

## 4 Marriages by Prefecture

### (1) Marriages by marital status of partners

In this section, we look at the percentages of marriages by the marital status of partners in each prefecture. The ratios of “first marriage for both partners” were high in Shiga, Niigata, and Fukui prefectures in this order and 36 prefectures recorded over 80% in 1995. In 2015, the ratios of the same were high in Fukui, Tokyo, and Toyama prefectures in this order, but the highest ratio of Fukui remained at 77.5%. The ratio of “first marriage for both partners” decreased, while the ratio of “remarriage for at least one party” increased. (Table 14)

Table 14 Percentages of marriages by the marital status of partners in each prefecture in 1995 and 2015

(Unit: %)

Prefecture	2015					1995				
	Total	First marriage for both parties	First marriage for groom and remarriage for bride	Remarriage for groom and first marriage for bride	Remarriage for both parties	Total	First marriage for both parties	First marriage for groom and remarriage for bride	Remarriage for groom and first marriage for bride	Remarriage for both parties
Nation	100.0	73.2	7.1	10.0	9.7	100.0	81.6	5.1	6.8	6.5
01 Hokkaido	100.0	66.4	7.9	12.2	13.5	100.0	75.9	5.8	8.4	9.9
02 Aomori	100.0	70.9	8.2	11.4	9.4	100.0	79.6	6.1	7.4	6.9
03 Iwate	100.0	70.8	9.1	10.6	9.4	100.0	84.1	5.2	5.9	4.8
04 Miyagi	100.0	71.9	7.4	10.4	10.3	100.0	83.4	5.0	5.9	5.6
05 Akita	100.0	71.4	8.0	10.2	10.4	100.0	82.0	5.9	6.1	6.1
06 Yamagata	100.0	74.4	7.1	9.2	9.2	100.0	84.0	5.2	6.0	4.8
07 Fukushima	100.0	70.9	7.7	10.4	10.9	100.0	82.3	5.4	6.4	5.9
08 Ibaraki	100.0	72.2	8.0	9.1	10.7	100.0	82.9	5.2	5.9	5.9
09 Tochigi	100.0	72.4	8.4	9.1	10.1	100.0	81.0	6.1	6.2	6.8
10 Gunma	100.0	72.3	7.7	9.9	10.1	100.0	81.9	5.1	6.8	6.2
11 Saitama	100.0	73.4	7.7	9.3	9.7	100.0	82.6	5.6	6.1	5.7
12 Chiba	100.0	72.7	7.7	9.6	9.9	100.0	82.2	5.5	6.4	5.9
13 Tokyo	100.0	77.3	6.4	9.6	6.8	100.0	80.7	5.7	7.9	5.7
14 Kanagawa	100.0	74.4	7.4	9.3	8.9	100.0	82.5	5.6	6.2	5.7
15 Niigata	100.0	75.3	6.9	9.7	8.1	100.0	85.7	4.9	5.2	4.2
16 Toyama	100.0	76.7	6.4	8.1	8.8	100.0	84.5	4.3	6.0	5.1
17 Ishikawa	100.0	75.7	6.3	9.3	8.8	100.0	83.8	4.7	5.5	6.0
18 Fukui	100.0	77.5	5.8	8.5	8.2	100.0	84.8	4.1	5.3	5.9
19 Yamanashi	100.0	73.1	7.8	9.8	9.3	100.0	84.3	4.1	6.0	5.6
20 Nagano	100.0	73.3	7.7	9.8	9.2	100.0	84.3	4.8	6.1	4.9
21 Gifu	100.0	74.3	6.9	9.1	9.7	100.0	84.4	3.9	5.9	5.7
22 Shizuoka	100.0	72.1	7.8	10.1	10.0	100.0	81.4	5.0	6.8	6.9
23 Aichi	100.0	75.3	6.8	9.0	8.8	100.0	84.0	4.5	6.0	5.5
24 Mie	100.0	71.3	7.2	10.5	11.0	100.0	81.9	4.6	6.9	6.5
25 Shiga	100.0	75.4	6.3	8.9	9.3	100.0	86.1	3.5	5.3	5.1
26 Kyoto	100.0	75.9	6.0	9.4	8.7	100.0	83.0	4.1	6.7	6.1
27 Osaka	100.0	72.1	6.8	10.9	10.2	100.0	81.1	4.8	7.2	6.9
28 Hyogo	100.0	73.4	6.7	10.1	9.8	100.0	82.2	4.7	6.6	6.5
29 Nara	100.0	72.5	6.3	10.8	10.5	100.0	83.3	3.7	6.4	6.6
30 Wakayama	100.0	67.8	7.9	11.0	13.4	100.0	78.6	4.5	8.0	8.8
31 Tottori	100.0	70.9	7.9	10.9	10.3	100.0	80.6	5.5	7.0	6.9
32 Shimane	100.0	73.9	6.8	9.4	9.9	100.0	81.7	6.2	6.1	5.9
33 Okayama	100.0	72.8	6.7	10.1	10.4	100.0	81.1	4.8	7.1	7.0
34 Hiroshima	100.0	72.9	6.9	10.1	10.1	100.0	82.2	4.8	6.4	6.5
35 Yamaguchi	100.0	69.7	7.2	10.8	12.3	100.0	79.4	4.9	7.4	8.3
36 Tokushima	100.0	72.9	6.8	10.4	9.8	100.0	82.4	4.5	6.2	6.8
37 Kagawa	100.0	71.1	6.6	10.9	11.5	100.0	82.4	4.7	6.3	6.6
38 Ehime	100.0	71.2	7.1	10.5	11.2	100.0	79.8	5.4	7.2	7.6
39 Kochi	100.0	66.2	9.7	12.0	12.2	100.0	78.1	5.4	8.1	8.3
40 Fukuoka	100.0	71.5	6.9	11.0	10.7	100.0	78.7	5.0	7.8	8.4
41 Saga	100.0	73.7	6.2	10.5	9.6	100.0	82.0	4.4	7.5	6.1
42 Nagasaki	100.0	72.6	7.3	9.7	10.4	100.0	80.7	4.8	7.0	7.4
43 Kumamoto	100.0	71.2	6.9	11.2	10.7	100.0	80.9	4.5	7.3	7.3
44 Oita	100.0	71.0	7.2	10.8	11.0	100.0	79.7	4.6	7.0	8.7
45 Miyazaki	100.0	67.7	6.8	11.7	13.8	100.0	78.4	5.2	7.7	8.7
46 Kagoshima	100.0	69.5	7.2	11.3	12.1	100.0	78.4	5.6	6.8	9.2
47 Okinawa	100.0	69.4	8.1	11.4	11.0	100.0	78.2	6.6	7.9	7.2

Note: The tabulation of above table by prefecture is based on the residence of groom.

## (2) First marriage by the age difference of partners

With regard to the percentages of first marriage by the age difference of partners in each prefecture, the ratios of brides marrying younger grooms were more than 20% in 7 prefectures in 1995. In 2015, these ratios exceeded 20% in all prefectures and increased. On the other hand, the ratio of grooms marrying younger brides decreased by 9.4 percentage points in 20 years from 64.4% in 1995 to 55.0% in 2015 nationwide. (Table 15)

Table 15 The number of marriages and the percentages of first marriage by the age difference of partners in each prefecture in 1995 and 2015

Prefecture	2015								1995							
	Actual number (number of couples)				Percent distribution (%)				Actual number (number of couples)				Percent distribution (%)			
	Total	Bride is older	Same age	Groom is older	Total	Bride is older	Same age	Groom is older	Total	Bride is older	Same age	Groom is older	Total	Bride is older	Same age	Groom is older
Nation	464 975	112 408	96 860	255 678	100.0	24.2	20.8	55.0	646 536	116 399	113 488	416 597	100.0	18.0	17.6	64.4
01 Hokkaido	16 908	4 381	3 537	8 990	100.0	25.9	20.9	53.2	27 009	5 466	4 987	16 551	100.0	20.2	18.5	61.3
02 Aomori	3 853	926	810	2 117	100.0	24.0	21.0	54.9	6 611	1 241	1 209	4 161	100.0	18.8	18.3	62.9
03 Iwate	3 714	912	824	1 978	100.0	24.6	22.2	53.3	6 036	1 221	1 116	3 699	100.0	20.2	18.5	61.3
04 Miyagi	8 142	2 040	1 782	4 320	100.0	25.1	21.9	53.1	11 654	2 311	2 243	7 099	100.0	19.8	19.2	60.9
05 Akita	2 579	646	583	1 349	100.0	25.0	22.6	52.3	4 854	897	920	3 037	100.0	18.5	19.0	62.6
06 Yamagata	3 366	777	782	1 807	100.0	23.1	23.2	53.7	5 479	978	981	3 520	100.0	17.8	17.9	64.2
07 Fukushima	6 304	1 566	1 410	3 328	100.0	24.8	22.4	52.8	9 936	1 881	1 787	6 268	100.0	18.9	18.0	63.1
08 Ibaraki	9 742	2 410	2 089	5 243	100.0	24.7	21.4	53.8	14 527	2 556	2 738	9 232	100.0	17.6	18.8	63.6
09 Tochigi	6 844	1 564	1 515	3 764	100.0	22.9	22.1	55.0	9 594	1 639	1 823	6 132	100.0	17.1	19.0	63.9
10 Gunma	6 380	1 496	1 418	3 465	100.0	23.4	22.2	54.3	9 953	1 925	1 784	6 242	100.0	19.3	17.9	62.7
11 Saitama	25 505	5 960	5 323	14 217	100.0	23.4	20.9	55.7	38 180	6 686	6 780	24 712	100.0	17.5	17.8	64.7
12 Chiba	21 970	5 232	4 572	12 164	100.0	23.8	20.8	55.4	32 052	5 465	5 465	20 941	100.0	17.6	17.1	65.3
13 Tokyo	67 396	16 256	12 616	38 523	100.0	24.1	18.7	57.2	68 055	12 615	11 003	44 431	100.0	18.5	16.2	65.3
14 Kanagawa	35 896	8 518	7 324	20 051	100.0	23.7	20.4	55.9	51 131	8 884	8 678	33 565	100.0	17.4	17.0	65.6
15 Niigata	7 103	1 784	1 588	3 731	100.0	25.1	22.4	52.5	11 192	2 029	2 035	7 127	100.0	18.1	18.2	63.7
16 Toyama	3 481	807	789	1 885	100.0	23.2	22.7	54.2	5 214	890	910	3 413	100.0	17.1	17.5	65.5
17 Ishikawa	3 935	967	798	2 170	100.0	24.6	20.3	55.1	5 743	928	988	3 827	100.0	16.2	17.2	66.6
18 Fukui	2 699	640	566	1 493	100.0	23.7	21.0	55.3	3 906	614	657	2 635	100.0	15.7	16.8	67.5
19 Yamanashi	2 801	653	574	1 574	100.0	23.3	20.5	56.2	4 481	763	796	2 922	100.0	17.0	17.8	65.2
20 Nagano	7 042	1 614	1 520	3 908	100.0	22.9	21.6	55.5	10 453	1 955	1 758	6 740	100.0	18.7	16.8	64.5
21 Gifu	6 580	1 444	1 394	3 741	100.0	21.9	21.2	56.9	10 005	1 545	1 796	6 664	100.0	15.4	18.0	66.6
22 Shizuoka	12 739	2 902	2 737	7 100	100.0	22.8	21.5	55.7	18 705	3 190	3 214	12 300	100.0	17.1	17.2	65.8
23 Aichi	30 926	6 968	6 453	17 504	100.0	22.5	20.9	56.6	40 338	6 228	6 924	27 182	100.0	15.4	17.2	67.4
24 Mie	6 062	1 371	1 288	3 402	100.0	22.6	21.2	56.1	8 710	1 401	1 474	5 834	100.0	16.1	16.9	67.0
25 Shiga	5 170	1 234	1 099	2 837	100.0	23.9	21.3	54.9	6 842	1 053	1 178	4 611	100.0	15.4	17.2	67.4
26 Kyoto	9 450	2 277	1 937	5 236	100.0	24.1	20.5	55.4	13 186	2 359	2 288	8 538	100.0	17.9	17.4	64.8
27 Osaka	33 678	8 208	6 940	18 525	100.0	24.4	20.6	55.0	52 058	9 419	9 369	33 268	100.0	18.1	18.0	63.9
28 Hyogo	19 397	4 641	4 118	10 634	100.0	23.9	21.2	54.8	27 523	4 946	4 882	17 690	100.0	18.0	17.7	64.3
29 Nara	4 125	1 003	856	2 266	100.0	24.3	20.8	54.9	7 252	1 182	1 284	4 784	100.0	16.3	17.7	66.0
30 Wakayama	2 932	714	610	1 608	100.0	24.4	20.8	54.8	4 830	847	883	3 100	100.0	17.5	18.3	64.2
31 Tottori	1 901	458	382	1 061	100.0	24.1	20.1	55.8	2 616	486	458	1 671	100.0	18.6	17.5	63.9
32 Shimane	2 166	571	464	1 131	100.0	26.4	21.4	52.2	3 022	569	556	1 897	100.0	18.8	18.4	62.8
33 Okayama	6 742	1 659	1 489	3 594	100.0	24.6	22.1	53.3	9 270	1 622	1 687	5 961	100.0	17.5	18.2	64.3
34 Hiroshima	10 002	2 442	2 163	5 396	100.0	24.4	21.6	53.9	14 501	2 563	2 502	9 434	100.0	17.7	17.3	65.1
35 Yamaguchi	4 114	1 058	893	2 162	100.0	25.7	21.7	52.6	6 476	1 184	1 119	4 173	100.0	18.3	17.3	64.4
36 Tokushima	2 355	532	522	1 301	100.0	22.6	22.2	55.2	3 632	639	626	2 367	100.0	17.6	17.2	65.2
37 Kagawa	3 287	851	719	1 717	100.0	25.9	21.9	52.2	4 773	843	816	3 113	100.0	17.7	17.1	65.2
38 Ehime	4 345	1 067	890	2 388	100.0	24.6	20.5	55.0	6 688	1 269	1 195	4 223	100.0	19.0	17.9	63.1
39 Kochi	2 023	529	414	1 080	100.0	26.1	20.5	53.4	3 258	674	629	1 954	100.0	20.7	19.3	60.0
40 Fukuoka	19 699	5 104	4 084	10 511	100.0	25.9	20.7	53.4	23 897	4 658	4 298	14 940	100.0	19.5	18.0	62.5
41 Saga	2 721	710	615	1 395	100.0	26.1	22.6	51.3	3 731	680	619	2 432	100.0	18.2	16.6	65.2
42 Nagasaki	4 443	1 219	958	2 266	100.0	27.4	21.6	51.0	6 808	1 415	1 227	4 165	100.0	20.8	18.0	61.2
43 Kumamoto	5 870	1 514	1 315	3 041	100.0	25.8	22.4	51.8	8 212	1 674	1 459	5 078	100.0	20.4	17.8	61.8
44 Oita	3 772	986	799	1 987	100.0	26.1	21.2	52.7	5 303	1 060	922	3 321	100.0	20.0	17.4	62.6
45 Miyazaki	3 412	903	737	1 772	100.0	26.5	21.6	51.9	5 172	1 067	932	3 172	100.0	20.6	18.0	61.3
46 Kagoshima	5 366	1 329	1 148	2 889	100.0	24.8	21.4	53.8	7 097	1 355	1 244	4 498	100.0	19.1	17.5	63.4
47 Okinawa	6 038	1 565	1 416	3 057	100.0	25.9	23.5	50.6	6 571	1 347	1 249	3 973	100.0	20.5	19.0	60.5

Note:1) The tabulation of above table by prefecture is based on the residence of groom.

:2) Total includes persons of unknown age.

### (3) Marriages by combinations of nationalities (Japanese and foreigners) of partners

Looking at the percentages of marriages by combinations of nationalities of partners in each prefecture, the ratios of marriages between Japanese grooms and foreign brides were highest in Tokyo, Chiba, and Ibaraki prefectures, in that order, in 1995 and were highest in Aichi, Chiba, and Tokyo prefectures, in that order, in 2015.

It was only Okinawa prefecture where the ratio of marriages between Japanese brides and foreign grooms exceeded the ratio of marriages between Japanese grooms and foreign brides, both in 1995 and in 2015. (Table 16)

Table 16 The number of marriages and the percentages of marriages by combinations of nationalities (Japanese and foreigners) of partners in each prefecture in 1995 and 2015

Prefecture	2015								1995							
	Actual number (number of couples)				Percent distribution (%)				Actual number (number of couples)				Percent distribution (%)			
	Total	Japanese couple	Japanese groom and foreigner bride	Japanese bride and foreigner groom	Total	Japanese couple	Japanese groom and foreigner bride	Japanese bride and foreigner groom	Total	Japanese couple	Japanese groom and foreigner bride	Japanese bride and foreigner groom	Total	Japanese couple	Japanese groom and foreigner bride	Japanese bride and foreigner groom
Nation	635 156	614 180	14 809	6 167	100.0	96.7	2.3	1.0	791 888	764 161	20 787	6 940	100.0	96.5	2.6	0.9
01 Hokkaido	25 465	25 267	136	62	100.0	99.2	0.5	0.2	35 591	35 291	197	103	100.0	99.2	0.6	0.3
02 Aomori	5 432	5 358	40	34	100.0	98.6	0.7	0.6	8 306	8 162	73	71	100.0	98.3	0.9	0.9
03 Iwate	5 243	5 175	55	13	100.0	98.7	1.0	0.2	7 179	7 047	116	16	100.0	98.2	1.6	0.2
04 Miyagi	11 317	11 120	145	52	100.0	98.3	1.3	0.5	13 967	13 703	217	47	100.0	98.1	1.6	0.3
05 Akita	3 613	3 576	28	9	100.0	99.0	0.8	0.2	5 923	5 815	105	3	100.0	98.2	1.8	0.1
06 Yamagata	4 522	4 446	61	15	100.0	98.3	1.3	0.3	6 519	6 267	239	13	100.0	96.1	3.7	0.2
07 Fukushima	8 888	8 691	173	24	100.0	97.8	1.9	0.3	12 070	11 703	329	38	100.0	97.0	2.7	0.3
08 Ibaraki	13 498	13 057	354	87	100.0	96.7	2.6	0.6	17 519	16 781	667	71	100.0	95.8	3.8	0.4
09 Tochigi	9 452	9 169	204	79	100.0	97.0	2.2	0.8	11 844	11 334	435	75	100.0	95.7	3.7	0.6
10 Gunma	8 820	8 496	234	90	100.0	96.3	2.7	1.0	12 147	11 660	420	67	100.0	96.0	3.5	0.6
11 Saitama	34 757	33 435	996	326	100.0	96.2	2.9	0.9	46 224	44 502	1 364	358	100.0	96.3	3.0	0.8
12 Chiba	30 204	28 919	973	312	100.0	95.7	3.2	1.0	38 997	37 157	1 575	265	100.0	95.3	4.0	0.7
13 Tokyo	87 167	82 712	2 771	1 684	100.0	94.9	3.2	1.9	84 286	78 809	4 084	1 393	100.0	93.5	4.8	1.7
14 Kanagawa	48 263	46 135	1 491	637	100.0	95.6	3.1	1.3	61 966	59 360	1 852	754	100.0	95.8	3.0	1.2
15 Niigata	9 435	9 287	130	18	100.0	98.4	1.4	0.2	13 056	12 718	298	40	100.0	97.4	2.3	0.3
16 Toyama	4 539	4 414	113	12	100.0	97.2	2.5	0.3	6 167	5 986	163	18	100.0	97.1	2.6	0.3
17 Ishikawa	5 200	5 109	64	27	100.0	98.3	1.2	0.5	6 852	6 741	84	27	100.0	98.4	1.2	0.4
18 Fukui	3 481	3 389	78	14	100.0	97.4	2.2	0.4	4 607	4 434	137	36	100.0	96.2	3.0	0.8
19 Yamanashi	3 831	3 707	105	19	100.0	96.8	2.7	0.5	5 314	5 094	191	29	100.0	95.9	3.6	0.5
20 Nagano	9 606	9 276	280	50	100.0	96.6	2.9	0.5	12 407	11 861	458	88	100.0	95.6	3.7	0.7
21 Gifu	8 859	8 512	277	70	100.0	96.1	3.1	0.8	11 848	11 583	208	57	100.0	97.8	1.8	0.5
22 Shizuoka	17 666	17 072	471	123	100.0	96.6	2.7	0.7	22 991	22 158	700	133	100.0	96.4	3.0	0.6
23 Aichi	41 054	39 079	1 570	405	100.0	95.2	3.8	1.0	48 022	46 255	1 303	464	100.0	96.3	2.7	1.0
24 Mie	8 504	8 195	249	60	100.0	96.4	2.9	0.7	10 631	10 342	229	60	100.0	97.3	2.2	0.6
25 Shiga	6 855	6 657	162	36	100.0	97.1	2.4	0.5	7 950	7 755	141	54	100.0	97.5	1.8	0.7
26 Kyoto	12 458	12 050	236	172	100.0	96.7	1.9	1.4	15 887	15 267	371	249	100.0	96.1	2.3	1.6
27 Osaka	46 689	44 827	1 252	610	100.0	96.0	2.7	1.3	64 181	61 558	1 648	975	100.0	95.9	2.6	1.5
28 Hyogo	26 422	25 679	485	258	100.0	97.2	1.8	1.0	33 492	32 454	628	410	100.0	96.9	1.9	1.2
29 Nara	5 691	5 563	103	25	100.0	97.8	1.8	0.4	8 702	8 510	141	51	100.0	97.8	1.6	0.6
30 Wakayama	4 326	4 236	71	19	100.0	97.9	1.6	0.4	6 143	5 972	146	25	100.0	97.2	2.4	0.4
31 Tottori	2 681	2 632	41	8	100.0	98.2	1.5	0.3	3 246	3 152	76	18	100.0	97.1	2.3	0.6
32 Shimane	2 931	2 883	41	7	100.0	98.4	1.4	0.2	3 699	3 622	70	7	100.0	97.9	1.9	0.2
33 Okayama	9 260	9 027	181	52	100.0	97.5	2.0	0.6	11 424	11 181	191	52	100.0	97.9	1.7	0.5
34 Hiroshima	13 712	13 367	258	87	100.0	97.5	1.9	0.6	17 633	17 175	324	134	100.0	97.4	1.8	0.8
35 Yamaguchi	5 901	5 795	57	49	100.0	98.2	1.0	0.8	8 157	7 942	130	85	100.0	97.4	1.6	1.0
36 Tokushima	3 229	3 189	30	10	100.0	98.8	0.9	0.3	4 406	4 320	76	10	100.0	98.0	1.7	0.2
37 Kagawa	4 626	4 545	69	12	100.0	98.2	1.5	0.3	5 794	5 703	82	9	100.0	98.4	1.4	0.2
38 Ehime	6 102	6 035	52	15	100.0	98.9	0.9	0.2	8 379	8 295	68	16	100.0	99.0	0.8	0.2
39 Kochi	3 057	3 016	36	5	100.0	98.7	1.2	0.2	4 172	4 101	55	16	100.0	98.3	1.3	0.4
40 Fukuoka	27 566	27 065	339	162	100.0	98.2	1.2	0.6	30 355	29 708	454	193	100.0	97.9	1.5	0.6
41 Saga	3 692	3 652	30	10	100.0	98.9	0.8	0.3	4 550	4 480	56	14	100.0	98.5	1.2	0.3
42 Nagasaki	6 118	6 015	53	50	100.0	98.3	0.9	0.8	8 431	8 291	75	65	100.0	98.3	0.9	0.8
43 Kumamoto	8 249	8 126	98	25	100.0	98.5	1.2	0.3	10 146	9 936	194	16	100.0	97.9	1.9	0.2
44 Oita	5 315	5 249	44	22	100.0	98.8	0.8	0.4	6 657	6 560	73	24	100.0	98.5	1.1	0.4
45 Miyazaki	5 041	4 998	27	16	100.0	99.1	0.5	0.3	6 599	6 525	61	13	100.0	98.9	0.9	0.2
46 Kagoshima	7 724	7 648	62	14	100.0	99.0	0.8	0.2	9 051	8 890	146	15	100.0	98.2	1.6	0.2
47 Okinawa	8 695	8 330	84	281	100.0	95.8	1.0	3.2	8 401	8 001	137	263	100.0	95.2	1.6	3.1

Note: The tabulation of above table by prefecture is based on the residence of groom.