

4 Marriages

(1) Marriages by employment status/occupation of bride and groom before they start living together

The number of marriages in FY2020 by employment status of groom stood at 481,711 (93.1%) for employed and 12,983 (2.5%) for non-employed.

In addition, the number of marriages by brides stood at 421,685 (81.5%) for employed and 72,545 (14.0%) for non-employed, and employed brides increased by 6.3 points from 75.2% in the previous survey.

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

Table 10. Marriages and percent distribution by employment status/occupation of bride and groom, FY2015/2020

Employment status/occupation	FY2020		FY2015 ¹⁾	
	Number of marriages (couples)	Proportion (%)	Number of marriages (couples)	Proportion (%)
	Groom			
Total	517 478	100.0	636 623	100.0
Total number of employed persons (Employed)	481 711	93.1	585 458	92.0
A. Administrative and managerial workers	14 801	2.9	17 839	2.8
B. Professional and engineering workers	135 335	26.2	156 876	24.6
C. Clerical workers	54 934	10.6	65 954	10.4
D. Sales workers	60 871	11.8	74 246	11.7
E. Service workers	52 105	10.1	73 910	11.6
F. Security workers	18 780	3.6	20 969	3.3
G. Agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	6 796	1.3	8 827	1.4
H. Manufacturing process workers	50 287	9.7	65 805	10.3
I. Transport and machine operation workers	18 096	3.5	23 881	3.8
J. Construction and mining workers	40 050	7.7	49 043	7.7
K. Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers	13 129	2.5	14 567	2.3
L. Occupation not stated	16 527	3.2	13 541	2.1
Non-employed	12 983	2.5	18 236	2.9
Not stated	22 784	4.4	32 929	5.2
	Bride			
Total	517 478	100.0	636 623	100.0
Total number of employed persons (Employed)	421 685	81.5	478 946	75.2
A. Administrative and managerial workers	3 091	0.6	3 146	0.5
B. Professional and engineering workers	136 227	26.3	138 865	21.8
C. Clerical workers	114 417	22.1	137 207	21.6
D. Sales workers	43 777	8.5	52 734	8.3
E. Service workers	79 093	15.3	100 034	15.7
F. Security workers	2 839	0.5	2 539	0.4
G. Agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	1 790	0.3	1 980	0.3
H. Manufacturing process workers	16 180	3.1	19 798	3.1
I. Transport and machine operation workers	3 146	0.6	3 571	0.6
J. Construction and mining workers	2 108	0.4	1 975	0.3
K. Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers	4 640	0.9	4 386	0.7
L. Occupation not stated	14 377	2.8	12 711	2.0
Non-employed	72 545	14.0	124 753	19.6
Not stated	23 248	4.5	32 924	5.2

Note: 1) Figures for FY 2015 in this table do not match the FY 2015 overview published on March 2, 2018 in some places due to recalculation caused by omissions in reporting by prefectures (published on March 29, 2019).

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

The proportion of marriages by combination of first marriage or remarriage by occupation of bride and groom in FY2020, in case of both bride and groom for “both first marriage,” was higher in “Security workers” at 83.9% for groom, and in “Professional and engineering workers” at 83.5%, while lower in “Administrative and managerial workers” at 49.6% and in “Transport and machine operation workers” at 55.1%. Whereas, in case of brides for “both first marriage,” it was higher in “Professional and engineering workers” at 84.4% and in “Clerical workers” at 78.3%, while lower in “Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers” at 52.3% and in “Administrative and managerial workers” at 58.1%. (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

FY2020

Employment status/occupation of bride and groom	Groom					Bride				
	Total	Both first marriage	First marriage (for groom) Remarried (for bride)	Remarried (for groom) First marriage (for bride)	Both remarried	Total	Both first marriage	First marriage (for groom) Remarried (for bride)	Remarried (for groom) First marriage (for bride)	Both remarried
Number of marriages (couples)										
Total	517 478	381 186	36 035	49 322	50 935	517 478	381 186	36 035	49 322	50 935
Total number of employed persons (Employed)	481 711	360 273	33 101	45 068	43 269	421 685	323 392	26 875	37 641	33 777
A. Administrative and managerial workers	14 801	7 344	1 117	3 002	3 338	3 091	1 796	264	427	604
B. Professional and engineering workers	135 335	113 028	6 633	9 068	6 606	136 227	114 924	5 544	9 626	6 133
C. Clerical workers	54 934	44 528	2 894	4 229	3 283	114 417	89 575	6 627	10 430	7 785
D. Sales workers	60 871	47 680	3 776	5 313	4 102	43 777	32 805	3 067	4 201	3 704
E. Service workers	52 105	36 219	4 695	6 046	5 145	79 093	54 211	7 192	8 078	9 612
F. Security workers	18 780	15 757	740	1 285	998	2 839	2 220	127	302	190
G. Agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	6 796	4 463	683	759	891	1 790	1 139	204	202	245
H. Manufacturing process workers	50 287	37 663	4 111	4 298	4 215	16 180	10 976	1 633	1 591	1 980
I. Transport and machine operation workers	18 096	9 972	1 760	2 366	3 998	3 146	1 944	312	324	566
J. Construction and mining workers	40 050	24 217	3 993	5 208	6 632	2 108	1 360	175	238	335
K. Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers	13 129	8 073	1 483	1 483	2 090	4 640	2 427	691	522	1 000
L. Occupation not stated	16 527	11 329	1 216	2 011	1 971	14 377	10 015	1 039	1 700	1 623
Non-employed	12 983	5 366	1 291	1 483	4 843	72 545	42 014	7 473	8 802	14 256
Not stated	22 784	15 547	1 643	2 771	2 823	23 248	15 780	1 687	2 879	2 902
Proportion (%)										
Total ¹⁾	100.0	73.7	7.0	9.5	9.8	100.0	73.7	7.0	9.5	9.8
Total number of employed persons (Employed ¹⁾)	100.0	74.8	6.9	9.4	9.0	100.0	76.7	6.4	8.9	8.0
A. Administrative and managerial workers	100.0	49.6	7.5	20.3	22.6	100.0	58.1	8.5	13.8	19.5
B. Professional and engineering workers	100.0	83.5	4.9	6.7	4.9	100.0	84.4	4.1	7.1	4.5
C. Clerical workers	100.0	81.1	5.3	7.7	6.0	100.0	78.3	5.8	9.1	6.8
D. Sales workers	100.0	78.3	6.2	8.7	6.7	100.0	74.9	7.0	9.6	8.5
E. Service workers	100.0	69.5	9.0	11.6	9.9	100.0	68.5	9.1	10.2	12.2
F. Security workers	100.0	83.9	3.9	6.8	5.3	100.0	78.2	4.5	10.6	6.7
G. Agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	100.0	65.7	10.1	11.2	13.1	100.0	63.6	11.4	11.3	13.7
H. Manufacturing process workers	100.0	74.9	8.2	8.5	8.4	100.0	67.8	10.1	9.8	12.2
I. Transport and machine operation workers	100.0	55.1	9.7	13.1	22.1	100.0	61.8	9.9	10.3	18.0
J. Construction and mining workers	100.0	60.5	10.0	13.0	16.6	100.0	64.5	8.3	11.3	15.9
K. Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers	100.0	61.5	11.3	11.3	15.9	100.0	52.3	14.9	11.3	21.6
Non-employed	100.0	41.3	9.9	11.4	37.3	100.0	57.9	10.3	12.1	19.7

Notes: 1) The total includes “employment status not stated”, and the total number of employed persons (employed) includes “L occupation not stated”.

(3) Average age at marriage by employment status/occupation of bride and groom before they start living together

The average age at marriage (age at cohabitation) by employment status of the groom and bride for marriages registered in 2020 was 33.1 years for employed grooms and 44.5 years for non-employed grooms, and 31.1 years for employed brides and 32.8 years for non-employed brides.

In addition, the average age at first marriage stood at 31.0 years for employed grooms and 31.5 years for non-employed grooms, and at 29.6 years for employed brides and 28.6 years for non-employed brides.

As for the average age at first marriage by occupation of bride and groom, the lowest average age for both bride and groom was in the "Security workers" occupations, at 28.6 years for grooms and 27.4 years for brides, and the highest average age for both grooms and brides was in "Administrative and managerial workers" occupations, at 35.6 years for grooms and 32.8 years for brides. (Table 12)

Table 12. Average age at marriage (age at cohabitation) by employment status/occupation of bride and groom, FY2015/2020

(Unit: years old)

Employment status/occupation of bride and groom	FY2020						FY2015					
	Groom			Bride			Groom			Bride		
	Total	First marriage	Remarried	Total	First marriage	Remarried	Total	First marriage	Remarried	Total	First marriage	Remarried
Total ¹⁾	33.4	31.0	43.8	31.4	29.5	40.8	33.3	31.1	43.0	31.1	29.5	39.8
Total number of employed persons (Employed) ¹⁾	33.1	31.0	42.8	31.1	29.6	39.9	33.1	31.1	42.0	31.0	29.7	39.1
A. Administrative and managerial workers	41.1	35.6	48.7	36.3	32.8	46.0	40.9	36.0	47.8	36.0	32.7	45.3
B. Professional and engineering workers	32.5	31.2	42.9	30.3	29.4	40.0	32.8	31.5	42.3	30.6	29.8	39.2
C. Clerical workers	33.2	31.5	43.8	31.5	30.4	39.5	33.3	31.9	42.8	31.5	30.6	38.6
D. Sales workers	32.3	30.6	41.8	30.8	29.3	38.8	32.5	31.0	41.0	30.6	29.3	38.6
E. Service workers	34.0	31.5	42.9	31.5	29.0	40.2	33.0	31.0	41.1	30.8	28.7	39.3
F. Security workers	30.0	28.6	41.2	28.8	27.4	41.2	30.5	29.2	41.3	29.3	28.1	38.6
G. Agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	34.7	31.9	43.9	32.6	30.1	39.7	34.1	31.7	43.2	32.4	30.1	40.4
H. Manufacturing process workers	32.3	30.6	40.9	31.1	28.7	39.4	32.0	30.5	40.1	30.8	28.7	38.8
I. Transport and machine operation workers	36.2	31.9	44.5	32.7	29.7	41.3	36.2	32.2	43.6	32.2	29.5	40.1
J. Construction and mining workers	32.4	29.2	40.4	30.7	28.5	38.2	32.1	29.2	39.7	31.5	29.3	38.8
K. Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers	34.5	31.6	42.5	34.3	29.9	41.7	34.1	31.5	41.7	34.3	29.9	41.9
Non-employed	44.5	31.5	60.0	32.8	28.6	43.4	42.7	30.6	57.7	31.4	28.3	41.3

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

1) The total includes "employment status not stated", and the total number of employed persons (employed) includes "L occupation not stated".

(4) Marriages by combination of employment status of bride and groom before they start living together

As for the proportion of marriages by the combination of employment status of bride and groom in FY2020, the highest was the combination of “both bride and groom are employed” with 414,363 cases (80.1%), which increased by 6.3 points from the previous survey.

The next highest was the combination of “employed groom and non-employed bride” at 12.6%, which decreased by 5.1 points from the previous survey. (Figure 3, Table 13)

Figure 3 Percent distribution of marriages by the combination of employment status of bride and groom, FY2015/2020

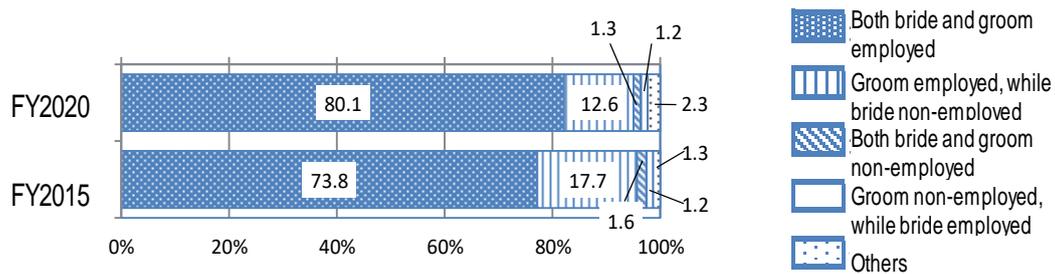


Table 13. Marriages by the combination of employment status/occupation of bride and groom, FY2020

(Unit: 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	517 478	421 685	3 091	136 227	114 417	43 777	79 093	2 839	1 790	16 180	3 146	2 108	4 640	14 377	72 545	23 248
Total number of employed persons (Employed)	481 711	414 363	3 001	134 337	112 999	43 012	77 002	2 806	1 729	15 873	3 045	2 054	4 429	14 076	65 026	2 322
A. Administrative and managerial workers	14 801	12 047	1 293	2 995	4 087	1 196	1 873	24	27	213	50	35	78	176	2 673	81
B. Professional and engineering workers	135 335	121 457	575	64 446	30 932	8 452	13 552	205	143	1 811	259	136	476	470	13 529	349
C. Clerical workers	54 934	49 730	204	12 691	27 152	3 245	5 069	157	69	696	80	54	214	99	5 092	112
D. Sales workers	60 871	53 448	245	12 858	15 518	14 779	7 979	129	101	883	240	142	296	278	7 194	229
E. Service workers	52 105	43 723	153	8 649	7 250	3 662	21 576	123	149	895	373	192	346	355	8 108	274
F. Security workers	18 780	16 354	71	6 352	3 563	1 319	2 449	1 940	34	309	62	41	99	115	2 324	102
G. Agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	6 796	5 464	35	1 247	1 031	471	1 299	14	770	267	78	69	77	106	1 277	55
H. Manufacturing process workers	50 287	42 789	137	11 435	10 087	3 731	8 165	61	148	7 925	199	162	576	163	7 334	164
I. Transport and machine operation workers	18 096	14 529	94	3 146	3 262	1 498	3 656	43	83	738	1 395	97	353	164	3 440	127
J. Construction and mining workers	40 050	29 981	130	7 031	7 266	3 338	8 334	86	126	1 549	170	1 071	589	291	9 853	216
K. Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers	13 129	10 547	34	2 230	2 372	1 167	2 589	15	58	556	89	38	1 313	86	2 528	54
L. Occupation not stated	16 527	14 294	30	1 257	479	154	461	9	21	31	50	17	12	11 773	1 674	559
Non-employed	12 983	6 194	83	1 480	1 210	676	1 894	28	49	290	63	37	207	177	6 653	136
Not stated	22 784	1 128	7	410	208	89	197	5	12	17	38	17	4	124	866	20 790

(5) Marriage rate, marriage rate for unmarried population, age-standardized marriage rate and age-standardized marriage rate for unmarried population by employment status/occupation of bride and groom before they start living together

As for the marriages entered in FY2020, age-standardized marriage rate for unmarried population (per 1,000 unmarried population) shows that the highest rates were recorded for both bride and groom in "Administrative and managerial workers," at 148.2 for grooms and 137.9 for brides (Table 14).

Table 14. Marriage rate, marriage rate for unmarried population, age-standardized marriage rate and age-standardized marriage rate for unmarried population by employment status/occupation of bride and groom

FY2020

Employment status/occupation of bride and groom	Groom				Bride			
	Marriage rate (per 1,000 population)	Marriage rate for unmarried population (per 1,000 unmarried population)	Age-standardized marriage rate (per 1,000 population)	Age-standardized marriage rate for unmarried population (per 1,000 unmarried population)	Marriage rate (per 1,000 population)	Marriage rate for unmarried population (per 1,000 unmarried population)	Age-standardized marriage rate (per 1,000 population)	Age-standardized marriage rate for unmarried population (per 1,000 unmarried population)
Total ¹⁾	7.3	17.3	7.4	13.5	6.8	14.9	7.8	15.4
Total number of employed persons (Employed) ¹⁾	11.6	33.2	10.1	20.2	12.2	30.1	10.1	18.5
A. Administrative and managerial workers	11.3	90.8	71.6	148.2	12.6	37.4	85.0	137.9
B. Professional and engineering workers	19.7	60.9	14.0	31.4	20.5	49.9	12.7	24.1
C. Clerical workers	9.5	32.9	8.4	18.1	12.4	31.0	9.9	17.2
D. Sales workers	12.2	37.3	9.4	21.5	10.1	22.0	7.6	13.9
E. Service workers	17.6	37.4	13.9	26.7	12.2	28.9	11.4	21.8
F. Security workers	15.6	44.9	11.6	25.7	28.4	53.8	14.4	27.0
G. Agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	4.5	16.8	8.8	14.7	1.9	9.1	6.4	14.0
H. Manufacturing process workers	7.5	18.3	5.8	10.3	5.8	14.4	5.7	9.5
I. Transport and machine operation workers	7.0	20.6	10.5	19.1	28.9	56.4	26.4	41.6
J. Construction and mining workers	12.5	38.7	13.9	26.9	23.0	58.8	19.3	33.8
K. Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers	4.2	8.9	4.0	6.2	1.6	4.4	2.5	4.6
Non-employed	0.6	1.3	1.5	2.0	2.3	4.7	5.5	16.4

Note: Marriages entered and registered in FY2020 were calculated.

1) The total includes "employment status not stated", and the total number of employed persons (employed) includes "L occupation not stated".