

**Table 7.6: Marriages, numbers and percentages, by method of celebration, Scotland, 1946 to 2015**

Year	All marriages	Number of marriages					Percentage of all marriages				
		Religious, etc.			Civil	Irregular <sup>1</sup>	Religious, etc.			Civil	Irregular
		Church of Scotland	Roman Catholic church	Other religions, etc.			Church of Scotland	Roman Catholic church	Other religions, etc.		
1946-50	43,206	25,551	5,743	4,432	7,469	11	59.1	13.3	10.3	17.3	0.03
1951-55	41,718	23,908	6,308	3,952	7,542	8	57.3	15.1	9.5	18.1	0.02
1956-60	41,671	23,568	6,961	3,694	7,444	4	56.6	16.7	8.9	17.9	0.01
1961-65	40,235	21,761	6,780	3,365	8,325	4	54.1	16.9	8.4	20.7	0.01
1966-70	42,832	21,301	6,924	3,266	11,338	3	49.7	16.2	7.6	26.5	0.01
1971-75	41,404	18,279	6,500	2,726	13,897	2	44.1	15.7	6.6	33.6	0.00
1976-80	37,801	15,370	5,590	2,222	14,616	3	40.7	14.8	5.9	38.7	0.01
1981-85	35,756	14,177	4,932	2,204	14,437	5	39.6	13.8	6.2	40.4	0.01
1986-90	35,440	14,093	4,432	2,250	14,661	4	39.8	12.5	6.3	41.4	0.01
1991-95	32,866	12,396	3,394	2,270	14,800	5	37.7	10.3	6.9	45.0	0.02
1996-2000	29,966	10,591	2,367	4,070	13,931	6	35.3	7.9	13.6	43.2	0.02
2001-05	30,648	10,180	2,013	4,807	13,644	4	33.2	6.6	15.7	44.5	0.01
2006-10	28,934	6,972	1,879	5,170	14,911	2	24.1	6.5	17.9	51.5	0.01
2011-15	29,195	4,848	1,626	7,663	15,058	-	16.6	5.6	26.2	51.6	-
1961	40,562	22,580	6,940	3,469	7,568	5	55.7	17.1	8.6	18.7	0.01
1962	40,244	21,843	6,858	3,430	8,111	2	54.3	17.0	8.5	20.2	0.00
1963	39,653	21,519	6,715	3,348	8,066	5	54.3	16.9	8.4	20.3	0.01
1964	40,242	21,568	6,702	3,361	8,610	1	53.6	16.7	8.4	21.4	0.00
1965	40,475	21,297	6,687	3,216	9,270	5	52.6	16.5	8.0	22.9	0.01
1966	41,851	21,572	6,756	3,263	10,256	4	51.5	16.1	7.8	24.5	0.01
1967	42,116	21,284	6,940	3,298	10,590	4	50.5	16.5	7.8	25.1	0.01
1968	43,696	21,938	6,949	3,336	11,470	3	50.2	15.9	7.6	26.3	0.01
1969	43,294	21,046	6,875	3,313	12,057	3	48.6	15.9	7.7	27.8	0.01
1970	43,203	20,664	7,099	3,122	12,318	-	47.8	16.4	7.2	28.5	0.00
1971	42,500	19,534	6,930	2,952	13,083	1	46.0	16.3	7.0	30.8	0.00
1972	42,139	18,911	6,598	2,836	13,793	1	44.9	15.7	6.7	32.7	0.00
1973	42,018	18,307	6,603	2,710	14,395	3	43.6	15.7	6.5	34.3	0.01
1974	41,174	17,768	6,368	2,699	14,335	4	43.2	15.5	6.6	34.8	0.01
1975	39,191	16,874	6,003	2,431	13,880	3	43.1	15.3	6.2	35.4	0.01
1976	37,543	15,675	5,620	2,148	14,100	-	41.8	15.0	5.7	37.6	0.00
1977	37,288	15,385	5,518	2,115	14,267	3	41.3	14.8	5.7	38.3	0.01
1978	37,814	15,154	5,480	2,215	14,960	5	40.1	14.5	5.9	39.6	0.01
1979	37,860	15,271	5,666	2,272	14,645	6	40.3	15.0	6.0	38.7	0.02
1980	38,501	15,367	5,665	2,358	15,109	2	39.9	14.7	6.1	39.2	0.01
1981	36,237	14,542	5,237	2,291	14,162	5	40.1	14.5	6.3	39.1	0.01
1982	34,942	13,817	4,870	2,296	13,948	11	39.5	13.9	6.6	39.9	0.03
1983	34,962	13,812	4,766	2,069	14,313	2	39.5	13.6	5.9	40.9	0.01
1984	36,253	14,402	4,974	2,117	14,758	2	39.7	13.7	5.8	40.7	0.01
1985	36,385	14,314	4,813	2,249	15,002	7	39.3	13.2	6.2	41.2	0.02
1986	35,790	14,094	4,684	2,212	14,796	4	39.4	13.1	6.2	41.3	0.01
1987	35,813	14,131	4,438	2,312	14,928	4	39.5	12.4	6.5	41.7	0.01
1988	35,599	14,065	4,534	2,153	14,841	6	39.5	12.7	6.0	41.7	0.02
1989	35,326	14,115	4,368	2,228	14,613	2	40.0	12.4	6.3	41.4	0.01
1990	34,672	14,061	4,134	2,343	14,128	6	40.6	11.9	6.8	40.7	0.02
1991	33,762	13,124	3,911	2,218	14,505	4	38.9	11.6	6.6	43.0	0.01
1992	35,057	13,195	3,726	2,343	15,789	4	37.6	10.6	6.7	45.0	0.01
1993	33,366	12,711	3,355	2,273	15,018	9	38.1	10.1	6.8	45.0	0.03
1994	31,480	11,767	3,029	2,206	14,474	4	37.4	9.6	7.0	46.0	0.01
1995	30,663	11,185	2,948	2,309	14,215	6	36.5	9.6	7.5	46.4	0.02
1996	30,241	10,649	2,500	3,041	14,044	8	35.2	8.3	10.1	46.4	0.03
1997	29,611	10,291	2,488	3,628	13,200	4	34.8	8.4	12.2	44.6	0.01
1998	29,668	10,357	2,360	4,047	12,898	6	34.9	8.0	13.6	43.5	0.02
1999	29,940	10,393	2,237	4,868	12,434	8	34.7	7.5	16.2	41.5	0.03
2000	30,367	11,267	2,249	4,766	12,079	6	37.1	7.4	15.7	39.8	0.02
2001	29,621	11,396	2,050	4,684	11,487	4	38.5	6.9	15.8	38.8	0.01
2002	29,826	11,115	2,031	5,225	11,449	6	37.3	6.8	17.5	38.4	0.02
2003	30,757	10,016	2,029	4,845	13,861	6	32.6	6.6	15.8	45.1	0.02
2004	32,154	9,507	1,951	4,784	15,911	1	29.6	6.1	14.9	49.5	0.00
2005	30,881	8,868	2,004	4,496	15,510	3	28.7	6.5	14.6	50.2	0.01
2006	29,898	8,021	2,006	4,682	15,188	1	26.8	6.7	15.7	50.8	0.00
2007	29,866	7,685	1,953	4,743	15,480	5	25.7	6.5	15.9	51.8	0.02
2008	28,903	7,007	1,873	4,822	15,199	2	24.2	6.5	16.7	52.6	0.01
2009	27,524	6,143	1,788	5,354	14,238	1	22.3	6.5	19.5	51.7	0.00
2010	28,480	6,005	1,776	6,249	14,449	1	21.1	6.2	21.9	50.7	0.00
2011	29,135	5,557	1,729	6,757	15,092	-	19.1	5.9	23.2	51.8	-
2012	30,534	5,508	1,827	7,607	15,592	-	18.0	6.0	24.9	51.1	-
2013	27,547	4,616	1,582	7,325	14,024	-	16.8	5.7	26.6	50.9	-
2014 <sup>2</sup>	29,069	4,505	1,555	8,009	15,000	-	15.5	5.3	27.6	51.6	-
2015	29,691	4,052	1,438	8,618	15,583	-	13.6	4.8	29.0	52.5	-

**Footnotes**

1) By the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1939, which came into operation on 1 July 1940, civil marriages were introduced and irregular marriages, other than marriages by cohabitation with habit and repute, were abolished. Although two of the three types of irregular marriage were abolished in 1940 all three types of irregular marriage can be established by Decree of Declarator of the Court of Session. The irregular marriages shown in Table 7.6 are those established by Decree of Declarator of the Court of Session in the years shown although the events took place earlier.

2) Figures for 2014 onwards include same-sex marriages.