

2 Detailed analysis for 2008

(1) Divorces by month of registration

The number of divorces by month of registration is the highest in March at 10.3%. The proportion of couples with children involved in divorce stands at 10.9%, and that of couples without children involved in divorce stands at 9.5%. By nationality, the proportion of couples with Japanese husband and wife stands at 10.4%, that of couples with Japanese husband and foreigner wife stands at 9.0%, and that of couples with foreigner husband and Japanese wife at 8.8%. (Table 3)

Table 3. Divorces and percent distribution of divorces by month of registration, by number of child involved in divorce and by nationality of husband and wife, 2008

Month of registration	Total	Presence of child involved in divorce		Nationality		
		Yes	No	Japanese couple	Japanese husband and foreigner wife	Foreigner husband and Japanese wife
Divorces (couples)						
Total	251 136	143 834	107 302	232 362	15 135	3 639
Jan.	20 217	11 710	8 507	18 745	1 176	296
Feb.	20 600	11 991	8 609	19 113	1 192	295
Mar.	25 888	15 706	10 182	24 209	1 358	321
Apr.	22 413	13 010	9 403	20 757	1 350	306
May	20 212	11 416	8 796	18 645	1 270	297
Jun.	20 457	11 533	8 924	18 851	1 283	323
Jul.	20 857	11 889	8 968	19 224	1 307	326
Aug.	19 218	10 698	8 520	17 731	1 222	265
Sep.	20 698	11 794	8 904	19 075	1 314	309
Oct.	21 583	12 136	9 447	19 953	1 325	305
Nov.	17 567	9 981	7 586	16 190	1 104	273
Dec.	21 426	11 970	9 456	19 869	1 234	323
Percent distribution (%)						
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Jan.	8.1	8.1	7.9	8.1	7.8	8.1
Feb.	8.2	8.3	8.0	8.2	7.9	8.1
Mar.	10.3	10.9	9.5	10.4	9.0	8.8
Apr.	8.9	9.0	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.4
May	8.0	7.9	8.2	8.0	8.4	8.2
Jun.	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.1	8.5	8.9
Jul.	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.6	9.0
Aug.	7.7	7.4	7.9	7.6	8.1	7.3
Sep.	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.2	8.7	8.5
Oct.	8.6	8.4	8.8	8.6	8.8	8.4
Nov.	7.0	6.9	7.1	7.0	7.3	7.5
Dec.	8.5	8.3	8.8	8.6	8.2	8.9

(2) Divorces by legal type

The percent distribution of divorces by mutual agreement and court divorces, by nationality of husband and wife, indicates that the proportion of divorces by mutual agreement stands at 87.2% for Japanese couple, at 95.6% for Japanese husband and foreigner wife, and at 91.9% for foreigner husband and Japanese wife. By age of husband and wife at the time divorce registered, the proportion for husbands is high at 91.4% for 15 - 19 years old, and low at 85.5% for 70 - 74 years old. The proportion for wives is high at 91.9% for 15 - 19 years old, and low at 84.1% for 65 - 69 years old. (Figures 10-1 and 10-2, Statistics 10-1 and 10-2)

Figure 10-1. Percent distribution of divorces by legal type by nationality of husband and wife, 2008

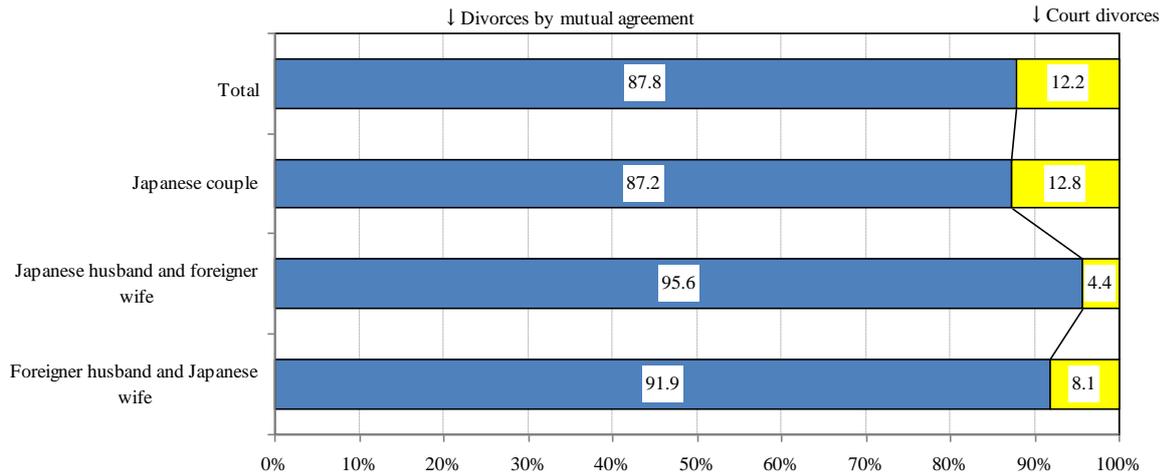
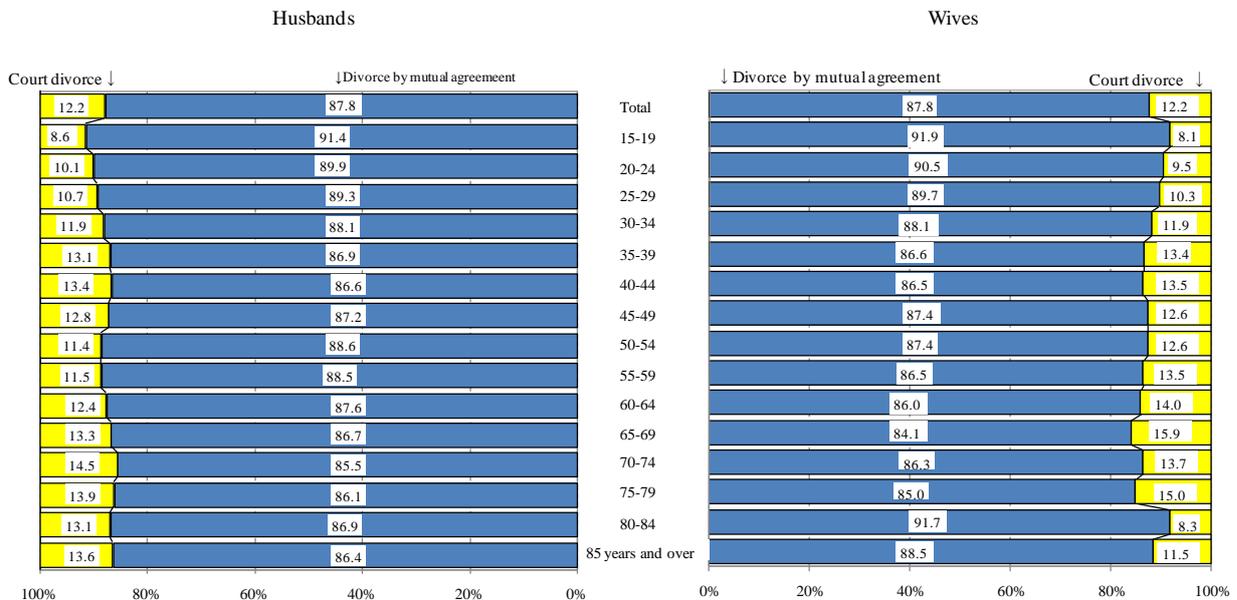


Figure 10-2. Percent distribution of divorces by legal type by age (five-year age group) of husband and wife at the time divorce registered, 2008

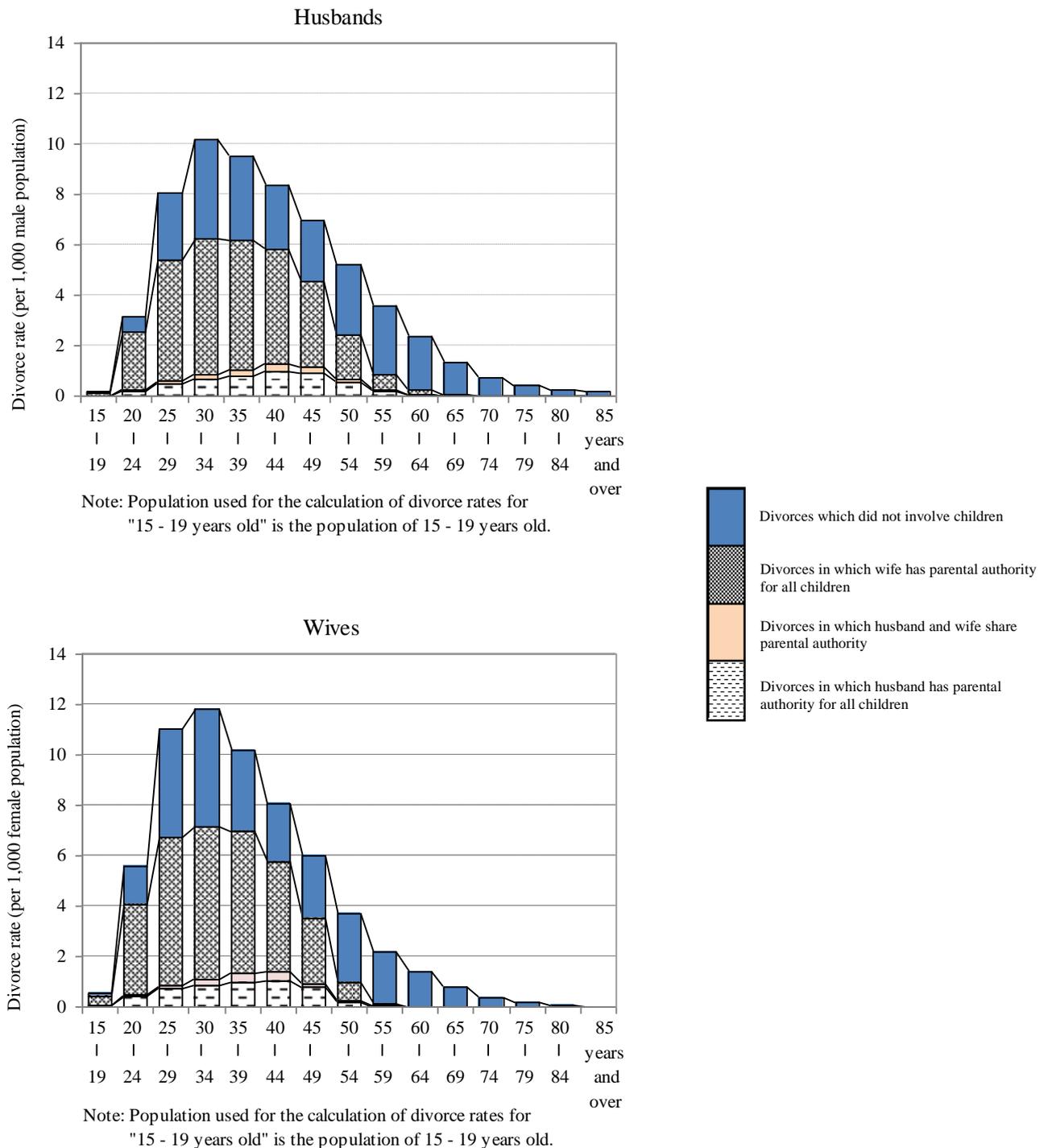


(3) Divorces by person with parental authority

Statistics on divorce rates by person with parental authority by age (five-year age group) at the time divorce registered indicate that the divorce rates are the highest for both husband and wife at 30 - 34 years old, if there are children involved in divorce.

Divorce rates are the highest for both husband and wife at 40 - 44 years old, if the husband has parental authority for all their children. The figures are the highest for both husband and wife at 30 - 34 years old, if the wife has parental authority for all their children. (Figure 11, Statistics 11-1 and 11-2)

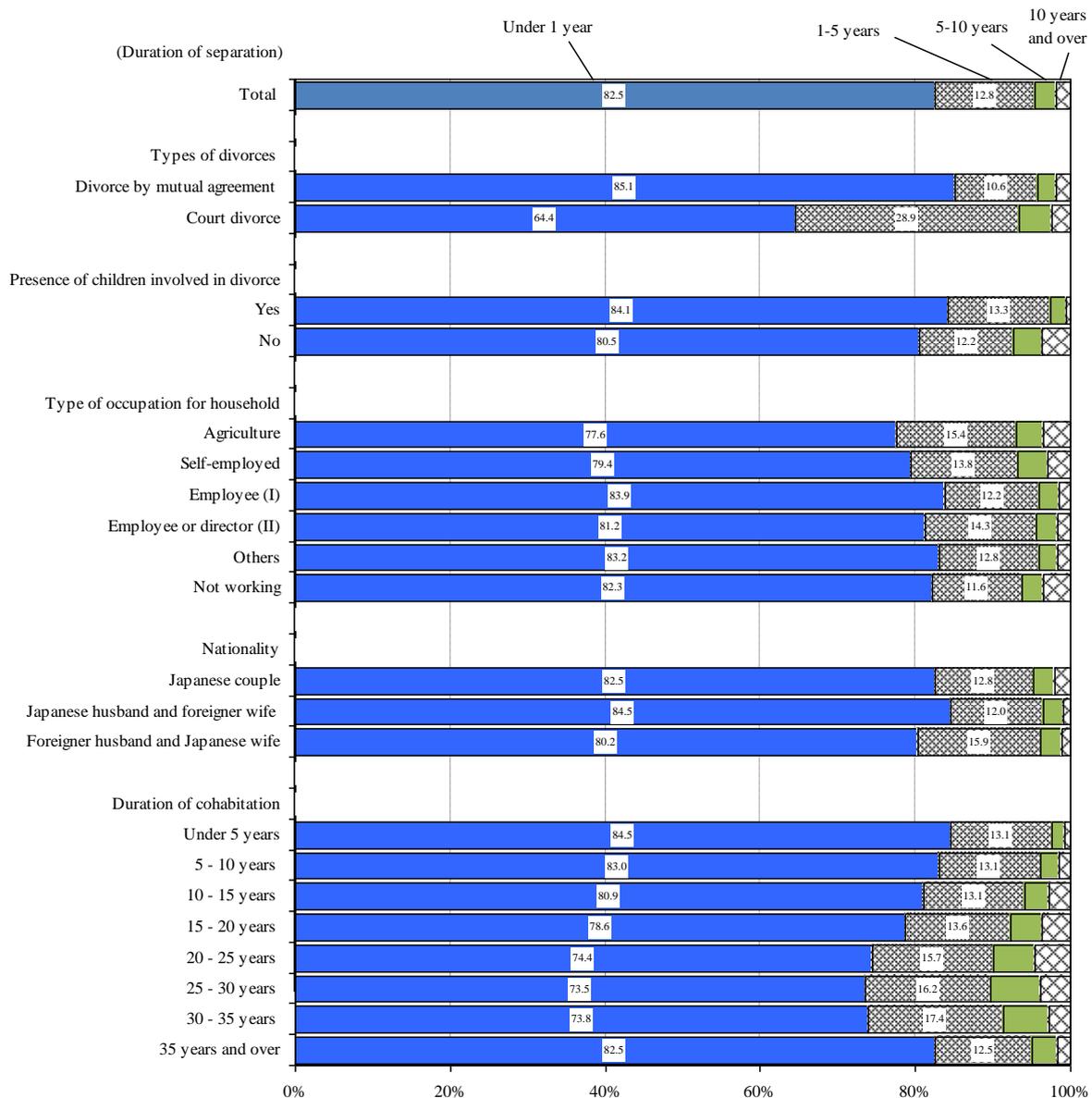
Figure 11. Divorce rates by person with parental authority by age (five-year age group) of husband and wife at the time divorce registered (per 1,000 population), 2008



(4) Divorces by duration from the time of terminating cohabitation to the time divorce registered (duration of separation)

The percent distribution of divorced couples who lived separately for less than one year stood at 82.5%. By type of divorce, divorces by mutual agreement stood at 85.1%, and court divorce stood at 64.4%. The proportion stood at 84.1% for divorces with children involved in divorce, and at 80.5% for divorces without children involved in divorce. By the type of occupation for household at the time cohabitation terminated, the proportion stood at 77.6% for Agriculture, 79.4% for Self-employed, 83.9% for Employee (I), 81.2% for Employee or director (II), 83.2% for Others, and 82.3% for Not working. By nationality, the proportion stood at 82.5% for Japanese couple, 84.5% for Japanese husband and foreigner wife, and 80.2% for foreigner husband and Japanese wife. By duration of cohabitation, the proportion stood at 84.5% for under 5 years, 83.0% for 5 - 10 years, 80.9% for 10 - 15 years, 78.6% for 15 - 20 years, 74.4% for 20 - 25 years, 73.5% for 25 - 30 years, 73.8% for 30 - 35 years, and 82.5% for 35 years or more. (Figure 12-1, Statistics 12-1)

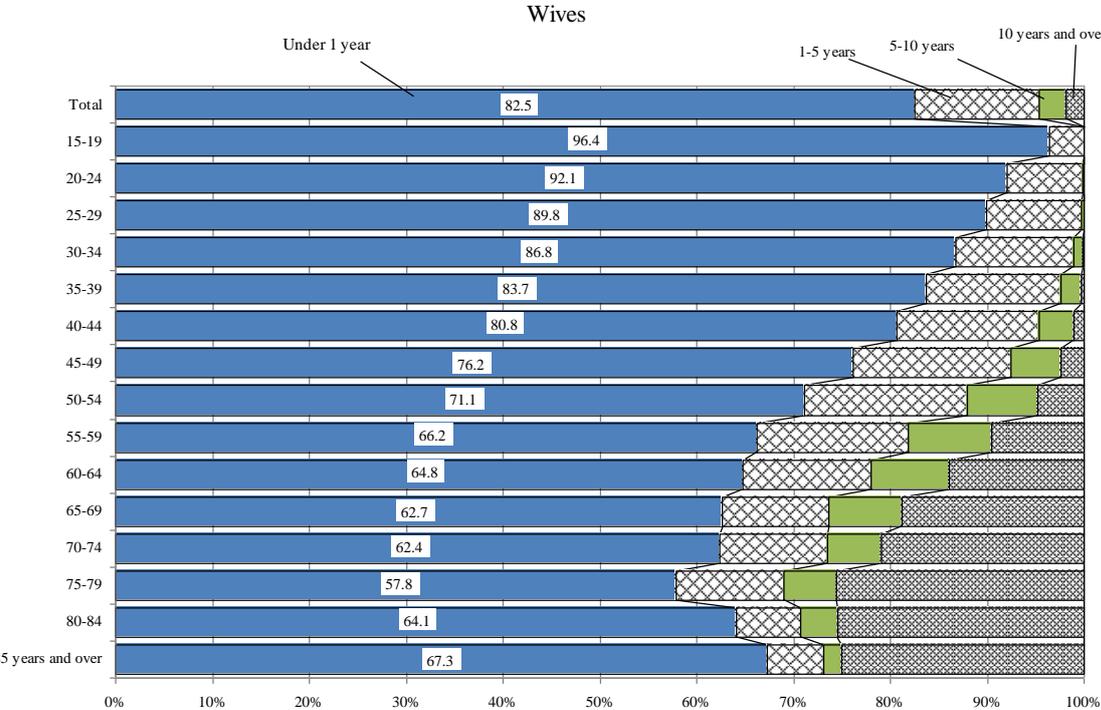
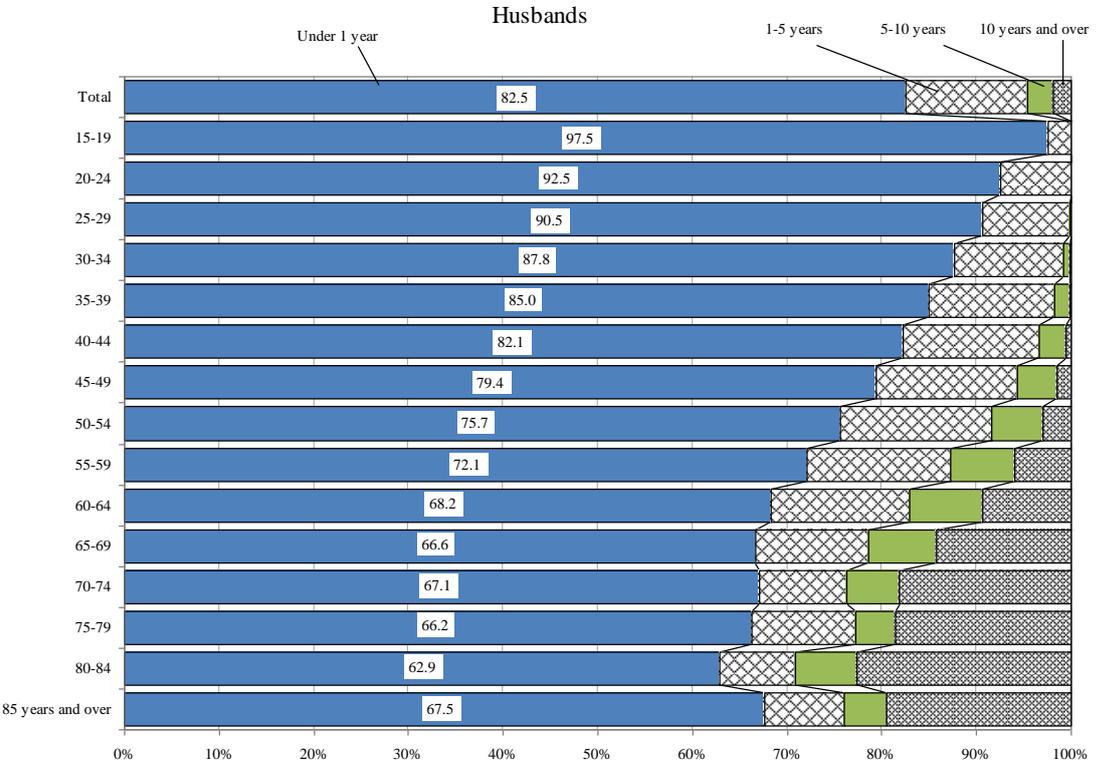
Figure 12-1. Percent distribution by duration from the time of terminating cohabitation to the time divorce registered (duration of separation), 2008



Note: The total includes figures for the "type of occupation for household unknown", and for "duration of cohabitation unknown".

By age of husband and wife at the time divorce registered, there is a trend that the proportion of duration of separation for less than one year declines as the age goes up. (Figure 12-2, Statistics 12-2)

Figure 12-2. Percent distribution of husband and wife by duration of separation by age (five-year age group) of husband and wife at the time divorce registered, 2008



Note: The total includes figures for "Age Unknown".