

MARRIAGE AND SEXUAL ACTIVITY

Table 4.1 Current marital status

Percent distribution of women and men age 15-49 by current marital status, according to age, Model DHS 6 data

Age	Marital status						Total	Percentage of respondents currently in union	Number of respondents
	Never married	Married	Living together	Divorced	Separated	Widowed			
WOMEN									
15-19	81.6	14.9	2.4	0.1	0.5	0.5	100.0	17.3	1,958
20-24	42.0	49.4	5.4	0.9	1.7	0.6	100.0	54.8	1,428
25-29	16.1	75.5	4.3	0.5	2.8	0.7	100.0	79.8	1,419
30-34	6.0	84.5	3.1	0.9	4.2	1.3	100.0	87.6	1,100
35-39	5.6	82.6	2.8	1.2	4.5	3.4	100.0	85.3	1,099
40-44	2.8	81.2	2.2	2.4	4.8	6.6	100.0	83.4	660
45-49	1.9	81.6	1.1	1.1	1.9	12.3	100.0	82.8	684
Total 15-49	31.0	59.9	3.3	0.8	2.6	2.5	100.0	63.2	8,348
MEN									
15-19	99.3	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	100.0	0.6	771
20-24	79.0	16.5	2.9	0.0	1.6	0.0	100.0	19.4	523
25-29	42.9	44.2	9.6	1.0	2.2	0.1	100.0	53.8	502
30-34	14.4	74.7	5.6	0.9	4.1	0.2	100.0	80.3	397
35-39	7.4	82.1	5.9	1.8	2.2	0.6	100.0	88.0	485
40-44	1.6	87.3	5.3	2.6	1.7	1.5	100.0	92.6	332
45-49	1.5	87.7	4.4	3.0	3.4	0.0	100.0	92.1	290
Total 15-49	45.4	47.0	4.4	1.1	1.9	0.3	100.0	51.4	3,299
50-59	1.3	90.6	4.0	1.3	0.8	1.9	100.0	94.7	322
Total 15-59	41.5	50.8	4.4	1.1	1.8	0.4	100.0	55.2	3,621

Table 4.2.1 Number of women's co-wives

Percent distribution of currently married women age 15-49 by number of co-wives, according to background characteristics, Model DHS 6 data

Background characteristic	Number of co-wives					Total	Number of women
	0	1	2+	Don't know	Missing		
Age							
15-19	82.2	15.7	1.4	0.7	0.0	100.0	339
20-24	74.3	20.2	3.2	1.5	0.8	100.0	782
25-29	70.2	24.3	3.3	1.7	0.5	100.0	1,133
30-34	66.3	25.4	6.5	1.0	0.8	100.0	964
35-39	58.6	30.3	9.5	1.2	0.4	100.0	937
40-44	57.7	30.2	11.6	0.3	0.2	100.0	551
45-49	53.2	31.5	14.2	0.3	0.9	100.0	566
Residence							
Urban	76.0	17.6	3.8	1.9	0.8	100.0	1,886
Rural	59.9	30.4	8.6	0.6	0.4	100.0	3,386
Region							
Region 1	55.9	32.5	10.8	0.4	0.4	100.0	1,984
Region 2	66.8	24.2	6.6	1.7	0.6	100.0	1,087
Region 3	82.1	12.2	2.4	2.2	1.1	100.0	1,072
Region 4	66.2	28.4	4.6	0.6	0.2	100.0	1,130
Education							
No education	60.9	29.4	8.5	0.7	0.5	100.0	3,688
Primary	70.7	22.6	4.1	2.4	0.3	100.0	693
Secondary or higher	81.6	13.5	2.3	1.6	1.0	100.0	891
Wealth quintile							
Lowest	65.1	28.2	4.7	1.4	0.6	100.0	1,115
Second	61.3	30.3	7.5	0.5	0.4	100.0	1,138
Middle	58.6	29.3	10.6	1.2	0.4	100.0	1,101
Fourth	64.5	26.1	8.2	0.8	0.3	100.0	986
Highest	81.2	13.0	3.0	1.6	1.2	100.0	933
Total	65.7	25.8	6.9	1.1	0.6	100.0	5,273

Table 4.2.2 Number of men's wives

Percent distribution of currently married men age 15-49 by number of wives, according to background characteristics, Model DHS 6 data

Background characteristic	Number of wives		Total	Number of men
	1	2+		
Age				
15-19	*	*	100.0	5
20-24	96.4	3.6	100.0	101
25-29	92.9	7.1	100.0	270
30-34	87.7	12.3	100.0	319
35-39	76.1	23.9	100.0	426
40-44	71.8	28.2	100.0	307
45-49	68.9	31.1	100.0	267
Residence				
Urban	85.0	15.0	100.0	626
Rural	77.6	22.4	100.0	1,069
Region				
Region 1	75.9	24.1	100.0	604
Region 2	82.2	17.8	100.0	363
Region 3	86.7	13.3	100.0	369
Region 4	79.5	20.5	100.0	360
Education				
No education	76.3	23.7	100.0	907
Primary	81.5	18.5	100.0	182
Secondary or higher	86.1	13.9	100.0	607
Wealth quintile				
Lowest	77.3	22.7	100.0	356
Second	77.9	22.1	100.0	360
Middle	76.7	23.3	100.0	355
Fourth	84.5	15.5	100.0	296
Highest	86.5	13.5	100.0	329
Total 15-49	80.3	19.7	100.0	1,696
50-59	63.6	36.4	100.0	304
Total 15-59	77.8	22.2	100.0	2,000

Note: An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

Table 4.3 Age at first marriage

Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who were first married by specific exact ages and median age at first marriage, according to current age, Model DHS 6 data

	Percentage first married by exact age:					Percentage never married	Number of respondents	Median age at first marriage
Current age	15	18	20	22	25			
WOMEN								
15-19	5.1	na	na	na	na	81.6	1,958	a
20-24	11.5	36.2	49.6	na	na	42.0	1,428	a
25-29	14.4	46.8	61.9	72.6	80.9	16.1	1,419	18.4
30-34	17.5	51.1	67.8	78.3	86.0	6.0	1,100	17.9
35-39	18.2	48.5	64.2	75.8	83.1	5.6	1,099	18.1
40-44	14.7	49.8	67.1	77.1	83.5	2.8	660	18.0
45-49	17.0	46.4	62.0	72.7	83.6	1.9	684	18.4
20-49	15.3	45.7	61.1	na	na	15.5	6,390	18.5
25-49	16.4	48.5	64.4	75.2	83.2	7.8	4,962	18.2
MEN								
15-19	0.0	na	na	na	na	99.3	771	a
20-24	0.9	5.3	12.6	na	na	79.0	523	a
25-29	0.8	6.4	16.2	27.5	44.7	42.9	502	a
30-34	1.0	7.8	14.4	32.2	55.0	14.4	397	24.5
35-39	1.7	10.7	19.5	30.3	49.6	7.4	485	25.1
40-44	1.8	9.4	17.7	32.2	48.6	1.6	332	25.2
45-49	0.3	7.2	14.4	23.6	39.7	1.5	290	27.1
20-49	1.1	7.7	15.8	na	na	28.9	2,528	a
25-49	1.2	8.3	16.6	29.3	47.9	15.9	2,005	a
20-59	1.1	7.2	15.0	na	na	25.8	2,850	a
25-59	1.1	7.7	15.5	28.4	45.9	13.8	2,327	a

Note: The age at first marriage is defined as the age at which the respondent began living with her/his first spouse/partner

na = Not applicable due to censoring

a = Omitted because less than 50 percent of the women or men began living with their spouse or partner for the first time before reaching the beginning of the age group

Table 4.4 Median age at first marriage by background characteristics

Median age at first marriage among women age 20-49 and age 25-49, and median age at first marriage among men age 20-54[59] and 25-54[59], according to background characteristics, Model DHS 6 data

Background characteristic	Women age		Men age
	20-49	25-49	25-59
Residence			
Urban	a	19.5	a
Rural	17.6	17.5	24.9
Region			
Region 1	17.6	17.4	a
Region 2	18.1	17.9	a
Region 3	a	20.4	a
Region 4	18.1	18.1	24.5
Education			
No education	17.5	17.6	24.6
Primary	17.9	17.8	a
Secondary or higher	a	23.1	a
Wealth quintile			
Lowest	17.5	17.4	24.5
Second	17.6	17.5	a
Middle	18.0	17.9	24.4
Fourth	18.6	18.1	a
Highest	a	20.6	a
Total	18.5	18.2	a

Note: The age at first marriage is defined as the age at which the respondent began living with her/his first spouse/partner

a = Omitted because less than 50 percent of the respondents began living with their spouse/partners for the first time before reaching the beginning of the age group

Table 4.5 Age at first sexual intercourse

Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who had first sexual intercourse by specific exact ages, percentage who never had sexual intercourse, and median age at first sexual intercourse, according to current age, Model DHS 6 data

	Percentage who had first sexual intercourse by exact age:					Percentage who never had intercourse	Number	Median age at first intercourse
Current age	15	18	20	22	25			
WOMEN								
15-19	19.4	na	na	na	na	36.6	1,958	a
20-24	18.1	64.8	85.4	na	na	3.3	1,428	16.8
25-29	19.8	67.6	82.6	86.3	89.4	0.4	1,419	16.6
30-34	21.7	67.4	81.8	85.0	86.5	0.0	1,100	16.4
35-39	21.5	68.6	82.7	87.5	88.8	0.1	1,099	16.5
40-44	18.1	63.9	79.9	84.2	84.9	0.0	660	16.6
45-49	20.5	64.4	77.9	82.5	86.1	0.0	684	16.6
20-49	19.9	66.4	82.3	na	na	0.8	6,390	16.6
25-49	20.5	66.9	81.4	85.5	87.6	0.1	4,962	16.5
15-24	18.9	na	na	na	na	22.5	3,386	a
MEN								
15-19	9.1	na	na	na	na	58.3	771	a
20-24	11.0	51.3	80.4	na	na	9.2	523	17.9
25-29	6.5	53.9	79.0	89.5	94.3	2.0	502	17.8
30-34	8.3	56.0	73.5	89.2	94.2	0.8	397	17.7
35-39	7.7	44.6	73.4	88.5	92.6	0.0	485	18.3
40-44	6.1	46.4	69.3	89.8	93.2	0.0	332	18.2
45-49	5.9	44.8	71.3	85.2	91.1	0.0	290	18.3
20-49	7.8	49.9	75.2	na	na	2.4	2,528	18.0
25-49	7.0	49.5	73.9	88.6	93.2	0.7	2,005	18.0
15-24	9.9	na	na	na	na	38.5	1,294	a
20-59	7.4	47.9	73.2	na	na	2.2	2,850	18.1
25-59	6.6	47.1	71.6	87.7	92.5	0.6	2,327	18.2

na = Not applicable due to censoring

a = Omitted because less than 50 percent of the respondents had sexual intercourse for the first time before reaching the beginning of the age group

Table 4.6 Median age at first sexual intercourse by background characteristics

Median age at first sexual intercourse among women age 20-49 and age 25-49, and median age at first sexual intercourse among men age 20-54[59] and age 25-54[59], according to background characteristics, Model DHS 6 data

Background characteristic	Women age		Men age	
	20-49	25-49	20-59	25-59
Residence				
Urban	17.2	17.1	18.2	18.3
Rural	16.2	16.2	18.0	18.0
Region				
Region 1	15.9	16.0	18.3	18.4
Region 2	16.7	16.7	18.0	18.1
Region 3	17.7	17.5	18.1	18.2
Region 4	16.3	16.3	17.9	17.9
Education				
No education	16.3	16.3	18.1	18.1
Primary	16.2	16.2	18.1	18.1
Secondary or higher	17.6	17.7	18.2	18.3
Wealth quintile				
Lowest	16.2	16.1	18.2	18.2
Second	16.1	16.1	18.1	18.1
Middle	16.3	16.4	18.0	18.0
Fourth	16.5	16.5	18.1	18.2
Highest	17.9	17.8	18.2	18.3
Total	16.6	16.5	18.1	18.2

Table 4.7.1 Recent sexual activity: Women

Percent distribution of women age 15-49 by timing of last sexual intercourse, according to background characteristics, Model DHS 6 data

Background characteristic	Timing of last sexual intercourse				Never had sexual intercourse	Total	Number of women
	Within the past 4 weeks	Within 1 year ¹	One or more years	Missing			
Age							
15-19	31.8	25.1	5.7	0.9	36.6	100.0	1,958
20-24	51.0	30.8	14.4	0.6	3.3	100.0	1,428
25-29	55.5	30.7	13.1	0.3	0.4	100.0	1,419
30-34	58.6	23.7	17.6	0.1	0.0	100.0	1,100
35-39	58.8	25.8	15.3	0.0	0.1	100.0	1,099
40-44	64.2	20.7	14.4	0.7	0.0	100.0	660
45-49	60.9	20.2	18.7	0.2	0.0	100.0	684
Marital status							
Never married	37.9	26.3	5.5	0.7	29.7	100.0	2,585
Married or living together	59.9	25.3	14.5	0.3	0.1	100.0	5,273
Divorced/separated/widowed	27.1	35.3	37.2	0.5	0.0	100.0	491
Marital duration²							
0-4 years	54.0	29.1	16.1	0.6	0.2	100.0	907
5-9 years	51.2	33.3	15.2	0.3	0.0	100.0	892
10-14 years	59.7	25.3	14.7	0.3	0.0	100.0	844
15-19 years	64.5	18.8	16.5	0.2	0.0	100.0	648
20-24 years	67.8	20.1	11.7	0.3	0.0	100.0	476
25+ years	68.3	21.0	10.4	0.3	0.0	100.0	397
Married more than once	62.7	23.2	13.9	0.2	0.1	100.0	1,109
Residence							
Urban	51.9	26.0	9.7	0.5	12.0	100.0	3,766
Rural	50.6	26.3	15.7	0.4	7.0	100.0	4,582
Region							
Region 1	48.2	27.1	16.9	0.6	7.3	100.0	2,863
Region 2	53.6	26.6	11.9	0.3	7.7	100.0	1,610
Region 3	51.7	25.4	9.0	0.5	13.4	100.0	2,300
Region 4	53.4	25.1	12.9	0.3	8.3	100.0	1,574
Education							
No education	54.8	25.8	16.9	0.3	2.1	100.0	4,397
Primary	46.2	23.7	13.2	0.3	16.7	100.0	1,146
Secondary or higher	47.5	27.7	6.8	0.7	17.3	100.0	2,805
Wealth quintile							
Lowest	49.2	26.9	17.0	0.1	6.8	100.0	1,490
Second	50.9	28.0	15.0	0.2	5.9	100.0	1,503
Middle	51.4	27.5	14.2	0.2	6.6	100.0	1,568
Fourth	52.2	23.2	13.2	1.1	10.4	100.0	1,784
Highest	51.7	25.9	7.5	0.5	14.5	100.0	2,003
Total	51.2	26.2	13.0	0.4	9.2	100.0	8,348

¹ Excludes women who had sexual intercourse within the last 4 weeks

² Excludes women who are not currently married

Table 4.7.2 Recent sexual activity: Men

Percent distribution of men age 15-49 by timing of last sexual intercourse, according to background characteristics, Model DHS 6 data

Background characteristic	Timing of last sexual intercourse				Never had sexual intercourse	Total	Number of men
	Within the past 4 weeks	Within 1 year ¹	One or more years	Missing			
Age							
15-19	19.7	17.7	3.7	0.6	58.3	100.0	771
20-24	51.3	34.5	4.9	0.1	9.2	100.0	523
25-29	62.5	29.7	5.8	0.0	2.0	100.0	502
30-34	74.5	19.3	5.0	0.5	0.8	100.0	397
35-39	75.1	19.8	4.6	0.4	0.0	100.0	485
40-44	71.4	19.6	9.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	332
45-49	74.4	19.7	5.9	0.0	0.0	100.0	290
Marital status							
Never married	35.8	25.1	4.5	0.4	34.2	100.0	1,497
Married or living together	74.2	20.6	5.0	0.2	0.0	100.0	1,696
Divorced/separated/widowed	47.5	33.6	18.8	0.0	0.0	100.0	107
Marital duration²							
0-4 years	65.1	31.1	3.8	0.0	0.0	100.0	315
5-9 years	70.2	24.2	4.6	0.9	0.0	100.0	298
10-14 years	76.4	16.5	7.1	0.0	0.0	100.0	238
15-19 years	77.0	17.9	5.1	0.0	0.0	100.0	148
20-24 years	73.9	18.1	8.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	77
25+ years	(80.4)	(19.6)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	100.0	28
Married more than once	79.3	15.8	4.9	0.0	0.0	100.0	592
Residence							
Urban	53.1	22.3	5.2	0.3	19.1	100.0	1,631
Rural	58.7	23.8	5.3	0.2	12.0	100.0	1,668
Region							
Region 1	54.1	23.7	7.1	0.0	15.1	100.0	1,058
Region 2	59.2	24.0	4.8	0.3	11.8	100.0	607
Region 3	53.0	22.4	5.4	0.5	18.8	100.0	1,023
Region 4	61.0	22.2	2.2	0.3	14.3	100.0	611
Education							
No education	63.2	22.6	5.9	0.1	8.1	100.0	1,232
Primary	51.5	18.9	5.0	0.4	24.2	100.0	396
Secondary or higher	51.7	24.4	4.8	0.3	18.9	100.0	1,672
Wealth quintile							
Lowest	59.4	22.5	5.8	0.0	12.3	100.0	549
Second	56.6	24.9	5.0	0.3	13.1	100.0	564
Middle	60.6	22.3	4.0	0.1	13.0	100.0	583
Fourth	52.4	21.8	6.3	0.3	19.2	100.0	679
Highest	53.1	23.6	5.1	0.5	17.7	100.0	925
Total 15-49	55.9	23.1	5.2	0.3	15.5	100.0	3,299
50-59	76.2	17.3	6.5	0.0	0.0	100.0	322
Total 15-59	57.7	22.5	5.4	0.2	14.1	100.0	3,621

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.

¹ Excludes men who had sexual intercourse within the last 4 weeks² Excludes men who are not currently married