

Table 7.3 Marriages, mean age at marriage, by sex and marital status, Scotland, 1855 to 2007

| Year | Males - mean age at marriage | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------|----------------|----------------------|--------|----------------|--------------------------|--------|----------------|
| | All men | All bachelors | All widowers | All divorced men | Bachelors who married | | | Widowers who married | | | Divorced men who married | | |
| | | | | | Spinsters | Widows | Divorced women | Spinsters | Widows | Divorced women | Spinsters | Widows | Divorced women |
| 1855-60 | 28.8 | 27.0 | 42.5 | - | 26.8 | 32.6 | - | 41.3 | 46.0 | - | - | - | - |
| 1861-70 | 28.6 | 26.8 | 42.1 | - | 26.6 | 32.8 | - | 40.8 | 45.8 | - | - | - | - |
| 1871-80 | 28.5 | 26.6 | 41.7 | - | 26.4 | 32.7 | - | 40.3 | 45.6 | - | - | - | - |
| 1881-90 | 28.5 | 26.8 | 41.8 | - | 26.6 | 33.6 | - | 40.3 | 45.8 | - | - | - | - |
| 1891-1900 | 28.7 | 27.2 | 42.2 | - | 27.0 | 33.6 | - | 40.5 | 46.7 | - | - | - | - |
| 1901-10 | 28.9 | 27.5 | 43.2 | - | 27.4 | 34.0 | - | 41.7 | 47.2 | - | - | - | - |
| 1911-20 | 29.6 | 28.2 | 44.9 | - | 27.9 | 34.3 | - | 43.4 | 48.0 | - | - | - | - |
| 1921-30 | 29.4 | 28.1 | 46.2 | - | 27.8 | 36.2 | - | 44.4 | 50.8 | - | - | - | - |
| 1931-40 ¹ | 29.4 | 28.2 | 47.2 | 38.9 | 28.0 | 37.7 | 34.1 | 45.5 | 53.3 | 49.6 | 38.0 | 43.5 | 40.3 |
| 1941-50 | 29.0 | 27.6 | 48.3 | 37.6 | 27.3 | 35.3 | 32.9 | 46.4 | 53.9 | 47.5 | 37.3 | 41.7 | 39.4 |
| 1951-60 | 27.9 | 26.4 | 52.2 | 38.5 | 26.0 | 39.3 | 33.2 | 49.4 | 57.5 | 49.9 | 36.9 | 44.2 | 40.6 |
| 1961-70 | 26.5 | 24.8 | 55.4 | 37.7 | 24.5 | 40.7 | 32.2 | 52.1 | 59.8 | 51.9 | 35.5 | 46.5 | 39.8 |
| 1971-80 | 26.8 | 24.3 | 56.9 | 36.6 | 23.7 | 41.0 | 30.3 | 53.0 | 61.7 | 52.6 | 33.6 | 47.3 | 38.9 |
| 1981-90 | 28.9 | 25.6 | 57.5 | 38.3 | 25.0 | 40.8 | 30.6 | 51.9 | 63.7 | 54.0 | 34.6 | 49.2 | 41.0 |
| 1991-2000 | 32.7 | 28.8 | 58.4 | 41.1 | 28.1 | 41.0 | 32.7 | 51.4 | 65.6 | 56.2 | 37.5 | 51.1 | 43.4 |
| 1996 | 33.1 | 29.1 | 59.0 | 41.3 | 28.3 | 40.1 | 32.8 | 51.8 | 67.1 | 56.2 | 37.7 | 51.0 | 43.6 |
| 1997 | 33.5 | 29.5 | 59.0 | 41.5 | 28.8 | 41.2 | 33.3 | 52.9 | 65.6 | 56.9 | 38.1 | 51.1 | 43.6 |
| 1998 | 33.8 | 29.8 | 58.2 | 41.9 | 29.0 | 42.6 | 33.6 | 50.4 | 66.2 | 55.7 | 38.3 | 51.6 | 44.2 |
| 1999 | 34.1 | 30.1 | 58.9 | 42.3 | 29.2 | 40.9 | 34.1 | 52.8 | 66.3 | 56.6 | 38.8 | 50.8 | 44.6 |
| 2000 | 34.6 | 30.5 | 58.2 | 43.0 | 29.7 | 42.5 | 34.6 | 52.7 | 64.3 | 56.8 | 39.5 | 51.3 | 45.2 |
| 2001 | 34.8 | 30.7 | 57.2 | 43.1 | 29.9 | 40.0 | 35.1 | 50.6 | 65.3 | 56.1 | 39.7 | 52.2 | 45.4 |
| 2002 | 35.2 | 31.0 | 59.5 | 43.7 | 30.2 | 41.9 | 35.3 | 54.9 | 66.1 | 57.8 | 40.1 | 52.3 | 45.9 |
| 2003 | 35.6 | 31.4 | 58.5 | 44.3 | 30.5 | 41.8 | 36.0 | 51.8 | 65.9 | 57.5 | 40.8 | 53.0 | 46.3 |
| 2004 | 35.9 | 31.6 | 59.4 | 44.8 | 30.7 | 42.7 | 36.6 | 52.8 | 65.9 | 58.8 | 41.2 | 53.8 | 46.9 |
| 2005 | 36.3 | 31.9 | 59.5 | 45.3 | 30.9 | 44.1 | 37.2 | 53.5 | 67.7 | 57.8 | 41.7 | 54.0 | 47.4 |
| 2006 | 36.5 | 32.1 | 59.0 | 45.8 | 31.1 | 43.6 | 37.7 | 53.3 | 66.2 | 57.8 | 41.9 | 53.7 | 48.2 |
| 2007 | 36.7 | 32.2 | 60.2 | 46.2 | 31.3 | 43.3 | 38.1 | 54.0 | 68.2 | 58.7 | 42.6 | 54.1 | 48.2 |

| Year | Females - mean age at marriage | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|----------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|--------------|
| | All women | All spinsters | All widows | All divorced women | Spinsters who married | | | Widows who married | | | Divorced women who married | | |
| | | | | | Bachelors | Widowers | Divorced men | Bachelors | Widowers | Divorced men | Bachelors | Widowers | Divorced men |
| 1855-60 | 25.6 | 24.9 | 36.7 | - | 24.2 | 31.8 | - | 33.6 | 39.6 | - | - | - | - |
| 1861-70 | 25.6 | 24.9 | 37.1 | - | 24.2 | 32.0 | - | 33.6 | 40.1 | - | - | - | - |
| 1871-80 | 25.6 | 24.8 | 37.1 | - | 24.1 | 32.2 | - | 33.8 | 40.3 | - | - | - | - |
| 1881-90 | 25.7 | 24.9 | 38.0 | - | 24.2 | 32.3 | - | 34.6 | 41.1 | - | - | - | - |
| 1891-1900 | 25.9 | 25.2 | 38.4 | - | 24.6 | 32.6 | - | 34.6 | 42.0 | - | - | - | - |
| 1901-10 | 26.2 | 25.6 | 38.6 | - | 25.0 | 33.4 | - | 35.2 | 42.4 | - | - | - | - |
| 1911-20 | 26.7 | 26.0 | 37.7 | - | 25.4 | 34.5 | - | 34.2 | 42.7 | - | - | - | - |
| 1921-30 | 26.5 | 25.8 | 40.2 | - | 25.3 | 35.0 | - | 36.3 | 45.1 | - | - | - | - |
| 1931-40 ¹ | 26.4 | 25.9 | 42.5 | 35.8 | 25.3 | 35.6 | 30.7 | 38.3 | 47.5 | 41.2 | 33.9 | 41.7 | 36.5 |
| 1941-50 | 26.0 | 25.2 | 40.0 | 33.7 | 24.6 | 37.0 | 30.5 | 35.1 | 48.2 | 39.2 | 32.5 | 40.1 | 35.9 |
| 1951-60 | 25.1 | 24.0 | 45.9 | 35.2 | 23.5 | 39.8 | 30.4 | 40.0 | 52.4 | 42.7 | 33.1 | 42.1 | 37.0 |
| 1961-70 | 24.1 | 22.8 | 49.2 | 34.8 | 22.3 | 42.4 | 28.7 | 42.0 | 55.2 | 45.4 | 32.2 | 44.0 | 36.3 |
| 1971-80 | 24.7 | 22.5 | 51.0 | 34.0 | 21.9 | 42.9 | 27.2 | 42.6 | 57.4 | 46.4 | 30.8 | 44.8 | 35.6 |
| 1981-90 | 26.6 | 23.8 | 51.7 | 35.7 | 23.2 | 41.6 | 27.6 | 42.4 | 59.4 | 47.8 | 31.9 | 46.3 | 37.6 |
| 1991-2000 | 30.4 | 27.0 | 52.6 | 38.4 | 26.3 | 40.6 | 30.5 | 43.5 | 61.3 | 49.5 | 34.7 | 49.1 | 40.2 |
| 1996 | 30.8 | 27.4 | 52.4 | 38.5 | 26.6 | 41.3 | 30.7 | 42.4 | 62.8 | 49.4 | 34.7 | 49.4 | 40.5 |
| 1997 | 31.2 | 27.8 | 52.6 | 38.9 | 27.0 | 42.0 | 31.2 | 43.2 | 61.3 | 49.9 | 35.3 | 50.0 | 40.5 |
| 1998 | 31.4 | 27.9 | 53.2 | 39.0 | 27.2 | 40.8 | 31.4 | 45.1 | 61.9 | 50.1 | 35.3 | 48.9 | 40.9 |
| 1999 | 31.8 | 28.2 | 52.6 | 39.5 | 27.4 | 42.0 | 31.8 | 43.4 | 61.8 | 49.8 | 35.8 | 50.0 | 41.3 |
| 2000 | 32.2 | 28.6 | 52.5 | 40.3 | 27.7 | 41.3 | 32.2 | 44.7 | 60.6 | 50.2 | 36.4 | 49.8 | 42.1 |
| 2001 | 32.3 | 28.8 | 51.4 | 40.3 | 27.9 | 41.2 | 32.4 | 42.9 | 61.0 | 50.2 | 36.8 | 49.8 | 42.1 |
| 2002 | 32.8 | 29.1 | 52.9 | 41.0 | 28.2 | 44.3 | 32.8 | 45.1 | 61.8 | 51.1 | 37.3 | 50.8 | 42.7 |
| 2003 | 33.2 | 29.4 | 53.2 | 41.7 | 28.5 | 41.1 | 33.6 | 43.3 | 62.2 | 52.3 | 38.1 | 51.0 | 43.3 |
| 2004 | 33.4 | 29.6 | 53.0 | 42.0 | 28.7 | 41.4 | 33.9 | 44.5 | 62.0 | 52.0 | 38.3 | 52.4 | 43.8 |
| 2005 | 33.8 | 29.9 | 53.6 | 42.6 | 29.0 | 44.2 | 34.3 | 46.6 | 63.6 | 51.2 | 38.8 | 51.7 | 44.3 |
| 2006 | 34.0 | 30.2 | 53.7 | 42.9 | 29.3 | 43.8 | 34.6 | 47.4 | 62.8 | 51.7 | 39.1 | 51.9 | 44.6 |
| 2007 | 34.2 | 30.3 | 54.1 | 43.4 | 29.3 | 44.1 | 35.0 | 46.5 | 63.7 | 52.1 | 39.5 | 52.5 | 45.0 |

¹ Before 1933 divorced men were included with bachelors and divorced women with spinsters.