

## 5 Divorces

The trends of divorces, by employment status and by occupation of wife and husband before separation, are as follows.

### (1) Divorces by employment status of wife and husband

The number of divorces in FY 2005 by employment status of husband, stood at 216,066 for employed, and at 28,624 for non-employed. As for couples who discontinued living together and filed their separation in FY 2005 (i.e. except those who separated in FY 2004 or earlier), divorce rates (per 1,000 population) by age group at the time of separation were high in "30 - 34 years" at 8.4, and in "35 - 39 years" at 7.7, for employed husbands. For non-employed husbands, the rates were high in "40 - 44 years" at 7.8, and in "35 - 39 years" at 7.7.

The number of divorces in FY 2005 by employment status of wife, stood at 144,657 for employed, and 99,301 for non-employed. As for couples who discontinued living together and filed their separation in FY 2005, divorce rates by age group at the time of separation were high in "30 - 34 years" at 9.3, and in "35 - 39 years" at 7.7, for employed wives. For non-employed wives, the rates were high in "25 - 29 years" at 12.5, and in "30 - 34 years" at 9.0.

**Table 15 Divorces and divorce rates by age group of wife and husband, and by employment status of wife and husband, FY 2005**

Employment Status	Total	Separations reported 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
Husband											
Divorces											
Total	263 335	194 261	523	11 073	27 513	40 342	33 942	25 313	18 706	36 848	1
Employed	216 066	160 574	387	9 132	23 780	35 002	29 259	21 510	15 597	25 906	1
Non-employed	28 624	20 762	101	1 330	2 069	2 718	2 380	2 027	1 793	8 344	-
Not stated	18 645	12 925	35	611	1 664	2 622	2 303	1 776	1 316	2 598	-
Divorce rates (per 1,000 population)											
Total	5.0	3.7	0.2	3.0	6.7	8.3	7.8	6.3	4.9	1.5	...
Employed	6.1	4.5	0.8	4.2	7.1	8.4	7.7	6.0	4.5	1.8	...
Non-employed	1.9	1.4	0.0	1.1	4.5	7.0	7.7	7.8	7.1	0.9	...
Wife											
Divorces											
Total	263 335	194 261	1 751	17 173	35 112	45 167	33 362	23 201	15 189	23 304	2
Employed	144 657	105 345	424	6 652	18 217	25 233	19 329	14 480	9 758	11 252	-
Non-employed	99 301	75 289	1 220	9 488	14 536	16 767	11 552	6 975	4 349	10 400	2
Not stated	19 377	13 627	107	1 033	2 359	3 167	2 481	1 746	1 082	1 652	-
Divorce rates (per 1,000 population)											
Total	4.7	3.5	0.6	4.9	8.8	9.6	7.9	5.9	4.0	0.8	...
Employed	5.7	4.1	0.9	3.1	6.9	9.3	7.7	5.5	3.6	1.2	...
Non-employed	3.4	2.6	0.5	8.1	12.5	9.0	7.1	5.7	4.1	0.6	...

Note: In divorce rates, the total by employment status includes "Employment Status Not Stated", and the total by age group includes "Age Not Stated".

**(2) Divorces by employment status and occupation of wife and husband**

As for the proportions by employment status of wife and husband in FY 2005, 60.2% of employed husbands had employed wives, and 38.2% of employed husbands had non-employed wives; and 89.9% of employed wives had employed husbands, and 9.0% of employed wives had non-employed husbands.

On the other hand, 45.7% of non-employed husbands had employed wives, and 53.2% of non-employed husbands had non-employed wives; and 83.1% of non-employed wives had employed husbands, and 15.3% of non-employed wives had non-employed husbands.

**Table 16 Divorces and percent distribution by employment status and occupation of wife and husband, FY 2005**

Occupation of Husband	Total	Occupation of Wife											Non-employed	Not stated
		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		
Divorces														
Total	263 335	144 657	22 273	1 649	35 156	21 872	39 289	1 004	949	1 824	15 312	5 329	99 301	19 377
Employed Total (Employed)	216 066	130 024	20 220	1 517	32 397	19 607	34 665	894	869	1 663	13 391	4 801	82 532	3 510
A Specialist work	41 825	25 557	7 448	216	6 714	3 187	5 822	65	64	224	1 626	191	15 720	548
B Management	9 618	5 746	854	873	1 855	679	1 027	20	10	31	310	87	3 705	167
C Clerical work	20 546	12 398	1 927	89	6 284	1 292	2 060	45	13	62	532	94	7 841	307
D Sales work	28 059	17 612	2 364	106	4 838	4 963	3 821	68	43	144	1 150	115	10 164	283
E Service work	29 622	17 783	1 959	74	3 299	2 238	8 245	147	34	146	1 375	266	11 462	377
F Security work	4 925	2 895	456	16	568	418	747	314	15	27	238	96	1 956	74
G Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	3 891	2 323	266	7	326	260	590	14	508	17	299	36	1 520	48
H Transport and communications	21 980	13 509	1 486	33	2 812	2 252	4 037	62	56	673	1 959	139	8 187	284
I Production process and related work	47 500	27 606	3 113	90	5 458	4 166	8 035	126	124	321	5 850	323	19 332	562
J Occupation unknown	8 100	4 595	347	13	243	152	281	33	2	18	52	3 454	2 645	860
Non-employed	28 624	13 069	1 743	112	2 428	2 075	4 230	102	79	150	1 787	363	15 225	330
Not stated	18 645	1 564	310	20	331	190	394	8	1	11	134	165	1 544	15 537
Percent Distribution (%)														
Total	100.0	54.9	8.5	0.6	13.4	8.3	14.9	0.4	0.4	0.7	5.8	...	37.7	...
Employed Total (Employed)	100.0	60.2	9.4	0.7	15.0	9.1	16.0	0.4	0.4	0.8	6.2	...	38.2	...
A Specialist work	100.0	61.1	17.8	0.5	16.1	7.6	13.9	0.2	0.2	0.5	3.9	...	37.6	...
B Management	100.0	59.7	8.9	9.1	19.3	7.1	10.7	0.2	0.1	0.3	3.2	...	38.5	...
C Clerical work	100.0	60.3	9.4	0.4	30.6	6.3	10.0	0.2	0.1	0.3	2.6	...	38.2	...
D Sales work	100.0	62.8	8.4	0.4	17.2	17.7	13.6	0.2	0.2	0.5	4.1	...	36.2	...
E Service work	100.0	60.0	6.6	0.2	11.1	7.6	27.8	0.5	0.1	0.5	4.6	...	38.7	...
F Security work	100.0	58.8	9.3	0.3	11.5	8.5	15.2	6.4	0.3	0.5	4.8	...	39.7	...
G Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	100.0	59.7	6.8	0.2	8.4	6.7	15.2	0.4	13.1	0.4	7.7	...	39.1	...
H Transport and communications	100.0	61.5	6.8	0.2	12.8	10.2	18.4	0.3	0.3	3.1	8.9	...	37.2	...
I Production process and related work	100.0	58.1	6.6	0.2	11.5	8.8	16.9	0.3	0.3	0.7	12.3	...	40.7	...
Non-employed	100.0	45.7	6.1	0.4	8.5	7.2	14.8	0.4	0.3	0.5	6.2	...	53.2	...
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)	82.0	89.9	90.8	92.0	92.2	89.6	88.2	89.0	91.6	91.2	87.5	...	83.1	...
A Specialist work	15.9	17.7	33.4	13.1	19.1	14.6	14.8	6.5	6.7	12.3	10.6	...	15.8	...
B Management	3.7	4.0	3.8	52.9	5.3	3.1	2.6	2.0	1.1	1.7	2.0	...	3.7	...
C Clerical work	7.8	8.6	8.7	5.4	17.9	5.9	5.2	4.5	1.4	3.4	3.5	...	7.9	...
D Sales work	10.7	12.2	10.6	6.4	13.8	22.7	9.7	6.8	4.5	7.9	7.5	...	10.2	...
E Service work	11.2	12.3	8.8	4.5	9.4	10.2	21.0	14.6	3.6	8.0	9.0	...	11.5	...
F Security work	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.6	1.9	1.9	31.3	1.6	1.5	1.6	...	2.0	...
G Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	1.5	1.6	1.2	0.4	0.9	1.2	1.5	1.4	53.5	0.9	2.0	...	1.5	...
H Transport and communications	8.3	9.3	6.7	2.0	8.0	10.3	10.3	6.2	5.9	36.9	12.8	...	8.2	...
I Production process and related work	18.0	19.1	14.0	5.5	15.5	19.0	20.5	12.5	13.1	17.6	38.2	...	19.5	...
Non-employed	10.9	9.0	7.8	6.8	6.9	9.5	10.8	10.2	8.3	8.2	11.7	...	15.3	...

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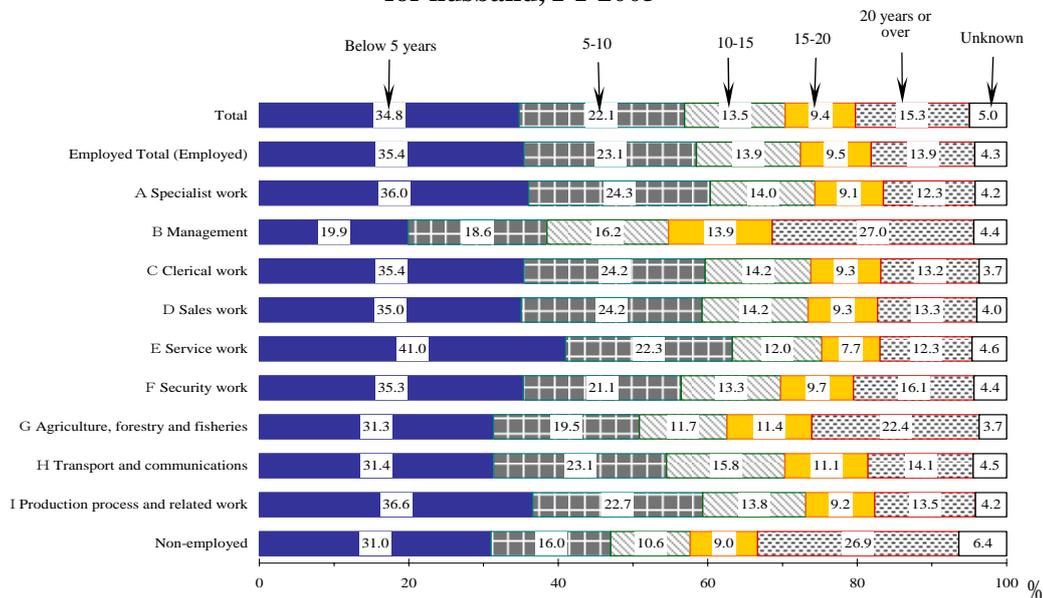
### (3) Period of living together by employment status and occupation of wife and husband

As for the periods of living together before divorces in FY 2005, by occupation of husband, the rate of “below 5 years” is the highest in almost all the occupations. The rate is particularly high in “Service work” at 41.0%.

However, the rate of “below 5 years” is low in “Management” at 19.9%, with “20 years and over” making up the largest percentage of 27.0%.

By occupation of wife, the rate of “below 5 years” is the highest in almost all the occupations. However, the rate of “20 years and over” is high in “Agriculture, forestry and fisheries” (31.1%) and “Management” (30.3%).

**Figure 3-1 Percentage of divorces by employment status, occupation, and period of living together for husband, FY 2005**



**Figure 3-2 Percentage of divorces by employment status, occupation, and period of living together for wife, FY 2005**

