Marriage & Happiness Dataset Information

Is there a strong correlational between marriage rates and happiness?

Are happy populations usually married or vice versa?

How have marriage and happiness rates changed with respect to time and country?

Data Collection

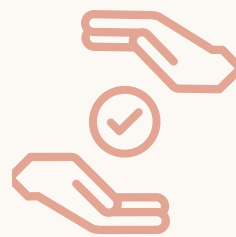Data collected by United Nations surveys and Gallup World Poll surveys

Information in csv format interpreted and obtained via URLs: https://ourworldindata.org/marriages-and-divorces#marriages-are-becoming-less-common, https://data.world/laurel/world-happiness-report-data

Data Coverage

Time: 2005-2016
Regions: APAC, EMEA, LAD, NA
Demographics: N/A
Socioeconomic: N/A
Race: N/A
Sexuality: N/A
Age: N/A
Sample size: At least 3,000/y

Ethics

- Privacy: Surveys were public, census included (which can be required by law)
- Transparency: Data is public and tells how information collected (national polls and surveys) and what questions were asked (ex: rate perception of corruption from 1-10)
- Intended to promote human well-being

Alert

- Limited view of happiness (happiness is calculated in a way that can be arguable)
- Doesn't include the many other factors that can contribute to why a nation's happiness and marriage rate is high or low
- Information collectors aren't accountable for errors
- Ambiguity in data coverage (subpopulations not mentioned)