

Figure 1 Marriages and General Marriage Rate (GMR) for males and females, 1980-2005

England and Wales
Numbers and rates

Year	Number of marriages	General Marriage Rate (GMR)	
		Male	Female
1980	370,022	60.4	48.1
1981	351,973	55.7	44.7
1982	342,166	52.5	42.5
1983	344,334	51.2	41.8
1984	349,186	50.5	41.6
1985	346,389	48.7	40.5
1986	347,924	47.7	39.9
1987	351,761	47.1	39.6
1988	348,492	45.8	38.8
1989	346,697	44.8	38.1
1990	331,150	42.1	36.1
1991	306,756	39.3	33.2
1992	311,564	39.6	33.4
1993	299,197	37.7	31.8
1994	291,069	36.3	30.6
1995	283,012	34.7	29.3
1996	278,975	33.6	28.5
1997	272,536	32.3	27.5
1998	267,303	31.1	26.6
1999	263,515	30.1	25.8
2000	267,961	30.1	25.9
2001	249,227	27.4	23.7
2002	255,596	27.4	23.9
2003	270,109	28.2	24.8
2004	273,069	27.8	24.6
2005 ^p	244,710	24.2	21.6

^p Figures for 2005 are provisional.

Source: Office for National Statistics, FM2 Table 2.1 and 2.2