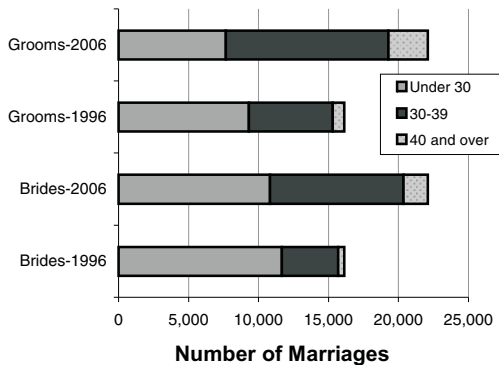




Marriages 2006

**Ages of Brides and Grooms,
1996 and 2006**



	2006	2005	1996
Marriages	22,089	21,335	16,174
Average Age of Groom	33.2	33.1	30.2
Average Age of Bride	31.2	31.0	28.4
Civil Marriages	5,127	4,762	928

Civil marriages account for over 23% of marriages

The number of marriages registered in 2006 was 22,089, which equates to a crude marriage rate of 5.2 per 1,000 of the population. This compares with a total of 21,355 and a corresponding marriage rate of 5.2 per thousand in 2005. *See table 1.*

The average age of grooms in 2006 was 33.2 years, compared with 33.1 years in 2005 and 30.2 years in 1996. The pattern for brides is similar with the average age increasing from 28.4 years in 1996 to 31.0 and 31.2 years in 2005 and 2006 respectively. *See table 1.*

The number of civil marriages was 5,127 or just over 23% of all marriages in 2006, an increase of 365 on the 2005 figure. In 1996, there were 928 civil marriages (6%) in Ireland. The number of Roman Catholic marriage ceremonies was 16,211 in 2006 and accounted for 73% of all marriages in the year, compared with 74% in 2005 and 90% in 1996. *See table 1.*

The most popular month for marriage in 2006 was August, when 14% of marriages occurred, while January was the least popular month with just 3% of marriages occurring during that month. Friday was the most popular day of the week to get married with 36% of marriages occurring on that day. The least popular day was Sunday when just over 1% of marriages were recorded. *See table 16 & graphs.*

Groom older than bride in 62% of marriages

In 2006 the groom was older than the bride in 62% of marriages, the same age in a further 13% of marriages and in the remaining 25% of cases the bride was older than the groom. This was generally witnessed across all age groups except in the case of males under 25, where the bride was older in 46% of marriages, the same in 19% and younger in 35% of marriages. *See tables 7, 8 & graphs.*

In 2006 just over 65% of grooms were aged thirty or over on their wedding day which compares with a little over 64% and 42% in 2005 and 1996 respectively. The proportion of older brides has also increased, with over 51% aged thirty or over in 2006 compared with just over 49% in 2005 and almost 28% in 1996. *See table 1.*

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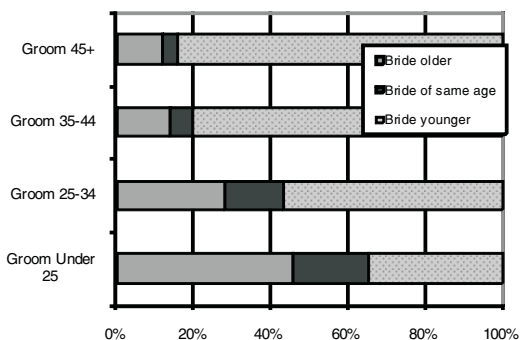
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Groom by relative age of bride



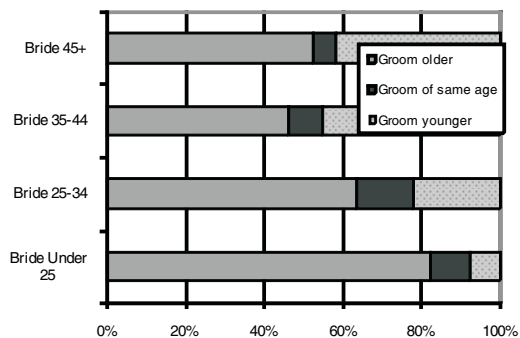
The highest average age for grooms was in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, with an average age of 35.1 years, with the lowest average age of 30.7 years in County Monaghan. The highest average age for brides was also in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown (33.5 years), with Monaghan also having the lowest average age for brides (29.3 years). *See tables 9 & 10.*

Couples in Civil Marriages older than overall average

At a NUTS3 regional level, almost 32% of brides and grooms in the Dublin region had civil marriages. By contrast, just over 18% of grooms and a little under 18% of brides living in the Western region had civil marriages. *See tables 14 & 15.*

Over 41% of brides and grooms residing in Dublin City had civil marriages. On the other hand, just over 10% of brides and grooms living in County Monaghan, County Donegal and County Mayo had civil marriages. *See tables 14 & 15.*

Bride by relative age of groom



The average age of the groom in civil marriages was 36.4 years, 3.2 years higher than the overall average of 33.2. The average age of the bride in civil marriages was 33.6 years, almost 2.4 years higher than the overall average of 31.2 years. *See table 3.*

In 2006 civil marriage ceremonies were the most common ceremony type for brides aged 40 and over and for males aged 45 and over. Over 65% of marriage ceremonies where the bride was aged 40 or over were civil marriages while the comparable figure for grooms in the same age category was just over 55%. *See table 3.*

Less couples living outside Ireland after marriage

Marriages where both the bride and groom were residing in Ireland before marriage accounted for 91% (20,197) of marriages. Of these, 84% were residing in the same local authority area before marriage. *See tables 11 & 12.*

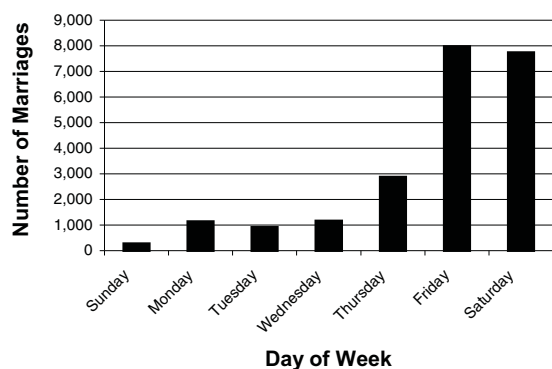
Almost 92% of grooms residing in Louth married brides residing in Louth. On the other hand, only 68% of Leitrim grooms married brides residing in Leitrim.

In 1996, 1,813 (11%) marriages involved both the bride and groom living outside the State before marriage. In 2006, this was the case for 1,373 (6%) marriages. In a further 431 cases a non-resident groom married a bride resident in the State while just 87 non resident brides married grooms living here. *See tables 11 & 12.*

The future permanent residence of married couples was stated to be outside Ireland in 8.7% (1,917) of marriages, compared with 16.1% (2,604) in 1996. *See table 1.*

Over 90% marrying for first time

Marriages by day of week, 2006



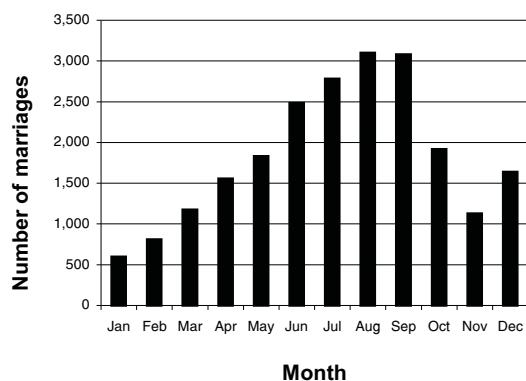
There were 20,411 (92.4%) grooms and 20,713 (93.8%) brides marrying for the first time in 2006. This compares with over 99% of grooms and brides marrying for the first time in 1996, when divorce was not yet legalised. There were 201 (0.9%) widowers and 147 (0.7%) widows who married in 2006. Divorced men accounted for 6.7% (1,477) of grooms while divorced women accounted for 5.6% (1,229) of brides. *See tables 22 & 23.*

There were 2,253 marriages involving at least one divorced person in 2006, including 453 marriages where both parties were divorced. Civil ceremonies accounted for 1,851 of these marriages, 260 were Roman Catholic ceremonies, and 142 were other religious ceremonies. *See table 17.*

Over 8.5% of grooms in the Mid-East region were divorced men, the highest proportion in the country. In contrast, only 4.6% of grooms in the West were divorced. Similarly for brides, the highest proportion of divorcees was in the Mid-East region (7.0%) while the lowest proportion was in the West (3.9%). *See tables 18 & 19.*

The average age of grooms marrying for the first time was 32.1 years. The average age among widowers was 56.0 years, and the average age among divorced men was 46.3 years. For brides, women marrying for the first time had an average age of 30.4 years, widows 50.6 years, and divorced women 42.9 years. *See tables 22 & 23.*

Marriages by month, 2006



Less than 1 in 400 grooms and 1 in 200 brides under 30 had previously been married. On the other hand, 57% of grooms over 50 had been divorced, and 17% were widowers. Similarly, 54% of brides over 50 had been divorced, and 15% were widows. *See tables 22 & 23.*

Table 1 Summary data for marriages 1992-1996, 2002 and 2005 - 2006

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	2002	2005	2006
State	16,636	16,824	16,621	15,604	16,174	20,556	21,355	22,089
Marriages per 1,000 population	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.3	4.5	5.2	5.2	5.2
Average age of groom	29.0	29.3	29.8	30.0	30.2	32.5	33.1	33.2
Average age of bride	27.1	27.4	27.8	28.1	28.4	30.4	31.0	31.2
Percentage of marriages by age of groom								
Under 20	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.6
20-24	19.6	17.3	14.9	12.8	10.8	5.4	4.8	4.7
25-29	47.9	47.9	47.4	46.5	46.3	34.6	30.3	29.4
30-34	21.6	23.0	24.3	27.3	29.0	34.9	37.0	37.0
35-39	5.9	6.5	7.3	7.8	8.2	13.6	14.7	15.7
Over 40	4.2	4.6	5.4	5.1	5.2	10.8	12.6	12.7
Percentage of marriages by age of bride								
Under 20	2.5	2.1	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4
20-24	32.4	29.9	27.3	23.7	21.6	11.7	9.6	8.6
25-29	46.2	46.8	47.5	49.1	49.5	42.9	39.7	39.0
30-34	13.5	14.8	16.7	18.8	19.9	28.3	31.5	32.1
35-39	3.3	4.0	4.1	4.4	5.1	9.4	10.3	11.1
Over 40	2.1	2.4	2.8	2.4	2.7	6.5	7.6	7.9
Form of ceremony								
Roman Catholic	15,255	15,400	15,200	14,158	14,607	15,908	15,867	16,211
Church of Ireland	521	444	434	425	483	781	553	530
Presbyterian	98	58	51	76	91	112	119	161
Methodist	35	43	33	25	38	40	17	26
Jewish	0	1	3	1	2	6	5	2
Other religious	32	41	50	28	25	26	32	32
Civil marriages	695	837	850	891	928	3,683	4,762	5,127
Country of future residence								
Outside Republic of Ireland	2,656	2,740	2,661	2,502	2,604	2,293	1,890	1,917
Northern Ireland	176	204	235	216	271	256	257	346
England and Wales	1,647	1,559	1,477	1,338	1,295	1,119	990	932
Scotland	63	55	60	66	64	86	67	84
Europe (remainder)	193	242	166	203	222	182	129	115
U.S.A	363	415	509	490	570	480	281	248
Elsewhere	214	265	214	189	182	170	166	192
Percentage of marriages with country of residence outside Republic of Ireland	16.0	16.3	16.0	16.0	16.1	11.2	8.9	8.7

Table 2 Age specific marriage rates in 1996, 2002, 2005 and 2006

Age	Marriages per 1,000 males at specified ages				Marriages per 1,000 females at specified ages			
	1996	2002	2005	2006	1996	2002	2005	2006
All ages, 16-49	17.7	19.7	19.2	19.1	17.8	20.2	19.8	19.9
16-19	0.6	1.0	0.9	1.2	1.5	2.0	2.1	2.8
20	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.5	6.1	4.7	4.3	4.8
21	4.7	3.0	3.2	3.4	12.0	7.3	4.9	6.1
22	9.1	5.6	4.8	5.2	21.7	12.1	9.7	9.2
23	16.3	8.2	7.4	6.8	32.9	20.8	14.9	14.0
24	28.3	15.8	11.6	11.3	50.8	30.2	24.6	20.2
20-24	11.7	6.8	6.0	6.0	24.3	14.8	12.1	11.1
25	45.2	25.6	17.1	17.0	60.4	43.1	32.9	29.8
26	55.4	35.8	29.8	24.7	67.4	52.7	43.3	40.5
27	67.4	51.0	37.6	35.0	70.3	61.2	53.5	48.5
28	65.6	57.4	45.2	44.6	60.7	64.9	56.0	58.9
29	57.5	57.3	55.0	52.4	50.0	59.4	61.2	58.3
25-29	57.9	45.6	36.4	34.3	61.8	56.4	48.9	46.8
30	53.1	59.5	54.6	53.8	38.1	52.7	57.4	54.8
31	44.7	54.4	53.7	50.7	29.5	45.2	48.6	49.6
32	34.9	46.0	50.1	47.7	22.2	38.2	40.0	40.7
33	27.9	41.1	43.8	42.2	17.9	29.0	33.9	33.6
34	23.0	33.3	35.1	35.6	13.1	23.9	25.3	27.1
30-34	36.7	47.1	47.6	46.0	24.2	38.1	41.1	41.2
35	16.1	28.4	28.2	30.6	10.5	18.3	21.4	23.0
36	12.3	23.1	24.0	23.4	7.9	16.0	17.0	17.5
37	10.3	17.9	19.4	19.0	5.8	12.8	13.5	15.0
38	7.6	14.6	15.3	16.7	3.8	10.6	11.2	11.4
39	6.1	12.5	14.0	14.7	3.2	8.0	9.3	9.5
35-39	10.5	19.3	20.3	21.1	6.3	13.1	14.6	15.5
40	4.9	10.6	11.5	12.0	2.7	6.9	7.1	7.8
41	4.2	8.1	10.3	10.3	2.4	6.2	6.1	6.9
42	3.4	6.7	8.7	9.2	1.4	4.4	4.8	4.8
43	2.7	6.3	7.6	7.7	0.9	3.7	4.7	4.6
44	2.8	5.6	6.3	6.4	1.4	3.1	3.9	4.1
40-44	3.6	7.5	8.9	9.2	1.8	4.9	5.3	5.7
45	2.1	4.9	5.7	5.3	1.2	2.7	3.5	3.5
46	1.7	4.7	5.3	5.2	0.8	3.0	3.0	2.4
47	1.3	4.4	4.2	4.2	0.5	2.2	3.1	3.6
48	1.4	3.7	4.1	3.4	0.7	2.5	2.8	2.9
49	1.3	3.3	3.4	3.2	0.7	2.3	2.9	3.2
45-49	1.6	4.2	4.5	4.3	0.8	2.5	3.1	3.1

Table 3 Marriages registered in 2006 classified according to age of groom/age of bride and form of ceremony

Age	Form of ceremony*					Total
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	Other religious denominations	Civil Marriages	
Age of groom						
Under 20	100	1	-	2	34	137
20-24	486	16	5	8	519	1,034
25-29	5,285	136	34	12	1,018	6,485
30-34	6,749	201	47	17	1,159	8,173
35-39	2,478	98	28	7	846	3,457
40-44	737	33	16	7	595	1,388
45-49	204	20	13	3	352	592
50-54	67	12	8	2	258	347
55-59	43	7	4	2	179	235
60 and over	61	6	6	-	167	240
Not stated	1	-	-	-	-	1
Total	16,211	530	161	60	5,127	22,089
Age of bride						
Under 20	163	3	-	1	153	320
20-24	1,078	24	16	14	759	1,891
25-29	7,193	191	45	19	1,160	8,608
30-34	5,676	207	38	11	1,151	7,083
35-39	1,579	65	31	7	769	2,451
40-44	319	20	12	4	493	848
45-49	98	8	11	2	306	425
50-54	46	6	5	2	196	255
55-59	22	3	2	-	81	108
60 and over	35	3	1	-	59	98
Not stated	2	-	-	-	-	2
Total	16,211	530	161	60	5,127	22,089
Average age of groom	32.2	34.1	37.1	33.7	36.4	33.2
Average age of bride	30.4	31.8	34.0	30.8	33.6	31.2

*There is at present no provision for the civil registration of Muslim marriage ceremonies solemnised in the State.

Table 4 Marriages registered in 2006 classified by socio-economic group and age of groom

Socio-economic group of groom	Age of groom												Average age of groom
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated	All ages	
Farmers, relatives assisting and farm managers	-	4	127	272	176	97	30	11	9	11	-	737	35.8
Other agricultural occupations and fishermen	88	248	440	406	180	78	52	25	15	28	-	1,560	31.5
Higher professional	-	21	404	738	231	75	35	19	14	19	-	1,556	33.6
Lower professional	2	24	494	763	314	92	48	28	14	20	-	1,799	33.6
Employers and managers	8	67	724	1,281	611	265	109	65	40	45	1	3,216	34.6
Salaried employees	2	47	455	630	263	98	33	25	16	17	-	1,586	33.4
Intermediate non-manual workers	1	49	465	499	186	79	35	23	12	17	-	1,366	33.1
Other non-manual workers	18	232	825	963	470	231	100	61	55	36	-	2,991	33.6
Skilled manual workers	15	263	2,111	2,156	806	305	116	75	50	37	-	5,934	32.4
Other manual workers	3	79	440	465	220	68	34	15	10	8	-	1,342	32.5
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	68.5
Total	137	1,034	6,485	8,173	3,457	1,388	592	347	235	240	1	22,089	33.2

Table 5 Marriages registered in 2006 classified by socio-economic group and age of bride

Socio-economic group of bride	Age of bride												Average age of bride
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated	All ages	
Farmers, relatives assisting and farm managers	2	1	4	7	4	3	1	-	1	1	-	24	35.0
Other agricultural occupations and fishermen	193	473	683	494	265	122	70	40	29	36	-	2,405	30.6
Higher professional	-	35	569	614	202	33	9	10	4	2	-	1,478	31.6
Lower professional	6	151	1,891	1,585	427	130	70	47	12	21	1	4,341	31.4
Employers and managers	3	100	853	973	352	111	44	26	9	12	-	2,483	32.3
Salaried employees	6	94	956	815	244	77	39	13	9	5	-	2,258	31.3
Intermediate non-manual workers	24	325	1,725	1,200	404	141	75	50	18	8	-	3,970	31.0
Other non-manual workers	78	592	1,473	1,035	429	177	100	54	21	11	-	3,970	30.7
Skilled manual workers	-	21	196	169	50	23	5	3	2	-	-	469	31.4
Other manual workers	8	99	258	191	74	31	12	11	3	2	1	690	30.7
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	51.5
Total	320	1,891	8,608	7,083	2,451	848	425	255	108	98	2	22,089	31.2

Table 6 Marriages registered in 2006 classified by socio-economic group of bride and groom

Socio-economic group of groom	Socio-economic group of bride											Total
	Farmers, relatives assisting and farm managers	Other agricultural occupations and fishermen	Higher professional	Lower professional	Employers and managers	Salaried employees	Intermediate non-manual workers	Other non-manual workers	Skilled manual workers	Other manual workers	Not stated	
Farmers, relatives assisting and farm managers	7	44	48	197	59	58	148	137	14	25	-	737
Other agricultural occupations and fishermen	2	553	34	162	84	69	235	351	16	54	-	1,560
Higher professional	-	73	414	422	180	157	166	104	32	8	-	1,556
Lower professional	1	85	147	730	205	197	211	159	39	25	-	1,799
Employers and managers	2	257	216	615	714	366	502	447	53	44	-	3,216
Salaried employees	1	83	101	336	210	354	250	195	30	26	-	1,586
Intermediate non-manual workers	-	86	93	270	129	126	435	181	26	20	-	1,366
Other non-manual workers	5	408	77	360	250	238	555	917	45	136	-	2,991
Skilled manual workers	6	646	325	1,105	555	574	1,213	1,149	188	172	1	5,934
Other manual workers	-	169	23	144	97	119	255	329	26	180	-	1,342
Not stated	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
Total	24	2,405	1,478	4,341	2,483	2,258	3,970	3,970	469	690	1	22,089

Table 7 Marriages registered in 2006 classified by groom's age and bride's relative age

Age of groom	Relative age of bride								Total
	10 or more years older	5 to 9 years older	1 to 4 years older	Same age	1 to 4 years younger	5 to 9 years younger	10 or more years younger	Not stated	
All ages	249	963	4,267	2,818	8,555	3,853	1,381	2	22,088
16	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
17	-	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	5
18	2	2	17	31	7	-	-	-	59
19	-	3	22	20	26	-	-	-	71
Under 20	2	5	43	52	35	-	-	-	137
20	3	10	18	16	34	-	-	-	81
21	3	18	36	8	47	1	-	-	113
22	6	22	60	19	70	1	-	-	178
23	9	25	79	50	76	5	-	-	244
24	18	45	134	79	127	15	-	-	418
20-24	39	120	327	172	354	22	-	-	1,034
25	16	62	197	125	238	30	-	-	668
26	21	80	282	208	342	47	2	-	982
27	14	69	372	280	514	67	-	-	1,316
28	18	68	439	336	681	85	2	-	1,629
29	15	69	500	319	875	103	9	-	1,890
25-29	84	348	1,790	1,268	2,650	332	13	-	6,485
30	11	86	467	279	889	182	13	-	1,927
31	21	66	358	257	849	249	13	-	1,813
32	12	60	281	174	844	291	23	-	1,685
33	14	58	238	151	652	365	28	1	1,507
34	8	26	175	122	534	336	40	-	1,241
30-34	66	296	1,519	983	3,768	1,423	117	1	8,173
35	5	25	144	77	408	339	63	-	1,061
36	7	27	86	55	286	279	56	-	796
37	4	21	58	40	207	225	54	-	609
38	6	18	40	32	170	187	73	-	526
39	3	7	45	20	124	180	86	-	465
35-39	25	98	373	224	1,195	1,210	332	-	3,457
40	4	10	29	25	85	156	65	-	374
41	2	5	30	13	79	111	79	-	319
42	4	15	25	11	76	85	65	1	282
43	2	12	12	10	45	75	73	-	229
44	1	10	11	8	36	56	62	-	184
40-44	13	52	107	67	321	483	344	1	1,388
45	4	6	16	6	28	48	46	-	154
46	1	7	14	5	24	48	47	-	146
47	-	7	9	8	18	27	45	-	114
48	-	8	8	3	16	22	35	-	92
49	2	4	5	3	13	21	38	-	86
45-49	7	32	52	25	99	166	211	-	592
50-54	8	5	33	9	74	81	137	-	347
55-59	2	3	11	10	30	70	109	-	235
60-64	-	2	5	5	13	39	55	-	119
65-69	2	1	6	3	11	17	31	-	71
70-74	1	1	1	-	5	8	27	-	43
75 and over	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	-	7
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

Table 8 Marriages registered in 2006 classified by bride's age and groom's relative age

Age of bride	Relative age of groom								Total
	10 or more years older	5 to 9 years older	1 to 4 years older	Same age	1 to 4 years younger	5 to 9 years younger	10 or more years younger	Not stated	
All ages	1,381	3,853	8,555	2,818	4,267	963	249	1	22,087
16	2	1	9	1	-	-	-	-	13
17	2	2	12	-	-	-	-	-	16
18	17	26	57	31	3	-	-	-	134
19	19	49	59	20	10	-	-	-	157
Under 20	40	78	137	52	13	-	-	-	320
20	21	42	62	16	13	-	-	-	154
21	29	65	76	8	18	-	-	-	196
22	36	81	147	19	25	-	-	-	308
23	54	135	216	50	38	-	-	-	493
24	60	181	356	79	63	1	-	-	740
20-24	200	504	857	172	157	1	-	-	1,891
25	85	273	566	125	83	2	-	-	1,134
26	94	335	777	208	126	8	-	-	1,548
27	95	344	829	280	238	13	-	-	1,799
28	100	396	940	336	301	21	-	-	2,094
29	81	306	892	319	398	36	1	-	2,033
25-29	455	1,654	4,004	1,268	1,146	80	1	-	8,608
30	72	278	777	279	437	47	-	-	1,890
31	67	222	676	257	437	53	1	-	1,713
32	65	200	490	174	405	66	2	-	1,402
33	64	154	372	151	345	72	4	-	1,162
34	46	115	270	122	287	67	9	-	916
30-34	314	969	2,585	983	1,911	305	16	-	7,083
35	38	118	212	77	241	80	6	1	773
36	28	78	154	55	175	70	14	-	574
37	39	58	98	40	159	60	8	-	462
38	26	47	94	32	78	61	13	-	351
39	21	45	68	20	67	56	14	-	291
35-39	152	346	626	224	720	327	55	1	2,451
40	22	30	50	25	54	42	15	-	238
41	25	28	43	13	45	38	21	-	213
42	13	25	30	11	34	22	8	-	143
43	19	23	31	10	30	13	10	-	136
44	15	21	28	8	16	19	11	-	118
40-44	94	127	182	67	179	134	65	-	848
45	16	17	11	6	21	14	16	-	101
46	13	14	9	5	12	10	6	-	69
47	20	12	18	8	13	12	13	-	96
48	17	13	14	3	15	9	6	-	77
49	12	12	20	3	10	13	12	-	82
45-49	78	68	72	25	71	58	53	-	425
50-54	34	58	49	9	40	37	28	-	255
55-59	11	26	23	10	13	11	14	-	108
60-64	2	17	12	5	9	5	8	-	58
65-69	1	6	6	3	5	2	4	-	27
70-74	-	-	2	-	3	2	1	-	8
75 and over	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	5
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

Table 9 Marriages registered in 2006 classified by age and area of residence of groom before marriage

Area of residence of groom	Age of groom											Average age of groom	
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated		Total
Total	137	1,034	6,485	8,173	3,457	1,388	592	347	235	240	1	22,089	33.2
LEINSTER	80	574	3,250	4,118	1,786	714	322	194	145	132	1	11,316	33.4
Carlow	3	16	93	95	33	25	6	8	6	1	-	286	33.1
Dublin City	25	173	534	762	367	151	68	42	40	29	-	2,191	33.6
South Dublin	16	38	297	362	131	53	23	11	13	12	-	956	33.0
Fingal	4	44	394	535	234	85	34	20	9	12	-	1,371	33.3
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	2	19	163	312	149	57	30	18	14	17	-	781	35.1
Kildare	2	57	291	418	169	76	30	15	13	14	-	1,085	33.4
Kilkenny	-	11	130	148	73	17	10	4	6	4	-	403	33.2
Laois	3	27	123	113	43	17	6	7	5	2	-	346	32.3
Longford	4	14	52	54	25	4	8	2	1	3	-	167	32.4
Louth	1	30	198	234	86	43	16	9	4	6	-	627	32.9
Meath	4	33	320	339	147	50	29	13	7	7	1	950	33.0
Offaly	3	24	122	122	42	23	9	4	3	2	-	354	32.1
Westmeath	3	19	110	149	59	15	6	11	4	2	-	378	32.9
Wexford	6	38	199	218	97	45	23	13	9	8	-	656	33.4
Wicklow	4	31	224	257	131	53	24	17	11	13	-	765	33.9
MUNSTER	23	235	1,693	2,065	837	350	139	95	57	62	-	5,556	33.2
Clare	1	26	154	179	68	35	11	13	6	8	-	501	33.4
Cork City	7	38	217	244	105	41	16	9	8	5	-	690	32.8
Cork County	3	41	504	680	244	93	39	30	20	24	-	1,678	33.5
Kerry	2	29	185	215	102	46	25	12	8	9	-	633	33.8
Limerick City	5	34	127	151	66	27	13	6	3	3	-	435	32.5
Limerick County	-	21	144	175	69	28	9	7	2	2	-	457	32.7
North Tipperary	1	10	109	118	52	25	4	4	3	4	-	330	33.1
South Tipperary	1	12	98	122	54	27	10	3	5	2	-	334	33.5
Waterford City	2	17	51	55	29	11	4	-	-	-	-	169	31.7
Waterford County	1	7	104	126	48	17	8	11	2	5	-	329	33.6
CONNACHT	23	124	666	833	337	140	61	32	18	25	-	2,259	33.0
Galway City	4	22	68	88	39	22	13	4	3	2	-	265	33.4
Galway County	5	40	247	303	150	47	21	16	8	7	-	844	33.2
Leitrim	2	4	48	58	17	10	4	2	1	1	-	147	32.8
Mayo	6	28	162	199	68	29	13	4	3	8	-	520	32.7
Roscommon	2	11	63	81	32	15	2	4	1	6	-	217	33.5
Sligo	4	19	78	104	31	17	8	2	2	1	-	266	32.3
ULSTER (part of)	7	67	428	389	139	60	35	11	6	11	-	1,153	32.2
Cavan	-	15	100	105	40	21	15	5	2	7	-	310	33.8
Donegal	5	40	215	200	78	31	15	5	4	4	-	597	32.0
Monaghan	2	12	113	84	21	8	5	1	-	-	-	246	30.7
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES													
Border	14	120	752	785	273	130	63	24	13	19	-	2,193	32.5
Midland	13	84	407	438	169	59	29	24	13	9	-	1,245	32.4
West	17	101	540	671	289	113	49	28	15	23	-	1,846	33.1
Dublin	47	274	1,388	1,971	881	346	155	91	76	70	-	5,299	33.6
Mid-East	10	121	835	1,014	447	179	83	45	31	34	1	2,800	33.4
Mid-West	7	91	534	623	255	115	37	30	14	17	-	1,723	32.9
South-East	13	101	675	764	334	142	61	39	28	20	-	2,177	33.2
South-West	12	108	906	1,139	451	180	80	51	36	38	-	3,001	33.4
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	133	1,000	6,037	7,405	3,099	1,264	557	332	226	230	1	20,284	33.2
Northern Ireland	1	15	111	145	63	28	5	4	3	1	-	376	32.9
Britain	3	17	253	419	175	59	16	6	2	5	-	955	33.1
Elsewhere	-	2	84	204	120	37	14	4	4	4	-	473	34.7
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	51.5

Table 10 Marriages registered in 2006 classified by age and area of residence of bride before marriage

Area of residence of bride	Age of groom											Average age of bride	
	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	Not stated		Total
Total	320	1,891	8,608	7,083	2,451	848	425	255	108	98	2	22,089	31.2
LEINSTER	176	1,004	4,213	3,647	1,308	451	277	141	60	54	-	11,331	31.4
Carlow	4	30	122	82	36	12	6	2	3	-	-	297	30.8
Dublin City	55	266	609	683	285	104	72	23	16	7	-	2,120	31.6
South Dublin	30	67	383	288	93	26	23	11	6	5	-	932	31.1
Fingal	11	90	538	493	148	49	28	12	3	6	-	1,378	31.4
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	4	26	229	312	145	39	18	15	9	13	-	810	33.5
Kildare	8	90	386	372	100	45	23	17	3	8	-	1,052	31.6
Kilkenny	4	30	163	144	49	16	7	8	2	2	-	425	31.5
Laois	6	41	162	80	41	15	6	3	-	1	-	355	30.4
Longford	7	20	80	41	17	1	3	1	1	1	-	172	29.8
Louth	4	63	270	205	59	32	18	8	1	-	-	660	31.0
Meath	9	64	413	301	90	26	20	12	5	1	-	941	31.0
Offaly	4	48	146	97	41	13	7	4	2	-	-	362	30.5
Westmeath	4	40	162	107	38	8	12	3	-	-	-	374	30.4
Wexford	8	53	274	186	84	35	19	10	2	5	-	676	31.7
Wicklow	18	76	276	256	82	30	15	12	7	5	-	777	31.4
MUNSTER	72	465	2,344	1,752	601	222	90	72	28	26	-	5,672	31.1
Clare	7	46	200	175	55	18	10	8	4	4	-	527	31.5
Cork City	24	73	287	191	75	27	14	5	5	3	-	704	30.7
Cork County	5	102	697	527	176	60	19	24	12	9	-	1,631	31.4
Kerry	4	61	269	185	66	42	13	15	3	4	-	662	31.7
Limerick City	12	53	165	124	54	17	7	5	-	1	-	438	30.5
Limerick County	6	39	208	176	45	13	8	3	1	1	-	500	30.6
North Tipperary	2	21	144	118	33	11	5	4	3	1	-	342	31.3
South Tipperary	5	29	143	107	38	13	4	4	-	2	-	345	31.0
Waterford City	4	18	73	49	22	8	2	-	-	-	-	176	30.1
Waterford County	3	23	158	100	37	13	8	4	-	1	-	347	30.9
CONNACHT	50	212	906	767	231	85	39	25	9	9	2	2,335	30.8
Galway City	10	24	101	93	30	13	8	8	1	2	-	290	31.6
Galway County	15	76	327	287	82	28	16	7	3	3	2	846	30.8
Leitrim	2	16	57	37	13	8	2	1	-	-	-	136	30.4
Mayo	11	53	233	157	57	17	6	5	1	2	-	542	30.5
Roscommon	1	12	102	93	22	4	4	2	1	2	-	243	31.1
Sligo	11	31	86	100	27	15	3	2	3	-	-	278	30.8
ULSTER (part of)	15	161	602	320	117	49	8	7	7	5	-	1,291	30.0
Cavan	6	32	148	79	38	20	3	3	3	2	-	334	31.0
Donegal	5	92	313	167	56	20	3	4	4	3	-	667	29.9
Monaghan	4	37	141	74	23	9	2	-	-	-	-	290	29.3
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES													
Border	32	271	1,015	662	216	104	31	18	11	5	-	2,365	30.4
Midland	21	149	550	325	137	37	28	11	3	2	-	1,263	30.3
West	37	165	763	630	191	62	34	22	6	9	2	1,921	30.9
Dublin	100	449	1,759	1,776	671	218	141	61	34	31	-	5,240	31.8
Mid-East	35	230	1,075	929	272	101	58	41	15	14	-	2,770	31.3
Mid-West	27	159	717	593	187	59	30	20	8	7	-	1,807	31.0
South-East	28	183	933	668	266	97	46	28	7	10	-	2,266	31.2
South-West	33	236	1,253	903	317	129	46	44	20	16	-	2,997	31.3
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	313	1,842	8,065	6,486	2,257	807	414	245	104	94	2	20,629	31.2
Northern Ireland	3	19	75	98	25	9	2	4	-	-	-	235	31.1
Britain	4	18	321	344	100	15	6	2	2	1	-	813	31.3
Elsewhere	-	12	147	155	69	17	3	4	2	3	-	412	32.4
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 11 Marriages registered in 2006 classified by area of residence of groom before marriage, also showing whether bride has same area of residence

Area of residence of groom	Total	Area of residence of bride				Percentage of brides from same area as groom
		Same area as groom	Different area from groom: Republic of Ireland	Different area from groom: Not Republic of Ireland	Not stated	
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS	20,284	16,937	3,260	87	-	83.5
Carlow	286	231	49	6	-	80.8
Dublin City	2,191	1,841	345	5	-	84.0
South Dublin	956	801	151	4	-	83.8
Fingal	1,371	1,162	205	4	-	84.8
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	781	631	141	9	-	80.8
Kildare	1,085	928	156	1	-	85.5
Kilkenny	403	329	74	-	-	81.6
Laois	346	267	78	1	-	77.2
Longford	167	128	39	-	-	76.6
Louth	627	575	50	2	-	91.7
Meath	950	817	130	3	-	86.0
Offaly	354	282	71	1	-	79.7
Westmeath	378	312	63	3	-	82.5
Wexford	656	584	71	1	-	89.0
Wicklow	765	670	93	2	-	87.6
Clare	501	422	79	-	-	84.2
Cork City	690	554	133	3	-	80.3
Cork County	1,678	1,386	289	3	-	82.6
Kerry	633	549	81	3	-	86.7
Limerick City	435	365	68	2	-	83.9
Limerick County	457	355	101	1	-	77.7
North Tipperary	330	253	75	2	-	76.7
South Tipperary	334	272	58	4	-	81.4
Waterford City	169	141	28	-	-	83.4
Waterford County	329	289	38	2	-	87.8
Galway City	265	215	50	-	-	81.1
Galway County	844	682	161	1	-	80.8
Leitrim	147	100	46	1	-	68.0
Mayo	520	419	100	1	-	80.6
Roscommon	217	155	60	2	-	71.4
Sligo	266	215	48	3	-	80.8
Cavan	310	261	46	3	-	84.2
Donegal	597	541	45	11	-	90.6
Monaghan	246	205	38	3	-	83.3
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES	20,284	18,257	1,940	87	-	90.0
Border	2,193	1,985	185	23	-	90.5
Midland	1,245	1,046	194	5	-	84.0
West	1,846	1,648	194	4	-	89.3
Dublin	5,299	4,857	420	22	-	91.7
Mid-East	2,800	2,457	337	6	-	87.8
Mid-West	1,723	1,518	200	5	-	88.1
South-East	2,177	1,968	196	13	-	90.4
South-West	3,001	2,778	214	9	-	92.6
PROVINCES	20,284	19,144	1,053	87	-	94.3
Leinster	11,316	10,803	471	42	-	95.5
Munster	5,556	5,265	271	20	-	94.8
Connaught	2,259	2,044	207	8	-	90.5
Ulster (part of)	1,153	1,032	104	17	-	89.5
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	20,284	20,197	-	87	-	99.6
Northern Ireland	376	195	179	2	-	51.9
Britain	955	780	163	12	-	81.7
Elsewhere	473	383	89	1	-	80.3
Not stated	1	-	1	-	-	-

Table 12 Marriages registered in 2006 classified by area of residence of bride before marriage, also showing whether groom has same area of residence

Area of residence of bride	Total	Area of residence of bride				Percentage of grooms from same area as bride
		Same area as bride	Different area from bride: Republic of Ireland	Different area from bride: Not Republic of Ireland	Not stated	
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS	20,629	16,937	3,260	431	1	82.1
Carlow	297	231	63	3	-	77.8
Dublin City	2,120	1,841	254	25	-	86.8
South Dublin	932	801	122	9	-	85.9
Fingal	1,378	1,162	194	22	-	84.3
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	810	631	162	17	-	77.9
Kildare	1,052	928	113	11	-	88.2
Kilkenny	425	329	85	11	-	77.4
Laois	355	267	81	7	-	75.2
Longford	172	128	42	2	-	74.4
Louth	660	575	64	21	-	87.1
Meath	941	817	111	13	-	86.8
Offaly	362	282	73	7	-	77.9
Westmeath	374	312	55	7	-	83.4
Wexford	676	584	88	4	-	86.4
Wicklow	777	670	89	18	-	86.2
Clare	527	422	98	7	-	80.1
Cork City	704	554	143	7	-	78.7
Cork County	1,631	1,386	225	20	-	85.0
Kerry	662	549	102	11	-	82.9
Limerick City	438	365	70	3	-	83.3
Limerick County	500	355	138	7	-	71.0
North Tipperary	342	253	76	13	-	74.0
South Tipperary	345	272	66	7	-	78.8
Waterford City	176	141	34	1	-	80.1
Waterford County	347	289	52	6	-	83.3
Galway City	290	215	71	4	-	74.1
Galway County	846	682	153	11	-	80.6
Leitrim	136	100	29	7	-	73.5
Mayo	542	419	104	18	1	77.3
Roscommon	243	155	80	8	-	63.8
Sligo	278	215	53	10	-	77.3
Cavan	334	261	56	17	-	78.1
Donegal	667	541	62	64	-	81.1
Monaghan	290	205	52	33	-	70.7
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES	20,629	18,257	1,940	86	1	88.5
Border	2,365	1,985	228	152	-	83.9
Midland	1,263	1,046	194	23	-	82.8
West	1,921	1,648	231	41	1	85.8
Dublin	5,240	4,857	310	73	-	92.7
Mid-East	2,770	2,457	271	42	-	88.7
Mid-West	1,807	1,518	259	30	-	84.0
South-East	2,266	1,968	266	32	-	86.8
South-West	2,997	2,778	181	38	-	92.7
PROVINCES	20,629	19,144	1,053	431	1	92.8
Leinster	11,331	10,803	351	177	-	95.3
Munster	5,672	5,265	325	82	-	92.8
Connaught	2,335	2,044	232	58	1	87.5
Ulster (part of)	1,291	1,032	145	114	-	79.9
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	20,629	20,197	-	431	1	97.9
Northern Ireland	235	195	29	11	-	83.0
Britain	813	780	31	2	-	95.9
Elsewhere	412	383	27	2	-	93.0
Not stated	-	-	1	-	-	-

Table 13 Marriages registered in each county and city during 2006 classified by form of ceremony

Province, county or city	Form of ceremony*					
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	Other religious denominations	Civil marriages	Total
Total	16,211	530	161	60	5,127	22,089
LEINSTER	7,499	334	115	31	3,206	11,185
Carlow	250	13	-	-	71	334
Dublin City	1,105	36	84	11	1,654	2,890
South Dublin	477	6	9	-	-	492
Fingal	584	18	8	3	-	613
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	340	44	6	3	-	393
Kildare	722	20	1	-	319	1,062
Kilkenny	406	13	2	1	100	522
Laois	356	15	-	1	59	431
Longford	134	5	-	-	74	213
Louth	568	3	-	2	161	734
Meath	674	12	3	-	227	916
Offaly	382	21	-	1	69	473
Westmeath	365	6	-	-	79	450
Wexford	543	37	-	2	143	725
Wicklow	593	85	2	7	250	937
MUNSTER	4,987	101	4	20	1,309	6,421
Clare	566	4	-	1	-	571
Cork City	583	14	2	9	523	1,131
Cork County	1,301	46	-	6	-	1,353
Kerry	717	9	1	1	164	892
Limerick City	289	2	1	1	365	658
Limerick County	417	3	-	1	-	421
North Tipperary	357	7	-	-	45	409
South Tipperary	315	9	-	-	67	391
Waterford City	113	-	-	-	61	174
Waterford County	329	7	-	1	84	421
CONNACHT	2,329	30	-	3	421	2,783
Galway City	268	3	-	-	239	510
Galway County	757	11	-	2	-	770
Leitrim	135	3	-	-	-	138
Mayo	691	6	-	-	68	765
Roscommon	215	-	-	1	1	217
Sligo	263	7	-	-	113	383
ULSTER (part of)	1,396	65	42	6	191	1,700
Cavan	330	17	2	1	65	415
Donegal	807	33	25	5	96	966
Monaghan	259	15	15	-	30	319
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES						
Border	2,362	78	42	8	465	2,955
Midland	1,237	47	-	2	281	1,567
West	1,931	20	-	3	308	2,262
Dublin	2,506	104	107	17	1,654	4,388
Mid-East	1,989	117	6	7	796	2,915
Mid-West	1,629	16	1	3	410	2,059
South-East	1,956	79	2	4	526	2,567
South-West	2,601	69	3	16	687	3,376

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Table 14 Marriages registered in 2006 classified by area of residence of groom and form of ceremony

Area of residence of groom	Form of ceremony*					
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	Other religious denominations	Civil marriages	Total
Total	16,211	530	161	60	5,127	22,089
LEINSTER	7,716	295	106	26	3,173	11,316
Carlow	214	13	-	-	59	286
Dublin City	1,196	38	31	11	915	2,191
South Dublin	712	17	14	-	213	956
Fingal	980	31	17	-	343	1,371
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	519	42	18	3	199	781
Kildare	749	16	8	1	311	1,085
Kilkenny	293	9	-	-	101	403
Laois	272	12	1	2	59	346
Longford	126	3	-	-	38	167
Louth	463	4	1	-	159	627
Meath	701	11	8	-	230	950
Offaly	274	7	-	-	73	354
Westmeath	290	6	1	1	80	378
Wexford	478	30	2	2	144	656
Wicklow	449	56	5	6	249	765
MUNSTER	4,153	76	3	21	1,303	5,556
Clare	371	1	-	1	128	501
Cork City	466	6	1	3	214	690
Cork County	1,292	46	-	12	328	1,678
Kerry	472	5	1	-	155	633
Limerick City	262	1	1	1	170	435
Limerick County	386	1	-	2	68	457
North Tipperary	277	8	-	-	45	330
South Tipperary	262	5	-	1	66	334
Waterford City	117	-	-	-	52	169
Waterford County	248	3	-	1	77	329
CONNACHT	1,795	25	-	1	438	2,259
Galway City	166	7	-	1	91	265
Galway County	691	5	-	-	148	844
Leitrim	111	4	-	-	32	147
Mayo	453	3	-	-	64	520
Roscommon	179	1	-	-	37	217
Sligo	195	5	-	-	66	266
ULSTER (part of)	927	35	26	3	162	1,153
Cavan	235	9	2	1	63	310
Donegal	494	17	15	2	69	597
Monaghan	198	9	9	-	30	246
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:						
Border	1,696	48	27	3	419	2,193
Midland	962	28	2	3	250	1,245
West	1,489	16	-	1	340	1,846
Dublin	3,407	128	80	14	1,670	5,299
Mid-East	1,899	83	21	7	790	2,800
Mid-West	1,296	11	1	4	411	1,723
South-East	1,612	60	2	4	499	2,177
South-West	2,230	57	2	15	697	3,001
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	14,591	431	135	51	5,076	20,284
Northern Ireland	332	21	12	3	8	376
Britain	849	59	11	2	34	955
Elsewhere	438	19	3	4	9	473
Not stated	1	-	-	-	-	1

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Table 15 Marriages registered in 2006 classified by area of residence of bride and form of ceremony

Area of residence of bride	Form of ceremony*					
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	Other religious denominations	Civil marriages	Total
Total	16,211	530	161	60	5,127	22,089
LEINSTER	7,714	298	110	29	3,180	11,331
Carlow	226	11	-	-	60	297
Dublin City	1,135	40	35	9	901	2,120
South Dublin	686	15	14	-	217	932
Fingal	977	33	19	2	347	1,378
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	540	45	17	3	205	810
Kildare	715	15	6	1	315	1,052
Kilkenny	312	8	2	1	102	425
Laois	284	6	1	2	62	355
Longford	130	4	-	-	38	172
Louth	489	3	1	2	165	660
Meath	698	11	8	-	224	941
Offaly	281	9	-	-	72	362
Westmeath	290	4	1	1	78	374
Wexford	498	31	1	2	144	676
Wicklow	453	63	5	6	250	777
MUNSTER	4,262	84	3	19	1,304	5,672
Clare	394	4	-	1	128	527
Cork City	472	4	-	5	223	704
Cork County	1,252	46	1	10	322	1,631
Kerry	496	5	1	-	160	662
Limerick City	263	2	1	1	171	438
Limerick County	432	1	-	1	66	500
North Tipperary	287	12	-	-	43	342
South Tipperary	272	6	-	-	67	345
Waterford City	125	-	-	-	51	176
Waterford County	269	4	-	1	73	347
CONNACHT	1,871	27	-	1	436	2,335
Galway City	193	5	-	1	91	290
Galway County	691	7	-	-	148	846
Leitrim	102	3	-	-	31	136
Mayo	477	4	-	-	61	542
Roscommon	206	1	-	-	36	243
Sligo	202	7	-	-	69	278
ULSTER (part of)	1,039	43	35	4	170	1,291
Cavan	254	12	3	1	64	334
Donegal	548	19	21	3	76	667
Monaghan	237	12	11	-	30	290
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:						
Border	1,832	56	36	6	435	2,365
Midland	985	23	2	3	250	1,263
West	1,567	17	-	1	336	1,921
Dublin	3,338	133	85	14	1,670	5,240
Mid-East	1,866	89	19	7	789	2,770
Mid-West	1,376	19	1	3	408	1,807
South-East	1,702	60	3	4	497	2,266
South-West	2,220	55	2	15	705	2,997
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	14,886	452	148	53	5,090	20,629
Northern Ireland	204	17	6	2	6	235
Britain	735	47	7	2	22	813
Elsewhere	386	14	-	3	9	412
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Table 16 Marriages registered in 2006 classified by month and day of week of marriage

Month of occurrence	Day of occurrence							Total
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
January	20	67	52	47	82	186	143	597
February	-	52	78	52	78	311	237	808
March	1	51	59	57	219	432	354	1,173
April	34	97	66	74	187	498	601	1,557
May	14	111	88	90	188	674	664	1,829
June	36	107	75	113	305	992	856	2,484
July	37	129	75	104	321	958	1,156	2,780
August	56	163	111	163	471	1,048	1,087	3,099
September	23	127	78	113	311	1,209	1,220	3,081
October	37	110	70	66	204	694	734	1,915
November	5	57	34	62	157	450	364	1,129
December	12	72	132	224	346	526	325	1,637
Total	275	1,143	918	1,165	2,869	7,978	7,741	22,089

Table 17 Marriages registered in 2006 classified by form of ceremony and previous marital status of partners

Marriages contracted between	Form of ceremony*					Total
	Catholic	Church of Ireland	Presbyterian	Other religious denominations	Civil marriages	
Single men and single women	15,830	455	103	47	3,193	19,628
Single men and widows	41	-	-	-	32	73
Widowers and single women	51	2	-	-	42	95
Widowers and widows	29	1	1	-	9	40
Divorced men and single women	135	37	34	6	778	990
Single men and divorced women	102	15	13	1	579	710
Divorced men and widows	1	2	1	-	30	34
Widowers and divorced women	8	2	2	-	54	66
Divorced men and divorced women	14	16	7	6	410	453
Total	16,211	530	161	60	5,127	22,089

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Table 18 Marriages registered in 2006 classified by area of residence and previous marital status of groom

Area of residence of groom	Single men	Widowers	Divorcees	Total
Total	20,411	201	1,477	22,089
LEINSTER	10,347	101	868	11,316
Carlow	267	4	15	286
Dublin City	2,001	19	171	2,191
South Dublin	881	9	66	956
Fingal	1,264	8	99	1,371
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	709	14	58	781
Kildare	977	12	96	1,085
Kilkenny	371	3	29	403
Laois	329	1	16	346
Longford	154	3	10	167
Louth	576	6	45	627
Meath	872	9	69	950
Offaly	326	-	28	354
Westmeath	345	1	32	378
Wexford	587	9	60	656
Wicklow	688	3	74	765
MUNSTER	5,124	58	374	5,556
Clare	470	5	26	501
Cork City	632	9	49	690
Cork County	1,538	16	124	1,678
Kerry	574	6	53	633
Limerick City	399	4	32	435
Limerick County	435	3	19	457
North Tipperary	308	4	18	330
South Tipperary	308	8	18	334
Waterford City	157	-	12	169
Waterford County	303	3	23	329
CONNACHT	2,121	26	112	2,259
Galway City	241	3	21	265
Galway County	800	12	32	844
Leitrim	132	-	15	147
Mayo	492	6	22	520
Roscommon	204	4	9	217
Sligo	252	1	13	266
ULSTER (part of)	1,100	6	47	1,153
Cavan	291	3	16	310
Donegal	572	1	24	597
Monaghan	237	2	7	246
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:				
Border	2,060	13	120	2,193
Midland	1,154	5	86	1,245
West	1,737	25	84	1,846
Dublin	4,855	50	394	5,299
Mid-East	2,537	24	239	2,800
Mid-West	1,612	16	95	1,723
South-East	1,993	27	157	2,177
South-West	2,744	31	226	3,001
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	18,692	191	1,401	20,284
Northern Ireland	357	2	17	376
Britain	912	4	39	955
Elsewhere	449	4	20	473
Not stated	1	-	-	1

Table 19 Marriages registered in 2006 classified by area of residence and previous marital status of bride

Area of residence of bride	Single women	Widows	Divorcees	Total
Total	20,713	147	1,229	22,089
LEINSTER	10,540	80	711	11,331
Carlow	276	2	19	297
Dublin City	1,984	14	122	2,120
South Dublin	871	6	55	932
Fingal	1,299	13	66	1,378
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	754	6	50	810
Kildare	966	12	74	1,052
Kilkenny	400	1	24	425
Laois	336	2	17	355
Longford	162	4	6	172
Louth	616	4	40	660
Meath	874	4	63	941
Offaly	335	2	25	362
Westmeath	344	1	29	374
Wexford	608	5	63	676
Wicklow	715	4	58	777
MUNSTER	5,309	41	322	5,672
Clare	491	4	32	527
Cork City	669	8	27	704
Cork County	1,523	5	103	1,631
Kerry	607	6	49	662
Limerick City	408	5	25	438
Limerick County	478	4	18	500
North Tipperary	319	5	18	342
South Tipperary	323	2	20	345
Waterford City	170	-	6	176
Waterford County	321	2	24	347
CONNACHT	2,219	14	102	2,335
Galway City	272	1	17	290
Galway County	814	6	26	846
Leitrim	126	-	10	136
Mayo	519	3	20	542
Roscommon	229	2	12	243
Sligo	259	2	17	278
ULSTER (part of)	1,232	6	53	1,291
Cavan	313	3	18	334
Donegal	642	3	22	667
Monaghan	277	-	13	290
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES:				
Border	2,233	12	120	2,365
Midland	1,177	9	77	1,263
West	1,834	12	75	1,921
Dublin	4,908	39	293	5,240
Mid-East	2,555	20	195	2,770
Mid-West	1,696	18	93	1,807
South-East	2,098	12	156	2,266
South-West	2,799	19	179	2,997
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	19,300	141	1,188	20,629
Northern Ireland	225	2	8	235
Britain	793	2	18	813
Elsewhere	395	2	15	412
Not stated	-	-	-	-

Table 20 Marriages in 2006 classified by age of groom and

Age of groom	Age of bride																	
	16 & under	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
All ages	13	16	134	157	154	196	308	493	740	1,134	1,548	1,799	2,094	2,033	1,890	1,713	1,402	1,162
16 & under	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	2	5	31	9	3	3	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
19	5	4	17	20	10	5	4	3	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
20	-	3	15	16	16	10	3	3	2	1	1	3	4	1	-	-	1	1
21	1	-	15	14	18	8	16	10	9	1	7	1	4	3	3	-	-	1
22	-	1	10	14	21	25	19	22	16	16	6	7	4	6	4	1	1	-
23	-	-	5	15	9	17	35	50	36	18	12	13	8	8	1	2	6	2
24	-	-	7	8	14	21	35	57	79	48	33	34	19	18	13	6	5	3
25	-	-	6	14	10	13	46	56	123	125	75	66	33	23	26	12	11	11
26	2	1	2	13	11	20	31	52	86	173	208	125	73	52	32	32	19	13
27	-	-	6	8	8	18	27	51	83	144	236	280	176	108	50	38	25	20
28	-	-	2	6	10	10	17	42	64	132	215	270	336	215	114	66	44	25
29	-	-	3	6	3	8	15	27	50	117	178	234	346	319	241	132	70	57
30	-	1	3	2	7	9	10	28	41	94	148	172	274	295	279	201	124	84
31	-	-	2	2	4	5	12	26	42	73	96	153	193	244	259	257	167	96
32	-	1	2	2	2	6	10	12	26	40	93	120	127	212	254	251	174	108
33	-	-	1	2	1	6	5	13	22	37	63	88	155	141	153	187	171	151
34	-	-	-	3	-	5	4	9	19	29	57	61	83	106	111	140	152	131
35	-	-	-	1	1	2	8	5	13	33	26	46	82	77	108	98	98	111
36	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	3	7	15	27	29	48	55	60	87	69	83
37	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	4	7	13	10	15	28	42	46	44	65	47
38	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	5	3	12	16	32	26	29	41	43	48
39	-	-	-	1	-	3	2	5	-	4	12	17	22	20	35	38	44	31
40	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	2	5	12	14	10	17	12	36	31
41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	11	6	7	10	14	25	12	26
42	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	1	1	1	6	6	8	14	13	11	18
43	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	3	7	6	1	4	8	6	15	19
44	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	1	3	7	7	3	6	10	10
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	4	1	7	1	2	4	11
46	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	2	2	3	3	3	3	8
47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	-	4	4	5	3	2
48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	1	2	1	7	-
49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	2	3	1	-	4	1
50-54	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	4	1	3	1	3	3	7	10
55-59	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	1	3
60-64	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

bride in single years; all marriages

Age of bride																				
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65 & over	All ages
916	773	574	462	351	291	238	213	143	136	118	101	69	96	77	82	255	108	58	42	22,089
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	81
1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	113
1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	178
1	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	244
6	1	2	-	1	1	-	1	2	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	418
2	3	6	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	668
11	5	4	3	3	1	2	4	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	982
8	10	6	2	2	2	1	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1,316
19	14	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	1,629
27	17	16	6	3	3	8	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,890
58	34	17	14	11	10	3	2	2	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,927
55	40	26	13	11	12	4	7	2	3	2	2	-	1	-	2	1	1	-	-	1,813
81	57	35	22	16	12	6	4	1	2	1	6	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1,685
93	72	44	29	20	10	11	14	3	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	-	-	1	1,507
122	72	44	43	16	12	10	3	-	1	1	1	2	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	1,241
101	77	52	52	19	21	11	6	4	2	2	2	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	1,061
72	62	55	35	20	20	11	11	6	4	2	4	1	-	-	2	4	-	-	-	796
50	56	54	40	23	13	14	8	9	3	5	4	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	609
47	52	44	27	32	13	14	9	4	3	7	5	2	1	-	3	3	-	-	-	526
32	42	27	30	25	20	15	14	11	5	3	1	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	465
38	39	29	19	23	14	25	14	8	6	1	-	3	5	1	1	2	2	-	-	374
21	27	25	22	23	19	15	13	11	9	5	5	2	1	-	2	2	-	-	-	319
14	25	18	10	23	19	15	19	11	10	7	5	3	5	4	4	4	2	-	1	282
10	17	17	19	12	16	11	11	7	10	3	5	2	2	4	3	6	1	-	-	229
9	10	12	9	12	13	9	8	9	10	8	6	3	1	1	3	7	-	-	1	184
5	7	6	10	9	14	9	5	9	8	6	6	4	4	5	3	6	2	2	-	154
5	7	8	10	10	9	7	12	5	8	7	4	5	6	3	4	7	2	-	-	146
4	7	4	7	4	4	6	7	6	5	7	4	2	8	6	2	5	3	-	-	114
5	-	3	6	5	5	5	3	2	7	8	2	1	5	3	1	12	3	-	-	92
3	6	4	5	1	4	3	5	6	2	5	1	4	6	2	3	7	3	1	-	86
13	7	3	17	13	8	12	14	15	22	21	17	13	11	17	22	68	9	8	3	347
1	4	3	3	5	8	7	7	4	9	7	10	11	17	20	11	57	30	7	3	235
1	-	2	-	1	-	1	4	3	1	1	6	3	7	3	7	27	31	13	3	119
-	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	-	2	4	2	4	24	15	27	30	122

Table 21 Marriages in 2006 classified by age of groom and

Age of groom	Age of bride																	
	16 & under	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
All ages	13	16	133	154	145	189	302	480	732	1,111	1,510	1,759	2,036	1,970	1,823	1,625	1,301	1,058
	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 & under	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	2	5	31	9	3	3	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
18	5	4	17	20	10	5	4	3	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
19	-	3	15	16	16	10	3	3	2	1	1	3	4	1	-	-	1	1
20	1	-	15	14	18	8	16	10	9	1	6	1	3	3	3	-	-	1
21	-	1	10	14	21	25	19	22	16	15	6	6	4	6	4	-	1	-
22	-	-	5	15	8	17	35	50	36	17	12	13	7	7	1	2	4	2
23	-	-	7	8	13	21	35	57	79	48	33	33	19	18	12	6	5	3
24	-	-	6	14	10	13	45	56	123	124	75	65	33	23	25	12	9	10
25	2	1	2	13	10	19	31	52	86	172	208	123	72	50	30	32	17	12
26	-	-	6	6	8	17	27	50	83	142	235	280	174	106	49	37	23	20
27	-	-	2	5	9	10	17	41	64	131	214	270	336	214	110	64	43	23
28	-	-	3	6	3	8	14	27	49	117	177	233	346	318	241	129	69	56
29	-	1	3	2	4	9	10	27	40	94	147	171	273	293	278	200	122	79
30	-	-	2	2	4	5	10	25	40	71	95	151	190	240	257	252	163	95
31	-	1	2	2	2	5	10	11	26	40	91	118	123	209	251	247	171	104
32	-	-	-	2	1	5	5	12	22	35	62	85	152	140	147	181	167	149
33	-	-	-	3	-	4	4	9	19	27	56	59	80	102	111	134	148	127
34	-	-	-	1	1	2	8	5	13	33	20	46	74	72	100	94	94	100
35	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	2	7	13	27	28	45	51	58	83	63	78
36	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	4	7	12	7	14	25	40	41	38	59	44
37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	3	10	14	28	22	23	34	38	40
38	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	4	-	3	10	14	17	16	30	26	35	30
39	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	2	11	12	9	13	11	27	27
40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	11	4	5	8	11	21	6	19
41	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	6	4	4	12	8	8	9
42	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	2	3	2	1	2	8	1	8	11
43	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	2	3	5	1	4	8	4
44	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	3	1	3	1	1	2	8
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	-	4
46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	1	1	2	-
47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	-
48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	-	3	-
49	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	1	2
50-54	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

bride in single years; first marriages only

Age of bride																				
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65 & over	All ages
807	656	468	335	253	186	144	111	68	50	36	31	18	13	17	18	39	11	3	7	19,628
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80
-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110
1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	174
1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	237
5	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	410
2	3	5	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	660
9	4	4	3	3	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	960
7	9	6	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,290
17	13	5	4	4	4	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1,605
26	16	15	5	-	2	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,865
57	28	16	12	9	6	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,886
51	36	23	11	5	4	2	2	2	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1,743
79	52	29	19	12	9	4	3	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1,625
85	65	43	21	16	8	9	6	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1,423
120	67	37	37	13	9	9	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,177
96	71	44	45	17	16	7	5	4	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	971
64	56	50	24	17	15	7	6	1	2	2	3	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	710
45	51	48	35	21	12	10	6	5	2	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	534
35	44	40	20	24	10	11	5	4	1	3	1	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	422
28	34	21	23	23	14	12	10	4	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	365
31	31	26	13	17	10	17	8	5	3	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	282
15	19	17	15	12	11	6	8	7	5	3	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	211
8	19	13	7	20	13	10	11	7	7	4	2	-	2	1	2	1	1	-	1	184
7	12	7	12	9	11	6	7	4	2	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	122
6	8	4	4	8	9	4	4	5	6	4	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	99
2	3	3	4	7	6	5	1	4	3	4	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	-	-	73
1	3	3	6	4	3	3	6	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	45
4	3	2	3	3	3	3	5	4	3	1	3	1	1	4	-	1	-	-	-	52
1	-	2	-	3	1	3	1	-	2	1	1	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	26
-	4	-	2	-	2	1	3	2	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	28
3	1	1	6	3	3	3	4	7	3	2	4	2	4	2	4	8	1	1	1	73
1	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	2	1	9	4	-	-	27
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	2	1	-	12
-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	4	10
-	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	-	2	4	2	4	24	15	27	30	122

Table 22 Marriages registered in 2006 classified by age and previous marital status of groom

Age	Single Men	Widowers	Divorcees	Total
Age of groom				
Under 20	137	-	-	137
20-24	1,032	-	2	1,034
25-29	6,465	3	17	6,485
30-34	8,062	11	100	8,173
35-39	3,179	13	265	3,457
40-44	1,028	12	348	1,388
45-49	298	21	273	592
50-54	117	23	207	347
55-59	50	34	151	235
60 and over	42	84	114	240
Not stated	1	-	-	1
Total	20,411	201	1,477	22,089
Average age of groom	32.1	56.0	46.3	33.2

Table 23 Marriages registered in 2006 classified by age and previous marital status of bride

Age	Single women	Widows	Divorcees	Total
Age of bride				
Under 20	319	-	1	320
20-24	1,883	-	8	1,891
25-29	8,562	1	45	8,608
30-34	6,913	13	157	7,083
35-39	2,142	22	287	2,451
40-44	564	19	265	848
45-49	186	22	217	425
50-54	94	16	145	255
55-59	27	14	67	108
60 and over	21	40	37	98
Not stated	2	-	-	2
Total	20,713	147	1,229	22,089
Average age of bride	30.4	50.6	42.9	31.2

Background Notes

Source	<p>These statistics have been compiled from the marriage registration forms of all marriages registered in the Republic of Ireland in 2006.</p> <p>The release has been prepared by the Central Statistics Office for the Minister for Health and Children in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Vital Statistics and Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1952 and Section 73 of the Civil Registration Act, 2004.</p>
Methodology	<p>Where the weekday and month of a marriage are specified in this release, it refers to the date on which the marriage occurred. Note that some marriages registered in 2006 (and hence included in these statistics) occurred in years before 2006.</p>
Form of Ceremony	<p>Marriages celebrated according to the rites and ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church, the rites and ceremonies of the Church of Ireland, the forms and disciplines of the Presbyterian Church, the usages of the Society of Friends, the usages of people professing the Jewish religion, and the usages of certain other Religious Bodies have been classified under their respective religions.</p> <p>There is at present no provision for the civil registration of Muslim Marriage Ceremonies solemnised in the State.</p>
Socio-Economic Group (SEG)	<p>This classification is determined by a person's occupation or, in some cases by a combination of occupation and employment status. The men and women whose marriages were registered in 2006 were classified by SEG on the basis of the information on occupation given in the marriage register.</p>
Area of residence	<p>Four classifications of district are available: that in which the marriage took place, the areas of residence of the bride and groom prior to marriage, and the intended future residence.</p>
Age specific marriage rates	<p>The age specific marriage rates are calculated as follows: $\text{Age Specific Rate} = \frac{\text{Number of Males (or Females) of that age whose marriages were registered} \times 1,000}{\text{Population of Males (or Females) of that age}}$ The small number of marriages for which the age is not stated are distributed in proportion before this calculation is made.</p>
Marriages per 1,000 population	<p>This is calculated for each year as follows: $\text{Marriages per 1,000 population} = \frac{\text{Number of Marriages registered} \times 1,000}{\text{Population}}$ 2006 population is 4,239.8 thousands.</p>

NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions

The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions. The composition of the regions is set out below.

Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region

Border	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
Midland	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath
West	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon

Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region

Dublin	Dublin Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
Mid-East	Kildare Meath Wicklow
Mid-West	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
South-East	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
South-West	Cork City Cork County Kerry