

Table 1302. Marriage and Divorce Rates by Country: 1980 to 2005

[Per 1,000 population aged 15–64 years]

Country	Marriage rate				Divorce rate			
	1980	1990	2000	2005 ¹	1980	1990	2000	2005 ²
United States ³	15.9	14.9	12.5	11.2	7.9	7.2	6.2	5.4
Canada.	11.5	10.0	7.5	6.8	3.7	4.2	3.4	(NA)
Japan.	9.8	8.4	9.3	8.4	1.8	1.8	3.1	3.1
Denmark.	8.0	9.1	10.8	10.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.3
France ⁴	9.7	7.7	7.9	7.1	2.4	2.8	3.0	3.5
Germany ^{4, 5}	(NA)	8.2	7.6	7.0	(NA)	2.5	3.5	4.0
Ireland ⁴	10.9	8.3	7.6	7.2	(⁶)	(⁶)	1.0	1.2
Italy ⁴	8.7	8.2	7.3	6.5	0.3	0.7	1.0	1.2
Netherlands.	9.6	9.3	8.2	6.7	2.7	2.8	3.2	2.9
Spain ⁴	9.4	8.5	7.9	7.0	(NA)	0.9	1.4	1.7
Sweden	7.1	7.4	7.0	7.5	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.4
United Kingdom ⁷	11.6	10.0	8.0	8.0	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.9

NA Not available. ¹ Provisional marriage rates for the United States and Canada. U.S. marriage rate may be understated because of incomplete reporting in Oklahoma. ² Provisional divorce rates for the United States, Germany, Ireland, Spain, France, and Italy. U.S. divorce rate may be understated because of incomplete reporting in Oklahoma. ³ Divorce rates for 2000–2005 are estimated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics; includes unlicensed marriages in California. ⁴ Divorces for 2005 are estimated by Eurostat. ⁵ Date are for 1991 instead of 1990. ⁶ Divorce not allowed by law prior to 1997. ⁷ Marriages for 2005 are estimated by Eurostat.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, updated and revised from “Families and Work in Transition in 12 Countries, 1980–2001,” *Monthly Labor Review*, September 2003, with unpublished data.