

4 Marriages

The trends of marriages, by employment status and occupation of bride and groom before living together, are as follows.

(1) Marriages by employment status of bride and groom, and by first marriage or remarriage

The number of marriages in FY 2005 by employment status of groom, stood at 660,661 for employed and at 26,207 for non-employed. As for marriages entered and registered in FY 2005 (i.e. except couples who started living together in FY 2004 or earlier), the proportions by age group at the time of starting to live together and by first marriage or remarriage, the rates of non-employed grooms in “15 - 19 years” and “50 years and over” are more than twice as high as those in other age groups, for both first marriages and remarriages.

Table 10-1 Marriages and percent distribution by employment status of groom, first marriage or remarriage, and by age group of groom, FY 2005

Employment Status of Groom & First Marriage or Remarriage	Total	Marriages entered and registered in FY 2005									
		Total	15~19 years	20~24	25~29	30~34	35~39	40~44	45~49	50 years and over	Not stated
		Marriages									
Total											
Total	723 122	621 683	6 766	81 955	218 000	167 179	73 001	31 247	16 045	27 488	2
Employed	660 661	571 157	5 576	73 693	203 908	156 140	67 533	28 615	14 574	21 117	1
Non-employed	26 207	20 108	849	4 841	4 210	2 872	1 465	758	508	4 605	-
Not stated	36 254	30 418	341	3 421	9 882	8 167	4 003	1 874	963	1 766	1
First Marriage											
Total	589 749	516 978	6 751	79 910	207 693	144 316	50 925	16 424	6 089	4 868	2
Employed	545 654	479 832	5 564	71 903	194 572	135 335	47 445	15 232	5 633	4 147	1
Non-employed	15 974	13 147	846	4 703	3 780	2 153	814	304	128	419	-
Not stated	28 121	23 999	341	3 304	9 341	6 828	2 666	888	328	302	1
Remarriage											
Total	133 373	104 705	15	2 045	10 307	22 863	22 076	14 823	9 956	22 620	-
Employed	115 007	91 325	12	1 790	9 336	20 805	20 088	13 383	8 941	16 970	-
Non-employed	10 233	6 961	3	138	430	719	651	454	380	4 186	-
Not stated	8 133	6 419	-	117	541	1 339	1 337	986	635	1 464	-
		Percent Distribution (%)									
Total											
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	..
Employed	91.4	91.9	82.4	89.9	93.5	93.4	92.5	91.6	90.8	76.8	..
Non-employed	3.6	3.2	12.5	5.9	1.9	1.7	2.0	2.4	3.2	16.8	..
First Marriage											
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	..
Employed	92.5	92.8	82.4	90.0	93.7	93.8	93.2	92.7	92.5	85.2	..
Non-employed	2.7	2.5	12.5	5.9	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.9	2.1	8.6	..
Remarriage											
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	..
Employed	86.2	87.2	80.0	87.5	90.6	91.0	91.0	90.3	89.8	75.0	..
Non-employed	7.7	6.6	20.0	6.7	4.2	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.8	18.5	..

Note: The total of proportions include "Employment Status Not Stated".

The number of marriages in FY 2005 by employment status of bride, stood at 454,131 for employed and at 229,908 for non-employed. As for marriages entered and registered in FY 2005, the proportions of by age group at the time of starting to live together and by first marriage or remarriage, the rates of non-employed brides are higher than employed brides in “15 - 19 years” and “50 years and over” for first marriages, while the rates of non-employed brides are higher than employed brides in “15 - 19 years”, “20 - 24 years” and “50 years and over” for remarriages.

Table 10-2 Marriages and percent distribution by employment status of bride, first marriage or remarriage, and by age group of bride, FY 2005

Employment Status of Bride & First Marriage or Remarriage	Total	Marriages entered and registered in FY 2005									
		Total	15~19 years	20~24	25~29	30~34	35~39	40~44	45~49	50 years and over	Not stated
		Marriages									
Total											
Total	723 122	621 683	15 419	123 979	251 955	142 342	50 119	16 646	7 974	13 243	6
Employed	454 131	393 437	3 839	69 935	171 370	96 324	31 755	9 894	4 438	5 882	-
Non-employed	229 908	195 419	10 667	47 995	67 970	38 241	15 291	5 701	2 986	6 566	2
Not stated	39 083	32 827	913	6 049	12 615	7 777	3 073	1 051	550	795	4
First Marriage											
Total	606 421	531 191	15 294	120 273	237 614	116 700	31 641	6 725	1 728	1 212	4
Employed	392 484	344 719	3 811	68 490	163 835	81 452	21 209	4 423	992	507	-
Non-employed	182 260	159 412	10 576	45 945	62 000	29 106	8 640	1 924	611	609	1
Not stated	31 677	27 060	907	5 838	11 779	6 142	1 792	378	125	96	3
Remarriage											
Total	116 701	90 492	125	3 706	14 341	25 642	18 478	9 921	6 246	12 031	2
Employed	61 647	48 718	28	1 445	7 535	14 872	10 546	5 471	3 446	5 375	-
Non-employed	47 648	36 007	91	2 050	5 970	9 135	6 651	3 777	2 375	5 957	1
Not stated	7 406	5 767	6	211	836	1 635	1 281	673	425	699	1
		Percent Distribution (%)									
Total											
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
Employed	62.8	63.3	24.9	56.4	68.0	67.7	63.4	59.4	55.7	44.4	...
Non-employed	31.8	31.4	69.2	38.7	27.0	26.9	30.5	34.2	37.4	49.6	...
First Marriage											
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
Employed	64.7	64.9	24.9	56.9	69.0	69.8	67.0	65.8	57.4	41.8	...
Non-employed	30.1	30.0	69.2	38.2	26.1	24.9	27.3	28.6	35.4	50.2	...
Remarriage											
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
Employed	52.8	53.8	22.4	39.0	52.5	58.0	57.1	55.1	55.2	44.7	...
Non-employed	40.8	39.8	72.8	55.3	41.6	35.6	36.0	38.1	38.0	49.5	...

Note: The total of proportions include "Employment Status Not Stated".

Marriages rates (per 1,000 population) of grooms by employment status in FY 2005 stood at 18.7 for employed, and at 1.7 for non-employed. Those of brides stood at 17.9 for employed, and at 7.8 for non-employed. As for marriages entered and registered in FY 2005 by age group at the time of starting to live together and by first marriage or remarriage, the rates of employed grooms are high in all age groups for both first marriages and remarriages, while dispersion exists between age groups of brides, for both first marriages and remarriages.

Table 11 Marriage rates by employment status, first marriage or remarriage, and by age group of bride and groom, FY 2005

(per 1,000 population)

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Note: The total of employment status figures include "Employment Status Not Stated", and the total of age group figures include "Age Not Stated".

(2) Mean age of marriages by employment status and occupation of bride and groom

In FY 2005, mean age of marriages (age at the time of starting to live together), by employment status of bride and groom, stood at 31.6 years for employed grooms, and at 37.0 years for non-employed grooms; and at 29.5 years for employed brides, and at 29.2 years for non-employed brides.

Mean age of first marriages stood at 29.9 years for employed grooms, and at 28.0 years for non-employed grooms; and at 28.4 years for employed brides, and at 27.2 years for non-employed brides.

Mean age of first marriages by occupation of groom was low at 28.8 years in “Service work” and “Security work”, and high at 35.0 years in “Management” and 31.0 years in “Clerical work”.

Mean age of first marriages by occupation of bride was low at 27.3 years in “Service work” and “Security work”, and high at 31.6 years in “Management” and 29.1 years in “Clerical work”.

Table 12 Mean age of marriages of bride and groom, by employment status and occupation of bride and groom, FY 2005

Occupation	Groom			Bride		
	Total	First marriage	Remarriage	Total	First marriage	Remarriage
Total	31.8	29.9	41.4	29.5	28.0	37.7
Employed Total (Employed)	31.6	29.9	40.4	29.5	28.4	37.3
A Specialist work	31.4	30.2	39.7	29.3	28.6	37.0
B Management	39.8	35.0	46.6	35.1	31.6	43.3
C Clerical work	32.2	31.0	40.6	29.8	29.1	36.0
D Sales work	31.2	29.8	39.6	29.3	27.8	37.5
E Service work	30.7	28.8	39.7	29.3	27.3	38.2
F Security work	30.1	28.8	40.8	28.6	27.3	36.9
G Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	32.7	30.1	43.3	30.8	28.1	39.9
H Transport and communications	33.3	30.2	40.7	31.2	28.8	37.1
I Production process and related work	30.6	29.0	38.9	29.5	27.4	37.6
Non-employed	37.0	28.0	53.9	29.2	27.2	38.4

Note: 1) Tabulation of marriages entered and registered in FY 2005

2) The total figures include "Employment Status Not Stated", and the Employed Total figures include "Occupation unknown".

(3) Age difference between bride and groom, by employment status and occupation of bride and groom

As for age difference between bride and groom at the time of starting to live together in FY 2005, the proportions by employment status of bride and groom, 23.6% of employed grooms had elder brides, and 59.8% had younger brides; while 25.6% of non-employed grooms had elder brides, and 58.7% had younger brides.

Of employed brides, 25.1% had younger grooms, and 57.5% had elder grooms; while 20.9% of non-employed brides had younger grooms, and 64.1% had elder grooms.

By occupation of groom, the rate of elder bride is high in "Security work" at 27.3%, and low in "Management" at 12.7%.

By occupation of bride, the rate of younger groom was high in "Transport and communications" at 29.6%, and low in "Agriculture, forestry and fisheries" at 19.7%.

Table 13 Marriages and percent distribution by age difference between bride and groom, and by employment status and by occupation of bride and groom, FY 2005

Occupation	Groom					Bride				
	Total	Elder bride	Same years	Elder groom	Not stated	Total	Elder bride	Same years	Elder groom	Not stated
Marriages										
Total	621 683	146 957	102 575	372 143	8	621 683	146 957	102 575	372 143	8
Employed Total (Employed)	571 157	134 859	94 548	341 745	5	393 437	98 920	68 243	226 274	-
A Specialist work	158 256	37 597	27 486	93 172	1	100 615	24 772	19 526	56 317	-
B Management	15 510	1 973	1 374	12 163	-	1 969	557	242	1 170	-
C Clerical work	68 928	15 830	11 122	41 976	-	138 276	34 918	24 017	79 341	-
D Sales work	82 067	18 890	13 874	49 303	-	44 286	11 288	7 502	25 496	-
E Service work	65 691	16 736	10 084	38 871	-	68 545	17 209	11 031	40 305	-
F Security work	20 696	5 652	3 945	11 099	-	3 162	799	474	1 889	-
G Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	7 695	1 711	1 242	4 742	-	1 207	238	149	820	-
H Transport and communications	32 291	7 531	4 566	20 194	-	2 637	781	353	1 503	-
I Production process and related work	103 548	25 074	18 265	60 206	3	20 705	5 348	3 010	12 347	-
J Occupation unknown	16 475	3 865	2 590	10 019	1	12 035	3 010	1 939	7 086	-
Non-employed	20 108	5 151	3 159	11 798	-	195 419	40 776	29 298	125 342	3
Not stated	30 418	6 947	4 868	18 600	3	32 827	7 261	5 034	20 527	5
Percent Distribution (%)										
Total	100.0	23.6	16.5	59.9	...	100.0	23.6	16.5	59.9	...
Employed Total (Employed)	100.0	23.6	16.6	59.8	...	100.0	25.1	17.3	57.5	...
A Specialist work	100.0	23.8	17.4	58.9	...	100.0	24.6	19.4	56.0	...
B Management	100.0	12.7	8.9	78.4	...	100.0	28.3	12.3	59.4	...
C Clerical work	100.0	23.0	16.1	60.9	...	100.0	25.3	17.4	57.4	...
D Sales work	100.0	23.0	16.9	60.1	...	100.0	25.5	16.9	57.6	...
E Service work	100.0	25.5	15.4	59.2	...	100.0	25.1	16.1	58.8	...
F Security work	100.0	27.3	19.1	53.6	...	100.0	25.3	15.0	59.7	...
G Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	100.0	22.2	16.1	61.6	...	100.0	19.7	12.3	67.9	...
H Transport and communications	100.0	23.3	14.1	62.5	...	100.0	29.6	13.4	57.0	...
I Production process and related work	100.0	24.2	17.6	58.1	...	100.0	25.8	14.5	59.6	...
Non-employed	100.0	25.6	15.7	58.7	...	100.0	20.9	15.0	64.1	...

Notes: 1) Tabulation of marriages entered and registered in FY 2005.

2) The total of proportions include "Age Difference Not Stated".

(4) Marriages by employment status and by occupation of bride and groom

As for the proportions of marriages by employment status of bride and groom in FY 2005, 67.0% of employed grooms had employed brides, and 32.0% had non-employed brides. Of employed brides, 97.5% had employed grooms, and 2.2% had non-employed grooms.

On the other hand, 38.0% of non-employed grooms had employed brides, and 61.1% had non-employed brides. Of non-employed brides, 92.0% had employed grooms, and 7.0% had non-employed grooms.

Table 14 Marriages and percent distribution by employment status of and occupation of bride and groom, FY 2005

Occupation of Groom	Occupation of Bride													Non-employed	Not stated
	Total	Employed Total (Employed)	A Specialist work	B Management	C Clerical work	D Sales work	E Service work	F Security work	G Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	H Transport and communications	I Production process and related work	J Occupation unknown			
	Marriages														
Total	723 122	454 131	114 777	2 546	154 813	52 255	82 858	3 527	1 449	3 173	24 265	14 468	229 908	39 083	
Employed Total (Employed)	660 661	442 814	111 982	2 442	152 122	50 862	79 900	3 464	1 393	3 090	23 528	14 031	211 601	6 246	
A Specialist work	181 777	127 988	53 522	516	43 392	10 093	15 803	227	161	353	3 146	775	52 634	1 155	
B Management	18 749	11 584	2 293	1 027	4 866	1 232	1 592	44	13	45	294	178	6 939	226	
C Clerical work	77 214	55 900	10 871	210	34 626	3 468	5 247	194	59	128	868	229	20 724	590	
D Sales work	93 989	64 245	11 795	243	23 528	17 638	8 779	160	96	225	1 475	306	29 232	512	
E Service work	79 500	51 406	8 212	147	10 465	5 181	24 843	287	85	229	1 336	621	27 419	675	
F Security work	22 635	14 889	4 151	39	4 173	1 293	2 143	2 069	37	88	375	521	7 561	185	
G Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	8 781	5 100	1 054	12	1 222	482	1 178	36	656	25	334	101	3 565	116	
H Transport and communications	39 016	23 954	4 237	71	7 354	3 137	5 226	114	65	1 581	1 847	322	14 679	383	
I Production process and related work	119 372	74 528	14 658	154	21 831	8 088	14 590	249	209	371	13 785	593	43 803	1 041	
J Occupation unknown	19 628	13 220	1 189	23	665	250	499	84	12	45	68	10 385	5 045	1 363	
Non-employed	26 207	9 959	2 285	97	2 366	1 285	2 725	54	52	76	705	314	16 014	234	
Not stated	36 254	1 358	510	7	325	108	233	9	4	7	32	123	2 293	32 603	
	Percent Distribution (%)														
Total	100.0	62.8	15.9	0.4	21.4	7.2	11.5	0.5	0.2	0.4	3.4	...	31.8	...	
Employed Total (Employed)	100.0	67.0	16.9	0.4	23.0	7.7	12.1	0.5	0.2	0.5	3.6	...	32.0	...	
A Specialist work	100.0	70.4	29.4	0.3	23.9	5.6	8.7	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.7	...	29.0	...	
B Management	100.0	61.8	12.2	5.5	26.0	6.6	8.5	0.2	0.1	0.2	1.6	...	37.0	...	
C Clerical work	100.0	72.4	14.1	0.3	44.8	4.5	6.8	0.3	0.1	0.2	1.1	...	26.8	...	
D Sales work	100.0	68.4	12.5	0.3	25.0	18.8	9.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	1.6	...	31.1	...	
E Service work	100.0	64.7	10.3	0.2	13.2	6.5	31.2	0.4	0.1	0.3	1.7	...	34.5	...	
F Security work	100.0	65.8	18.3	0.2	18.4	5.7	9.5	9.1	0.2	0.4	1.7	...	33.4	...	
G Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	100.0	58.1	12.0	0.1	13.9	5.5	13.4	0.4	7.5	0.3	3.8	...	40.6	...	
H Transport and communications	100.0	61.4	10.9	0.2	18.8	8.0	13.4	0.3	0.2	4.1	4.7	...	37.6	...	
I Production process and related work	100.0	62.4	12.3	0.1	18.3	6.8	12.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	11.5	...	36.7	...	
Non-employed	100.0	38.0	8.7	0.4	9.0	4.9	10.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	2.7	...	61.1	...	
	Percent Distribution (%)														
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...	100.0	...	
Employed Total (Employed)	91.4	97.5	97.6	95.9	98.3	97.3	96.4	98.2	96.1	97.4	97.0	...	92.0	...	
A Specialist work	25.1	28.2	46.6	20.3	28.0	19.3	19.1	6.4	11.1	11.1	13.0	...	22.9	...	
B Management	2.6	2.6	2.0	40.3	3.1	2.4	1.9	1.2	0.9	1.4	1.2	...	3.0	...	
C Clerical work	10.7	12.3	9.5	8.2	22.4	6.6	6.3	5.5	4.1	4.0	3.6	...	9.0	...	
D Sales work	13.0	14.1	10.3	9.5	15.2	33.8	10.6	4.5	6.6	7.1	6.1	...	12.7	...	
E Service work	11.0	11.3	7.2	5.8	6.8	9.9	30.0	8.1	5.9	7.2	5.5	...	11.9	...	
F Security work	3.1	3.3	3.6	1.5	2.7	2.5	2.6	58.7	2.6	2.8	1.5	...	3.3	...	
G Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.9	1.4	1.0	45.3	0.8	1.4	...	1.6	...	
H Transport and communications	5.4	5.3	3.7	2.8	4.8	6.0	6.3	3.2	4.5	49.8	7.6	...	6.4	...	
I Production process and related work	16.5	16.4	12.8	6.0	14.1	15.5	17.6	7.1	14.4	11.7	56.8	...	19.1	...	
Non-employed	3.6	2.2	2.0	3.8	1.5	2.5	3.3	1.5	3.6	2.4	2.9	...	7.0	...	

Note: The total of proportions include "Employment Status Not Stated", and the Employed Total includes "Occupation unknown".

Employment Status of Groom	Employment Status of Bride			
	Total	Employed	Non-employed	Not stated
Marriages				
Total	723 122	454 131	229 908	39 083
Employed	660 661	442 814	211 601	6 246
Non-employed	26 207	9 959	16 014	234
Not stated	36 254	1 358	2 293	32 603
Proportion (%)				
Total	100.0	62.8	31.8	...
Employed	100.0	67.0	32.0	...
Non-employed	100.0	38.0	61.1	...
Proportion (%)				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
Employed	91.4	97.5	92.0	...
Non-employed	3.6	2.2	7.0	...

Note: The total of proportions include "Employment Status Not Stated".