

Table 7.04: Marriages, percentages by marital status of persons marrying, Scotland, 1855 to 2016

Year	Percentage of males marrying who were				Percentage of females marrying who were				Not stated (either spouse)
	Bachelors ¹	Widowers ²	Divorcees ³	Civil Partners ⁴	Spinsters ¹	Widows ²	Divorcees ³	Civil Partners ⁴	
1855-60	84.3	11.2	-	-	80.1	5.4	-	-	4.5
1861-70	87.3	11.5	-	-	93.6	5.2	-	-	1.2
1871-80	87.8	12.0	-	-	93.5	6.3	-	-	0.2
1881-90	88.6	11.4	-	-	94.2	5.8	-	-	-
1891-1900	90.1	9.9	-	-	94.6	5.3	-	-	-
1901-10	91.4	8.5	-	-	95.0	4.9	-	-	-
1911-20	91.7	8.3	-	-	93.4	6.6	-	-	-
1921-30	92.6	7.4	-	-	95.2	4.8	-	-	-
1931-40 ¹	93.4	5.9	0.7	-	96.3	3.0	0.7	-	-
1941-50	91.7	5.7	2.6	-	93.3	4.3	2.4	-	-
1951-60	92.5	4.4	3.1	-	93.4	3.3	3.3	-	-
1961-70	92.4	3.7	3.9	-	92.9	3.1	4.0	-	-
1971-80	85.8	3.6	10.6	-	86.4	3.3	10.3	-	-
1981-90	78.8	2.9	18.4	-	80.1	2.7	17.2	-	-
1991-2000	72.3	2.6	25.2	-	73.3	2.3	24.4	-	-
2001-2010	70.2	2.2	27.6	-	72.1	2.0	26.0	-	-
1971	90.7	3.5	5.8	-	90.9	3.1	5.9	-	-
1972	89.8	3.7	6.5	-	90.1	3.2	6.7	-	-
1973	88.1	3.9	8.1	-	88.2	3.4	8.3	-	-
1974	86.9	3.9	9.2	-	87.2	3.5	9.3	-	-
1975	85.6	3.8	10.6	-	86.1	3.6	10.3	-	-
1976	84.4	3.8	11.8	-	84.9	3.5	11.6	-	-
1977	83.4	3.6	13.0	-	84.4	3.4	12.3	-	-
1978	82.1	3.6	14.3	-	83.1	3.4	13.6	-	-
1979	83.4	3.4	13.2	-	84.5	3.2	12.3	-	-
1980	81.7	3.3	15.0	-	83.0	3.1	13.9	-	-
1981	81.7	3.2	15.1	-	83.1	3.0	14.0	-	-
1982	81.2	3.3	15.5	-	82.2	3.0	14.8	-	-
1983	79.4	3.1	17.5	-	80.6	2.9	16.5	-	-
1984	79.3	2.8	17.9	-	81.0	2.6	16.4	-	-
1985	78.3	2.8	18.9	-	80.3	2.6	17.1	-	-
1986	77.8	2.9	19.3	-	79.4	2.6	18.0	-	-
1987	78.5	2.6	18.8	-	79.8	2.4	17.7	-	-
1988	77.6	2.6	19.8	-	79.1	2.5	18.5	-	-
1989	77.0	2.6	20.4	-	78.1	2.5	19.3	-	-
1990	76.8	2.7	20.5	-	77.7	2.5	19.8	-	-
1991	75.7	2.6	21.8	-	76.9	2.2	20.9	-	-
1992	74.5	2.6	22.9	-	74.9	2.4	22.6	-	-
1993	73.8	2.6	23.6	-	75.2	2.4	22.4	-	-
1994	73.1	2.6	24.3	-	73.9	2.4	23.8	-	-
1995	72.2	2.6	25.2	-	73.1	2.3	24.6	-	-
1996	70.9	2.4	26.6	-	72.1	2.4	25.5	-	-
1997	70.9	2.6	26.5	-	71.9	2.3	25.7	-	-
1998	70.7	2.5	26.7	-	71.6	2.3	26.1	-	-
1999	70.3	2.5	27.2	-	71.2	2.3	26.5	-	-
2000	69.8	2.4	27.8	-	71.2	2.0	26.8	-	-
2001	70.0	2.2	27.8	-	71.6	1.9	26.4	-	-
2002	69.3	2.3	28.4	-	71.0	2.1	26.8	-	-
2003	69.8	2.3	27.9	-	71.4	2.0	26.5	-	-
2004	70.1	2.2	27.8	-	71.2	2.0	26.8	-	-
2005	69.4	2.2	28.5	-	71.2	2.1	26.7	-	-
2006	69.9	2.2	27.9	-	71.8	2.1	26.1	-	-
2007	69.8	2.2	28.0	-	71.9	2.0	26.1	-	-
2008	70.0	2.2	27.8	-	72.2	1.9	25.8	-	-
2009	71.6	2.2	26.3	-	73.9	1.7	24.3	-	-
2010	72.4	2.2	25.5	-	74.6	1.9	23.6	-	-
2011	73.1	2.0	24.9	-	75.4	1.8	22.9	-	-
2012	73.6	1.9	24.5	-	75.1	1.8	23.1	-	-
2013	74.0	1.9	24.1	-	75.5	1.6	22.9	-	-
2014 ⁵	72.8	2.1	23.9	1.2	74.6	1.8	22.3	1.3	-
2015	72.0	2.1	23.3	2.6	72.6	1.7	22.0	3.7	-
2016	70.6	2.5	26.3	0.6	70.9	2.4	25.3	1.5	-

Footnotes

- 1) Before 1933 divorced men were included with bachelors and divorced women with spinsters.
- 2) Includes surviving civil partners.
- 3) Includes those whose previous civil partnership was dissolved.
- 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.