

**Table 7.03(b): Marriages, by sex and marital status, Scotland, 1974 to 2016**

| Year | Males   |                            |                           |                               |                                 |                       |                   |           |                       |                   |           |                          |                   |           |
|------|---------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
|      | All men | All bachelors <sup>1</sup> | All widowers <sup>2</sup> | All divorced men <sup>3</sup> | All Civil partners <sup>4</sup> | Bachelors who married |                   |           | Widowers who married  |                   |           | Divorced men who married |                   |           |
|      |         |                            |                           |                               |                                 | Spinsters / Bachelors | Widows / Widowers | Divorcees | Spinsters / Bachelors | Widows / Widowers | Divorcees | Spinsters / Bachelors    | Widows / Widowers | Divorcees |
| 1974 | 41,174  | 35,781                     | 1,588                     | 3,805                         | -                               | 33,299                | 356               | 2,126     | 459                   | 776               | 353       | 2,162                    | 306               | 1,337     |
| 1975 | 39,191  | 33,551                     | 1,478                     | 4,162                         | -                               | 31,070                | 381               | 2,100     | 444                   | 714               | 320       | 2,244                    | 299               | 1,619     |
| 1976 | 37,543  | 31,690                     | 1,435                     | 4,418                         | -                               | 29,119                | 326               | 2,245     | 364                   | 695               | 376       | 2,392                    | 309               | 1,717     |
| 1977 | 37,288  | 31,099                     | 1,326                     | 4,863                         | -                               | 28,528                | 329               | 2,242     | 330                   | 597               | 399       | 2,597                    | 337               | 1,929     |
| 1978 | 37,814  | 31,047                     | 1,348                     | 5,419                         | -                               | 28,262                | 300               | 2,485     | 336                   | 598               | 414       | 2,822                    | 371               | 2,226     |
| 1979 | 37,860  | 31,571                     | 1,273                     | 5,016                         | -                               | 28,967                | 286               | 2,318     | 314                   | 584               | 375       | 2,708                    | 349               | 1,959     |
| 1980 | 38,501  | 31,472                     | 1,252                     | 5,777                         | -                               | 28,692                | 258               | 2,522     | 291                   | 546               | 415       | 2,985                    | 374               | 2,418     |
| 1981 | 36,237  | 29,622                     | 1,153                     | 5,462                         | -                               | 27,012                | 255               | 2,355     | 274                   | 498               | 381       | 2,817                    | 316               | 2,329     |
| 1982 | 34,942  | 28,357                     | 1,169                     | 5,416                         | -                               | 25,752                | 237               | 2,368     | 236                   | 514               | 419       | 2,748                    | 292               | 2,376     |
| 1983 | 34,962  | 27,765                     | 1,086                     | 6,111                         | -                               | 24,991                | 203               | 2,571     | 204                   | 459               | 423       | 2,990                    | 360               | 2,761     |
| 1984 | 36,253  | 28,753                     | 1,012                     | 6,488                         | -                               | 25,951                | 212               | 2,590     | 217                   | 407               | 388       | 3,190                    | 328               | 2,970     |
| 1985 | 36,385  | 28,475                     | 1,034                     | 6,876                         | -                               | 25,674                | 199               | 2,602     | 225                   | 407               | 402       | 3,309                    | 338               | 3,229     |
| 1986 | 35,790  | 27,860                     | 1,040                     | 6,890                         | -                               | 24,958                | 183               | 2,719     | 204                   | 413               | 423       | 3,252                    | 328               | 3,310     |
| 1987 | 35,813  | 28,126                     | 947                       | 6,740                         | -                               | 25,147                | 174               | 2,805     | 201                   | 377               | 369       | 3,240                    | 325               | 3,175     |
| 1988 | 35,599  | 27,622                     | 915                       | 7,062                         | -                               | 24,628                | 185               | 2,809     | 165                   | 372               | 378       | 3,357                    | 318               | 3,387     |
| 1989 | 35,326  | 27,186                     | 916                       | 7,224                         | -                               | 24,032                | 192               | 2,962     | 167                   | 355               | 394       | 3,407                    | 341               | 3,476     |
| 1990 | 34,672  | 26,636                     | 928                       | 7,108                         | -                               | 23,529                | 183               | 2,924     | 172                   | 348               | 408       | 3,239                    | 332               | 3,537     |
| 1991 | 33,762  | 25,549                     | 869                       | 7,344                         | -                               | 22,401                | 147               | 3,001     | 177                   | 311               | 381       | 3,401                    | 277               | 3,666     |
| 1992 | 35,057  | 26,106                     | 924                       | 8,027                         | -                               | 22,588                | 192               | 3,326     | 156                   | 335               | 433       | 3,530                    | 321               | 4,176     |
| 1993 | 33,366  | 24,609                     | 878                       | 7,879                         | -                               | 21,214                | 172               | 3,223     | 182                   | 307               | 389       | 3,707                    | 315               | 3,857     |
| 1994 | 31,480  | 23,004                     | 822                       | 7,654                         | -                               | 19,644                | 153               | 3,207     | 142                   | 283               | 397       | 3,462                    | 309               | 3,883     |
| 1995 | 30,663  | 22,126                     | 796                       | 7,741                         | -                               | 18,822                | 152               | 3,152     | 146                   | 256               | 394       | 3,442                    | 303               | 3,996     |
| 1996 | 30,241  | 21,456                     | 739                       | 8,046                         | -                               | 18,073                | 152               | 3,231     | 142                   | 242               | 355       | 3,585                    | 330               | 4,131     |
| 1997 | 29,611  | 20,994                     | 772                       | 7,845                         | -                               | 17,751                | 145               | 3,098     | 131                   | 244               | 397       | 3,421                    | 298               | 4,126     |
| 1998 | 29,668  | 20,988                     | 747                       | 7,933                         | -                               | 17,678                | 140               | 3,170     | 116                   | 235               | 396       | 3,447                    | 298               | 4,188     |
| 1999 | 29,940  | 21,053                     | 746                       | 8,141                         | -                               | 17,681                | 139               | 3,233     | 131                   | 232               | 383       | 3,497                    | 312               | 4,332     |
| 2000 | 30,367  | 21,201                     | 739                       | 8,427                         | -                               | 17,864                | 131               | 3,206     | 132                   | 207               | 400       | 3,612                    | 280               | 4,535     |
| 2001 | 29,621  | 20,738                     | 646                       | 8,237                         | -                               | 17,469                | 133               | 3,136     | 138                   | 155               | 353       | 3,616                    | 285               | 4,336     |
| 2002 | 29,826  | 20,671                     | 680                       | 8,475                         | -                               | 17,426                | 138               | 3,107     | 126                   | 186               | 368       | 3,628                    | 314               | 4,533     |
| 2003 | 30,757  | 21,477                     | 706                       | 8,574                         | -                               | 18,232                | 141               | 3,104     | 141                   | 182               | 383       | 3,601                    | 303               | 4,670     |
| 2004 | 32,154  | 22,526                     | 698                       | 8,930                         | -                               | 19,039                | 153               | 3,334     | 139                   | 381               | 178       | 3,706                    | 317               | 4,907     |
| 2005 | 30,881  | 21,421                     | 664                       | 8,796                         | -                               | 18,221                | 125               | 3,075     | 122                   | 170               | 372       | 3,648                    | 351               | 4,797     |
| 2006 | 29,898  | 20,912                     | 656                       | 8,330                         | -                               | 17,922                | 126               | 2,864     | 116                   | 161               | 379       | 3,422                    | 349               | 4,559     |
| 2007 | 29,866  | 20,851                     | 654                       | 8,361                         | -                               | 18,005                | 123               | 2,723     | 109                   | 157               | 388       | 3,368                    | 311               | 4,682     |
| 2008 | 29,803  | 20,245                     | 623                       | 8,035                         | -                               | 17,462                | 100               | 2,683     | 128                   | 154               | 341       | 3,301                    | 288               | 4,446     |
| 2009 | 27,524  | 19,703                     | 592                       | 7,229                         | -                               | 17,218                | 108               | 2,377     | 117                   | 120               | 355       | 3,024                    | 253               | 3,952     |
| 2010 | 28,480  | 20,609                     | 617                       | 7,254                         | -                               | 18,115                | 116               | 2,378     | 124                   | 139               | 354       | 2,997                    | 279               | 3,978     |

  

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|                   | All men | All bachelors <sup>1</sup> | All widowers <sup>2</sup> | All divorced men <sup>3</sup> | All Civil partners <sup>4</sup> | Bachelors who married |                   |           | Widowers who married  |                   |           | Divorced men who married |                   |           |
|                   |         |                            |                           |                               |                                 | Spinsters / Bachelors | Widows / Widowers | Divorcees | Spinsters / Bachelors | Widows / Widowers | Divorcees | Spinsters / Bachelors    | Widows / Widowers | Divorcees |
| 2011              | 29,135  | 21,308                     | 575                       | 7,252                         | -                               | 18,753                | 109               | 2,446     | 122                   | 136               | 317       | 3,082                    | 275               | 3,895     |
| 2012              | 30,534  | 22,471                     | 586                       | 7,477                         | -                               | 19,717                | 120               | 2,634     | 113                   | 125               | 348       | 3,090                    | 304               | 4,083     |
| 2013              | 27,547  | 20,378                     | 518                       | 6,651                         | -                               | 17,995                | 102               | 2,281     | 95                    | 104               | 319       | 2,702                    | 246               | 3,703     |
| 2014 <sup>5</sup> | 29,048  | 21,160                     | 604                       | 6,944                         | 340                             | 18,787                | 113               | 2,260     | 122                   | 120               | 362       | 2,798                    | 284               | 3,862     |
| 2015              | 29,412  | 21,173                     | 617                       | 6,862                         | 760                             | 18,797                | 107               | 2,269     | 111                   | 132               | 374       | 2,746                    | 283               | 3,833     |
| 2016              | 29,013  | 21,235                     | 617                       | 7,008                         | 153                             | 18,852                | 107               | 2,276     | 143                   | 122               | 352       | 2,818                    | 328               | 3,862     |

**Footnotes**

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- 2) Includes surviving civil partners.
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- 4) From 16 December 2014, couples in a civil partnership registered in Scotland were able to change their civil partnership to a marriage. From 31 October 2015, couples in a civil partnership registered outside Scotland were able to change their civil partnership to a marriage.
- 5) Figures for 2014 onwards include same-sex marriages.

Table 7.03b: (continued)

| Year              | Females   |                            |                         |                                 |                                 |                       |                   |           |                       |                   |           |                            |                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
|                   | All women | All spinsters <sup>1</sup> | All widows <sup>2</sup> | All divorced women <sup>3</sup> | All Civil partners <sup>4</sup> | Spinsters who married |                   |           | Widows who married    |                   |           | Divorced women who married |                   |           |
|                   |           |                            |                         |                                 |                                 | Spinsters / Bachelors | Widows / Widowers | Divorcees | Spinsters / Bachelors | Widows / Widowers | Divorcees | Spinsters / Bachelors      | Widows / Widowers | Divorcees |
| 1974              | 41,174    | 35,920                     | 1,438                   | 3,816                           | -                               | 33,299                | 459               | 2,162     | 356                   | 776               | 306       | 2,126                      | 353               | 1,337     |
| 1975              | 39,191    | 33,758                     | 1,394                   | 4,039                           | -                               | 31,070                | 444               | 2,244     | 381                   | 714               | 299       | 2,100                      | 320               | 1,619     |
| 1976              | 37,543    | 31,875                     | 1,330                   | 4,338                           | -                               | 29,119                | 364               | 2,392     | 326                   | 695               | 309       | 2,245                      | 376               | 1,717     |
| 1977              | 37,288    | 31,455                     | 1,263                   | 4,570                           | -                               | 28,528                | 330               | 2,597     | 329                   | 597               | 337       | 2,242                      | 399               | 1,929     |
| 1978              | 37,814    | 31,420                     | 1,269                   | 5,125                           | -                               | 28,262                | 336               | 2,822     | 300                   | 598               | 371       | 2,485                      | 414               | 2,226     |
| 1979              | 37,860    | 31,989                     | 1,219                   | 4,652                           | -                               | 28,967                | 314               | 2,708     | 286                   | 584               | 349       | 2,318                      | 375               | 1,959     |
| 1980              | 38,501    | 31,968                     | 1,178                   | 5,355                           | -                               | 28,692                | 291               | 2,985     | 258                   | 546               | 374       | 2,522                      | 415               | 2,418     |
| 1981              | 36,237    | 30,103                     | 1,069                   | 5,065                           | -                               | 27,012                | 274               | 2,817     | 255                   | 498               | 316       | 2,355                      | 381               | 2,329     |
| 1982              | 34,942    | 28,736                     | 1,043                   | 5,163                           | -                               | 25,752                | 236               | 2,748     | 237                   | 514               | 292       | 2,368                      | 419               | 2,376     |
| 1983              | 34,962    | 28,185                     | 1,022                   | 5,755                           | -                               | 24,991                | 204               | 2,990     | 203                   | 459               | 360       | 2,571                      | 423               | 2,761     |
| 1984              | 36,253    | 29,358                     | 947                     | 5,948                           | -                               | 25,951                | 217               | 3,190     | 212                   | 407               | 328       | 2,590                      | 388               | 2,970     |
| 1985              | 36,385    | 29,208                     | 944                     | 6,233                           | -                               | 25,674                | 225               | 3,309     | 199                   | 407               | 338       | 2,602                      | 402               | 3,229     |
| 1986              | 35,790    | 28,414                     | 924                     | 6,452                           | -                               | 24,958                | 204               | 3,252     | 183                   | 413               | 328       | 2,719                      | 423               | 3,310     |
| 1987              | 35,813    | 28,588                     | 876                     | 6,349                           | -                               | 25,147                | 201               | 3,240     | 174                   | 377               | 325       | 2,805                      | 369               | 3,175     |
| 1988              | 35,599    | 28,150                     | 875                     | 6,574                           | -                               | 24,628                | 165               | 3,357     | 185                   | 372               | 318       | 2,809                      | 378               | 3,387     |
| 1989              | 35,326    | 27,606                     | 888                     | 6,832                           | -                               | 24,032                | 167               | 3,407     | 192                   | 355               | 341       | 2,962                      | 394               | 3,476     |
| 1990              | 34,672    | 26,940                     | 863                     | 6,869                           | -                               | 23,529                | 172               | 3,239     | 183                   | 348               | 332       | 2,924                      | 408               | 3,537     |
| 1991              | 33,762    | 25,979                     | 735                     | 7,048                           | -                               | 22,401                | 177               | 3,401     | 147                   | 311               | 277       | 3,001                      | 381               | 3,666     |
| 1992              | 35,057    | 26,274                     | 848                     | 7,935                           | -                               | 22,588                | 156               | 3,530     | 192                   | 335               | 321       | 3,326                      | 433               | 4,176     |
| 1993              | 33,366    | 25,103                     | 794                     | 7,469                           | -                               | 21,214                | 182               | 3,707     | 172                   | 307               | 315       | 3,223                      | 389               | 3,857     |
| 1994              | 31,480    | 23,248                     | 745                     | 7,487                           | -                               | 19,644                | 142               | 3,462     | 153                   | 283               | 309       | 3,207                      | 397               | 3,883     |
| 1995              | 30,663    | 22,410                     | 711                     | 7,542                           | -                               | 18,822                | 146               | 3,442     | 152                   | 256               | 303       | 3,152                      | 394               | 3,996     |
| 1996              | 30,241    | 21,800                     | 724                     | 7,717                           | -                               | 18,073                | 142               | 3,585     | 152                   | 242               | 330       | 3,231                      | 355               | 4,131     |
| 1997              | 29,611    | 21,303                     | 687                     | 7,621                           | -                               | 17,751                | 131               | 3,421     | 145                   | 244               | 298       | 3,098                      | 397               | 4,126     |
| 1998              | 29,668    | 21,241                     | 673                     | 7,754                           | -                               | 17,678                | 116               | 3,447     | 140                   | 235               | 298       | 3,170                      | 396               | 4,188     |
| 1999              | 29,940    | 21,309                     | 683                     | 7,948                           | -                               | 17,681                | 131               | 3,497     | 139                   | 232               | 312       | 3,233                      | 383               | 4,332     |
| 2000              | 30,367    | 21,608                     | 618                     | 8,141                           | -                               | 17,864                | 132               | 3,612     | 131                   | 207               | 280       | 3,206                      | 400               | 4,535     |
| 2001              | 29,621    | 21,223                     | 573                     | 7,825                           | -                               | 17,469                | 138               | 3,616     | 133                   | 155               | 285       | 3,136                      | 353               | 4,336     |
| 2002              | 29,826    | 21,180                     | 638                     | 8,008                           | -                               | 17,426                | 126               | 3,628     | 138                   | 186               | 314       | 3,107                      | 368               | 4,533     |
| 2003              | 30,757    | 21,974                     | 626                     | 8,157                           | -                               | 18,232                | 141               | 3,601     | 141                   | 182               | 303       | 3,104                      | 383               | 4,670     |
| 2004              | 32,154    | 22,884                     | 648                     | 8,622                           | -                               | 19,039                | 139               | 3,706     | 153                   | 178               | 317       | 3,334                      | 381               | 4,907     |
| 2005              | 30,881    | 21,991                     | 646                     | 8,244                           | -                               | 18,221                | 122               | 3,648     | 125                   | 170               | 351       | 3,075                      | 372               | 4,797     |
| 2006              | 29,898    | 21,460                     | 636                     | 7,802                           | -                               | 17,922                | 116               | 3,422     | 126                   | 161               | 349       | 2,864                      | 379               | 4,559     |
| 2007              | 29,866    | 21,482                     | 591                     | 7,793                           | -                               | 18,005                | 109               | 3,368     | 123                   | 157               | 311       | 2,723                      | 388               | 4,682     |
| 2008              | 29,803    | 20,891                     | 542                     | 7,470                           | -                               | 17,462                | 128               | 3,301     | 100                   | 154               | 288       | 2,683                      | 341               | 4,446     |
| 2009              | 27,524    | 20,359                     | 481                     | 6,684                           | -                               | 17,218                | 117               | 3,024     | 108                   | 120               | 253       | 2,377                      | 355               | 3,952     |
| 2010              | 28,480    | 21,236                     | 534                     | 6,710                           | -                               | 18,115                | 124               | 2,997     | 116                   | 139               | 279       | 2,378                      | 354               | 3,978     |
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| 2011              | 29,135    | 21,957                     | 520                     | 6,658                           | -                               | 18,753                | 122               | 3,082     | 109                   | 136               | 275       | 2,446                      | 317               | 3,895     |
| 2012              | 30,534    | 22,920                     | 549                     | 7,065                           | -                               | 19,717                | 113               | 3,090     | 120                   | 125               | 304       | 2,634                      | 348               | 4,083     |
| 2013              | 27,547    | 20,792                     | 452                     | 6,303                           | -                               | 17,995                | 95                | 2,702     | 102                   | 104               | 246       | 2,281                      | 319               | 3,703     |
| 2014 <sup>5</sup> | 29,090    | 21,713                     | 517                     | 6,482                           | 378                             | 18,793                | 122               | 2,798     | 113                   | 120               | 284       | 2,260                      | 362               | 3,860     |
| 2015              | 29,970    | 21,753                     | 521                     | 6,584                           | 1,112                           | 18,829                | 110               | 2,814     | 106                   | 132               | 283       | 2,337                      | 374               | 3,873     |
| 2016              | 29,445    | 22,090                     | 563                     | 6,597                           | 195                             | 19,050                | 147               | 2,893     | 111                   | 122               | 330       | 2,351                      | 354               | 3,892     |

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