

**Table 7.2: Marriage rates, by sex, age and marital status, Scotland, 1995 to 2008<sup>1</sup>**

Year	First marriage rates per 1,000 population (single only)										Remarriage rates per 1,000 population (widowed and divorced only)					
	All ages (16+)	Age group									All ages (16+)	Age group				
		16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55+		25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54	55+
	<b>Bachelors</b>										<b>Widowed and divorced men</b>					
1995	34.7	2.0	30.4	75.0	69.6	36.0	18.2	10.1	6.6	1.9	43.5	99.1	101.6	76.2	53.8	11.9
1996	33.1	1.7	26.5	71.2	66.0	36.5	20.4	11.2	6.5	1.7	43.8	99.7	102.2	76.9	53.7	12.0
1997	31.8	1.5	23.1	66.3	67.0	38.3	21.3	12.2	6.8	1.7	42.1	91.4	99.7	73.4	53.6	11.2
1998	31.3	1.6	21.5	65.5	63.9	38.4	21.1	11.8	8.3	2.2	41.4	95.6	98.9	73.3	48.4	12.1
1999	30.8	1.9	19.8	63.4	63.6	41.8	20.0	12.4	7.9	1.9	41.5	96.0	94.4	75.0	48.7	12.3
2000	30.5	1.3	18.5	61.1	63.6	44.6	22.3	13.4	7.6	1.9	42.0	87.8	95.7	74.6	53.5	12.2
2001	31.8	1.4	17.6	67.1	75.0	50.1	25.8	13.0	7.4	1.9	44.3	121.2	145.6	102.4	56.1	11.1
2002	31.1	1.2	16.7	64.1	77.3	48.4	25.2	14.2	8.7	2.1	44.9	120.0	143.4	101.7	58.7	12.7
2003	31.6	1.2	17.0	62.3	78.4	52.9	29.6	14.8	9.5	2.9	44.7	114.9	132.6	102.7	60.0	13.3
2004	32.4	1.1	16.8	61.6	81.7	56.5	31.5	17.7	9.1	3.0	45.5	111.8	132.3	102.7	62.1	14.7
2005	30.0	1.0	14.0	56.1	77.4	52.3	31.0	18.3	8.8	3.4	44.0	65.9	125.9	101.5	60.9	14.8
2006	28.5	0.8	12.8	51.3	72.4	53.1	31.1	17.8	10.3	2.9	41.1	83.5	106.7	91.2	61.5	14.2
2007	26.8	0.5	10.7	47.8	67.8	50.3	32.1	19.7	11.0	3.1	40.0	72.0	95.1	90.6	58.4	14.5
2008	26.1	0.5	10.4	45.8	66.6	49.5	30.8	18.6	10.5	3.1	37.7	60.9	83.0	82.7	58.3	14.1
	<b>Spinsters</b>										<b>Widowed and divorced women</b>					
1995	41.2	7.8	54.2	94.1	69.1	31.7	18.1	10.5	5.9	0.8	18.7	111.2	97.9	56.6	31.6	1.9
1996	39.5	6.2	49.4	88.0	72.0	32.7	18.1	12.7	5.6	0.7	19.0	113.6	97.2	58.7	31.6	2.0
1997	37.9	6.1	43.7	83.9	73.6	36.0	18.7	12.1	6.9	0.8	18.7	103.0	95.2	58.8	31.1	2.0
1998	37.2	5.8	42.0	83.7	71.2	33.7	16.5	10.8	7.6	0.7	18.8	117.0	93.3	57.5	30.7	2.1
1999	36.7	5.7	38.9	82.3	72.0	35.3	18.5	10.0	6.9	0.8	19.2	117.4	97.1	59.6	31.0	2.2
2000	36.6	5.2	36.3	83.7	69.2	39.3	19.5	13.3	6.2	1.0	19.5	111.4	93.9	61.5	33.5	2.2
2001	35.5	5.1	32.9	81.9	71.5	40.6	20.0	11.5	5.8	1.0	18.3	139.2	110.7	63.2	30.8	2.0
2002	34.9	4.5	31.0	79.9	72.9	40.3	23.3	12.7	7.2	1.0	18.9	128.3	114.1	65.6	32.3	2.5
2003	35.5	4.6	30.8	78.8	76.1	43.8	24.2	14.7	8.7	1.1	19.1	122.1	115.2	67.2	34.3	2.7
2004	36.1	4.2	31.4	78.6	76.8	47.4	25.2	15.2	8.7	1.5	20.1	125.8	128.3	70.2	36.1	3.1
2005	33.8	3.1	26.4	74.5	75.7	44.8	24.2	14.1	9.4	1.4	19.2	108.8	120.1	69.4	35.4	3.1
2006	32.2	2.5	23.7	69.9	71.8	44.1	25.9	13.7	8.8	1.6	18.2	109.9	107.6	65.3	35.7	3.0
2007	31.3	2.2	21.9	68.7	71.4	43.5	22.2	13.3	8.3	1.9	18.1	107.1	99.0	68.5	35.0	3.1
2008	29.7	1.8	19.9	63.4	66.9	43.6	23.9	14.6	10.2	1.6	17.1	83.0	91.2	63.4	33.7	3.2

**Footnote**

1) 2008 is the latest year for which definitive marriage rates can be produced for bachelors, spinsters and widowed/divorced men and women because it is the latest year for which National Records of Scotland (NRS) has estimated the breakdown of the population by marital status. After consulting users of its demographic statistics in December 2010, NRS decided to postpone, for at least a few years, updating those estimates because other work has higher priority. Should more up-to-date marital status estimates be produced, then more up-to-date rates would be published in a subsequent edition of this table.