

**Table 7.3(a) Mean age at marriage, by sex and marital status, Scotland, 1855 to 2009**

| 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 <sup>1</sup> | 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           |
| 2008                 | 37.0                         | 32.5          | 59.5         | 46.8             | 31.4                  | 43.0   | 38.7           | 53.2                 | 67.1   | 58.4           | 43.3                     | 54.8   | 48.8           |
| 2009                 | 36.9                         | 32.5          | 60.6         | 46.9             | 31.5                  | 46.5   | 38.7           | 54.0                 | 66.9   | 60.7           | 43.3                     | 54.9   | 49.0           |

  

| 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 <sup>1</sup> | 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         |
| 2008                 | 34.5                           | 30.6          | 54.8       | 43.9               | 29.5                  | 43.9     | 35.8         | 46.4               | 63.2     | 53.3         | 40.1                       | 52.0     | 45.6         |
| 2009                 | 34.4                           | 30.7          | 55.3       | 44.3               | 29.6                  | 43.4     | 36.1         | 50.2               | 62.3     | 54.1         | 40.1                       | 54.7     | 45.9         |

<sup>1</sup> Before 1933 divorced men were included with bachelors and divorced women with spinsters.