

Outcome of marriage, divorce and adoption statistics review and lookup file for relating new tables to former Summary and Series FM2 tables

As part of modernising ONS outputs, the content and format of all data tables in the annual reference volume Marriage, Divorce and Adoption Statistics (Series FM2) has been reviewed. From January 2011, ONS will publish separate releases for each topic. This has the advantage that detailed topic tables can be released in a more timely manner once final data is available¹ (tables for all three topics will no longer be tied down to a single release date). The release dates for each topic can be found on the publication hub: www.statistics.gov.uk.

The lookup tables below show how the new releases relate to former Series FM2 tables and the summary tables previously published for each topic.

The review of Marriage, Divorce and Adoption Statistics has taken place in several stages. To help ONS determine user requirements, a summary of proposed changes were outlined in a user consultation published on the ONS website on 24 March 2010. These proposals were developed following a thorough examination of all FM2 tables to determine whether such information was already available on the ONS website and whether the tables continued to be of use. The second stage of the review considered the content and structure of the proposed tables and user's views received as a result of the consultation.

¹ ONS is required by legislation to lay before parliament a statistical abstract of marriages. There is no such requirement for divorces or adoptions. Until recently final divorce and adoptions figures have only been made available with the publication of the FM2 volume. Publishing marriage and divorce statistics at separate time points ensures more timely detailed data on divorces because the divorce data would be independent of the longer time lag associated with receiving marriage entries. Adoptions in 2008 were first published on 11 November 2010. On this date, detailed adoption tables normally found in Series FM2 were also published providing users with more timely data on adoptions. This publication schedule will continue.

Marriages

The following marriage tables will be available on the marriages product page at www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=14275

Number of marriages, marriage rates and period of occurrence

Table name	New table number	Years shown	Former table number
Summary of marriage characteristics	1	Selected years	Summary table 1/Parts of FM2 table 2.1, 3.1, 3.32 and 3.33 using the new denomination groupings (see annex 1)
Summary of marriage rates	2	10 years	Summary table 2a/FM2 table 2.2 The latest quarterly marriages rates (using the general marriage rate) are published at: www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme_health/Vital-stats-summary21.xls
Historic marriages numbers and rates	3	Historic time series	Summary table 2b/FM2 table 2.2
First marriage rates by sex and age	4	10 years	FM2 table 3.10
Remarriage rates by sex and age	5	10 years	FM2 table 3.12
Quarter of occurrence	6	Historic time series	FM2 table 3.1 but only numbers The latest quarterly marriages rates (using the general marriage rate) are published at: www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme_health/Vital-stats-summary21.xls
Month of occurrence	7	Historic time series	FM2 table 3.2
Type of ceremony, day and month of occurrence (numbers and percentages)	8	Latest year	FM2 table 3.3

Previous marital status

Table name	New table number	Years shown	Former table number
Previous marital status of person marrying (numbers and percentages)	1	Selected years	Summary table 3/Parts of FM2 table 3.18 and 3.19
Previous marital statuses of bride and bridegroom	2	Historic time series	FM2 table 2.1
Previous marital statuses of bride and bridegroom in combination	3	Historic time series	FM2 table 3.7 and 3.8

Age and previous marital status

Table name	New table number	Years shown	Former table number
Age at marriage by sex and previous marital status	1	Selected years	Summary table 5/Parts of FM2 table 3.15 – 3.19
Age of husband and previous marital status	2a	Historic time series	FM2 table 3.13 and part of 3.18
Age of wife and previous marital status	2b	Historic time series	FM2 table 3.14 and part of 3.19
Men marrying: age and previous marital statuses of bride and bridegroom	3a	Latest year	FM2 table 3.18 but only 5 year age groups
Women marrying: age and previous marital statuses of bride and bridegroom	3b	Latest year	FM2 table 3.19 but only 5 year age groups
Previous marital statuses and ages in combination of bride and bridegroom	4	Latest year	FM2 table 3.20 but only 5 year age groups
Median age at marriage: sex and previous marital statuses of bride and bridegroom	5	Historic time series	FM2 table 3.15
Mean age of men at marriage: previous marital statuses of bride and bridegroom	6	Historic time series	FM2 table 3.16
Mean age of women at marriage: previous marital statuses of bride and bridegroom	7	Historic time series	FM2 table 3.17

Cohabitation and cohort analyses

Table name	New table number	Years shown	Former table number
Previous marital statuses of bride and bridegroom, type of ceremony, sex, age and cohabitation prior to marriage (numbers and percentages)	1	Latest year	FM2 table 3.38 and 3.39
Proportions of men and women who had ever married by certain ages, for birth cohort, 1931-1992	2	Selected years	FM2 table 3.36
Proportions of men and women who had ever remarried by certain ages, for birth cohort, 1931-1988	3	Selected years	FM2 table 3.37

Area of occurrence, type of ceremony, denomination and registered building

Table name	New table number	Years shown	Former table number
Area of occurrence (by GOR, counties, UA's and metropolitan districts) type of ceremony and previous marital status	1	Latest year	New table
Type of ceremony and denomination (numbers)	2	Historic time series	FM2 table 3.29 numbers only using the

			new denomination groupings (see annex 1)
Type of ceremony and denomination (proportions)	3	Historic time series	FM2 table 3.29 proportions only using the new denomination groupings (see annex 1)
Previous marital status and manner of solemnisation (numbers and percentages)	4	Selected years	Summary table 4/Parts of FM2 table 3.31
Previous marital statuses of bride and bridegroom, sex, age, type of ceremony and denomination	5	Latest year	FM2 table 3.31 and 3.32 using the new denomination groupings
Certified places of worship: area of location as at 30 June 2008, and denomination	6	Latest year	FM2 table 3.42
Buildings of worship in which marriages may be solemnised: area of location as at 30 June 2008, and denomination	7	Latest year	FM2 table 3.43

Divorces

The following divorce tables will be available on the divorces product page at www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=14124

Number of divorces, age at divorce and marital status before marriage

Table name	New table number	Years shown	Former table number
Number of couples divorcing, by party petitioning/granted decree	1	Historic time series	Summary table 1/FM2 table 4.20
Sex and age at divorce of husband (numbers)	2a	Historic time series	Summary table 3/FM2 table 4.1
Sex and age at divorce of wife (numbers)	2b	Historic time series	Summary table 3/FM2 table 4.1
Sex and age at divorce of husband (rates)	3a	Historic time series	Summary table 3/FM2 table 4.1
Sex and age at divorce of wife (rates)	3b	Historic time series	Summary table 3/FM2 table 4.1
Ages at divorce of husband and wife in combination	4	Latest year	FM2 table 4.2
Men divorcing: age at divorce and previous marital statuses of husband and wife	5	Latest year	FM2 table 4.3 but only 5 year age groups
Women divorcing: age at divorce and previous marital statuses of husband and wife	6	Latest year	FM2 table 4.4 but only 5 year age groups
Marital statuses before marriage of husband and wife	7	Historic time series	Part of summary table 5/FM2 table 4.16
Divorces granted to a sole party: Party to whom granted and fact proven at divorce	8	Historic time series	FM2 table 4.21

Age at marriage, duration of marriage and cohort analyses

Table name	New table number	Years shown	Former table number
Ages at marriage of husband and wife in combination	1	Latest year	FM2 table 4.6
Proportion of marriage ending in divorce by duration and year of marriage	2	Cohort table by year of marriage	New table
Proportions of men and women who had ever divorced by certain ages, for birth cohort	3	Cohort table by year of birth	FM2 table 4.8
Duration of marriage at divorce by age of wife at marriage	4	Historic time series	FM2 table 4.9 but duration years above 10 years now grouped into 5 year age groups up to 30 years and over
Duration of marriage at divorce by age of husband at marriage	5	Time series for comparison	FM2 table 4.9 but duration years above 10 years now grouped into 5 year age groups up to 30 years and over

Children of divorced couples

Table name	New table number	Years shown	Former table number
Couples by number of children and children by age	1	Historic time series	Summary table 4/FM2 table 4.11
Children of divorced couples	2	Historic time series	FM2 table 4.10

Adoptions

The following adoption tables will be available on the adoptions product page at www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=15049

Table name	New table number	Years shown	Former table number
Adoption orders by date of entry in Adopted Children Register: sex, and whether adopted child born within/outside marriage	1a	10 years	FM2 table 6.1a
Adoption orders by date of court order: sex, and whether adopted child born within/outside marriage	1b	10 years	FM2 table 6.1b
Adoptions by date of entry in Adopted Children Register (numbers and percentages): sex and age	2a	10 years	FM2 table 6.2a

Adoptions by date of court order (numbers and percentages): sex and age	2b	10 years	FM2 table 6.2b
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Historic adoption tables are also available on the adoptions product page at www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=15049

Tables discontinued

Table number	Table name	Available elsewhere?
FM2 table 1.1	Estimated population: sex, age and marital status	Population estimates by marital status are produced by ONS and are available at www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=15107
FM2 table 1.2	Estimated population: (proportion per thousand) sex, age and marital status	Population estimates by marital status are produced by ONS and are available at www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=15107
FM2 table 3.4	Type of ceremony, denomination and day of occurrence	No – For statistics on civil/religious ceremonies by day of the week see table 8 in the number of marriages, marriage rates and period of occurrence workbook.
FM2 table 3.5	Type of ceremony, previous marital statuses of bride and bridegroom and day of occurrence	No
FM2 table 3.6	Type of ceremony, sex, age and day of occurrence	No - For statistics on civil/religious ceremonies by day of the week see table 8 in the number of marriages, marriage rates and period of occurrence workbook.
FM2 table 3.9	Previous marital statuses of bride and bridegroom	Some of the data is provided in table 2 in the previous marital status workbook.
FM2 table 3.11	First marriage rates: sex and single years of age (22-35)	No - For statistics on marriage rates by 5 year age groups see table 4 in the number of marriages, marriage rates and period of occurrence workbook.
FM2 table 3.21	First marriage rates (gross nuptiality): derived summary	No
FM2 table 3.22	First marriage rates (net nuptiality): derived summary	No
FM2 table 3.23	Men marrying: area of occurrence and age	No - For statistics on the total number of marriages by area see table 1 in the area of occurrence, residential address before marriage and cohort analyses workbook.
FM2 table 3.24	Women marrying: area of occurrence and age	No - For statistics on the total number of marriages by area for first marriages for both partners see table 1 in the area of occurrence, residential address before marriage and cohort analyses workbook.
FM2 table 3.25	Men marrying: area of occurrence, previous marital status and age	No - For statistics on the total number of marriages by area for first marriages for both partners see table 1 in the area of occurrence, residential address before marriage and cohort analyses workbook.
FM2 table 3.26	Women marrying: area of occurrence, previous marital status and age	No
FM2 table 3.27	Marriages (numbers and percentages): area of occurrence, previous marital statuses of bride and bridegroom and type of ceremony	No – A new area table showing numbers of total marriages, civil marriages, religious marriages, first marriages for both partners and remarriages for one or both partners has instead been produced (table 1 in area of occurrence, residential address before marriage and cohort analyses).
FM2 table 3.28	Marriages: area of occurrence, type of ceremony and denomination	No – A new area table showing numbers of total marriages, civil marriages, religious marriages, first marriages for both partners and remarriages for one or both partners has instead been produced (table 1 in area of occurrence, residential address before marriage and cohort analyses).
FM2 table 3.30	Age of bride and quarter of occurrence, type of	No

	ceremony and previous marital statuses of bride and bridegroom	
FM2 table 3.33	Area of occurrence, type of ceremony and denomination	The number of civil marriages and religious marriages by area of occurrence is included in table 1 in the area of occurrence, residential address before marriage and cohort analyses workbook. Some of the data is also provided (at national level only) in table 1 in the number of marriages, marriage rates and period of occurrence workbook.
FM2 table 3.34	Area of occurrence, type of ceremony, denomination and type of preliminaries	No
FM2 table 3.35	Marriages in registered buildings of worship: area of occurrence, denomination and whether before a registrar or an authorised person	No
FM2 table 3.40	Type of ceremony, denomination and whether bride and bridegroom gave identical residential addresses before marriage	No – Statistics on identical address before marriage can be found in table 2 in the area of occurrence, residential address before marriage and cohort analyses workbook.
FM2 table 3.41	Type of ceremony and whether bride and bridegroom gave identical residential addresses before marriage, and month of occurrence	This data is available on a yearly basis in table 2 in the area of occurrence, residential address before marriage and cohort analyses workbook.
FM2 table 4.5	Sex and age at marriage	No
FM2 table 4.7	Year of marriage, ages at marriage of husband and wife in combination	No – A new cohort tables showing the cumulative proportion of marriages that have ended in divorce has instead been produced (table 2 in age at marriage, duration of marriage and cohort analyses workbook).
FM2 table 4.12	Couples and children of divorced couples where there is at least one child under 16: ages of youngest and oldest child and number of children by age	No – For summary figures on this topic see the children of divorced couples workbook.
FM2 table 4.13	Couples and children of divorced couples: age of wife at divorce, number of children aged under 16 and children by age	No – For summary figures on this topic see the children of divorced couples workbook.
FM2 table 4.14	Couples and children of divorced couples: age of wife at marriage, number of children aged under 16 and children by age	No – For summary figures on this topic see the children of divorced couples workbook.
FM2 table 4.15	Couples and children of divorced couples: age of wife at marriage, number of children aged under 16 and duration of marriage	No – For summary figures on this topic see the children of divorced couples workbook.
FM2 table 4.17	Age of wife at marriage, and marital statuses before marriage of husband and wife	No – For summary figures showing marital statuses before marriage of husband and wife see table 7 in the Number of divorces, age at divorce and marital status before marriage workbook.
FM2 table 4.18	Sex, marital status before marriage, year of marriage and age at marriage	No
FM2 table 4.19	Divorce rates: sex, marital status before marriage, year of marriage and age at marriage	No
FM2 table 4.22	Decrees awarded: type, fact proven at divorce, couples with children aged under 16, and interval between petition and divorce	No
FM2 table 4.23	Matrimonial suits: type of petition filed and decree nisi granted	This data was provided by the Ministry of Justice and is available in table 5.5 at www.justice.gov.uk/publications/judicialandcourtstatistics.htm

FM2 table 4.24	Orders concerning custody of children in family proceeding: type of order by whether with divorce	No – this data was provided by the Ministry of Justice.
FM2 table 5.1	New widowers and widows: age	No
FM2 table 5.2	Widowers: age in combination with age of deceased	No
FM2 table 5.3	Widows: age in combination with age of deceased	No
FM2 table 6.3	Adoption applications and orders granted	No – this data was provided by HM Court Service.

Annex 1: Marriage statistics by denomination

Religious marriages other than those solemnised according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, Church in Wales, Society of Friends or of the Jewish religion must usually take place in a building registered for marriages. All buildings registered for marriage must also be certified as a place of worship. Marriage statistics by denomination can be misleading as some religious marriages (e.g. Muslim and Sikh) can take place at unregistered premises. To be registered as a legal marriage the couple have a further marriage ceremony in a registry office or approved building. Such weddings are coded as civil marriages because only the civil marriage certificate is received.

Given that marriage statistics by denomination can be misleading for some religions, ONS will now be publishing religious denominations under the following groupings:

1. Church of England and Church in Wales
2. Catholic
3. Other Christian denominations (includes Methodist, Calvinistic Methodist, United Reformed Church, Congregationalist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Society of Friends (Quakers), Salvation Army, Brethren and Jehovah's Witnesses)
4. Other (includes Jews, Muslim and Sikh).