

Table 1292. Marriage and Divorce Rates by Country: 1980 to 2006

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

Country	Marriage rate				Divorce rate			
	1980	1990	2000	2006	1980	1990	2000	2006
United States ¹	15.9	14.9	12.5	10.2	7.9	7.2	6.2	5.1
Canada	11.5	10.0	7.5	6.6	3.7	4.2	3.4	(NA)
Japan	9.8	8.4	9.3	(NA)	1.8	1.8	3.1	(NA)
Denmark	8.0	9.1	10.8	10.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0
France	9.7	7.7	7.9	6.9	2.4	2.8	3.0	3.5
Germany ²	(NA)	8.2	7.6	6.8	(NA)	2.5	3.5	3.5
Ireland ³	10.9	8.3	7.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.0	(NA)
Italy	8.7	8.2	7.3	6.3	0.3	0.7	1.0	(NA)
Netherlands	9.6	9.3	8.2	6.5	2.7	2.8	3.2	2.9
Spain	9.4	8.6	7.9	7.0	(NA)	0.9	1.4	(NA)
Sweden	7.1	7.4	7.0	7.7	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.4
United Kingdom	11.6	10.0	8.0	(NA)	4.1	4.1	4.0	(NA)

NA Not available. ¹ Marriage rates include unlicensed marriages in California; exclude data for Louisiana in 2006. Divorce rates exclude data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Louisiana in 2004; and California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota in 2005 and 2006. ² Data are for 1991 instead of 1990. ³ Divorce not allowed by law prior to 1997.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, updated and revised from “Families and Work in Transition in 13 Countries, 1980-2001,” *Monthly Labor Review*, September 2003, with national sources, some of which may be unpublished.