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Statistics on Marriages and Divorces, 2022

Record Number of Marriages in 2022; Median Age at First Marriage Rose

1. The number of marriages registered in 2022 rose to a record high of 29,389¹, 3.7 per cent higher than the 28,329 marriages registered in 2021, according to the “Statistics on Marriages and Divorces, 2022” publication released by the Singapore Department of Statistics (DOS). In the last five years, the annual average number of marriages registered (26,562) was lower than the annual average registered in the preceding five years between 2013 and 2017 (27,833), partly contributed by the lower number of marriages in 2020 when marriage plans for some were disrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. The general marriage rates² for both males and females increased in 2022. There were 47.0 marriages per thousand unmarried males aged 15-49 years, up from 43.8 in 2012. Similarly, there were 45.5 marriages per thousand unmarried females aged 15-49 years, up from 39.4 a decade ago. The general marriage rates in 2022 for both males and females were among the highest in the recent two decades, second only to the highs of 47.5 for males and 45.8 for females recorded in 2002.

3. The median age at first marriage for grooms and brides were 30.7 years and 29.3 years respectively in 2022, up from 30.1 years for grooms and 28.0 years for brides a decade ago, depicting the trend towards later marriages.

Fall in Number of Marital Dissolutions; Higher Median Age at Divorce

4. A total of 7,107 marriages ended in a divorce or an annulment in 2022, a decrease of 9.9 per cent from the 7,890 marital dissolutions in the previous year. Between 2018 and 2022, the annual average number of marital dissolutions was 7,385, lower than the annual average of 7,509 in the preceding five-year period.

¹ This is the highest since data on total marriages registered in Singapore (comprising civil and Muslim marriages) were first compiled and published in 1961. The previous record high was in 2014 with 28,407 marriage registrations.

² Data on general marriage rate refers to the number of marriages registered among residents aged 15-49 years during the year, out of every thousand unmarried residents in the same age group.

5. In tandem with the decline in number of marital dissolutions, the general divorce rates³ fell for both males and females in 2022. There were 6.2 marital dissolutions for every thousand married males aged 20 years and over, a decline from 7.1 in 2012. Likewise, there were 5.9 marital dissolutions for every thousand married females aged 20 years and over, down from 6.7 a decade ago.

6. The median age at divorce rose over the last ten years, from 41.6 years in 2012 to 44.4 years in 2022 for male divorcees, and from 38.0 years to 40.5 years for female divorcees.

Decline in Dissolution Rates Before the 10th Marriage Anniversary Among More Recent Resident Marriage Cohorts⁴

7. Dissolution rates before the 10th marriage anniversary fell among resident marriage cohorts after 2005. The cumulative proportion of marriages that dissolved before the 10th anniversary declined from 17.0 per cent for the 2005 marriage cohort to 14.5 per cent for the 2011 marriage cohort.

8. The proportion of resident marriages that dissolved was the highest from the 5th to before the 10th anniversary compared to other 5-yearly periods. From the 10th anniversary, the proportion of marriages that dissolved was smaller with each subsequent 5-yearly milestone.

9. The report on “Statistics on Marriages and Divorces, 2022” and accompanying materials are available on the SingStat Website at www.singstat.gov.sg.

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³ Data on general divorce rate refers to the number of divorces and annulments granted to married residents aged 20 years and over during the year, out of every thousand married residents in the same age group.

⁴ Resident marriage cohorts refer to marriages contracted in a particular year between persons where either or both are Singapore citizens or permanent residents. Data on marriage cohort dissolution rates are based on local marriage and dissolution records up till 2021.