | 619 |
| 2017 | 2,851 | 611 | 1,557 | 683 |
| 2018 | 2,709 | 570 | 1,536 | 603 |
| 2019 | 2,839 | 588 | 1,595 | 656 |
| 2020 | 2,273 | 473 | 1,304 | 496 |
| 2021 | 2,564 | 629 | 1,224 | 711 |

Note:

*Annulments represent less than 0.3% of the totals.

Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-12. FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE DIVORCE/ANNULMENT* RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION BY PLACE OF DECREE BY COUNTY, DELAWARE, 2006-2021

| Years | Delaware | Kent | New Castle | Sussex |
|-----------|----------|------|------------|--------|
| 2006-2010 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 3.3 | 3.6 |
| 2007-2011 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| 2008-2012 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 3.4 |
| 2009-2013 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 3.2 | 3.6 |
| 2010-2014 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 3.5 |
| 2011-2015 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 3.1 | 3.5 |
| 2012-2016 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 3.1 | 3.3 |
| 2013-2017 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 2.9 | 3.3 |
| 2014-2018 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 3.0 |
| 2015-2019 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 2.9 |
| 2016-2020 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| 2017-2021 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 2.7 |

Note:

*Annulments represent less than 0.3% of the totals.

Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-13. NUMBER OF DIVORCES/ANNULMENTS* BY RACE OF WIFE AND RACE OF HUSBAND, DELAWARE, 2021

| Race of Husband | Race of Wife | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|--------------|-------|-----------------|---------|----------|----------|-------------|------------|------------------|
| | White | Black | American Indian | Chinese | Hawaiian | Filipino | Other Asian | Other Race | Not Classifiable |
| White | 1,373 | 54 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 12 | 25 | 25 |
| Black | 93 | 611 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 19 |
| American Indian | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chinese | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hawaiian | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Filipino | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Asian | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 1 | 0 |
| Other Race | 38 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 44 | 7 |
| Not Classifiable | 22 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 116 |

Notes:

*Annulments represent less than 0.3% of the totals.

Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-14. MEAN AND MEDIAN AGE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE AT TIME OF DIVORCE DECREE BY NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE AND RACE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE, DELAWARE, 2021

| Number of Marriage | All Races | | Non-Hispanic White | | Non-Hispanic Black | |
|--------------------|-----------|------|--------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| | Median | Mean | Median | Mean | Median | Mean |
| Husband | | | | | | |
| All Marriages | 44 | 45 | 43 | 44 | 44 | 45 |
| First Marriage | 40 | 42 | 39 | 41 | 40 | 42 |
| Second Marriage | 51 | 51 | 50 | 51 | 50 | 50 |
| Third Marriage+ | 57 | 57 | 56 | 56 | 59 | 58 |
| Not Stated | 44 | 45 | 41 | 43 | 44 | 45 |
| Wife | | | | | | |
| All Marriages | 42 | 43 | 41 | 43 | 41 | 43 |
| First Marriage | 38 | 40 | 37 | 39 | 38 | 40 |
| Second Marriage | 49 | 49 | 49 | 49 | 47 | 49 |
| Third Marriage+ | 55 | 54 | 55 | 54 | 52 | 51 |
| Not Stated | 42 | 43 | 40 | 42 | 45 | 46 |

Notes:

1. See Definitions Section for explanation of the mean and median.
2. "All Races" includes "Other" and "Unknown" race categories.
3. "All Marriages" includes unknown number of this marriage.

Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-15. NUMBER AND PERCENT OF DIVORCES/ANNULMENTS* BY MARRIAGE ORDER, AGE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE AT TIME OF DIVORCE DECREE AND RACE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE, DELAWARE, 2021

| Marriage Order | Age | Husband's Race | | | | | | Wife's Race | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------|----------------|---------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|-------------|---------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| | | All Races | | Non-Hispanic White | | Non-Hispanic Black | | All Races | | Non-Hispanic White | | Non-Hispanic Black | |
| | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| All Marriages | <20 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 0.2 | 3 | 0.3 | 1 | 0.2 |
| | 20-29 | 225 | 8.8 | 114 | 10.5 | 25 | 4.4 | 304 | 11.9 | 140 | 12.5 | 53 | 10.2 |
| | 30-39 | 722 | 28.2 | 316 | 29.0 | 179 | 31.3 | 789 | 30.8 | 354 | 31.7 | 170 | 32.7 |
| | 40-49 | 697 | 27.2 | 294 | 27.0 | 168 | 29.4 | 685 | 26.7 | 292 | 26.1 | 154 | 29.6 |
| | 50-64 | 718 | 28.0 | 283 | 26.0 | 162 | 28.4 | 616 | 24.0 | 267 | 23.9 | 113 | 21.7 |
| | 65+ | 172 | 6.7 | 76 | 7.0 | 30 | 5.3 | 113 | 4.4 | 50 | 4.5 | 17 | 3.3 |
| | Unk | 30 | 1.2 | 6 | 0.6 | 7 | 1.2 | 52 | 2.0 | 12 | 1.1 | 12 | 2.3 |
| First Marriage | <20 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 0.3 | 2 | 0.3 | 1 | 0.3 |
| | 20-29 | 199 | 12.2 | 103 | 14.3 | 25 | 6.5 | 260 | 16.3 | 126 | 17.5 | 50 | 14.5 |
| | 30-39 | 588 | 36.0 | 263 | 36.5 | 153 | 40.1 | 596 | 37.3 | 284 | 39.4 | 132 | 38.3 |
| | 40-49 | 433 | 26.5 | 189 | 26.2 | 105 | 27.5 | 410 | 25.6 | 180 | 25.0 | 93 | 27.0 |
| | 50-64 | 348 | 21.3 | 142 | 19.7 | 81 | 21.2 | 277 | 17.3 | 113 | 15.7 | 55 | 15.9 |
| | 65+ | 51 | 3.1 | 23 | 3.2 | 11 | 2.9 | 21 | 1.3 | 9 | 1.2 | 4 | 1.2 |
| | Unk | 16 | 1.0 | 1 | 0.1 | 7 | 1.8 | 31 | 1.9 | 7 | 1.0 | 10 | 2.9 |
| Second Marriage | <20 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | 20-29 | 8 | 1.5 | 6 | 2.4 | 0 | 0.0 | 15 | 2.9 | 5 | 1.9 | 1 | 1.1 |
| | 30-39 | 68 | 12.4 | 39 | 15.4 | 12 | 10.3 | 96 | 18.5 | 49 | 18.9 | 16 | 18.4 |
| | 40-49 | 176 | 32.1 | 78 | 30.7 | 46 | 39.7 | 157 | 30.2 | 82 | 31.7 | 34 | 39.1 |
| | 50-64 | 222 | 40.4 | 93 | 36.6 | 53 | 45.7 | 193 | 37.1 | 91 | 35.1 | 29 | 33.3 |
| | 65+ | 71 | 12.9 | 36 | 14.2 | 5 | 4.3 | 51 | 9.8 | 29 | 11.2 | 6 | 6.9 |
| | Unk | 4 | 0.7 | 2 | 0.8 | 0 | 0.0 | 8 | 1.5 | 3 | 1.2 | 1 | 1.1 |
| Third Marriage and more | <20 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.6 | 1 | 1.3 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | 20-29 | 1 | 0.6 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.6 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | 30-39 | 9 | 5.4 | 3 | 4.3 | 2 | 5.3 | 11 | 6.7 | 2 | 2.5 | 5 | 15.6 |
| | 40-49 | 29 | 17.3 | 13 | 18.8 | 5 | 13.2 | 36 | 22.1 | 19 | 24.1 | 8 | 25.0 |
| | 50-64 | 87 | 51.8 | 36 | 52.2 | 18 | 47.4 | 87 | 53.4 | 45 | 57.0 | 18 | 56.3 |
| | 65+ | 41 | 24.4 | 16 | 23.2 | 13 | 34.2 | 24 | 14.7 | 10 | 12.7 | 1 | 3.1 |
| | Unk | 1 | 0.6 | 1 | 1.4 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 1.8 | 2 | 2.5 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Not Stated | <20 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | 20-29 | 17 | 8.0 | 5 | 11.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 28 | 9.9 | 9 | 15.3 | 2 | 3.6 |
| | 30-39 | 57 | 26.9 | 11 | 24.4 | 12 | 34.3 | 86 | 30.5 | 19 | 32.2 | 17 | 30.4 |
| | 40-49 | 59 | 27.8 | 14 | 31.1 | 12 | 34.3 | 82 | 29.1 | 11 | 18.6 | 19 | 33.9 |
| | 50-64 | 61 | 28.8 | 12 | 26.7 | 10 | 28.6 | 59 | 20.9 | 18 | 30.5 | 11 | 19.6 |
| | 65+ | 9 | 4.2 | 1 | 2.2 | 1 | 2.9 | 17 | 6.0 | 2 | 3.4 | 6 | 10.7 |
| | Unk | 9 | 4.2 | 2 | 4.4 | 0 | 0.0 | 10 | 3.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 1.8 |

Notes:

1. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.
2. Percentages are calculated based upon the total number of divorces in each marriage order category and race.
3. "All Races" includes "Other" and "Unknown" race categories.
4. "All Marriages" includes unknown number of this marriage.

Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-16. MEDIAN AND MEAN DURATION OF MARRIAGE IN YEARS AT TIME OF DIVORCE DECREE BY NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE AND RACE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE, DELAWARE, 2021

| Number of Marriage | All Races | | Non-Hispanic White | | Non-Hispanic Black | |
|--------------------|-----------|------|--------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| | Median | Mean | Median | Mean | Median | Mean |
| Husband | | | | | | |
| All Marriages | 9.2 | 11.9 | 9.8 | 12.2 | 8.5 | 10.7 |
| First Marriage | 9.7 | 12.5 | 10.0 | 12.7 | 9.5 | 11.5 |
| Second Marriage | 8.7 | 11.1 | 9.7 | 11.8 | 6.7 | 8.8 |
| Third Marriage+ | 8.0 | 9.8 | 8.6 | 10.2 | 8.1 | 10.1 |
| Not Stated | 8.8 | 10.8 | 9.5 | 11.0 | 6.9 | 8.6 |
| Wife | | | | | | |
| All Marriages | 9.2 | 11.9 | 9.7 | 12.2 | 8.4 | 10.7 |
| First Marriage | 9.5 | 12.3 | 9.9 | 12.8 | 8.7 | 10.7 |
| Second Marriage | 9.4 | 11.9 | 10.2 | 12.1 | 7.5 | 10.1 |
| Third Marriage+ | 7.5 | 9.0 | 9.2 | 9.8 | 6.6 | 8.6 |
| Not Stated | 9.0 | 11.3 | 7.8 | 9.7 | 10.1 | 12.7 |

Notes:

1. See Definitions Section for explanation of the mean and median.
2. "All Races" includes "Other" and "Unknown" race categories.
3. "All Marriages" includes unknown number of this marriage.

Source: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-17. NUMBER AND PERCENT OF DIVORCES/ANNULMENTS* BY MARRIAGE ORDER, DURATION OF THIS MARRIAGE, AND RACE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE, DELAWARE, 2021

| Marriage Order | Duration of this Marriage | Husband's Race | | | | | | Wife's Race | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|-------------|---------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| | | All Races | | Non-Hispanic White | | Non-Hispanic Black | | All Races | | Non-Hispanic White | | Non-Hispanic Black | |
| | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| All Marriages | <1 | 64 | 2.5 | 26 | 2.4 | 12 | 2.1 | 64 | 2.5 | 23 | 2.1 | 16 | 3.1 |
| | 1-4 | 594 | 23.2 | 256 | 23.5 | 128 | 22.4 | 594 | 23.2 | 245 | 21.9 | 127 | 24.4 |
| | 5-9 | 691 | 27.0 | 271 | 24.9 | 180 | 31.5 | 691 | 27.0 | 300 | 26.8 | 152 | 29.2 |
| | 10-14 | 443 | 17.3 | 198 | 18.2 | 117 | 20.5 | 443 | 17.3 | 204 | 18.2 | 97 | 18.7 |
| | 15-19 | 276 | 10.8 | 131 | 12.0 | 47 | 8.2 | 276 | 10.8 | 130 | 11.6 | 45 | 8.7 |
| | 20-24 | 190 | 7.4 | 76 | 7.0 | 43 | 7.5 | 190 | 7.4 | 83 | 7.4 | 37 | 7.1 |
| | 25-29 | 139 | 5.4 | 59 | 5.4 | 14 | 2.5 | 139 | 5.4 | 61 | 5.5 | 15 | 2.9 |
| | 30+ | 133 | 5.2 | 68 | 6.2 | 19 | 3.3 | 133 | 5.2 | 65 | 5.8 | 21 | 4.0 |
| | Not Stated | 34 | 1.3 | 4 | 0.4 | 11 | 1.9 | 34 | 1.3 | 7 | 0.6 | 10 | 1.9 |
| First Marriage | <1 | 33 | 2.0 | 10 | 1.4 | 7 | 1.8 | 30 | 1.9 | 8 | 1.1 | 12 | 3.5 |
| | 1-4 | 364 | 22.3 | 174 | 24.1 | 77 | 20.2 | 364 | 22.8 | 153 | 21.2 | 85 | 24.6 |
| | 5-9 | 432 | 26.4 | 175 | 24.3 | 114 | 29.8 | 438 | 27.4 | 199 | 27.6 | 98 | 28.4 |
| | 10-14 | 278 | 17.0 | 127 | 17.6 | 81 | 21.2 | 278 | 17.4 | 133 | 18.4 | 66 | 19.1 |
| | 15-19 | 173 | 10.6 | 86 | 11.9 | 35 | 9.2 | 159 | 9.9 | 74 | 10.3 | 30 | 8.7 |
| | 20-24 | 134 | 8.2 | 54 | 7.5 | 32 | 8.4 | 130 | 8.1 | 56 | 7.8 | 28 | 8.1 |
| | 25-29 | 97 | 5.9 | 42 | 5.8 | 10 | 2.6 | 90 | 5.6 | 44 | 6.1 | 8 | 2.3 |
| | 30+ | 100 | 6.1 | 51 | 7.1 | 17 | 4.5 | 96 | 6.0 | 51 | 7.1 | 14 | 4.1 |
| | Not Stated | 24 | 1.5 | 2 | 0.3 | 9 | 2.4 | 14 | 0.9 | 3 | 0.4 | 4 | 1.2 |
| Second Marriage | <1 | 15 | 2.7 | 8 | 3.1 | 3 | 2.6 | 21 | 4.0 | 10 | 3.9 | 1 | 1.1 |
| | 1-4 | 135 | 24.6 | 53 | 20.9 | 34 | 29.3 | 107 | 20.6 | 53 | 20.5 | 20 | 23.0 |
| | 5-9 | 151 | 27.5 | 71 | 28.0 | 40 | 34.5 | 139 | 26.7 | 64 | 24.7 | 32 | 36.8 |
| | 10-14 | 98 | 17.9 | 48 | 18.9 | 19 | 16.4 | 88 | 16.9 | 48 | 18.5 | 14 | 16.1 |
| | 15-19 | 64 | 11.7 | 29 | 11.4 | 9 | 7.8 | 73 | 14.0 | 39 | 15.1 | 8 | 9.2 |
| | 20-24 | 33 | 6.0 | 18 | 7.1 | 8 | 6.9 | 31 | 6.0 | 19 | 7.3 | 3 | 3.4 |
| | 25-29 | 24 | 4.4 | 12 | 4.7 | 1 | 0.9 | 27 | 5.2 | 12 | 4.6 | 2 | 2.3 |
| | 30+ | 24 | 4.4 | 13 | 5.1 | 1 | 0.9 | 28 | 5.4 | 13 | 5.0 | 4 | 4.6 |
| | Not Stated | 5 | 0.9 | 2 | 0.8 | 1 | 0.9 | 6 | 1.2 | 1 | 0.4 | 3 | 3.4 |
| Third Marriage and more | <1 | 5 | 3.0 | 3 | 4.3 | 1 | 2.6 | 5 | 3.1 | 2 | 2.5 | 2 | 6.3 |
| | 1-4 | 36 | 21.4 | 17 | 24.6 | 7 | 18.4 | 49 | 30.1 | 22 | 27.8 | 10 | 31.3 |
| | 5-9 | 59 | 35.1 | 19 | 27.5 | 13 | 34.2 | 48 | 29.4 | 21 | 26.6 | 9 | 28.1 |
| | 10-14 | 32 | 19.0 | 14 | 20.3 | 9 | 23.7 | 35 | 21.5 | 17 | 21.5 | 8 | 25.0 |
| | 15-19 | 18 | 10.7 | 10 | 14.5 | 3 | 7.9 | 14 | 8.6 | 10 | 12.7 | 1 | 3.1 |
| | 20-24 | 7 | 4.2 | 2 | 2.9 | 1 | 2.6 | 6 | 3.7 | 5 | 6.3 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | 25-29 | 6 | 3.6 | 1 | 1.4 | 3 | 7.9 | 4 | 2.5 | 2 | 2.5 | 1 | 3.1 |
| | 30+ | 3 | 1.8 | 3 | 4.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 3.1 |
| | Not Stated | 2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 2.6 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Not Stated | <1 | 11 | 5.2 | 5 | 11.1 | 1 | 2.9 | 8 | 4.9 | 3 | 5.1 | 1 | 1.8 |
| | 1-4 | 59 | 27.8 | 12 | 26.7 | 10 | 28.6 | 74 | 45.4 | 17 | 28.8 | 12 | 21.4 |
| | 5-9 | 49 | 23.1 | 6 | 13.3 | 13 | 37.1 | 66 | 40.5 | 16 | 27.1 | 13 | 23.2 |
| | 10-14 | 35 | 16.5 | 9 | 20.0 | 8 | 22.9 | 42 | 25.8 | 6 | 10.2 | 9 | 16.1 |
| | 15-19 | 21 | 9.9 | 6 | 13.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 30 | 18.4 | 7 | 11.9 | 6 | 10.7 |
| | 20-24 | 16 | 7.5 | 2 | 4.4 | 2 | 5.7 | 23 | 14.1 | 3 | 5.1 | 6 | 10.7 |
| | 25-29 | 12 | 5.7 | 4 | 8.9 | 0 | 0.0 | 18 | 11.0 | 3 | 5.1 | 4 | 7.1 |
| | 30+ | 6 | 2.8 | 1 | 2.2 | 1 | 2.9 | 7 | 4.3 | 1 | 1.7 | 2 | 3.6 |
| Not Stated | 3 | 1.4 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 14 | 8.6 | 3 | 5.1 | 3 | 5.4 | |

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1. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.
 2. Percentages are calculated based upon the total number of divorces in each marriage order category and race.
 3. "All Races" includes "Other" and "Unknown" race categories.
 4. "All Marriages" includes unknown number of this marriage.

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TABLE B-18. NUMBER AND PERCENT OF DIVORCES BY RACE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 18, DELAWARE, 2021

| Number of Children Under 18 | Race | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | All Races | | Non-Hispanic White | | Non-Hispanic Black | | Non-Hispanic Other | | HISPANIC | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Husband | 2,564 | 100.0 | 1,089 | 100.0 | 571 | 100.0 | 650 | 100.0 | 254 | 100.0 |
| None | 1,307 | 51.0 | 549 | 50.4 | 309 | 54.1 | 332 | 51.1 | 117 | 46.1 |
| 1 | 422 | 16.5 | 197 | 18.1 | 80 | 14.0 | 93 | 14.3 | 52 | 20.5 |
| 2 | 404 | 15.8 | 196 | 18.0 | 76 | 13.3 | 97 | 14.9 | 35 | 13.8 |
| 3 | 140 | 5.5 | 59 | 5.4 | 32 | 5.6 | 29 | 4.5 | 20 | 7.9 |
| 4 | 33 | 1.3 | 9 | 0.8 | 14 | 2.5 | 6 | 0.9 | 4 | 1.6 |
| 5+ | 15 | 0.6 | 5 | 0.5 | 6 | 1.1 | 2 | 0.3 | 2 | 0.8 |
| Unknown | 243 | 9.5 | 74 | 6.8 | 54 | 9.5 | 91 | 14.0 | 24 | 9.4 |
| Wife | 2,564 | 100.0 | 1,118 | 100.0 | 520 | 100.0 | 687 | 100.0 | 239 | 100.0 |
| None | 1,307 | 51.0 | 562 | 50.3 | 278 | 53.5 | 354 | 51.5 | 113 | 47.3 |
| 1 | 422 | 16.5 | 202 | 18.1 | 71 | 13.7 | 104 | 15.1 | 45 | 18.8 |
| 2 | 404 | 15.8 | 208 | 18.6 | 69 | 13.3 | 91 | 13.2 | 36 | 15.1 |
| 3 | 140 | 5.5 | 55 | 4.9 | 36 | 6.9 | 29 | 4.2 | 20 | 8.4 |
| 4 | 33 | 1.3 | 13 | 1.2 | 11 | 2.1 | 7 | 1.0 | 2 | 0.8 |
| 5+ | 15 | 0.6 | 5 | 0.4 | 4 | 0.8 | 4 | 0.6 | 2 | 0.8 |
| Unknown | 243 | 9.5 | 73 | 6.5 | 51 | 9.8 | 98 | 14.3 | 21 | 8.8 |

Notes:

1. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.
2. Percentages are calculated based upon the total number of divorces in each race category.
3. "All Races" includes "Other" and "Unknown" race categories.

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