

4 Marriages

(1) Marriages by employment status/occupation of bride and groom

The number of marriages in FY2015 by employment status of groom stood at 585,406 (92.0%) for employed and 18,233 (2.9%) for non-employed.

In addition, the number of marriages stood at 478,906 (75.2%) for employed and 124,738 (19.6%) for non-employed, and employed brides increased by 5.7 points from 69.5% in the previous survey.

The proportion of marriages by occupation was highest in “Professional and engineering workers” for grooms and in “Professional and engineering workers” and “Clerical workers” for brides. (Table 10)

Table 10. Marriages and percent distribution by employment status/occupation of bride and groom, FY2010/2015

Employment status/occupation	FY2015		FY2010	
	Marriages	Proportion	Marriages	Proportion
	(persons)	(%)	(persons)	(%)
Groom				
Total	636 555	100.0	683 312	100.0
Total number of employed persons (Employed)	585 406	92.0	625 936	91.6
A. Administrative and managerial workers	17 835	2.8	22 058	3.2
B. Professional and engineering workers	156 863	24.6	164 175	24.0
C. Clerical workers	65 946	10.4	74 552	10.9
D. Sales workers	74 242	11.7	82 935	12.1
E. Service workers	73 905	11.6	81 815	12.0
F. Security workers	20 967	3.3	20 359	3.0
G. Agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	8 827	1.4	9 099	1.3
H. Manufacturing process workers	65 800	10.3	70 792	10.4
I. Transport and machine operation workers	23 880	3.8	27 565	4.0
J. Construction and mining workers	49 036	7.7	43 611	6.4
K. Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers	14 565	2.3	14 142	2.1
L. Occupation not stated	13 540	2.1	14 833	2.2
Non-employed	18 233	2.9	23 301	3.4
Not stated	32 916	5.2	34 075	5.0
Bride				
Total	636 555	100.0	683 312	100.0
Total number of employed persons (Employed)	478 906	75.2	475 114	69.5
A. Administrative and managerial workers	3 146	0.5	3 487	0.5
B. Professional and engineering workers	138 853	21.8	133 626	19.6
C. Clerical workers	137 201	21.6	143 381	21.0
D. Sales workers	52 730	8.3	56 307	8.2
E. Service workers	100 022	15.7	93 942	13.7
F. Security workers	2 539	0.4	2 397	0.4
G. Agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	1 980	0.3	1 957	0.3
H. Manufacturing process workers	19 794	3.1	19 269	2.8
I. Transport and machine operation workers	3 571	0.6	3 263	0.5
J. Construction and mining workers	1 974	0.3	1 755	0.3
K. Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers	4 386	0.7	3 274	0.5
L. Occupation not stated	12 710	2.0	12 456	1.8
Non-employed	124 738	19.6	173 479	25.4
Not stated	32 911	5.2	34 719	5.1

(2) Marriages by employment status/occupation of bride and groom, and first marriage or remarriage

The proportion of marriages by occupation of bride and groom, and first marriage or remarriage in FY2015 was higher in “Security workers” at 83.6% and in “Professional and engineering workers” at 82.3%, and lower in “Administrative and managerial workers” at 48.9% and in “Transport and machine operation workers” at 53.5%, in case of grooms for “both first married.” Whereas, in case of brides for “both first marries,” it was higher in “Professional and engineering workers” at 83.8% and in “Clerical workers” at 78.3%, and lower in “Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers” at 51.0% and in “Administrative and managerial workers” at 55.3%. (Table 11)

Table 11. Marriages and percent distribution by employment status/occupation of bride and groom and by the combination of first marriage or remarriage, FY2015

Employment status/occupation of bride and groom	Groom					Bride				
	Total	Both first married	First married groom and Remarried bride	Remarried groom and First married bride	Both remarried	Total	Both first married	First married groom and Remarried bride	Remarried groom and First married bride	Both remarried
Marriages (persons)										
Total	636 555	465 394	45 390	64 000	61 771	636 555	465 394	45 390	64 000	61 771
Total number of employed persons (Employed)	585 406	435 312	41 182	57 707	51 205	478 906	366 477	31 014	44 455	36 960
A. Administrative and managerial workers	17 835	8 724	1 373	3 837	3 901	3 146	1 741	265	480	660
B. Professional and engineering workers	156 863	129 156	8 408	11 489	7 810	138 853	116 386	5 945	10 472	6 050
C. Clerical workers	65 946	53 089	3 596	5 221	4 040	137 201	107 368	8 143	13 112	8 578
D. Sales workers	74 242	57 359	4 801	7 049	5 033	52 730	39 787	3 741	5 081	4 121
E. Service workers	73 905	52 728	6 294	8 551	6 332	100 022	69 728	8 631	10 330	11 333
F. Security workers	20 967	17 536	966	1 357	1 108	2 539	1 922	150	258	209
G. Agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	8 827	6 094	767	935	1 031	1 980	1 293	175	222	290
H. Manufacturing process workers	65 800	49 336	5 412	5 650	5 402	19 794	13 295	1 950	2 043	2 506
I. Transport and machine operation workers	23 880	12 780	2 302	3 568	5 230	3 571	2 258	336	387	590
J. Construction and mining workers	49 036	29 933	4 648	6 775	7 680	1 974	1 249	173	230	322
K. Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers	14 565	9 092	1 554	1 694	2 225	4 386	2 239	605	465	1 077
L. Occupation not stated	13 540	9 485	1 061	1 581	1 413	12 710	9 211	900	1 375	1 224
Non-employed	18 233	7 757	1 664	2 245	6 567	124 738	76 680	11 832	15 435	20 791
Not stated	32 916	22 325	2 544	4 048	3 999	32 911	22 237	2 544	4 110	4 020
Proportion (%)										
Total	100.0	73.1	7.1	10.1	9.7	100.0	73.1	7.1	10.1	9.7
Total number of employed persons (Employed)	100.0	74.4	7.0	9.9	8.7	100.0	76.5	6.5	9.3	7.7
A. Administrative and managerial workers	100.0	48.9	7.7	21.5	21.9	100.0	55.3	8.4	15.3	21.0
B. Professional and engineering workers	100.0	82.3	5.4	7.3	5.0	100.0	83.8	4.3	7.5	4.4
C. Clerical workers	100.0	80.5	5.5	7.9	6.1	100.0	78.3	5.9	9.6	6.3
D. Sales workers	100.0	77.3	6.5	9.5	6.8	100.0	75.5	7.1	9.6	7.8
E. Service workers	100.0	71.3	8.5	11.6	8.6	100.0	69.7	8.6	10.3	11.3
F. Security workers	100.0	83.6	4.6	6.5	5.3	100.0	75.7	5.9	10.2	8.2
G. Agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	100.0	69.0	8.7	10.6	11.7	100.0	65.3	8.8	11.2	14.6
H. Manufacturing process workers	100.0	75.0	8.2	8.6	8.2	100.0	67.2	9.9	10.3	12.7
I. Transport and machine operation workers	100.0	53.5	9.6	14.9	21.9	100.0	63.2	9.4	10.8	16.5
J. Construction and mining workers	100.0	61.0	9.5	13.8	15.7	100.0	63.3	8.8	11.7	16.3
K. Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers	100.0	62.4	10.7	11.6	15.3	100.0	51.0	13.8	10.6	24.6
Non-employed	100.0	42.5	9.1	12.3	36.0	100.0	61.5	9.5	12.4	16.7

(3) Mean age of marriage by employment status/occupation of bride and groom

Mean age of marriage (age at the time of starting to live together) by employment status of bride and groom in FY2015 stood at 33.1 years for employed grooms and 42.7 years for non-employed grooms, and at 31.0 years for employed brides and 31.4 years for non-employed brides. (At 32.3 years for employed and 39.9 years for non-employed grooms, and at 30.3 years for both employed and non-employed brides in the previous survey).

In addition, mean age of the first marriages stood at 31.1 years for employed grooms and 30.6 years for non-employed grooms, and at 29.7 years for employed brides and 28.3 years for non-employed brides. (At 30.6 years for employed and 29.3 years for non-employed grooms, and at 29.2 years for employed and 27.8 years for non-employed brides in the previous survey).

By occupation, it was the lowest in “Security workers” and “Construction and mining workers” at 29.2 years for grooms, and in “Security workers” at 28.1 years for brides, whereas it was the highest in “Administrative and managerial workers” at 36.0 years and at 32.7 years both for grooms and brides, respectively. (Table 12)

Table 12. Mean age of marriage by employment status/occupation of bride and groom, FY2010/2015 (years old)

Employment status/occupation of bride and groom	FY2015						FY2010					
	Groom			Bride			Groom			Bride		
	Total	First married	Remarried	Total	First married	Remarried	Total	First married	Remarried	Total	First married	Remarried
Total	33.3	31.1	43.0	31.1	29.5	39.8	32.6	30.6	42.0	30.3	28.9	38.7
Total number of employed persons (Employed)	33.1	31.1	42.0	31.0	29.7	39.1	32.3	30.6	40.9	30.3	29.2	38.2
A. Administrative and managerial workers	40.9	36.0	47.8	36.0	32.7	45.3	39.7	35.4	46.6	34.9	32.2	43.3
B. Professional and engineering workers	32.8	31.5	42.3	30.6	29.8	39.2	32.1	31.0	40.7	30.0	29.3	38.1
C. Clerical workers	33.3	31.9	42.8	31.5	30.6	38.6	32.8	31.6	41.4	30.9	30.1	37.4
D. Sales workers	32.5	31.0	41.0	30.6	29.3	38.6	31.7	30.3	39.9	29.7	28.5	37.8
E. Service workers	33.0	31.0	41.1	30.8	28.7	39.3	31.7	29.9	40.3	30.0	28.1	38.6
F. Security workers	30.5	29.2	41.3	29.3	28.1	38.6	30.0	28.8	40.9	28.7	27.5	37.9
G. Agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	34.1	31.7	43.2	32.4	30.1	40.4	33.4	30.9	43.5	31.5	28.9	40.0
H. Manufacturing process workers	32.0	30.5	40.1	30.8	28.7	38.8	31.0	29.7	39.1	30.0	28.0	37.8
I. Transport and machine operation workers	36.2	32.2	43.6	32.2	29.5	40.1	34.5	31.1	42.0	31.2	29.1	38.7
J. Construction and mining workers	32.1	29.2	39.7	31.5	29.3	38.8	31.7	29.4	38.8	30.8	29.3	38.9
K. Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers	34.1	31.5	41.7	34.3	29.9	41.9	32.5	30.4	39.8	33.5	29.3	40.7
Non-employed	42.7	30.6	57.7	31.4	28.3	41.3	39.9	29.3	55.5	30.3	27.8	39.5

Note: 1) Marriages entered and registered in the relevant fiscal year were calculated.

2) The total includes “employment status not stated”, and the total number of employed persons (employed) includes “occupation not stated”.

(4) Marriages by age difference between bride and groom, and employment status/occupation of bride and groom

As for the proportion of marriages by age difference between bride and groom by employment status of bride and groom at the time of starting to live together in FY2015, 24.4% of employed grooms had elder brides and 57.6% had younger brides, whereas 24.4% of non-employed grooms had elder brides and 60.4% had younger brides, and the proportions of employed and non-employed were almost same. Similarly, 25.1% of employed brides had younger grooms and 56.6% had elder grooms, whereas 21.7% of non-employed brides had younger grooms and 62.1% had elder grooms.

By occupation of grooms, the proportion of elder brides was the highest in “Security workers” at 28.4% and the lowest in “Administrative and managerial workers” at 14.8%.

Similarly, by occupation of brides, the proportion of elder brides was the highest in “Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers” at 27.5% and the lowest in “Construction and mining workers” at 24.0%. (Table 13)

Table 13. Marriages and percent distribution by employment status/occupation of bride and groom and by difference in age between bride and groom, FY2015

Employment status/occupation of bride and groom	Groom				Bride			
	Total	Elder bride	Same age	Elder groom	Total	Elder bride	Same age	Elder groom
Marriages (persons)								
Total	510 695	124 219	91 501	294 975	510 695	124 219	91 501	294 975
Total number of employed persons (Employed)	472 152	115 052	84 925	272 175	385 494	96 661	70 792	218 041
A. Administrative and managerial workers	14 067	2 083	1 480	10 504	2 387	637	327	1 423
B. Professional and engineering workers	127 119	30 755	23 311	73 053	113 730	28 219	23 196	62 315
C. Clerical workers	55 369	13 591	10 061	31 717	114 184	29 064	20 644	64 476
D. Sales workers	59 756	14 521	11 037	34 198	41 160	10 092	7 343	23 725
E. Service workers	56 339	14 166	8 665	33 508	76 960	19 207	13 234	44 519
F. Security workers	18 678	5 296	4 158	9 224	2 228	548	314	1 366
G. Agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	7 349	1 794	1 229	4 326	1 536	393	207	936
H. Manufacturing process workers	54 589	13 750	10 755	30 084	15 819	4 078	2 587	9 154
I. Transport and machine operation workers	18 622	4 491	2 855	11 276	2 796	746	421	1 629
J. Construction and mining workers	38 467	9 178	7 701	21 588	1 585	381	289	915
K. Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers	11 197	2 861	1 818	6 518	3 193	879	426	1 888
L. Occupation not stated	10 600	2 566	1 855	6 179	9 916	2 417	1 804	5 695
Non-employed	12 992	3 169	1 978	7 845	99 547	21 559	16 157	61 831
Not stated	25 551	5 998	4 598	14 955	25 654	5 999	4 552	15 103
Proportion (%)								
Total	100.0	24.3	17.9	57.8	100.0	24.3	17.9	57.8
Total number of employed persons (Employed)	100.0	24.4	18.0	57.6	100.0	25.1	18.4	56.6
A. Administrative and managerial workers	100.0	14.8	10.5	74.7	100.0	26.7	13.7	59.6
B. Professional and engineering workers	100.0	24.2	18.3	57.5	100.0	24.8	20.4	54.8
C. Clerical workers	100.0	24.5	18.2	57.3	100.0	25.5	18.1	56.5
D. Sales workers	100.0	24.3	18.5	57.2	100.0	24.5	17.8	57.6
E. Service workers	100.0	25.1	15.4	59.5	100.0	25.0	17.2	57.8
F. Security workers	100.0	28.4	22.3	49.4	100.0	24.6	14.1	61.3
G. Agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	100.0	24.4	16.7	58.9	100.0	25.6	13.5	60.9
H. Manufacturing process workers	100.0	25.2	19.7	55.1	100.0	25.8	16.4	57.9
I. Transport and machine operation workers	100.0	24.1	15.3	60.6	100.0	26.7	15.1	58.3
J. Construction and mining workers	100.0	23.9	20.0	56.1	100.0	24.0	18.2	57.7
K. Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers	100.0	25.6	16.2	58.2	100.0	27.5	13.3	59.1
L. Occupation not stated	100.0	24.4	15.2	60.4	100.0	21.7	16.2	62.1

Note: Marriages entered and registered in FY2015 were calculated.

(5) Marriages by the combination of employment status/occupation of bride and groom

As for the proportion of marriages by the combination of employment status/occupation of bride and groom in FY2015, the highest was the combination of “both bride and groom are employed” with 469,588 cases (73.8%), which increased by 5.9 points from the previous survey.

The next highest was the combination of “employed groom and non-employed bride” at 17.7%, which decreased by 5.4 points from the previous survey. (Figure 3, Table 14)

Figure 3 Percent distribution of marriages by the combination of employment status/occupation of bride and groom, FY2010/2015

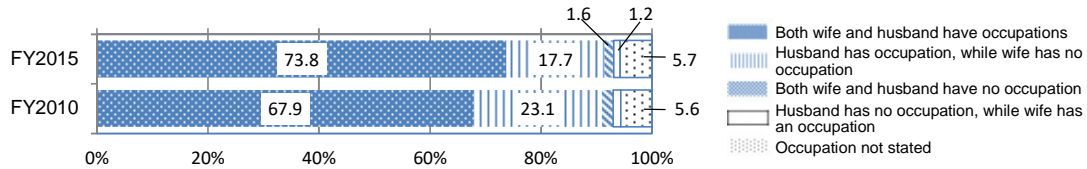


Table 14. Marriages by the combination of employment status/occupation of bride and groom, FY2015 (couples)

Employment status/occupation of groom	Employment status/occupation of bride														Non-employed	Not stated
	Total	Total number of employed persons (Employed)	A Administrative and managerial workers	B Professional and engineering workers	C Clerical workers	D Sales workers	E Service workers	F Security workers	G Agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	H Manufacturing process workers	I Transport and machine operation workers	J Construction and mining workers	K Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers	L Occupation not stated		
Total	636 555	478 906	3 146	138 853	137 201	52 730	100 022	2 539	1 980	19 794	3 571	1 974	4 386	12 710	124 738	32 911
Total number of employed persons (Employed)	585 406	469 588	3 052	136 310	135 401	51 700	97 302	2 516	1 921	19 390	3 476	1 938	4 177	12 405	112 783	3 035
A. Administrative and managerial workers	17 835	13 350	1 383	3 057	4 850	1 268	2 129	19	38	262	63	38	70	173	4 340	145
B. Professional and engineering workers	156 863	133 074	589	64 930	37 012	9 956	16 648	201	160	2 248	232	131	498	469	23 312	477
C. Clerical workers	65 946	56 296	224	12 961	31 542	3 902	6 064	206	80	843	93	49	170	162	9 421	229
D. Sales workers	74 242	60 702	252	12 819	18 092	17 049	9 674	145	121	1 149	325	141	296	639	13 280	260
E. Service workers	73 905	58 060	167	10 028	9 706	5 171	29 572	117	188	1 252	422	214	354	869	15 448	397
F. Security workers	20 967	17 033	57	5 977	4 346	1 518	2 769	1 623	29	338	74	36	77	189	3 842	92
G. Agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	8 827	6 454	23	1 352	1 298	586	1 587	11	858	319	102	57	63	198	2 306	67
H. Manufacturing process workers	65 800	52 174	129	12 154	12 847	4 905	11 146	67	144	9 398	250	136	624	374	13 407	219
I. Transport and machine operation workers	23 880	17 695	75	3 345	4 279	2 002	4 509	36	88	948	1 505	122	437	349	6 036	149
J. Construction and mining workers	49 036	32 964	100	6 740	8 234	3 833	9 973	60	132	1 955	164	901	555	317	15 702	370
K. Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers	14 565	10 935	34	2 081	2 763	1 341	2 762	25	38	626	87	43	1 010	125	3 561	69
L. Occupation not stated	13 540	10 851	19	866	432	169	469	6	45	52	159	70	23	8 541	2 128	561
Non-employed	18 233	7 710	82	1 856	1 488	925	2 400	20	49	376	67	24	195	228	10 288	235
Not stated	32 916	1 608	12	687	312	105	320	3	10	28	28	12	14	77	1 667	29 641

(6) Marriage rates, marriage rates for unmarried population, age-standardized marriage rates and age-standardized marriage rates for unmarried population

Age-standardized marriage rates for unmarried population by occupation of groom (per 1,000 unmarried population) were the highest in “Professional and engineering workers” at 60.0, and by occupation of bride, it was the highest in “Transport and machine operation workers” at 83.7 (Table 15).

Table 15. Marriage rates, marriage rates for unmarried population, age-standardized marriage rates and age-standardized marriage rates for unmarried population by employment status/occupation of bride and groom, FY2015

Employment status/occupation of bride and groom	Groom				Bride			
	Marriage rates	Marriage rates for unmarried population	Age-standardized marriage rates	Age-standardized marriage rates for unmarried population	Marriage rates	Marriage rates for unmarried population	Age-standardized marriage rates	Age-standardized marriage rates for unmarried population
	(per 1,000 population)	(per 1,000 unmarried population)	(per 1,000 population)	(per 1,000 unmarried population)	(per 1,000 population)	(per 1,000 unmarried population)	(per 1,000 population)	(per 1,000 unmarried population)
Total	9.6	25.5	13.3	26.4	9.0	21.1	14.3	30.2
Total number of employed persons (Employed)	14.5	43.4	17.2	34.3	15.2	37.7	17.4	30.8
A. Administrative and managerial workers	12.2	105.5	10.6	32.7
B. Professional and engineering workers	26.5	88.0	28.2	60.0	25.4	61.3	22.7	41.0
C. Clerical workers	12.4	46.1	16.0	33.0	17.1	42.0	18.5	30.6
D. Sales workers	14.4	46.7	15.2	34.8	12.8	27.9	13.1	22.8
E. Service workers	26.3	57.0	25.7	48.3	16.7	39.2	20.5	37.2
F. Security workers	18.4	53.5	18.7	41.3	32.7	61.8	23.7	44.0
G. Agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	5.5	22.6	16.2	26.8	2.0	10.1	11.6	25.6
H. Manufacturing process workers	9.9	25.0	10.5	18.7	7.2	18.9	10.6	17.1
I. Transport and machine operation workers	9.7	29.6	19.1	34.8	41.5	83.3	56.3	83.7
J. Construction and mining workers	15.4	48.3	24.3	45.0	25.9	79.4	38.6	66.3
K. Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers	5.5	12.0	6.8	10.5	1.8	5.0	3.9	7.2
Non-employed	0.8	1.7	2.5	3.1	3.6	7.9	10.7	35.1

Note: 1) Marriages entered and registered in FY2015 were calculated.

2) The total includes “employment status not stated”, and the total number of employed persons (employed) includes “occupation not stated”.