

Table 56. Marital Status of the Population by Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1990 to 2009

[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, this section and Appendix III]

Marital status, race and Hispanic origin	Total				Male				Female			
	1990	2000	2005	2009	1990	2000	2005	2009	1990	2000	2005	2009
Total ¹	181.8	201.8	217.2	226.9	86.9	96.9	104.8	110.0	95.0	104.9	112.3	116.9
Never married	40.4	48.2	53.9	59.1	22.4	26.1	29.6	32.4	17.9	22.1	24.3	26.7
Married ²	112.6	120.1	127.4	130.3	55.8	59.6	63.3	64.8	56.7	60.4	64.0	65.5
Widowed	13.8	13.7	13.8	14.2	2.3	2.6	2.7	2.8	11.5	11.1	11.1	11.4
Divorced	15.1	19.8	22.1	23.2	6.3	8.5	9.2	9.9	8.8	11.3	12.9	13.3
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	22.2	23.9	24.8	26.1	25.8	27.0	28.2	29.5	18.9	21.1	21.6	22.8
Married ²	61.9	59.5	58.6	57.4	64.3	61.5	60.4	58.9	59.7	57.6	56.9	56.0
Widowed	7.6	6.8	6.4	6.3	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	12.1	10.5	9.9	9.8
Divorced	8.3	9.8	10.2	10.2	7.2	8.8	8.8	9.0	9.3	10.8	11.5	11.4
White, total ³	155.5	168.1	177.5	184.3	74.8	81.6	86.6	90.4	80.6	86.6	90.9	93.9
Never married	31.6	36.0	39.7	43.5	18.0	20.3	22.6	24.8	13.6	15.7	17.0	18.7
Married ²	99.5	104.1	108.3	110.0	49.5	51.8	54.0	55.0	49.9	52.2	54.2	55.0
Widowed	11.7	11.5	11.5	11.8	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	8.3	7.3	9.3	10.4	10.7
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	23.6	24.1	24.9	26.1	27.4	16.9	18.1	18.7	19.9
Married ²	64.0	62.0	61.0	59.7	66.2	63.5	62.4	60.8	61.9	60.3	59.7	58.6
Widowed	7.5	6.8	6.5	6.4	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	12.2	10.8	10.2	10.0
Divorced	8.1	9.8	10.2	10.3	7.2	8.8	8.8	9.2	9.0	10.7	11.5	11.4
Black, total ³	20.3	24.0	25.2	26.8	9.1	10.7	11.2	12.0	11.2	13.3	13.9	14.7
Never married	7.1	9.5	10.2	11.2	3.5	4.3	4.7	5.2	3.6	5.1	5.5	6.0
Married ²	9.3	10.1	10.3	10.8	4.5	5.0	5.0	5.3	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.5
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	3.1	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.7	1.8	1.9
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	35.1	39.4	40.6	41.9	38.4	40.2	42.0	43.3	32.5	38.3	39.5	40.7
Married ²	45.8	42.1	41.0	40.2	49.2	46.7	45.5	44.0	43.0	38.3	37.4	37.2
Widowed	8.5	7.0	6.6	6.5	3.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	12.4	10.5	10.0	9.5
Divorced	10.6	11.5	11.7	11.4	8.8	10.3	9.8	10.0	12.0	12.8	13.3	12.6
Asian, total ³	(NA)	(NA)	9.4	10.2	(NA)	(NA)	4.5	4.8	(NA)	(NA)	4.9	5.4
Never married	(NA)	(NA)	2.3	2.4	(NA)	(NA)	1.3	1.4	(NA)	(NA)	1.0	1.1
Married ²	(NA)	(NA)	6.2	6.9	(NA)	(NA)	2.9	3.2	(NA)	(NA)	3.3	3.7
Widowed	(NA)	(NA)	0.4	0.5	(NA)	(NA)	0.1	0.1	(NA)	(NA)	0.3	0.4
Divorced	(NA)	(NA)	0.5	0.5	(NA)	(NA)	0.2	0.2	(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	23.7	(NA)	(NA)	29.7	28.4	(NA)	(NA)	20.3	19.4
Married ²	(NA)	(NA)	65.6	67.1	(NA)	(NA)	64.7	66.6	(NA)	(NA)	66.5	67.6
Widowed	(NA)	(NA)	4.3	4.8	(NA)	(NA)	1.3	1.6	(NA)	(NA)	6.7	7.6
Divorced	(NA)	(NA)	5.3	4.4	(NA)	(NA)	4.1	3.4	(NA)	(NA)	6.4	5.4
Hispanic, total ⁴	13.6	21.1	27.5	31.0	6.7	10.4	14.1	16.0	6.8	10.7	13.4	15.0
Never married	3.7	5.9	8.6	10.1	2.2	3.4	5.2	6.0	1.5	2.5	3.4	4.1
Married ²	8.4	12.7	15.6	17.4	4.1	6.2	7.8	8.7	4.3	6.5	7.8	8.7
Widowed	0.5	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.9
Divorced	1.0	1.6	2.2	2.5	0.4	0.7	0.9	1.1	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	32.4	32.1	32.3	36.7	37.5	22.5	23.4	25.6	27.1
Married ²	61.7	60.2	57.0	56.1	60.9	59.7	55.6	54.5	62.4	60.7	58.7	57.9
Widowed	4.0	4.2	3.7	3.4	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.3	6.5	6.5	6.1	5.7
Divorced	7.0	7.6	7.9	8.0	5.5	6.4	6.3	6.8	8.5	9.3	9.7	9.4
Non-Hispanic White, total ^{3,4}	(NA)	(NA)	151.9	155.6	(NA)	(NA)	73.4	75.5	(NA)	(NA)	78.5	80.0
Never married	(NA)	(NA)	31.8	34.3	(NA)	(NA)	17.8	19.3	(NA)	(NA)	13.9	15.0
Married ²	(NA)	(NA)	93.5	93.7	(NA)	(NA)	46.6	46.8	(NA)	(NA)	47.0	46.9
Widowed	(NA)	(NA)	10.6	10.8	(NA)	(NA)	2.1	2.2	(NA)	(NA)	8.5	8.6
Divorced	(NA)	(NA)	16.0	16.8	(NA)	(NA)	6.8	7.3	(NA)	(NA)	9.2	9.5
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	22.1	(NA)	(NA)	24.3	25.5	(NA)	(NA)	17.7	18.8
Married ²	(NA)	(NA)	61.5	60.2	(NA)	(NA)	63.5	62.0	(NA)	(NA)	59.7	58.6
Widowed	(NA)	(NA)	6.9	6.9	(NA)	(NA)	2.8	2.9	(NA)	(NA)	10.8	10.8
Divorced	(NA)	(NA)	10.6	10.8	(NA)	(NA)	9.3	9.7	(NA)	(NA)	11.7	11.8

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.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *America's Families and Living Arrangements*, Current Population Reports, P20-537, 2001 and earlier reports. See also <<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/hh-fam.html>>.