

**Table 7.3(a): Mean age at marriage, by sex and marital status, Scotland, 1855 to 2015**

Year	Males - mean age at marriage													
	All men	All bachelors <sup>1</sup>	All widowers	All divorced men	All Civil partners <sup>2</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
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
2001-2010	36.2	31.8	59.4	45.4	-	30.9	43.3	37.2	53.2	66.7	58.3	41.8	53.9	47.6
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
2010	36.9	32.5	60.3	47.4	-	31.6	46.0	38.9	54.1	68.1	59.4	43.6	56.0	49.7
2011	37.0	32.6	60.4	47.8	-	31.7	43.9	39.1	55.2	67.3	59.5	44.0	54.5	50.3
2012	37.2	32.9	60.5	48.3	-	31.9	44.5	39.8	55.8	66.0	60.0	44.3	56.5	50.8
2013	37.4	33.0	61.0	48.8	-	32.0	44.0	40.1	55.7	68.5	60.1	44.9	56.1	51.3
2014 <sup>3</sup>	37.8	33.2	61.2	49.3	46.4	32.2	46.6	40.7	57.0	67.8	60.4	45.2	56.3	51.8
2015	38.4	33.6	62.0	50.1	46.8	32.6	46.6	41.4	55.4	69.9	61.2	46.2	56.9	52.5

Year	Females - mean age at marriage													
	All women	All spinsters <sup>1</sup>	All widows	All divorced women	All Civil partners <sup>2</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
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
2001-2010	33.7	29.9	53.8	42.7	-	29.0	43.1	34.5	46.1	62.7	52.2	38.8	52.0	44.4
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
2010	34.4	30.7	55.5	44.6	-	29.7	43.1	36.2	48.2	64.1	54.2	40.3	53.5	46.4
2011	34.5	30.9	54.5	45.0	-	29.8	44.4	36.7	47.4	63.4	53.0	40.6	53.1	47.1
2012	34.8	31.0	54.8	45.6	-	30.0	46.5	37.0	47.6	62.3	54.5	41.2	54.4	47.6
2013	35.0	31.2	54.7	46.0	-	30.2	45.4	37.7	46.3	65.0	53.9	41.2	54.6	48.2
2014 <sup>3</sup>	35.4	31.4	55.2	46.6	42.2	30.4	45.7	38.1	49.1	63.8	54.1	42.0	54.6	48.5
2015	36.1	31.9	56.5	47.3	43.9	30.7	47.9	39.1	49.0	65.8	55.0	42.7	55.5	49.2

**Footnotes**

- 1) Before 1933 divorced men were included with bachelors and divorced women with spinsters.
- 2) From 16 December 2014, couples in a civil partnership, provided it was registered in Scotland, were able to change their civil partnership to a marriage.
- 3) Figures for 2014 onwards include same-sex marriages.