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Marriage and Divorce

2000

Marriage and Divorce Highlights

<u>Key Indicators</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Delaware</u>	<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Recent Trend in Delaware*</u>
Marriages				
• Number of marriages per 1,000 population (See Table B-2)	1996-2000	6.8	8.6	Decreasing
Divorces				
• Number of divorces per 1,000 population (See Table B-19)	1996-2000	4.2	4.3	Decreasing

* Trend over last 3 to 4 time periods.

Key Facts

- There were 5,292 marriages and 3,060 divorces in Delaware in 2000 (see Tables B-1 and B-18, respectively).
- The median age at marriage for couples married in Delaware in 2000 was 29 for brides and 31 years for grooms (see Table B-5).
- The most popular month to get married in Delaware in 2000 was September (see Table B-16).
- The median age at divorce for couples in 2000 was 36 for wives and 39 years for husbands (see Table B-20).
- The median duration of marriage for couples divorced in 2000 was 8.6 years (see Table B-24).
- There were a total of 2,741 children under 18 years of age among couples who divorced in 2000 (see Table B-26).

TABLE B-1
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES BY PLACE OF CEREMONY
U.S., DELAWARE AND COUNTIES, 1980-2000

Year	U.S.	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
1980	2390252	4437	849	2955	633
1981	2242145	4545	955	2889	701
1982	2456278	4827	978	3057	792
1983	2445604	5569	1162	3472	935
1984	2477192	5461	1038	3434	989
1985	2412625	5356	1063	3443	850
1986	2407099	5484	1142	3433	909
1987	2403378	5410	1001	3429	980
1988	2395926	5645	1114	3512	1019
1989	2403268	5946	1100	3783	1063
1990	2443489	5643	1027	3524	1092
1991	2371000 *	5348	1073	3259	1016
1992	2362000 *	5069	1026	3028	1015
1993	2334000 *	5023	982	3033	1008
1994	2362000 *	5080	1000	3028	1052
1995	2336000 *	5378	1019	3216	1143
1996	2344000 *	5209	980	3081	1148
1997	2384000 *	5372	1017	3154	1201
1998	2244000 *	5023	937	2951	1135
1999	2251000 *	5188	929	3011	1248
2000	2376000 *	5292	957	3117	1218

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Note:

1. *Based on NCHS estimate.

Sources:

National Center for Health Statistics
Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-2
FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE MARRIAGE RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION
BY PLACE OF CEREMONY
U.S., DELAWARE AND COUNTIES, 1980-2000

Years	U.S.	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
1980-1984	10.4	8.2	9.9	7.8	8.1
1981-1985	10.3	8.4	10.2	8.0	8.4
1982-1986	10.3	8.6	10.5	8.1	8.7
1983-1987	10.2	8.7	10.4	8.2	8.9
1984-1988	10.1	8.6	10.2	8.2	8.9
1985-1989	9.9	8.7	10.2	8.2	8.9
1986-1990	9.9	8.7	9.9	8.2	9.2
1987-1991	9.7 *	8.5	9.7	8.0	9.2
1988-1992	9.6 *	8.2	9.5	7.7	9.0
1989-1993	9.4 *	7.9	9.2	7.4	8.8
1990-1994	9.3 *	7.5	8.8	7.0	8.5
1991-1995	9.1 *	7.3	8.7	6.7	8.3
1992-1996	9.0 *	7.2	8.4	6.6	8.2
1993-1997	9.0 *	7.1	8.3	6.5	8.2
1994-1998	8.8 *	7.0	8.2	6.4	8.1
1995-1999	8.6 *	7.0	7.9	6.4	8.2
1996-2000	8.6 *	6.8	7.8	6.2	8.0

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Note:

1. *Based on NCHS estimate.

Sources:

National Center for Health Statistics
Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-3
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF MARRIAGES BY PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF BRIDE AND GROOM

DELAWARE, 2000

Previous Marital Status - Bride	Previous Marital Status - Groom									
	All Marriages		Never Married		Widowed		Divorced		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All Marriages	5292	100.0	3399	64.2	170	3.2	1715	32.4	8	0.2
Never Married	3379	63.9	2766	52.3	29	0.5	582	11.0	2	0.0
Widowed	181	3.4	32	0.6	59	1.1	90	1.7	0	0.0
Divorced	1722	32.5	598	11.3	82	1.5	1042	19.7	0	0.0
Unknown	10	0.2	3	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.0	6	0.1

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Notes:

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

Source:

Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-4
NUMBER OF MARRIAGES BY AGE OF BRIDE AND GROOM AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS

DELAWARE, 2000

Age	Previous Marital Status									
	All Marriages		Never Married		Widowed		Divorced		Unknown	
	Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom
Total	5292	5292	3379	3399	181	170	1722	1715	10	8
<20	236	102	236	102	0	0	0	0	0	0
14-17	27	6	27	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
18-19	209	96	209	96	0	0	0	0	0	0
20-24	1192	885	1146	863	1	1	44	21	1	0
25-29	1307	1353	1093	1223	2	2	208	127	4	1
30-34	855	930	521	657	8	3	326	267	0	3
35-39	594	681	218	320	11	7	364	352	1	2
40-44	455	440	98	133	21	12	334	295	2	0
45-49	280	295	39	55	22	8	218	232	1	0
50-54	174	260	11	21	32	19	131	220	0	0
55-59	91	139	10	13	18	17	62	109	1	0
60-64	42	82	5	6	20	20	17	54	0	2
65+	66	125	2	6	46	81	18	38	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Source:

Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-5
 MEDIAN AND MEAN AGE OF BRIDE AND GROOM BY RACE AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS
 DELAWARE, 2000

Race/ Previous Marital Status	Bride		Groom	
	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
All Races				
All Marriages	29.0	31.9	31.0	34.1
Never Married	26.0	27.0	27.0	28.7
Previously Married	39.0	40.6	42.0	43.9
Widowed	53.0	54.2	64.0	61.6
Divorced	38.0	39.2	41.0	42.2
White				
All Marriages	29.0	31.7	30.0	33.9
Never Married	25.0	26.2	27.0	28.0
Previously Married	39.0	40.6	42.0	44.0
Widowed	54.0	54.9	65.0	63.3
Divorced	38.0	39.0	41.0	42.0
Black				
All Marriages	31.0	33.1	33.0	35.2
Never Married	29.0	29.7	30.0	31.2
Previously Married	40.0	41.0	42.0	43.8
Widowed	53.0	50.6	54.5	54.1
Divorced	39.0	40.1	41.0	42.9

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Notes:

1. See Definitions Section for explanation of the mean and median.
2. "All Races" includes "Other Races" and "Unknown" race categories.

Source:

Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-6
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF MARRIAGES BY MARRIAGE ORDER, AGE AT MARRIAGE OF BRIDE AND GROOM AND RACE
DELAWARE, 2000

Marriage Order/ Age	Race							
	All Races		White		Black		Other/Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All Marriages								
Bride	5292	100.0	4145	100.0	986	100.0	161	100.0
<20	236	4.5	195	4.7	34	3.4	7	4.3
20-24	1192	22.5	980	23.6	171	17.3	41	25.5
25-29	1307	24.7	1041	25.1	212	21.5	54	33.5
30-34	855	16.2	641	15.5	191	19.4	23	14.3
35-44	1049	19.8	767	18.5	254	25.8	28	17.4
45-64	587	11.1	462	11.1	118	12.0	7	4.3
65+	66	1.2	59	1.4	6	0.6	1	0.6
Unknown	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Groom	5292	100.0	4080	100.0	1084	100.0	128	100.0
<20	102	1.9	85	2.1	15	1.4	2	1.6
20-24	885	16.7	711	17.4	147	13.6	27	21.1
25-29	1353	25.6	1088	26.7	230	21.2	35	27.3
30-34	930	17.6	714	17.5	195	18.0	21	16.4
35-44	1121	21.2	791	19.4	302	27.9	28	21.9
45-64	776	14.7	594	14.6	170	15.7	12	9.4
65+	125	2.4	97	2.4	25	2.3	3	2.3
Unknown	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
First Marriages								
Bride	3379	100.0	2562	100.0	695	100.0	122	100.0
<20	236	7.0	195	7.6	34	4.9	7	5.7
20-24	1146	33.9	938	36.6	167	24.0	41	33.6
25-29	1093	32.3	863	33.7	183	26.3	47	38.5
30-34	521	15.4	361	14.1	145	20.9	15	12.3
35-44	316	9.4	171	6.7	134	19.3	11	9.0
45-64	65	1.9	32	1.2	32	4.6	1	0.8
65+	2	0.1	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Unknown	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Groom	3400	100.0	2571	100.0	736	100.0	93	100.0
<20	102	3.0	85	3.3	15	2.0	2	2.2
20-24	863	25.4	697	27.1	139	18.9	27	29.0
25-29	1223	36.0	978	38.0	210	28.5	35	37.6
30-34	658	19.4	487	18.9	155	21.1	16	17.2
35-44	453	13.3	275	10.7	166	22.6	12	12.9
45-64	95	2.8	47	1.8	47	6.4	1	1.1
65+	6	0.2	2	0.1	4	0.5	0	0.0
Unknown	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Remarriages								
Bride	1906	100.0	1579	100.0	291	100.0	36	100.0
<20	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-24	45	2.4	41	2.6	4	1.4	0	0.0
25-29	210	11.0	176	11.1	29	10.0	5	13.9
30-34	334	17.5	280	17.7	46	15.8	8	22.2
35-44	732	38.4	595	37.7	120	41.2	17	47.2
45-64	521	27.3	430	27.2	86	29.6	5	13.9
65+	64	3.4	57	3.6	6	2.1	1	2.8
Unknown	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Groom	1886	100.0	1506	100.0	348	100.0	32	100.0
<20	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-24	22	1.2	14	0.9	8	2.3	0	0.0
25-29	129	6.8	109	7.2	20	5.7	0	0.0
30-34	270	14.3	226	15.0	40	11.5	4	12.5
35-44	667	35.4	516	34.3	136	39.1	15	46.9
45-64	679	36.0	546	36.3	123	35.3	10	31.3
65+	119	6.3	95	6.3	21	6.0	3	9.4
Unknown	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

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Notes:

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2. Percentages are calculated based upon the total number of marriages in each race category.
3. "All Marriages" includes unknown marital order.

Source:

Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-7
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF MARRIAGES BY RACE AND AGE OF GROOM AND RACE OF BRIDE

DELAWARE, 2000

Race of Groom/ Age of Groom	Race of Bride							
	All Races		White		Black		Other/Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All Races	5292	100.0	4145	78.3	986	18.6	161	3.0
<18	6	100.0	6	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-19	96	100.0	79	82.3	14	14.6	3	3.1
20-24	885	100.0	730	82.5	133	15.0	22	2.5
25-29	1353	100.0	1108	81.9	197	14.6	48	3.5
30-34	930	100.0	720	77.4	180	19.4	30	3.2
35-44	1121	100.0	809	72.2	279	24.9	33	2.9
45-54	555	100.0	427	76.9	112	20.2	16	2.9
55-64	221	100.0	168	76.0	48	21.7	5	2.3
65+	125	100.0	98	78.4	23	18.4	4	3.2
Unknown	0	...	0	...	0	...	0	...
White	4080	100.0	3954	96.9	53	1.3	73	1.8
<18	6	100.0	6	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
18-19	79	100.0	75	94.9	3	3.8	1	1.3
20-24	711	100.0	692	97.3	12	1.7	7	1.0
25-29	1088	100.0	1056	97.1	15	1.4	17	1.6
30-34	714	100.0	687	96.2	9	1.3	18	2.5
35-44	791	100.0	771	97.5	6	0.8	14	1.8
45-54	425	100.0	412	96.9	3	0.7	10	2.4
55-64	169	100.0	162	95.9	3	1.8	4	2.4
65+	97	100.0	93	95.9	2	2.1	2	2.1
Unknown	0	...	0	...	0	...	0	...
Black	1084	100.0	140	12.9	927	85.5	17	1.6
<18	0	...	0	...	0	...	0	...
18-19	15	100.0	3	20.0	11	73.3	1	6.7
20-24	147	100.0	24	16.3	119	81.0	4	2.7
25-29	230	100.0	43	18.7	180	78.3	7	3.0
30-34	195	100.0	24	12.3	170	87.2	1	0.5
35-44	302	100.0	26	8.6	272	90.1	4	1.3
45-54	121	100.0	12	9.9	109	90.1	0	0.0
55-64	49	100.0	4	8.2	45	91.8	0	0.0
65+	25	100.0	4	16.0	21	84.0	0	0.0
Unknown	0	...	0	...	0	...	0	...
Other/Unknown	128	100.0	51	39.8	6	4.7	71	55.5
<18	0	...	0	...	0	...	0	...
18-19	2	100.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	1	50.0
20-24	27	100.0	14	51.9	2	7.4	11	40.7
25-29	35	100.0	9	25.7	2	5.7	24	68.6
30-34	21	100.0	9	42.9	1	4.8	11	52.4
35-44	28	100.0	12	42.9	1	3.6	15	53.6
45-54	9	100.0	3	33.3	0	0.0	6	66.7
55-64	3	100.0	2	66.7	0	0.0	1	33.3
65+	3	100.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	2	66.7
Unknown	0	...	0	...	0	...	0	...

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Note:

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2. Percentages are calculated based upon the total number of marriages in each age category.
3. ... indicates percentage is not calculated since the denominator is zero.

Source:

Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-8
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF MARRIAGES BY RACE AND AGE OF BRIDE AND RACE OF GROOM

DELAWARE, 2000

Race of Bride/ Age of Bride	Race of Groom							
	All Races		White		Black		Other/Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All Races	5292	100.0	4080	77.1	1084	20.5	128	2.4
<18	27	100.0	24	88.9	3	11.1	0	0.0
18-19	209	100.0	168	80.4	39	18.7	2	1.0
20-24	1192	100.0	953	79.9	200	16.8	39	3.3
25-29	1307	100.0	1027	78.6	237	18.1	43	3.3
30-34	855	100.0	631	73.8	206	24.1	18	2.1
35-44	1049	100.0	768	73.2	266	25.4	15	1.4
45-54	454	100.0	351	77.3	96	21.1	7	1.5
55-64	133	100.0	99	74.4	31	23.3	3	2.3
65+	66	100.0	59	89.4	6	9.1	1	1.5
Unknown	0	...	0	...	0	...	0	...
White	4145	100.0	3954	95.4	140	3.4	51	1.2
<18	24	100.0	23	95.8	1	4.2	0	0.0
18-19	171	100.0	161	94.2	9	5.3	1	0.6
20-24	980	100.0	932	95.1	37	3.8	11	1.1
25-29	1041	100.0	994	95.5	30	2.9	17	1.6
30-34	641	100.0	605	94.4	26	4.1	10	1.6
35-44	767	100.0	736	96.0	25	3.3	6	0.8
45-54	364	100.0	348	95.6	11	3.0	5	1.4
55-64	98	100.0	96	98.0	1	1.0	1	1.0
65+	59	100.0	59	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Unknown	0	...	0	...	0	...	0	...
Black	986	100.0	53	5.4	927	94.0	6	0.6
<18	3	100.0	1	33.3	2	66.7	0	0.0
18-19	31	100.0	3	9.7	28	90.3	0	0.0
20-24	171	100.0	13	7.6	157	91.8	1	0.6
25-29	212	100.0	9	4.2	202	95.3	1	0.5
30-34	191	100.0	12	6.3	177	92.7	2	1.0
35-44	254	100.0	13	5.1	240	94.5	1	0.4
45-54	87	100.0	1	1.1	85	97.7	1	1.1
55-64	31	100.0	1	3.2	30	96.8	0	0.0
65+	6	100.0	0	0.0	6	100.0	0	0.0
Unknown	0	...	0	...	0	...	0	...
Other/Unknown	161	100.0	73	45.3	17	10.6	71	44.1
<18	0	...	0	...	0	...	0	...
18-19	7	100.0	4	57.1	2	28.6	1	14.3
20-24	41	100.0	8	19.5	6	14.6	27	65.9
25-29	54	100.0	24	44.4	5	9.3	25	46.3
30-34	23	100.0	14	60.9	3	13.0	6	26.1
35-44	28	100.0	19	67.9	1	3.6	8	28.6
45-54	3	100.0	2	66.7	0	0.0	1	33.3
55-64	4	100.0	2	50.0	0	0.0	2	50.0
65+	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0
Unknown	0	...	0	...	0	...	0	...

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Note:

1. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.
2. Percentages are calculated based upon the total number of marriages in each age category.
3. ... indicates percentage is not calculated since the denominator is zero.

Source:

Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-9
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF MARRIAGES BY RACE AND EDUCATION OF GROOM AND RACE OF BRIDE
DELAWARE, 2000

Race of Groom/ Education of Groom	Race of Bride							
	All Races		White		Black		Other/Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All Marriages	5292	100.0	4145	78.3	986	18.6	161	3.0
<12	673	100.0	491	73.0	171	25.4	11	1.6
H.S. Graduate	2078	100.0	1575	75.8	471	22.7	32	1.5
1-3 College	1095	100.0	861	78.6	199	18.2	35	3.2
4+ College	1366	100.0	1158	84.8	137	10.0	71	5.2
Unknown	80	100.0	60	75.0	8	10.0	12	15.0
White	4080	100.0	3954	96.9	53	1.3	73	1.8
<12	481	100.0	463	96.3	13	2.7	5	1.0
H.S. Graduate	1528	100.0	1488	97.4	24	1.6	16	1.0
1-3 College	845	100.0	824	97.5	7	0.8	14	1.7
4+ College	1160	100.0	1120	96.6	8	0.7	32	2.8
Unknown	66	100.0	59	89.4	1	1.5	6	9.1
Black	1084	100.0	140	12.9	927	85.5	17	1.6
<12	179	100.0	20	11.2	158	88.3	1	0.6
H.S. Graduate	518	100.0	68	13.1	444	85.7	6	1.2
1-3 College	229	100.0	33	14.4	191	83.4	5	2.2
4+ College	151	100.0	19	12.6	127	84.1	5	3.3
Unknown	7	100.0	0	0.0	7	100.0	0	0.0
Other/Unknown	128	100.0	51	39.8	6	4.7	71	55.5
<12	13	100.0	8	61.5	0	0.0	5	38.5
H.S. Graduate	32	100.0	19	59.4	3	9.4	10	31.3
1-3 College	21	100.0	4	19.0	1	4.8	16	76.2
4+ College	55	100.0	19	34.5	2	3.6	34	61.8
Unknown	7	100.0	1	14.3	0	0.0	6	85.7

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Notes:

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

Source:

Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-10
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF MARRIAGES BY RACE AND EDUCATION OF BRIDE AND RACE OF GROOM
DELAWARE, 2000

Race of Bride/ Education of Bride	Race of Groom							
	All Races		White		Black		Other/Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All Marriages	5292	100.0	4080	77.1	1084	20.5	128	2.4
<12	543	100.0	383	70.5	151	27.8	9	1.7
H.S. Graduate	1866	100.0	1353	72.5	476	25.5	37	2.0
1-3 College	1286	100.0	968	75.3	292	22.7	26	2.0
4+ College	1520	100.0	1314	86.4	158	10.4	48	3.2
Unknown	77	100.0	62	80.5	7	9.1	8	10.4
White	4145	100.0	3954	95.4	140	3.4	51	1.2
<12	398	100.0	373	93.7	22	5.5	3	0.8
H.S. Graduate	1412	100.0	1324	93.8	68	4.8	20	1.4
1-3 College	975	100.0	939	96.3	26	2.7	10	1.0
4+ College	1300	100.0	1260	96.9	24	1.8	16	1.2
Unknown	60	100.0	58	96.7	0	0.0	2	3.3
Black	986	100.0	53	5.4	927	94.0	6	0.6
<12	132	100.0	6	4.5	126	95.5	0	0.0
H.S. Graduate	426	100.0	20	4.7	404	94.8	2	0.5
1-3 College	277	100.0	14	5.1	260	93.9	3	1.1
4+ College	143	100.0	12	8.4	130	90.9	1	0.7
Unknown	8	100.0	1	12.5	7	87.5	0	0.0
Other/Unknown	161	100.0	73	45.3	17	10.6	71	44.1
<12	13	100.0	4	30.8	3	23.1	6	46.2
H.S. Graduate	28	100.0	9	32.1	4	14.3	15	53.6
1-3 College	34	100.0	15	44.1	6	17.6	13	38.2
4+ College	77	100.0	42	54.5	4	5.2	31	40.3
Unknown	9	100.0	3	33.3	0	0.0	6	66.7

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Notes:

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

Source:

Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-11
NUMBER OF REMARRIAGES BY INTERVAL BETWEEN MARRIAGES AND EDUCATION OF BRIDE AND GROOM

DELAWARE, 2000

Interval in Years Between Marriages	Education											
	Bride						Groom					
	Total	<12 Years	High School	1 to 3 College	4+ College	Unknown	Total	<12 Years	High School	1 to 3 College	4+ College	Unknown
Total	1905	213	820	512	342	18	1881	230	845	398	377	31
<1	293	43	141	67	42	0	309	46	142	77	44	0
1	199	15	85	56	43	0	205	36	86	40	43	0
2	159	12	68	53	26	0	161	19	81	28	33	0
3	134	17	52	40	23	2	136	13	54	37	32	0
4	125	15	52	31	25	2	117	9	62	22	24	0
5	92	8	42	22	18	2	99	10	48	25	15	1
6	101	9	48	27	16	1	97	11	39	23	24	0
7	78	9	36	19	14	0	79	11	35	15	15	3
8	78	11	27	24	15	1	61	10	28	12	10	1
9	61	7	28	12	13	1	69	5	31	21	12	0
10	56	5	23	19	9	0	64	6	28	14	12	4
11	61	6	26	13	15	1	50	7	27	8	7	1
12	60	11	16	21	11	1	34	5	16	6	6	1
13	40	3	19	13	5	0	43	4	17	10	9	3
14	26	0	18	5	3	0	42	4	23	8	7	0
15	34	4	12	13	4	1	25	0	11	7	7	0
16	43	4	17	13	9	0	21	0	12	5	3	1
17	30	7	14	4	5	0	33	6	16	5	5	1
18	31	2	14	10	5	0	25	3	11	2	7	2
19	22	1	12	8	1	0	19	3	4	3	9	0
20	19	2	9	5	3	0	29	2	10	4	12	1
21	13	1	5	4	1	2	19	3	5	2	5	4
22	17	3	5	4	4	1	16	2	9	1	3	1
23	16	0	5	7	4	0	11	2	3	3	3	0
24	11	0	5	2	3	1	7	1	2	2	2	0
25-29	39	5	12	12	9	1	39	4	21	5	8	1
30-34	33	5	13	3	11	1	39	3	12	9	12	3
35+	27	8	11	5	3	0	25	5	9	3	6	2
Unknown	7	0	5	0	2	0	7	0	3	1	2	1

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Note:

1. Interval between marriages represents the number of years between date of legal dissolution of last marriage and date of current marriage.

Source:

Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-12
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF MARRIAGES BY EDUCATION OF GROOM AND BRIDE
DELAWARE, 2000

Education	Brides Highest Level of Education											
	Total		<12		H.S. Graduate		1-3 College		4+ College		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Groom	5292	100.0	543	10.3	1866	35.3	1286	24.3	1520	28.7	77	1.5
<12	673	100.0	234	34.8	293	43.5	114	16.9	29	4.3	3	0.4
H.S. Grad	2078	100.0	253	12.2	1067	51.3	498	24.0	254	12.2	6	0.3
1-3 College	1095	100.0	41	3.7	344	31.4	411	37.5	294	26.8	5	0.5
4+ College	1366	100.0	15	1.1	158	11.6	253	18.5	915	67.0	25	1.8
Unknown	80	100.0	0	0.0	4	5.0	10	12.5	28	35.0	38	47.5

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Notes:

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

Source:

Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-13
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF MARRIAGES BY EDUCATION OF BRIDE AND GROOM
DELAWARE, 2000

Education	Grooms Highest Level of Education											
	Total		<12		H.S. Graduate		1-3 College		4+ College		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Bride	5292	100.0	673	12.7	2078	39.3	1095	20.7	1366	25.8	80	1.5
<12	543	100.0	234	43.1	253	46.6	41	7.6	15	2.8	0	0.0
H.S. Grad	1866	100.0	293	15.7	1067	57.2	344	18.4	158	8.5	4	0.2
1-3 College	1286	100.0	114	8.9	498	38.7	411	32.0	253	19.7	10	0.8
4+ College	1520	100.0	29	1.9	254	16.7	294	19.3	915	60.2	28	1.8
Unknown	77	100.0	3	3.9	6	7.8	5	6.5	25	32.5	38	49.4

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Notes:

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

Source:

Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-14
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF MARRIAGES BY RESIDENT STATUS OF BRIDE AND GROOM
DELAWARE, 2000

Resident Status of Bride	Resident Status of Groom							
	All Grooms		Groom Resident of Delaware		Groom Resident of Adjoining State		Groom Resident of Other State	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All Brides	5292	100.0	4322	81.7	587	11.1	383	7.2
Bride Resident of Delaware	4484	84.7	4173	78.9	175	3.3	136	2.6
Bride Resident of Adjoining State	524	9.9	104	2.0	401	7.6	19	0.4
Bride Resident of Other State	284	5.4	45	0.9	11	0.2	228	4.3

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Notes:

1. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.
2. Percentages are calculated based upon the total number of marriages.
3. Adjoining States: Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey.

Source:

Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-15
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF MARRIAGES BY RESIDENT STATUS OF BRIDE AND GROOM
AND TYPE OF CEREMONY PERFORMED

DELAWARE, 2000

Resident Status	Type of Ceremony					
	All Ceremonies		Civil		Religious	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All Brides	5292	100.0	1641	31.0	3651	69.0
Delaware	4484	84.7	1432	27.1	3052	57.7
Adjoining State	524	9.9	121	2.3	403	7.6
Other State	284	5.4	88	1.7	196	3.7
All Grooms	5292	100.0	1641	31.0	3651	69.0
Delaware	4322	81.7	1405	26.5	2917	55.1
Adjoining State	587	11.1	127	2.4	460	8.7
Other State	383	7.2	109	2.1	274	5.2

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Notes:

1. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.
2. Percentages are calculated based upon the total number of marriages.
3. Adjoining States: Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey.

Source:

Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-16
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF MARRIAGES BY MONTH OF CEREMONY
DELAWARE, 2000

Month	Number	Percent
January	299	5.7
February	277	5.2
March	287	5.4
April	414	7.8
May	534	10.1
June	611	11.5
July	520	9.8
August	516	9.8
September	620	11.7
October	525	9.9
November	359	6.8
December	330	6.2
Total	5292	100.0

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Notes:

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

Source:

Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-17
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF MARRIAGES BY DAY OF WEEK CEREMONY PERFORMED
DELAWARE, 2000

Day	Number	Percent
Sunday	371	7.0
Monday	119	2.2
Tuesday	169	3.2
Wednesday	161	3.0
Thursday	129	2.4
Friday	1053	19.9
Saturday	3290	62.2
Total	5292	100.0

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Notes:

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

Source:

Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-18
NUMBER OF DIVORCES/ANNULMENTS* BY PLACE OF DECREE

U.S., DELAWARE AND COUNTIES, 1980-2000

Year	U.S.	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
1980	1189000	2313	644	1166	503
1981	1213000	2994	728	1722	544
1982	1170000	3213	641	2036	536
1983	1158000	3060	672	1853	535
1984	1169000	2907	602	1785	520
1985	1190000	2992	648	1806	538
1986	1178000	3093	612	1876	605
1987	1157000	2939	630	1729	580
1988	1167000	3007	646	1835	526
1989	1157000	2896	637	1683	576
1990	1182000	3034	575	1922	537
1991	1187000	3009	646	1724	639
1992	1215000	3397	653	2065	679
1993	1187000	3175	634	1957	584
1994	1191000	3551	707	2152	692
1995	1169000	3509	798	2003	708
1996	1150000	3405	712	1970	723
1997	1163000	3009	647	1700	662
1998	1135000	3233	652	1984	597
1999	1145301	3482	801	2008	673
2000	1156113	3060	674	1808	578

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Notes:

1. *Annulments represent less than 0.1% of the totals.
2. All divorce numbers for the U.S. are estimates.

Sources:

National Center for Health Statistics
Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-19
FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE DIVORCE/ANNULMENT* RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION
BY PLACE OF DECREE

U.S., DELAWARE AND COUNTIES, 1980-2000

Years	U.S.	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
1980-1984	5.1	4.8	6.5	4.2	5.2
1981-1985	5.0	4.9	6.5	4.5	5.2
1982-1986	5.0	4.9	6.2	4.5	5.3
1983-1987	4.9	4.8	6.1	4.3	5.3
1984-1988	4.9	4.7	6.0	4.3	5.2
1985-1989	4.8	4.7	5.9	4.2	5.2
1986-1990	4.8	4.6	5.7	4.2	5.1
1987-1991	4.7	4.5	5.7	4.1	5.1
1988-1992	4.7	4.6	5.6	4.2	5.1
1989-1993	4.7	4.5	5.5	4.2	5.1
1990-1994	4.7	4.7	5.6	4.3	5.1
1991-1995	4.6	4.7	5.8	4.3	5.2
1992-1996	4.5	4.7	5.9	4.3	5.2
1993-1997	4.5	4.6	5.8	4.1	5.0
1994-1998	4.4	4.5	5.8	4.1	4.9
1995-1999	4.3	4.4	5.9	4.0	4.7
1996-2000	4.3	4.2	5.6	3.9	4.4

FYADIV2

Note:

1. *Annulments represent less than 0.1% of the totals.
2. All divorce rates for the U.S. are estimates.

Sources:

National Center for Health Statistics
Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-20
 MEDIAN AND MEAN AGE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE
 AT TIME OF DIVORCE DECREE BY RACE AND NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE

DELAWARE, 2000

Race/ Number of Marriage	Husband		Wife	
	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
All Races				
All Marriages	39.0	39.8	36.0	37.3
First Marriage	36.0	37.4	34.0	35.1
Second Marriage	44.0	44.8	40.0	41.2
Third Marriage+	48.0	49.1	44.0	44.3
White				
All Marriages	38.0	39.7	36.0	37.0
First Marriage	36.0	37.1	34.0	34.8
Second Marriage	43.0	44.5	39.0	40.7
Third Marriage+	48.0	49.0	43.0	44.2
Black				
All Marriages	39.0	40.4	38.0	38.2
First Marriage	37.0	38.1	36.0	36.2
Second Marriage	45.0	46.1	43.0	43.5
Third Marriage+	47.0	49.3	47.0	45.4

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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 Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-21
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF DIVORCES BY AGE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE AT TIME OF DECREE
AND RACE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE

DELAWARE, 2000

Age	Race							
	All Races		White		Black		Other/Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Husband	3060	100.0	2314	100.0	598	100.0	148	24.7
<20	2	0.1	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-24	98	3.2	79	3.4	13	2.2	6	1.0
25-29	377	12.3	291	12.6	73	12.2	13	2.2
30-34	547	17.9	414	17.9	104	17.4	29	4.8
35-39	599	19.6	444	19.2	122	20.4	33	5.5
40-44	524	17.1	408	17.6	93	15.6	23	3.8
45-49	379	12.4	286	12.4	80	13.4	13	2.2
50-54	249	8.1	180	7.8	56	9.4	13	2.2
55-59	135	4.4	102	4.4	24	4.0	9	1.5
60-64	63	2.1	46	2.0	14	2.3	3	0.5
65+	68	2.2	49	2.1	17	2.8	2	0.3
Unknown	19	0.6	13	0.6	2	0.3	4	0.7
Wife	3060	100.0	2316	100.0	553	100.0	191	34.5
<20	4	0.1	4	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-24	185	6.0	157	6.8	19	3.4	9	1.6
25-29	456	14.9	367	15.8	68	12.3	21	3.8
30-34	581	19.0	434	18.7	109	19.7	38	6.9
35-39	638	20.8	477	20.6	126	22.8	35	6.3
40-44	509	16.6	390	16.8	82	14.8	37	6.7
45-49	284	9.3	200	8.6	62	11.2	22	4.0
50-54	209	6.8	152	6.6	45	8.1	12	2.2
55-59	88	2.9	60	2.6	20	3.6	8	1.4
60-64	36	1.2	23	1.0	10	1.8	3	0.5
65+	34	1.1	26	1.1	6	1.1	2	0.4
Unknown	36	1.2	26	1.1	6	1.1	4	0.7

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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.

Source:

Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-22
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF DIVORCES BY AGE OF HUSBAND AND AGE OF WIFE AT TIME OF DECREE
DELAWARE, 2000

Age of Husband	Age of Wife																	
	Total		15-19		20-24		25-29		30-34		35-39		40-44		45+		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	3060	100.0	4	0.1	185	6.0	456	14.9	581	19.0	638	20.8	509	16.6	651	21.3	36	1.2
15-19	2	0.1	0	0.0	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
20-24	98	3.2	4	0.1	77	2.5	11	0.4	4	0.1	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
25-29	377	12.3	0	0.0	78	2.5	222	7.3	63	2.1	11	0.4	1	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.1
30-34	547	17.9	0	0.0	18	0.6	162	5.3	250	8.2	83	2.7	27	0.9	5	0.2	2	0.1
35-39	599	19.6	0	0.0	7	0.2	42	1.4	173	5.7	262	8.6	85	2.8	23	0.8	7	0.2
40-44	524	17.1	0	0.0	2	0.1	12	0.4	63	2.1	177	5.8	194	6.3	72	2.4	4	0.1
45+	894	29.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0.1	23	0.8	102	3.3	199	6.5	549	17.9	17	0.6
Unknown	19	0.6	0	0.0	1	0.0	3	0.1	5	0.2	1	0.0	3	0.1	2	0.1	4	0.1

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Notes:

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

Source:

Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-23
NUMBER OF DIVORCES BY DURATION OF MARRIAGE AT TIME OF DECREE
AND NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE FOR HUSBAND AND WIFE

DELAWARE, 2000

Duration of Marriage in Years	All Divorces	Number of This Marriage							
		Husband				Wife			
		First	Second	Third+	Unknown	First	Second	Third+	Unknown
Total	3060	2157	667	201	35	2071	729	218	42
<2	224	135	62	25	2	122	64	36	2
2	210	145	45	17	3	129	53	25	3
3	229	147	57	23	2	144	60	22	3
4	228	145	65	17	1	144	61	20	3
5	210	138	49	19	4	134	54	19	3
6	177	121	38	17	1	117	46	10	4
7	166	112	35	17	2	105	46	13	2
8	153	111	30	9	3	100	42	9	2
9	138	93	38	6	1	91	37	8	2
10	143	100	29	13	1	102	26	14	1
11	109	78	22	8	1	72	29	7	1
12	105	77	24	3	1	76	23	5	1
13	84	66	17	1	0	65	14	5	0
14	97	74	17	2	4	63	26	4	4
15	81	57	21	2	1	55	22	4	0
16	74	53	13	7	1	54	16	3	1
17	77	62	13	0	2	55	16	4	2
18	55	38	15	1	1	37	16	1	1
19	51	36	12	2	1	37	13	0	1
20	45	32	12	1	0	35	7	2	1
21	46	35	9	2	0	34	10	2	0
22	38	26	8	4	0	32	5	1	0
23	40	31	8	1	0	29	11	0	0
24	27	21	4	1	1	20	6	0	1
25-29	115	97	15	2	1	93	18	2	2
30-34	69	66	2	0	1	66	2	0	1
35+	53	48	5	0	0	49	3	0	1
Unknown	16	13	2	1	0	11	3	2	0

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Source:
Delaware Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-24
 MEDIAN AND MEAN DURATION OF MARRIAGE IN YEARS AT TIME OF DIVORCE DECREE
 BY RACE AND NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE

DELAWARE, 2000

Race/ Number of Marriage	Husband		Wife	
	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
All Races				
All Marriages	8.6	10.9	8.6	10.9
First Marriage	9.3	11.7	9.4	11.8
Second Marriage	7.3	9.5	7.3	9.4
Third Marriage+	5.9	7.4	5.3	6.8
White				
All Marriages	8.7	11.0	8.6	10.9
First Marriage	9.4	11.8	9.5	12.0
Second Marriage	7.6	9.7	7.5	9.3
Third Marriage+	6.3	7.7	5.2	6.9
Black				
All Marriages	7.8	7.8	8.0	10.5
First Marriage	8.4	11.2	8.6	11.2
Second Marriage	6.8	8.8	7.0	9.5
Third Marriage+	5.1	6.5	4.6	5.8

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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 Health Statistics Center

TABLE B-25
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF DIVORCES BY DURATION OF MARRIAGE AT TIME OF DECREE
AND RACE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE

DELAWARE, 2000

Duration of Marriage in Years	Race							
	All Races		White		Black		Other/Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Husband	3060	100.0	2314	100.0	598	100.0	148	100.0
<1	51	1.7	30	1.3	17	2.8	4	2.7
1-4	840	27.5	632	27.3	169	28.3	39	26.4
5-9	844	27.6	635	27.4	169	28.3	40	27.0
10-14	538	17.6	405	17.5	102	17.1	31	20.9
15-19	338	11.0	265	11.5	60	10.0	13	8.8
20-24	196	6.4	156	6.7	32	5.4	8	5.4
25-29	115	3.8	87	3.8	20	3.3	8	5.4
30+	122	4.0	94	4.1	23	3.8	5	3.4
Unknown	16	0.5	10	0.4	6	1.0	0	0.0
Wife	3060	100.0	2316	100.0	553	100.0	191	100.0
<1	51	1.7	32	1.4	15	2.7	4	2.1
1-4	840	27.5	644	27.8	156	28.2	40	20.9
5-9	844	27.6	631	27.2	157	28.4	56	29.3
10-14	538	17.6	409	17.7	91	16.5	38	19.9
15-19	338	11.0	257	11.1	58	10.5	23	12.0
20-24	196	6.4	155	6.7	30	5.4	11	5.8
25-29	115	3.8	87	3.8	18	3.3	10	5.2
30+	122	4.0	91	3.9	22	4.0	9	4.7
Unknown	16	0.5	10	0.4	6	1.1	0	0.0

DIVDURAT

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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TABLE B-26
NUMBER AND PERCENT OF DIVORCES BY RACE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE
AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 18

DELAWARE, 2000

Number of Children Under 18	Race							
	All Races		White		Black		Other/Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Husband	3060	100.0	2314	100.0	598	100.0	148	24.7
None	1431	46.8	1050	45.4	306	51.2	75	12.5
1	698	22.8	547	23.6	122	20.4	29	4.8
2	600	19.6	479	20.7	95	15.9	26	4.3
3	201	6.6	149	6.4	40	6.7	12	2.0
4	47	1.5	25	1.1	19	3.2	3	0.5
5+	10	0.3	7	0.3	3	0.5	0	0.0
Unknown	73	2.4	57	2.5	13	2.2	3	0.5
Wife	3060	100.0	2316	100.0	553	100.0	191	34.5
None	1431	46.8	1047	45.2	292	52.8	92	16.6
1	698	22.8	552	23.8	105	19.0	41	7.4
2	600	19.6	482	20.8	86	15.6	32	5.8
3	201	6.6	152	6.6	37	6.7	12	2.2
4	47	1.5	24	1.0	17	3.1	6	1.1
5+	10	0.3	6	0.3	4	0.7	0	0.0
Unknown	73	2.4	53	2.3	12	2.2	8	1.4

CHILD

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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