

Table 56. Marital Status of the Population by Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1990 to 2008

[In millions, except percent (181.8 represents 181,800,000). As of March. Persons 18 years old and over. Excludes members of Armed Forces except those living off post or with their families on post. Beginning 2005, population controls based on Census 2000 and an expanded sample of households. Based on Current Population Survey, see text of this section, and Appendix III]

| Marital status, race, and Hispanic origin | Total | | | | Male | | | | Female | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 1990 | 2000 | 2005 | 2008 | 1990 | 2000 | 2005 | 2008 | 1990 | 2000 | 2005 | 2008 |
| Total ¹ | 181.8 | 201.8 | 217.2 | 224.5 | 86.9 | 96.9 | 104.8 | 108.8 | 95.0 | 104.9 | 112.3 | 115.8 |
| Never married | 40.4 | 48.2 | 53.9 | 58.3 | 22.4 | 26.1 | 29.6 | 32.0 | 17.9 | 22.1 | 24.3 | 26.3 |
| Married | 112.6 | 120.1 | 127.4 | 128.7 | 55.8 | 59.6 | 63.3 | 64.1 | 56.7 | 60.4 | 64.0 | 64.5 |
| Widowed | 13.8 | 13.7 | 13.8 | 14.3 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 11.5 | 11.1 | 11.1 | 11.4 |
| Divorced | 15.1 | 19.8 | 22.1 | 23.3 | 6.3 | 8.5 | 9.2 | 9.8 | 8.8 | 11.3 | 12.9 | 13.6 |
| Percent of 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 |
| Never married | 22.2 | 23.9 | 24.8 | 25.9 | 25.8 | 27.0 | 28.2 | 29.4 | 18.9 | 21.1 | 21.6 | 22.7 |
| Married ² | 61.9 | 59.5 | 58.6 | 57.3 | 64.3 | 61.5 | 60.4 | 58.9 | 59.7 | 57.6 | 56.9 | 55.7 |
| Widowed | 7.6 | 6.8 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 12.1 | 10.5 | 9.9 | 9.8 |
| Divorced | 8.3 | 9.8 | 10.2 | 10.4 | 7.2 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 9.0 | 9.3 | 10.8 | 11.5 | 11.7 |
| White, total ³ | 155.5 | 168.1 | 177.5 | 182.6 | 74.8 | 81.6 | 86.6 | 89.5 | 80.6 | 86.6 | 90.9 | 93.1 |
| Never married | 31.6 | 36.0 | 39.7 | 42.8 | 18.0 | 20.3 | 22.6 | 24.4 | 13.6 | 15.7 | 17.0 | 18.5 |
| Married ² | 99.5 | 104.1 | 108.3 | 108.8 | 49.5 | 51.8 | 54.0 | 54.5 | 49.9 | 52.2 | 54.2 | 54.3 |
| Widowed | 11.7 | 11.5 | 11.5 | 11.9 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 9.8 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 9.4 |
| Divorced | 12.6 | 16.5 | 18.1 | 19.1 | 5.4 | 7.2 | 7.6 | 8.2 | 7.3 | 9.3 | 10.4 | 10.9 |
| Percent of 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 |
| Never married | 20.3 | 21.4 | 22.3 | 23.5 | 24.1 | 24.9 | 26.1 | 27.2 | 16.9 | 18.1 | 18.7 | 19.8 |
| Married ² | 64.0 | 62.0 | 61.0 | 59.6 | 66.2 | 63.5 | 62.4 | 60.9 | 61.9 | 60.3 | 59.7 | 58.3 |
| Widowed | 7.5 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 12.2 | 10.8 | 10.2 | 10.1 |
| Divorced | 8.1 | 9.8 | 10.2 | 10.5 | 7.2 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 10.7 | 11.5 | 11.7 |
| Black, total ³ | 20.3 | 24.0 | 25.2 | 26.4 | 9.1 | 10.7 | 11.2 | 11.8 | 11.2 | 13.3 | 13.9 | 14.6 |
| Never married | 7.1 | 9.5 | 10.2 | 10.9 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 3.6 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.8 |
| Married ² | 9.3 | 10.1 | 10.3 | 10.6 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.4 |
| Widowed | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Divorced | 2.1 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.0 |
| Percent of 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 |
| Never married | 35.1 | 39.4 | 40.6 | 41.3 | 38.4 | 40.2 | 42.0 | 42.9 | 32.5 | 38.3 | 39.5 | 39.7 |
| Married ² | 45.8 | 42.1 | 41.0 | 40.1 | 49.2 | 46.7 | 45.5 | 44.2 | 43.0 | 38.3 | 37.4 | 37.0 |
| Widowed | 8.5 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 3.7 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 12.4 | 10.5 | 10.0 | 9.6 |
| Divorced | 10.6 | 11.5 | 11.7 | 12.1 | 8.8 | 10.3 | 9.8 | 10.1 | 12.0 | 12.8 | 13.3 | 13.7 |
| Asian, total ³ | (NA) | (NA) | 9.4 | 10.3 | (NA) | (NA) | 4.5 | 4.8 | (NA) | (NA) | 4.9 | 5.4 |
| Never married | (NA) | (NA) | 2.3 | 2.6 | (NA) | (NA) | 1.3 | 1.5 | (NA) | (NA) | 1.0 | 1.2 |
| Married ² | (NA) | (NA) | 6.2 | 6.7 | (NA) | (NA) | 2.9 | 3.1 | (NA) | (NA) | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| Widowed | (NA) | (NA) | 0.4 | 0.5 | (NA) | (NA) | 0.1 | 0.1 | (NA) | (NA) | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Divorced | (NA) | (NA) | 0.5 | 0.4 | (NA) | (NA) | 0.2 | 0.1 | (NA) | (NA) | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Percent of 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 |
| Never married | (NA) | (NA) | 24.8 | 25.8 | (NA) | (NA) | 29.7 | 30.9 | (NA) | (NA) | 20.3 | 21.2 |
| Married ² | (NA) | (NA) | 65.6 | 65.1 | (NA) | (NA) | 64.7 | 64.7 | (NA) | (NA) | 66.5 | 65.4 |
| Widowed | (NA) | (NA) | 4.3 | 4.9 | (NA) | (NA) | 1.3 | 1.6 | (NA) | (NA) | 6.7 | 7.7 |
| Divorced | (NA) | (NA) | 5.3 | 4.3 | (NA) | (NA) | 4.1 | 2.8 | (NA) | (NA) | 6.4 | 5.6 |
| Hispanic, total ⁴ | 13.6 | 21.1 | 27.5 | 30.3 | 6.7 | 10.4 | 14.1 | 15.6 | 6.8 | 10.7 | 13.4 | 14.6 |
| Never married | 3.7 | 5.9 | 8.6 | 9.7 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 3.4 | 3.9 |
| Married ² | 8.4 | 12.7 | 15.6 | 17.2 | 4.1 | 6.2 | 7.8 | 8.7 | 4.3 | 6.5 | 7.8 | 8.5 |
| Widowed | 0.5 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Divorced | 1.0 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| Percent of 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 |
| Never married | 27.2 | 28.0 | 31.3 | 32.0 | 32.1 | 32.3 | 36.7 | 37.2 | 22.5 | 23.4 | 25.6 | 26.7 |
| Married ² | 61.7 | 60.2 | 57.0 | 56.8 | 60.9 | 59.7 | 55.6 | 55.8 | 62.4 | 60.7 | 58.7 | 58.2 |
| Widowed | 4.0 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 5.5 |
| Divorced | 7.0 | 7.6 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 5.5 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 8.5 | 9.3 | 9.7 | 9.6 |
| Non-Hispanic White, total ^{3,4} | (NA) | (NA) | 151.9 | 154.5 | (NA) | (NA) | 73.4 | 74.9 | (NA) | (NA) | 78.5 | 79.6 |
| Never married | (NA) | (NA) | 31.8 | 34.0 | (NA) | (NA) | 17.8 | 19.1 | (NA) | (NA) | 13.9 | 14.9 |
| Married ² | (NA) | (NA) | 93.5 | 92.7 | (NA) | (NA) | 46.6 | 46.3 | (NA) | (NA) | 47.0 | 46.3 |
| Widowed | (NA) | (NA) | 10.6 | 10.9 | (NA) | (NA) | 2.1 | 2.2 | (NA) | (NA) | 8.5 | 8.6 |
| Divorced | (NA) | (NA) | 16.0 | 16.9 | (NA) | (NA) | 6.8 | 7.3 | (NA) | (NA) | 9.2 | 9.6 |
| Percent of 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 |
| Never married | (NA) | (NA) | 20.9 | 22.0 | (NA) | (NA) | 24.3 | 25.5 | (NA) | (NA) | 17.7 | 18.8 |
| Married ² | (NA) | (NA) | 61.5 | 60.0 | (NA) | (NA) | 63.5 | 61.8 | (NA) | (NA) | 59.7 | 58.2 |
| Widowed | (NA) | (NA) | 6.9 | 7.1 | (NA) | (NA) | 2.8 | 3.0 | (NA) | (NA) | 10.8 | 10.8 |
| Divorced | (NA) | (NA) | 10.6 | 10.9 | (NA) | (NA) | 9.3 | 9.7 | (NA) | (NA) | 11.7 | 12.1 |

NA Not available. ¹ Includes persons of other races not shown separately. ² Includes persons who are married with spouse present, married with spouse absent, and separated. ³ Beginning 2005, data represent persons who selected this race group only and exclude persons reporting more than one race. The CPS in 1990 and 2000 only allowed respondents to report one race group. See also comments on race in the text for this section. ⁴ Hispanic persons may be any race.