

World Marriage Patterns 2000

	Year of census or		Percent	age ever r	narried		Wor Percent	married	SMAM Difference	
Country or area	survey	SMAM	15-19	20-24	45-49	SMAM	15-19	20-24	45-49	(Men-Womer
AFRICA										
EASTERN AFRICA	1000	25.4	2.4	20.4	07.5	22.2	0.0	(2.0	00.1	2.2
BURUNDI COMOROS ^a	1990 1996	25.4 28.5	3.1	28.4 15.0	97.5 98.1	22.2	9.0	62.0 48.3	98.1	3.2 4.9
ERITREA ^a	1995	25.3	1.5	31.4	99.0	19.6	37.6	78.1	98.1	5.7
ETHIOPIA	1994	25.6	6.2	30.9	98.5	20.5	30.9	71.3	99.1	5.1
KENYA ^a	1998	26.3	0.8	22.6	98.8	21.7	16.7	65.1	98.3	4.6
MADAGASCAR MALAWI	1997 1987	23.5	5.7	46.5	98.2	20.6 18.6	33.7 43.6	74.3 88.3	98.7 99.3	5.0
MAURITIUS ^a	1990	28.2	0.7	12.6	94.7	23.8	11.5	51.5	94.5	4.4
MOZAMBIQUE ^a	1997	22.6	3.8	57.6	99.3	18.0	47.1	88.88	97.1	4.6
RÉUNION	1990	30.3	0.1	6.9	82.1	28.2	2.1	19.4	84.1	2.1
RWANDA ^a SEYCHELLES	1992 1987	26.4	0.7	18.9	79.9	22.7	9.8 5.8	55.1 36.7	99.3 82.5	2.6
UGANDA ^a	1995	22.5	11.4	55.1	96.9	18.2	49.8	87.7	98.6	4.3
UNITED REP. OF TANZANIA	1996	25.0	3.4	29.5	97.1	20.5	25.4	75.5	99.3	4.5
ZAMBIA ^a	1996	25.0	0.8	31.7	98.9	20.3	27.3	78.0	99.3	4.7
ZIMBABWE	1994	25.5	1.8	26.5	99.1	21.0	20.8	71.6	99.4	4.6
MIDDLE AFRICA										
ANGOLA	1970	24.5	7.6	41.7	92.5	19.4	35.7	82.8	95.4	5.1
CAMEROON ^a	1998	26.7	4.2	28.0	99.2	20.2	35.8	73.6	98.5	6.5
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	1994-95	24.4	8.1	45.6	99.0	19.4	42.3	81.2	98.1	5.0
CHAD CONGO	1996-97	24.1	5.9	43.7	100.0	18.0	48.6	92.2	99.9	6.1
DEMOCRATIC REP. OF THE CONGO	1984 1984	27.0 24.9	11.8 5.1	18.0 34.0	92.9 95.4	18.4 16.6	55.5 74.2	76.7 89.1	93.2 96.0	8.6 8.2
EQUATORIAL GUINEA ^a	1983	26.9	2.1	21.8	88.6	21.7	26.3	62.8	93.4	5.2
GABON	1993	28.2	2.3	17.0	87.2	24.3	15.9	47.9	90.6	3.9
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE ^a	1991	23.0	1.9	28.0	77.4	17.8	19.9	61.7	75.4	5.3
NORTHERN AFRICA										
ALGERIA	1987	27.8	0.6	10.7	97.4	23.8	9.5	47.7	98.5	4.0
EGYPT	1996	27.9	2.8	11.9	98.6	22.2	15.9	56.1	98.6	5.7
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA	1995	32.0	0.1	1.3	98.5	29.2	1.0	12.2	98.6	2.8
MOROCCO SUDAN	1995	20.0	 2.5	 1/LQ	06.2	26.3	10.5	39.8	99.4	
Sudan Tunisia	1993 1994	29.0 30.3	0.0	3.7	96.3 97.0	22.7 26.6	3.0	55.2 27.7	98.3 97.7	6.4 3.7
	1774	30.0	0.0	3.7	77.0	20.0	3.0	21.1	71.1	3.7
SOUTHERN AFRICA										
BOTSWANA ^a	1991	30.8	3.2	9.6	85.2	26.9	5.8	27.4	77.6	3.9
LESOTHO	1986	25.5	1.6	25.9	96.4	21.3	18.1	70.4	96.8	4.2
NAMIBIA ^a SOUTH AFRICA ^a	1992 1991	28.9	1.0	12.9	89.6	26.4 27.1	7.7 4.5	31.1 28.7	88.1	1.8
SWAZILAND ^a	1991	29.1	1.7	15.6	90.3	25.9	9.6	40.0	91.0	3.2
WESTERN AFRICA										
BENIN ^b	1996					19.9	29.1	79.5	99.7	
BURKINA FASO ^a CAPE VERDE ^a	1991 1990	27.5	2.9	17.1 14.7	97.2 85.5	18.9 25.7	34.6	85.9 32.3	98.3 77.7	8.6 2.4
CÔTE D'IVOIRE	1994	28.1	2.0	19.2	98.4	20.9	27.7	69.6	99.3	7.2
GAMBIA	1990	28.4	7.6	17.2	100.0	19.2	43.6	80.0	100.0	9.2
GHANA ^a	1993	26.2	1.8	27.5	98.9	20.5	22.4	75.3	100.0	5.7
GUINEA ^a	1992	26.1	8.2	32.9	99.7	18.8	49.0	82.3	99.8	7.3
LIBERIA MALI	1984 1995-96	26.9 25.8	3.4 4.6	23.0	93.4	20.4 18.4	35.7 49.7	70.9 87.6	96.9 99.8	6.5 7.5
MAURITANIA	1988	28.1	3.5	16.2	95.7	20.5	36.0	68.0	96.4	7.7
NIGER	1998	23.9	4.2	41.8	99.6	17.6	61.9	88.9	99.8	6.3
NIGERIA	1991	27.2	6.8	23.1	95.9	20.3	36.1	69.8	97.8	6.9
SENEGAL	1988	28.1	4.4	17.9	95.4	20.0	43.8	70.4	98.3	8.1
SIERRA LEONE TOGO ^a	1992 1998	27.6 27.0	2.3	20.3	97.0 98.9	24.3	5.8 19.9	47.4 63.4	96.7 99.7	3.3 5.6
1000	1990	27.0	2.3	10.4	70.9	21.3	17.7	03.4	99.1	3.0
ASIA										
EASTERN ASIA		00.0	4.5	07.7	0	00.1		F0 :	00	4 -
CHINA ^c HONG KONG SAR ^d	1990 1996	23.8 30.7	0.8	37.5	94.9	22.1	4.7 1.7	58.6 14.7	99.8 94.1	1.7 2.0
JAPAN	1996	30.7	0.8	6.4	93.3	26.9	0.7	14.7	94.1	3.5
MACAU	1991	28.1	0.8	9.9	95.0	26.4	2.3	22.3	96.0	1.7
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1995	29.3	0.2	3.7	98.7	26.1	0.8	16.7	99.0	3.3
SOUTH CENTRAL ACIA										
SOUTH-CENTRAL ASIA AFGHANISTAN	1979	25.3	9.2	36.5	95.9	17.8	53.7	90.7	99.0	7.5
BANGLADESH	1979	24.9	5.0	31.6	99.3	18.1	51.3	89.5	99.0	6.8
NDIA	1991	23.9	9.5	40.1	97.6	19.3	35.7	83.0	99.3	4.7
RAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF	1991	24.4	5.4	34.2	98.3	21.0	25.9	68.6	98.9	3.4
KAZAKHSTAN	1989	24.6	2.4	35.7	97.5	22.2	11.8	63.3	98.1	2.3
KYRGYZSTAN MALDIVES	1989 1990	23.9	2.1 6.1	38.4 49.1	98.7 98.1	21.4 19.1	14.5 36.5	70.9 85.2	98.9 99.5	2.5 4.1
NEPAL	1990	22.0	13.5	61.7	99.1	18.8	41.6	85.9	99.5	3.3
PAKISTAN	1991	26.3	6.2	24.7	98.0	21.6	21.9	60.6	98.0	4.7
SRI LANKA°	1981	27.9	1.0	16.3	92.9	25.3	7.1	38.8	94.8	2.6
Tajikistan Turkmenistan	1989 1989	23.1	2.5	45.2 37.5	99.0	20.7	15.5 7.1	77.3 53.9	98.9	2.4
JZBEKISTAN	1989	23.8	2.5	37.5 44.0	98.3	22.5	7.1	53.9 74.1	99.0	1.3 2.3
	1707	_5.0	2.0	, 1.0	70.7	_110	1017	7 1.1	77.0	2.0
SOUTH-EASTERN ASIA										
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	1991	27.3	1.2	18.6	95.2	25.1	8.0	38.2	91.3	2.2
NDONESIA	1990	25.2	2.4	28.3	97.1	21.6	18.2	64.3	98.5	3.7
Lao People's Dem. Rep. Malaysia	1995 1991	27.9	1.4	14.3	96.0	21.2 24.6	19.7 7.6	67.4 39.9	96.3 96.2	3.3
VINLATOIA	1991	27.5	2.2	23.3	96.0	26.4	6.6	34.8	96.2 87.9	1.1
	1990	26.3	3.0	26.8	95.5	23.8	10.5	44.3	93.9	2.5
MYANMAR			0.2	5.7	92.4	27.0	1.2	21.2	92.9	2.8
Myanmar Philippines Singapore	1990	29.8								
Myanmar Philippines Singapore Thailand	1990 1990	25.8	6.0	31.5	96.8	23.5	15.2	52.0	94.8	2.4
Myanmar Philippines Singapore	1990									
MYANMAR PHILIPPINES SINGAPORE FHAILAND	1990 1990	25.8	6.0	31.5	96.8	23.5	15.2	52.0	94.8	2.4
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Country or area	census or survey	SMAM	15-19	20-24		SMAM	15-19	age ever r 20-24	45-49	Difference (Men-Wome
ASIA (cont.)										
WESTERN ASIA										
ARMENIA	1989	25.2	6.9	40.2	98.7	22.4	23.1	71.2	97.0	2.8
AZERBAIJAN	1989	25.5	3.2	25.4	98.5	23.5	12.0	52.9	97.5	2.0
BAHRAIN	1991	28.4	0.5	12.8	93.5	25.6	6.7	40.9	96.2	2.8
CYPRUS GEORGIA	1992 1989	27.0 26.0	0.6 4.7	18.1	97.2 96.6	23.1	7.5 18.5	50.8 59.3	94.0	3.9
RAQ ^a	1987	25.5	14.9	32.0	97.0	21.7	27.9	58.6	96.1	3.8
SRAEL	1993	25.5	4.0	32.4	97.5	24.3	4.9	39.5	95.0	1.3
JORDAN	1993	28.0	0.7	11.8	98.6	24.5	9.4	42.1	97.7	3.4
KUWAIT	1994	29.6	1.3	22.1	96.3	25.0	13.2	47.9	94.5	4.5
LEBANON ^a	1970	28.5	1.0	11.9	94.3	23.2	13.2	49.1	93.1	5.3
OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY	1997	25.3	2.1	27.9	99.0	21.7	24.2	64.0	92.4	3.6
Oman Qatar	1993 1986	24.7 26.6	2.1 3.9	32.6 25.6	97.1 97.4	20.7	21.1	71.8 59.6	99.2 96.3	4.0 3.8
SAUDI ARABIA	1987	25.6	1.0	24.0	98.6	21.7	16.1	61.1	98.1	4.0
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	1981	25.7	3.8	25.4	97.8	21.5	24.9	64.5	96.9	4.2
TURKEY	1990	25.0	4.3	28.2	97.4	22.0	15.5	61.8	98.4	3.0
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	1987-88	25.6	2.5	26.6	98.3	23.1	18.5	52.2	98.5	2.6
YEMEN	1994	24.7	4.6	36.5	98.2	20.8	24.0	71.9	98.8	4.0
EUROPE										
EASTERN EUROPE										
BELARUS	1989	24.4	2.3	39.0	91.3	21.7	10.4	64.3	94.7	2.7
BULGARIA	1985	24.9	3.1	37.0	96.0	21.1	16.5	71.6	98.2	3.8
CZECH REPUBLIC	1994	26.0	0.8	26.0	93.0	23.0	4.2	51.5	96.8	3.0
HUNGARY	1994	27.1	0.6	20.8	92.6	23.8	4.7	44.0	95.8	3.3
POLAND DEDURIC OF MOLDOVA	1990	26.2	0.6	22.9	92.8	23.0	4.0	52.1	95.0	3.2
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA ROMANIA	1989 1994	23.7	0.5	42.0 28.2	98.8 94.8	20.9	15.2 10.4	72.3 58.7	96.7 96.4	2.9 3.6
Ruiviania Russian federation	1994	24.3	3.6	40.5	94.8	21.6	14.1	66.5	96.4	2.7
SLOVAKIA	1909	25.5	1.4	29.8	92.7	22.6	7.0	59.4	94.8	2.7
UKRAINE	1989	24.0	3.1	41.7	97.3	21.0	15.7	70.7	96.8	3.0
NORTHERN EUROPE										
CHANNEL ISLANDS	1991	29.0	0.5	10.2	90.9	27.6	1.2	18.6	93.0	1.5
DENMARK ESTONIA	1995 1989	27.7	3.0	23.7 35.2	89.9 92.4	25.0 22.1	5.4 9.7	42.1 59.6	94.7	2.7 2.4
FAEROE ISLANDS	1989	31.0	0.0	35.2 6.4	83.7	28.3	1.0	19.0	93.3	2.4
FINLAND	1992	31.9	0.0	5.1	81.9	29.6	0.6	11.7	88.0	2.7
CELAND	1997	33.3	0.0	2.2	84.2	31.7	0.2	5.3	88.8	1.6
RELAND	1996	30.0	0.1	2.8	83.8	28.7	0.3	6.6	89.9	1.3
SLE OF MAN	1991	28.8	0.3	10.4	91.0	26.3	1.5	22.1	94.3	2.5
LATVIA	1989	24.3	3.8	38.9	93.4	22.0	10.7	61.7	94.8	2.2
LITHUANIA	1989	24.6	3.1	34.2	94.4	22.2	8.5	58.2	94.9	2.4
NORWAY	1997	32.9	0.1	3.1	86.7	28.4	0.4	9.0	92.3	4.5
SWEDEN	1997	34.0	0.1	2.3	76.0	31.8	0.4	7.1	83.5	2.2
UNITED KINGDOM	1991	28.4	0.5	12.0	91.2	26.4	1.7	24.9	95.1	2.0
SOUTHERN EUROPE										
ALBANIA	1989	27.0	1.0	11.2	96.8	22.9	8.3	52.2	98.6	4.1
CROATIA	1991	27.9	0.6	14.9	92.8	23.8	5.2	44.1	95.2	4.2
GIBRALTAR	1981	24.8	2.7	33.4	93.3	21.1	11.1	60.3	95.4	3.8
GREECE	1991	29.4	0.6	8.4	94.1	24.5	5.5	36.3	94.9	4.9
TALY MALTA	1991 1985	29.3	0.9	6.1	90.2	26.1	3.1	22.8 33.2	92.5 80.7	3.2 4.0
PORTUGAL	1991	26.7	1.2	18.9	95.4	23.9	5.7	38.6	93.1	2.8
SAN MARINO	1995	22.2	0.0	67.8	94.4	22.3	14.3	52.9	84.1	-0.2
SLOVENIA	1991	28.5	0.5	11.1	89.2	24.8	2.1	33.9	92.3	3.7
SPAIN	1991	28.5	0.7	8.9	89.9	26.1	2.3	22.2	91.9	2.4
MEGTERN EUROPE										
WESTERN EUROPE AUSTRIA	1991	28.9	0 /	11.5	90.3	26.1	2.7	25.7	92.4	2.8
BELGIUM	1991		0.6	10.1		26.2	1.6	25.7 25.6	94.7	2.6
FRANCE	1993	29.8	0.2	5.5	90.2	27.7	0.6	15.2	92.3	2.4
GERMANY	1996	31.8	0.1	5.2	88.8	29.0	1.2	14.8	93.5	2.8
LIECHTENSTEIN	1987	28.8	0.2	6.7	92.4	26.1	0.8	19.8	91.2	2.7
LUXEMBOURG	1991	28.5	0.4	10.8	91.9	26.0	2.4	26.2	93.4	2.5
NETHERLANDS	1995	28.8	0.2	6.7	92.4	26.1	2.4	26.2	93.4	2.7
SWITZERLAND	1994	26.0	0.5	28.2	94.8	22.4	10.4	58.7	96.4	3.6
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN										
CARIBBEAN										
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	1991	33.2	0.2	3.1	68.1	31.5	0.5	8.0	62.6	1.8
ARUBA	1991	28.8	0.4	14.9	83.9	26.2	3.2	29.0	79.0	2.7
BAHAMAS ^a	1990	29.0	1.1	13.9	85.5	27.2	3.7	25.2	82.8	1.8
BARBADOS	1990	34.3	0.2	2.3	62.8	31.8	0.6	6.7	59.8	2.6
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	1991	31.9	0.2	7.3	84.3	28.4	1.6	15.2	76.4	3.5 2.3
CAYMAN ISLANDS CUBA ^a	1989 1981	27.6	1.8 6.7	19.8 40.5	87.3 91.0	25.2 19.8	5.8 28.8	36.2 73.5	96.2	3.6
DOMINICA	1991	35.4	0.7	1.3	63.4	31.5	0.3	5.4	59.7	3.8
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ^a	1993	26.0	4.3	30.1	86.3	22.5	21.9	55.3	90.6	3.5
GRENADA	1991	34.4	0.1	1.1	59.8	30.9	0.6	6.4	57.4	3.5
GUADELOUPE	1990	32.3	0.2	2.6	72.4	29.5	1.1	11.7	69.8	2.8
HAITI ^a	1994-95	26.6	3.0	28.0	96.9	22.2	16.9	58.7	98.5	4.5
JAMAICA	1991	34.6	0.5	2.4	51.8	33.1	0.8	5.5	54.2	1.5
MARTINIQUE MONTSERRATE	1990	33.0	0.1	1.7	70.5	31.0	0.5	6.7	67.1	2.0
MONTSERRAT ^D NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	1980 1992	31.1	0.5	6.4	60.7 78.5	22.9	15.0	39.3 15.8	74.1 72.4	8.3 2.5
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES PUERTO RICO ^a	1992	25.5	0.5 5.7	32.9	78.5 90.8	29.2	1.6	47.3	93.0	2.5
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS	1990	32.1	0.1	2.4	51.1	31.3	0.5	7.7	62.1	0.9
ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	1980	34.5	0.0	1.8	60.7	30.9	0.8	7.6	58.3	3.6
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	1990	29.8	1.2	10.6	78.8	26.8	9.0	27.5	79.3	3.0
UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS ^a	1995	31.6	4.0	5.5	85.4	29.9	3.2	15.5	88.5	1.7

COSTA RICA ³ EL SALVADOR ³ GUATEMALA HONDURAS MEXICO ³ NICARAGUA ³ PANAMA ³ SOUTH AMERICA ARGENTINA ³ BOLIVIA BRAZIL ³ CHILE ³ COLOMBIA ³ ECUADOR ³	1991 1990 1990 1990 1990 1990 1991 1992 1993 1990 1990 1990 1991 1990 1991 1992 1993	28.4 25.1 25.3 23.8 23.8 24.6 25.4 25.6 25.1 25.8 25.8 24.9 32.3	1.4 2.7 4.5 7.8 6.5 5.7 4.7 2.7 3.7 3.4 5.3 7.7	20-24 18.1 29.6 34.5 45.9 40.0 38.9 30.9 25.6 36.0 30.9 25.4	75.9 90.6 89.4 95.0 92.3 94.4 87.7 90.6 94.2 93.7	28.2 22.2 22.3 21.3 20.4 22.4 19.8 21.9	1.5 15.5 15.5 15.9 24.2 30.4 16.1 37.4 21.4	19.8 51.5 49.9 66.8 68.3 54.6 77.6 55.9	78.4 86.7 86.3 96.6 92.9 98.5 91.9	2.9 3.0 2.5 3.4 2.2 3.5
CENTRAL AMERICA BELIZE COSTA RICA³ EL SALVADOR³ GUATEMALA HONDURAS MEXICO³ NICARAGUA³ PANAMA³ SOUTH AMERICA ARGENTINA³ BOLIVIA BRAZIL³ CHILE³ COLOMBIA³ ECUADOR³	1991 1984 1992 1990 1996 1990 1992-93 1990 1991 1992 1991 1992 1993 1990 1990 1991 1992	25.1 25.3 23.8 23.8 24.6 25.4 25.6 25.1 25.8 25.8 24.9	2.7 4.5 7.8 6.5 5.7 4.7 2.7 3.7 3.4 5.3 7.7	29.6 34.5 45.9 40.0 38.9 30.9 25.6 36.0 30.9	90.6 89.4 95.0 92.3 94.4 87.7	22.2 22.3 21.3 20.4 22.4 19.8 21.9	15.5 15.9 24.2 30.4 16.1 37.4 21.4	51.5 49.9 66.8 68.3 54.6 77.6 55.9	86.7 86.3 96.6 95.6 92.9 98.5 91.9	2.9 3.0 2.5 3.4 2.2 3.5
CENTRAL AMERICA BELIZE COSTA RICA® EL SALVADOR® GUATEMALA HONDURAS MEXICO® NICARAGUA® PANAMA® SOUTH AMERICA ARGENTINA® BOLIVIA BRAZIL® CHILE® COLOMBIA®	1991 1984 1992 1990 1996 1990 1992-93 1990 1991 1992 1991 1992 1993 1990 1990 1991 1992	25.1 25.3 23.8 23.8 24.6 25.4 25.6 25.1 25.8 25.8 24.9	2.7 4.5 7.8 6.5 5.7 4.7 2.7 3.7 3.4 5.3 7.7	29.6 34.5 45.9 40.0 38.9 30.9 25.6 36.0 30.9	90.6 89.4 95.0 92.3 94.4 87.7	22.2 22.3 21.3 20.4 22.4 19.8 21.9	15.5 15.9 24.2 30.4 16.1 37.4 21.4	51.5 49.9 66.8 68.3 54.6 77.6 55.9	86.7 86.3 96.6 95.6 92.9 98.5 91.9	0.3 2.9 3.0 2.5 3.4 2.2 3.5
COSTA RICA ³ EL SALVADOR ³ GUATEMALA HONDURAS MEXICO ³ NICARAGUA ³ PANAMA ³ SOUTH AMERICA ARGENTINA ³ BOLIVIA BRAZIL ³ CHILE ³ COLOMBIA ³ ECUADOR ³	1984 1992 1990 1996 1990 1992-93 1990 1991 1992 1991 1992 1993 1990 1990 1991 1992	25.1 25.3 23.8 23.8 24.6 25.4 25.6 25.1 25.8 25.8 24.9	2.7 4.5 7.8 6.5 5.7 4.7 2.7 3.7 3.4 5.3 7.7	29.6 34.5 45.9 40.0 38.9 30.9 25.6 36.0 30.9	90.6 89.4 95.0 92.3 94.4 87.7	22.2 22.3 21.3 20.4 22.4 19.8 21.9	15.5 15.9 24.2 30.4 16.1 37.4 21.4	51.5 49.9 66.8 68.3 54.6 77.6 55.9	86.7 86.3 96.6 95.6 92.9 98.5 91.9	2.9 3.0 2.5 3.4 2.2 3.5
EL SALVADORª GUATEMALA HONDURAS MEXICOª NICARAGUAª PANAMAª SOUTH AMERICA ARGENTINAª BOLIVIA BRAZILª CHILEª COLOMBIAª ECUADORª	1992 1990 1996 1990 1992-93 1990 1991 1992 1991 1992 1993 1990 1990 1991 1992	25.3 23.8 23.8 24.6 25.4 25.6 25.1 25.8 25.8 24.9	4.5 7.8 6.5 5.7 4.7 2.7 3.7 3.4 5.3 7.7	34.5 45.9 40.0 38.9 30.9 25.6 36.0 30.9	89.4 95.0 92.3 94.4 87.7	22.3 21.3 20.4 22.4 19.8 21.9	15.9 24.2 30.4 16.1 37.4 21.4	49.9 66.8 68.3 54.6 77.6 55.9	86.3 96.6 95.6 92.9 98.5 91.9	3.0 2.5 3.4 2.2 3.5
GUATEMALA HONDURAS MEXICO ^a NICARAGUA ^a PANAMA ^a SOUTH AMERICA ARGENTINA ^a BOLIVIA BRAZIL ^a CHILE ^a COLOMBIA ^a ECUADOR ^a	1990 1996 1990 1992-93 1990 1991 1992 1991 1992 1993 1990 1990 1991	23.8 23.8 24.6 25.4 25.6 25.1 25.8 25.8 25.8 24.9	7.8 6.5 5.7 4.7 2.7 3.7 3.4 5.3 7.7	45.9 40.0 38.9 30.9 25.6 36.0 30.9	95.0 92.3 94.4 87.7 90.6 94.2	21.3 20.4 22.4 19.8 21.9	24.2 30.4 16.1 37.4 21.4	66.8 68.3 54.6 77.6 55.9	96.6 95.6 92.9 98.5 91.9	2.5 3.4 2.2 3.5
HONDURAS MEXICOª NICARAGUAª PANAMAª SOUTH AMERICA ARGENTINAª BOLIVIA BRAZILª CHILEª COLOMBIAª ECUADORª	1996 1990 1992-93 1990 1991 1992 1991 1992 1993 1990 1990 1991 1992	23.8 24.6 25.4 25.6 25.1 25.8 25.8 25.8 24.9	6.5 5.7 4.7 2.7 3.7 3.4 5.3 7.7	40.0 38.9 30.9 25.6 36.0 30.9	92.3 94.4 87.7 90.6 94.2	20.4 22.4 19.8 21.9	30.4 16.1 37.4 21.4	68.3 54.6 77.6 55.9	95.6 92.9 98.5 91.9	3.4 2.2 3.5
MEXICO ³ NICARAGUA ³ PANAMA ³ SOUTH AMERICA ARGENTINA ³ BOLIVIA BRAZIL ³ CHILE ³ COLOMBIA ³ ECUADOR ³	1990 1992-93 1990 1991 1992 1991 1992 1993 1990 1990 1991 1992	24.6 25.4 25.6 25.1 25.8 25.8 25.8 24.9	5.7 4.7 2.7 3.7 3.4 5.3 7.7	38.9 30.9 25.6 36.0 30.9	94.4 87.7 90.6 94.2	22.4 19.8 21.9 23.3	16.1 37.4 21.4	54.6 77.6 55.9 45.2	92.9 98.5 91.9 91.3	2.2 3.5
NICARAGUA ^a PANAMA ^a SOUTH AMERICA ARGENTINA ^a BOLIVIA BRAZIL ^a CHILE ^a COLOMBIA ^a ECUADOR ^a	1992-93 1990 1991 1992 1991 1992 1993 1990 1990 1991 1992	25.4 25.6 25.1 25.8 25.8 25.8 24.9	2.7 3.7 3.4 5.3 7.7	25.6 36.0 30.9	90.6 94.2	19.8 21.9 23.3	37.4 21.4	77.6 55.9 45.2	98.5 91.9 91.3	 3.5
PANAMA ^a SOUTH AMERICA ARGENTINA ^a BOLIVIA BRAZIL ^a CHILE ^a COLOMBIA ^a ECUADOR ^a	1990 1991 1992 1991 1992 1993 1990 1990 1991 1992	25.4 25.6 25.1 25.8 25.8 25.8 24.9	2.7 3.7 3.4 5.3 7.7	25.6 36.0 30.9	90.6 94.2	21.9	21.4	55.9 45.2	91.9	3.5
SOUTH AMERICA ARGENTINA ^a BOLIVIA BRAZIL ^a CHILE ^a COLOMBIA ^a ECUADOR ^a	1991 1992 1991 1992 1993 1990 1990 1991 1992	25.6 25.1 25.8 25.8 25.8 24.9	2.7 3.7 3.4 5.3 7.7	25.6 36.0 30.9	90.6 94.2	23.3	12.4	45.2	91.3	
ARGENTINA ^a BOLIVIA BRAZIL ^a CHILE ^a COLOMBIA ^a ECUADOR ^a	1992 1991 1992 1993 1990 1990 1991 1992	25.1 25.8 25.8 25.8 24.9	3.7 3.4 5.3 7.7	36.0 30.9	94.2					0.4
ARGENTINA ^a BOLIVIA BRAZIL ^a CHILE ^a COLOMBIA ^a ECUADOR ^a	1992 1991 1992 1993 1990 1990 1991 1992	25.1 25.8 25.8 25.8 24.9	3.7 3.4 5.3 7.7	36.0 30.9	94.2					2.4
BOLIVIA BRAZIL ^a CHILE ^a COLOMBIA ^a ECUADOR ^a	1992 1991 1992 1993 1990 1990 1991 1992	25.1 25.8 25.8 25.8 24.9	3.7 3.4 5.3 7.7	36.0 30.9	94.2) /
BRAZIL ^a CHILE ^a COLOMBIA ^a ECUADOR ^a	1991 1992 1993 1990 1990 1991 1992	25.8 25.8 25.8 24.9	3.4 5.3 7.7	30.9		22.1		h 2 ')	92.7	2.4
CHILE ^a COLOMBIA ^a ECUADOR ^a	1992 1993 1990 1990 1991 1992	25.8 25.8 24.9	5.3 7.7			22.7	16.9	52.6	92.0	3.0
COLOMBIA ^a ECUADOR ^a	1993 1990 1990 1991 1992	25.8 24.9	7.7	23.4	89.3	23.4	11.7	43.8	86.6	2.5
ECUADOR ^a	1990 1990 1991 1992	24.9		31.5	89.6	22.4	20.0	52.3	87.9	3.4
	1990 1991 1992		6.8	35.2	91.7	21.8	19.6	55.3	89.3	3.1
TREMOTI COMMINI	1991 1992	02.0	0.0	3.2	53.9	29.0	19.0	8.7	54.2	3.3
GUYANA	1992	30.1	0.1	12.1	80.5	27.8	6.9	26.6	81.7	2.3
PARAGUAY ^a		25.8	2.1	27.4	90.1	21.5	16.6	53.5	85.5	4.3
PERU ^a	1771	25.7	3.5	32.9	99.0	23.1	12.5	52.3	95.7	2.5
URUGUAY ^a	1985	25.7	2.0	26.7	86.7	23.1	11.3	48.8	90.8	2.2
VENEZUELA ^a	1903	25.4	5.5	31.3	87.2	22.1	17.7	50.6	86.6	3.3
VENEZOLEN	1770	20.4	0.0	31.3	07.2	22.1	17.7	30.0	00.0	0.0
NORTHERN AMERICA										
BERMUDA	1991	30.5	0.0	6.0	89.2	28.8	1.1	16.8	89.9	1.6
CANADA	1994	28.9	0.3	10.8	91.5	26.2	1.3	25.1	93.0	2.7
GREENLAND	1997	33.7	0.2	3.7	63.4	31.5	0.6	12.2	78.3	2.2
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	1995	28.7	1.3	19.3	91.9	26.0	3.9	33.2	93.9	2.7
OCEANIA										
AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND										
AUSTRALIA	1994	29.2	1.0	10.6	91.4	27.0	1.6	21.6	94.6	2.2
NEW ZEALAND	1991	28.8	0.4	9.7	92.8	26.8	1.1	22.4	95.3	2.1
MELANESIA										
FIJI	1986	25.3	2.5	29.2	95.8	22.5	13.3	58.5	96.4	2.8
NEW CALEDONIA	1989	30.9	0.1	5.2	76.8	28.4	1.3	17.2	84.2	2.5
PAPUA NEW GUINEA ^a	1996				,,,,	20.8	20.8	75.1	99.8	
SOLOMON ISLANDS	1986	25.0	3.1	31.3	92.8	21.2	19.1	65.1	94.1	3.8
VANUATU	1989	25.1	3.4	30.9	94.5	22.5	12.8	58.0	97.0	2.6
MICRONESIA										
GUAM	1990	26.8	2.1	29.3	94.0	24.4	5.8	45.3	94.8	2.5
KIRIBATI	1995	24.8	6.0	40.0	94.0	21.7	18.0	65.0	96.0	3.1
MARSHALL ISLANDS	1988	23.7	7.0	48.8	91.8	21.0	23.7	70.9	94.8	2.7
NAURU	1979	30.7	0.0	5.3	96.6	23.4	0.0	60.0	100.0	7.3
DOLVALECIA										
POLYNESIA	4000	00.0	4 /	41.5	00.7	05.7		05.0	07.1	
AMERICAN SAMOA	1990	28.3	1.6	16.0	92.5	25.7	4.7	35.0	96.1	2.6
COOK ISLANDS	1996	30.9	1.4	12.1	79.5	29.6	2.2	17.4	89.4	1.3
SAMOA	1981	27.3	1.1	20.1	94.2	23.2	6.8	49.1	96.5	4.1
TONGA	1996	27.9	1.7	17.8	92.5	25.5	5.0	33.4	92.9	2.4
TUVALU AND FUTUNA ICLANDS	1979	29.1	0.2	14.5	97.2	25.4	3.2	33.4	87.7	3.6
WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS	1990	28.5	0.1	8.8	90.8	23.4	2.9	25.8	77.2	5.1

The data presented in this chart come from censuses, surveys and civil registers. The sources are databases maintained by the Population Division and the Statistics Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the United States Census Bureau and national censuses and vital statistics publications.

Patterns of marriage are shown using three indicators: the singulate mean age at marriage (SMAM), also known as the average age at first marriage; the proportions of ever-married persons aged 15-19, 20-24 and 40-49; and the difference in the average age at first marriage between men and women. The singulate mean age at marriage is the average age at first marriage among those who ever marry by age 50 years, an age after which first marriages are usually rare. It is computed from the proportions of persons who are single, that is to say, never married between ages 15 and 50.

Consensual unions are included in the ever-married category wherever they were reported separately. Those cases have been indicated in the footnotes.

The term "country" refers also to territories or areas, irrespective of their legal status or delimitation of their frontiers or boundaries. The designations "more developed regions" and "less developed regions" are used for statistical convenience and do not necessarily express judgement about the state reached by a country or area in the development process. The more developed regions comprise all regions of Europe and Northern America, Australia/New Zealand and Japan. The less developed regions comprise all regions of Africa, Asia (excluding Japan) and Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the regions of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia.

^a Consensual unions data for both men and women were reported separately. They are included in the ever-married category. ^b Consensual unions data for women were reported separately. They are included in the ever-married category.

^c For statistical purposes, the data for China do not include Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China.

^d As of 1 July 1997, Hong Kong became a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China. ^e Data for men from 1981 census, and those for women from Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) 1993.

f Estimates based on data from the United Nations Statistics Division provided by the Palestinian Authority and referring to the Palestinian population.

Two dots (..) indicate that data are not available.

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