

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 2010 by employment status of husband, stood at 197,267 (80.2%) for employed, and at 29,688 (12.1%) for non-employed (216,066 (82.0%) for employed and 28,624 (10.9%) for non-employed in the previous survey in FY 2005).

As for couples who discontinued living together and filed their separation in FY 2010, divorce rates (per 1,000 population) by age group at the time of separation were high in “30 - 34 years” at 7.8 (previously 8.4), and in “35 - 39 years” at 7.0 (previously 7.7) for employed husbands. For non-employed husbands, the rates were high in “40 - 44 years” at 7.3 (previously 7.8), and in “35 - 39 years” at 6.9 (previously 7.7).

The number of divorces in FY 2010 by employment status of wife, stood at 139,645 (56.8%) for employed, and 87,386 (35.5%) for non-employed (144,657 (54.9%) for employed and 99,301 for non-employed (37.7%) in the previous survey).

As for couples who discontinued living together and filed their separation in FY 2010, divorce rates by age group at the time of separation were high in “30 - 34 years” at 8.4 (previously 9.3), and in “35 - 39 years” at 7.5 (previously 7.7), for employed wives. For non-employed wives, the rates were high in “25 - 29 years” at 13.8 (previously 12.5), and in “30 - 34 years” at 9.3 (previously 9.0) (Table 15).

Table 15. Divorces, percent distribution and divorce rates by age group of wife and husband, and employment status of wife and husband, FY2010

Employment Status	Total	Separations reported in FY 2010									
		Total	15~19 years	20~24	25~29	30~34	35~39	40~44	45~49	50 years and over	Not stated
Divorces											
Husband											
Total	245 996	180 276	442	8 411	21 996	31 328	34 131	26 934	19 385	37 649	-
Employed	197 267	145 521	330	6 896	18 658	26 974	29 191	22 401	15 836	25 235	-
Non-employed	29 688	21 550	77	977	1 837	2 180	2 573	2 440	2 017	9 449	-
Not Stated	19 041	13 205	35	538	1 501	2 174	2 367	2 093	1 532	2 965	-
Percent Distribution (%)											
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
Employed	80.2	80.7	74.7	82.0	84.8	86.1	85.5	83.2	81.7	67.0	...
Non-employed	12.1	12.0	17.4	11.6	8.4	7.0	7.5	9.1	10.4	25.1	...
Divorce rates (per 1,000 population)											
Total	4.6	3.4	0.1	2.6	6.0	7.5	6.9	6.1	4.8	1.5	...
Employed	5.9	4.3	0.8	3.7	6.6	7.8	7.0	6.1	4.6	1.8	...
Non-employed	1.9	1.4	0.0	0.9	4.5	6.3	6.9	7.3	6.6	0.9	...
Divorces											
Wife											
Total	245 996	180 276	1 386	13 706	29 099	35 419	35 596	25 625	16 273	23 171	1
Employed	139 645	100 806	295	5 157	15 267	20 606	21 555	16 125	10 587	11 214	-
Non-employed	87 386	66 015	999	7 637	11 787	12 200	11 471	7 445	4 359	10 116	1
Not Stated	18 965	13 455	92	912	2 045	2 613	2 570	2 055	1 327	1 841	-
Percent Distribution (%)											
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
Employed	56.8	55.9	21.3	37.6	52.5	58.2	60.6	62.9	65.1	48.4	...
Non-employed	35.5	36.6	72.1	55.7	40.5	34.4	32.2	29.1	26.8	43.7	...
Divorce rates (per 1,000 population)											
Total	4.3	3.2	0.5	4.5	8.3	8.8	7.5	6.0	4.1	0.8	...
Employed	5.6	4.0	0.8	2.8	6.5	8.4	7.5	5.8	3.9	1.2	...
Non-employed	3.1	2.3	0.4	7.5	13.8	9.3	7.2	6.0	4.3	0.5	...

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, occupation of wife and husband

As for the proportions of divorces by employment status of wife and husband in FY 2010, 50.4% (previously 49.4%) of employed husbands had employed wives, and 28.5% (previously 31.3%) of employed husbands had non-employed wives; and 6.2% (previously 5.8%) of non-employed husbands had non-employed wives, and 5.6% (previously 5.0%) non-employed husbands had employed wives (Table 16).

Table 16. Divorces and percent distribution by employment status and occupation of wife and husband, FY2010

Employment Status of Husband	Employment Status of Wife			
	Total	Employed	Non-employed	Not Stated
	Divorces			
Total	245 996	139 645	87 386	18 965
Employed	197 267	123 997	70 190	3 080
Non-employed	29 688	13 853	15 351	484
Not Stated	19 041	1 795	1 845	15 401
	Percent Distribution (%)			
Total	100.0	56.8	35.5	...
Employed	80.2	50.4	28.5	...
Non-employed	12.1	5.6	6.2	...

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

Occupation of husband	Occupation of wife														Non-employed	Not stated	
	Total	Employed Total (Employed)	A Administrative and managerial workers	B Professional and engineering workers	C Clerical workers	D Sales workers	E Service workers	F Security workers	G Agriculture, 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 Workers not classifiable by occupation			
	Divorces																
Total	245 996	139 645	2 003	24 475	30 909	19 087	41 087	432	1 114	10 532	1 386	683	3 493	4 444	87 386	18 965	
Employed Total (Employed)	197 267	123 997	1 785	22 003	28 179	16 957	35 796	394	1 003	9 116	1 249	618	2 957	3 940	70 190	3 080	
A. Administrative and managerial workers	10 929	6 708	934	1 090	2 105	731	1 353	7	14	250	32	15	85	92	4 029	192	
B. Professional and engineering workers	32 824	21 440	226	7 487	5 087	2 374	4 691	38	59	903	89	34	310	142	10 998	386	
C. Clerical workers	18 249	11 791	119	2 028	5 421	1 132	2 362	39	22	413	47	10	117	81	6 190	268	
D. Sales workers	22 628	14 636	119	2 162	3 652	3 814	3 522	20	54	672	121	61	252	187	7 751	241	
E. Service workers	29 667	18 727	115	2 452	3 186	2 122	9 004	35	62	1 009	135	57	332	218	10 557	383	
F. Security workers	3 737	2 279	23	482	463	272	574	182	8	128	26	20	63	38	1 408	50	
G. Agriculture, forestry and fishery workers	3 804	2 371	13	305	304	227	653	5	514	233	20	9	55	33	1 376	57	
H. Manufacturing process workers	22 302	14 185	56	1 966	2 595	1 941	4 064	22	83	2 708	127	39	431	153	7 904	213	
I. Transport and machine operation workers	15 907	9 946	65	1 360	1 754	1 524	3 190	24	62	990	451	46	371	109	5 757	204	
J. Construction and mining workers	23 995	13 851	63	1 864	2 646	2 026	4 760	14	83	1 336	126	291	508	134	9 795	349	
K. Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers	7 129	4 465	27	588	799	692	1 358	7	34	435	36	16	414	59	2 580	84	
L. Workers not classifiable by occupation	6 096	3 598	25	219	167	102	265	1	8	39	39	20	19	2 694	1 845	653	
Non-employed	29 688	13 853	192	2 109	2 376	1 913	4 755	35	102	1 309	119	62	492	389	15 351	484	
Not stated	19 041	1 795	26	363	354	217	536	3	9	107	18	3	44	115	1 845	15 401	
	Percent Distribution (%)																
Total	100.0	56.8	0.8	9.9	12.6	7.8	16.7	0.2	0.5	4.3	0.6	0.3	1.4	...	35.5	...	
Employed Total (Employed)	100.0	62.9	0.9	11.2	14.3	8.6	18.1	0.2	0.5	4.6	0.6	0.3	1.5	...	35.6	...	
A. Administrative and managerial workers	100.0	61.4	8.5	10.0	19.3	6.7	12.4	0.1	0.1	2.3	0.3	0.1	0.8	...	36.9	...	
B. Professional and engineering workers	100.0	65.3	0.7	22.8	15.5	7.2	14.3	0.1	0.2	2.8	0.3	0.1	0.9	...	33.5	...	
C. Clerical workers	100.0	64.6	0.7	11.1	29.7	6.2	12.9	0.2	0.1	2.3	0.3	0.1	0.6	...	33.9	...	
D. Sales workers	100.0	64.7	0.5	9.6	16.1	16.9	15.6	0.1	0.2	3.0	0.5	0.3	1.1	...	34.3	...	
E. Service workers	100.0	63.1	0.4	8.3	10.7	7.2	30.4	0.1	0.2	3.4	0.5	0.2	1.1	...	35.6	...	
F. Security workers	100.0	61.0	0.6	12.9	12.4	7.3	15.4	4.9	0.2	3.4	0.7	0.5	1.7	...	37.7	...	
G. Agriculture, forestry and fishery workers	100.0	62.3	0.3	8.0	8.0	6.0	17.2	0.1	13.5	6.1	0.5	0.2	1.4	...	36.2	...	
H. Manufacturing process workers	100.0	63.6	0.3	8.8	11.6	8.7	18.2	0.1	0.4	12.1	0.6	0.2	1.9	...	35.4	...	
I. Transport and machine operation workers	100.0	62.5	0.4	8.5	11.0	9.6	20.1	0.2	0.4	6.2	2.8	0.3	2.3	...	36.2	...	
J. Construction and mining workers	100.0	57.7	0.3	7.8	11.0	8.4	19.8	0.1	0.3	5.6	0.5	1.2	2.1	...	40.8	...	
K. Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers	100.0	62.6	0.4	8.2	11.2	9.7	19.0	0.1	0.5	6.1	0.5	0.2	5.8	...	36.2	...	
Non-employed	100.0	46.7	0.6	7.1	8.0	6.4	16.0	0.1	0.3	4.4	0.4	0.2	1.7	...	51.7	...	
	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	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
Employed Total (Employed)	80.2	88.8	89.1	89.9	91.2	88.8	87.1	91.2	90.0	86.6	90.1	90.5	84.7	...	80.3	...	
A. Administrative and managerial workers	4.4	4.8	46.6	4.5	6.8	3.8	3.3	1.6	1.3	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.4	...	4.6	...	
B. Professional and engineering workers	13.3	15.4	11.3	30.6	16.5	12.4	11.4	8.8	5.3	8.6	6.4	5.0	8.9	...	12.6	...	
C. Clerical workers	7.4	8.4	5.9	8.3	17.5	5.9	5.7	9.0	2.0	3.9	3.4	1.5	3.3	...	7.1	...	
D. Sales workers	9.2	10.5	5.9	8.8	11.8	20.0	8.6	4.6	4.8	6.4	8.7	8.9	7.2	...	8.9	...	
E. Service workers	12.1	13.4	5.7	10.0	10.3	11.1	21.9	8.1	5.6	9.6	9.7	8.3	9.5	...	12.1	...	
F. Security workers	1.5	1.6	1.1	2.0	1.5	1.4	1.4	42.1	0.7	1.2	1.9	2.9	1.8	...	1.6	...	
G. Agriculture, forestry and fishery workers	1.5	1.7	0.6	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.6	1.2	46.1	2.2	1.4	1.3	1.6	...	1.6	...	
H. Manufacturing process workers	9.1	10.2	2.8	8.0	8.4	10.2	9.9	5.1	7.5	25.7	9.2	5.7	12.3	...	9.0	...	
I. Transport and machine operation workers	6.5	7.1	3.2	5.6	5.7	8.0	7.8	5.6	5.6	9.4	32.5	6.7	10.6	...	6.6	...	
J. Construction and mining workers	9.8	9.9	3.1	7.6	8.6	10.6	11.6	3.2	7.5	12.7	9.1	42.6	14.5	...	11.2	...	
K. Carrying, cleaning, packaging, and related workers	2.9	3.2	1.3	2.4	2.6	3.6	3.3	1.6	3.1	4.1	2.6	2.3	11.9	...	3.0	...	
Non-employed	12.1	9.9	9.6	8.4	7.7	10.0	11.6	8.1	9.2	12.4	8.6	9.1	14.1	...	17.6	...	

Note: The total of percent distribution include "Employment Status Not Stated", and the total of Employed Total include "Workers not classifiable by occupation".

(3) Divorces by the number of children for whom the wife and/or husband need to exercise parental authority and by employment status

As for the proportions of divorces by employment status of wife and husband in FY 2010, the proportion by the number of children for whom the wife and/or husband need to exercise parental authority, employed husbands who have one or more children stood at 61.0% (previously 60.6%), and non-employed husbands stood at 44.6% (previously 47.4%). The proportion of employed husbands who exercise parental authority stood at 10.6% (previously 12.0%), and non-employed husbands stood at 4.4% (previously 4.9%).

On the other hand, employed wives who have one or more children stood at 60.7% (previously 60.2%), and non-employed wives stood at 56.1% (previously 57.6%). The proportion of employed wives who exercise parental authority stood at 53.1% (previously 51.5%), and non-employed wives stood at 48.7% (previously 48.5%) (Table 17-1, 17-2).

Table 17-1. Divorces and percent distribution distributed according to the number of dependent children, by employment status of husband, FY2010

	Employment Status of Husband			
	Total	Employed	Non-employed	Not Stated
	Divorces			
Total	245 996	197 267	29 688	19 041
Divorces where no children are involved	102 093	77 015	16 439	8 639
Divorces where children are involved	143 903	120 252	13 249	10 402
In case husband has parental authority for their children of all	18 536	16 274	961	1 301
In case wife has parental authority for their children of all	119 978	99 296	11 941	8 741
In case wife and husband share their parental authority	5 389	4 682	347	360
(Regroup) In case husband has parental authority for their children	23 925	20 956	1 308	1 661
	Percent Distribution (%)			
Total	100.0	80.2	12.1	...
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
Divorces where no children are involved	41.5	39.0	55.4	...
Divorces where children are involved	58.5	61.0	44.6	...
In case husband has parental authority for their children of all	7.5	8.2	3.2	...
In case wife has parental authority for their children of all	48.8	50.3	40.2	...
In case wife and husband share their parental authority	2.2	2.4	1.2	...
(Regroup) In case husband has parental authority for their children	9.7	10.6	4.4	...

Notes: 1) Person who exercises parental authority is one who has unmarried children under twenty.
2) The total of proportions include "Employment Status Not Stated".

Table 17-2. Divorces and percent distribution distributed according to the number of dependent children, by employment status of wife, FY2010

	Employment Status of Wife			
	Total	Employed	Non-employed	Not Stated
	Divorces			
Total	245 996	139 645	87 386	18 965
Divorces where no children are involved	102 093	54 907	38 319	8 867
Divorces where children are involved	143 903	84 738	49 067	10 098
In case husband has parental authority for their children of all	18 536	10 609	6 537	1 390
In case wife has parental authority for their children of all	119 978	70 720	40 905	8 353
In case wife and husband share their parental authority	5 389	3 409	1 625	355
(Regroup) In case wife has parental authority for their children	125 367	74 129	42 530	8 708
	Percent Distribution (%)			
Total	100.0	56.8	35.5	...
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	...
Divorces where no children are involved	41.5	39.3	43.9	...
Divorces where children are involved	58.5	60.7	56.1	...
In case husband has parental authority for their children of all	7.5	7.6	7.5	...
In case wife has parental authority for their children of all	48.8	50.6	46.8	...
In case wife and husband share their parental authority	2.2	2.4	1.9	...
(Regroup) In case wife has parental authority for their children	51.0	53.1	48.7	...

Notes: 1) Person who exercises parental authority is one who has unmarried children under twenty.
2) The total of proportions include "Employment Status Not Stated".