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4,296

Marriages registered in Botswana in 2025

▼ 43.7% from the 2021 peak

Down from 7,631 registrations in 2021



1.7/1,000
crude marriage rate- the lowest recorded over the review period

97.7%
of marriages were solemnised after banns, not special license

10.9%
of all registrations were recorded in Gaborone District

15.8%
of marriages were registered in December, the peak month, ahead of November (13.4%)

81.8%
of all registered marriages had a groom older than the bride

83.0%
of marriages were first marriages for both partners

PREFACE

This annual brief provides a comprehensive statistical analysis of selected characteristics of marriages registered with the Department of Civil and National Registration (CNR) throughout the 2025 calendar year. Derived from Botswana's continuous vital statistics registration system, this publication delivers a meticulous examination of key demographic trends and legal union patterns across the nation.

The report presents selected demographic and geographic characteristics of registered marriages. Key indicators analysed within this stats brief include age distributions, prior marital status, geographical trends by district of usual residence, and other essential demographic variables. By systematically documenting these patterns, this brief serves as an indispensable empirical resource to inform national policy formulation, guide socio-economic development planning, and foster a deeper understanding of evolving family dynamics in Botswana.

Readers should note that the scope of this report is strictly confined to marriages formally registered under civil law with the Department of CNR. Consequently, customary, cultural, and purely religious unions that have not been officially registered are excluded from these dataset aggregates. We trust that policymakers, researchers, development partners, and the general public will find this report an informative and valuable reference.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The statistics presented in this brief relate to marriages registered with the Department of Civil and National Registration during the 2025 calendar year. They do not include customary, cultural or religious unions that were not formally registered with the Department.

In 2025, a total of 4,296 marriages were registered in Botswana, representing a 43.7 percent decline from the peak of 7,631 registered in 2021. The corresponding crude marriage rate (CMR) was 1.7 marriages per 1,000 population, the lowest rate observed over the period under review.

Marriage registrations showed a seasonal pattern, with December accounting for the largest share (15.8 percent) of all registrations, followed by November at 13.4 percent. The majority of marriages were solemnised after banns, accounting for 97.7 percent of all registered marriages.

The age distribution of spouses indicates differences in the age profiles of brides and grooms. Brides were concentrated in the 30–34-year age group which accounted for 21.7 percent, while grooms were concentrated in the 40–44-year age group accounting for 17.8 percent. Overall, the groom was older than the bride in 81.8 percent of registered marriages.

In terms of marital status, 83.0 percent of registered marriages were first marriages for both partners. This indicates that the majority of marriages registered in 2025 involved couples entering marriage for the first time, while a smaller proportion involved at least one partner who had previously been married.

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AGE AT MARRIAGE

Brides

21.7% peak in ages 30-34



Grooms

17.8% peak in ages 40-44



AGE GAP BETWEEN SPOUSES

81.8%
groom older
most often by 1-4 years (30.0%)

6.6%
same age

11.6%
groom younger

MARITAL HISTORY

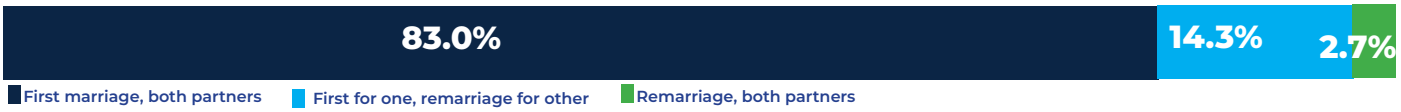
85.9%
of grooms were bachelors (never married)

14.2% of grooms had been previously married

94.3%
of brides were spinsters (never married)

5.7% of brides had been previously married

FIRST MARRIAGES VS RE-MARRIAGES



1.0 INTRODUCTION

In Botswana, marriage is recognised and regulated under a legal framework that provides for the solemnisation and registration of marriages. Marriages may be contracted under civil law or customary law, subject to the relevant legal requirements and procedures. It is an event about which data is gathered for statistical and legal reasons. Marriage statistics provide insights into the formation of family units

Marriages are normally presided over by the district commissioner (DC) or a religious leader who has been appointed as marriage officer. In accordance with the Marriage Act 29(01), no marriage shall be valid unless solemnized by a marriage officer.

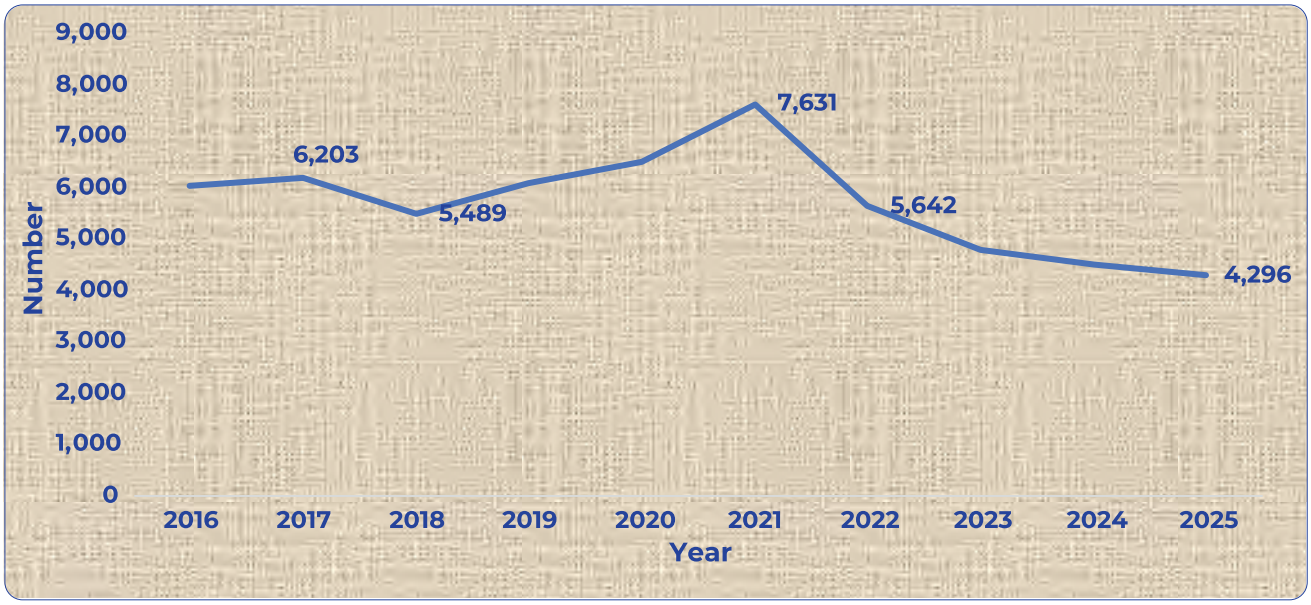
Marriage statistics provides an analysis of the number and characteristics of marriages by selected demographic and geographic variables, including sex, age, marital status before marriage, district of registration among others. Comparisons with previous years are included to highlight trends and changes in marriage patterns over time.

2.0 FINDINGS

2.1 TRENDS IN MARRIAGE (2016-2025)

The number of registered marriages increased from 6,051 in 2016 to a peak of 7,631 in 2021 before declining to 4,296 in 2025. The 2025 total was 43.7 percent below the 2021 peak and 29.0 percent below the 2016 level. The crude marriage rate similarly declined to 1.7 marriages per 1,000 population in 2025.

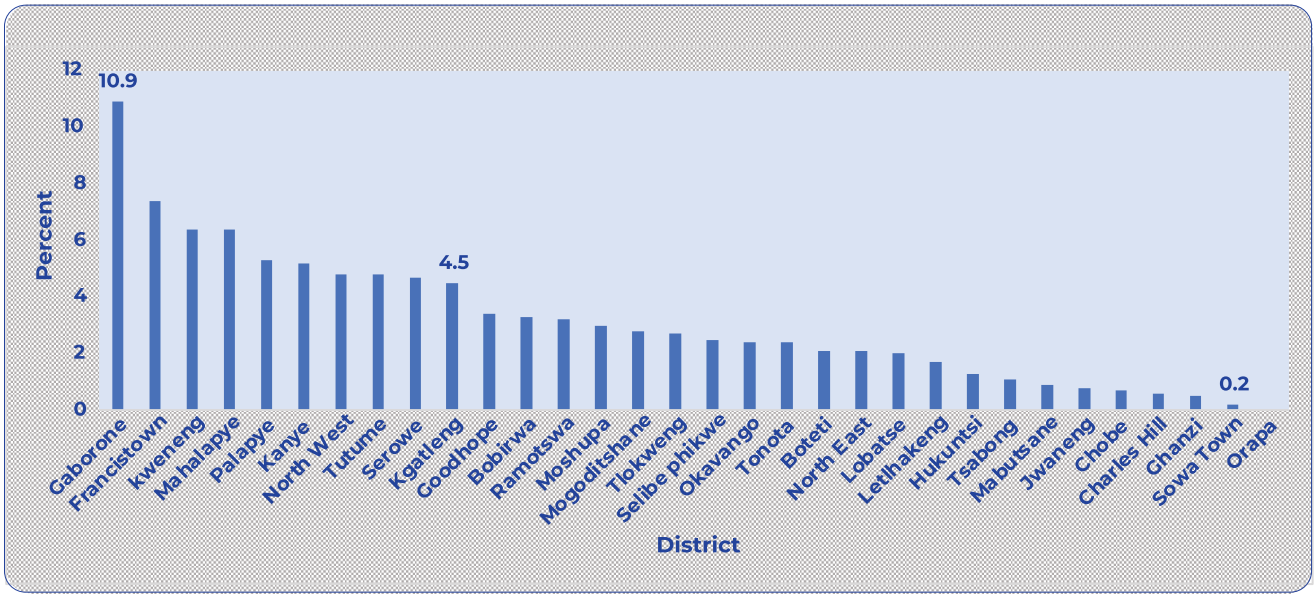
FIGURE 1: Total Number Of Marriages Registered - 2016-2025



2.2 DISTRICT OF REGISTRATION

A high number of marriage registrations was observed in cities and towns as illustrated in **Figure 2**, with the exceptions of mining towns like Sowa, Orapa and Jwaneng which on the contrary experienced a lower share of total registered marriages.

FIGURE 2: Percentage Distribution of Registered Marriages by Registration District 2025



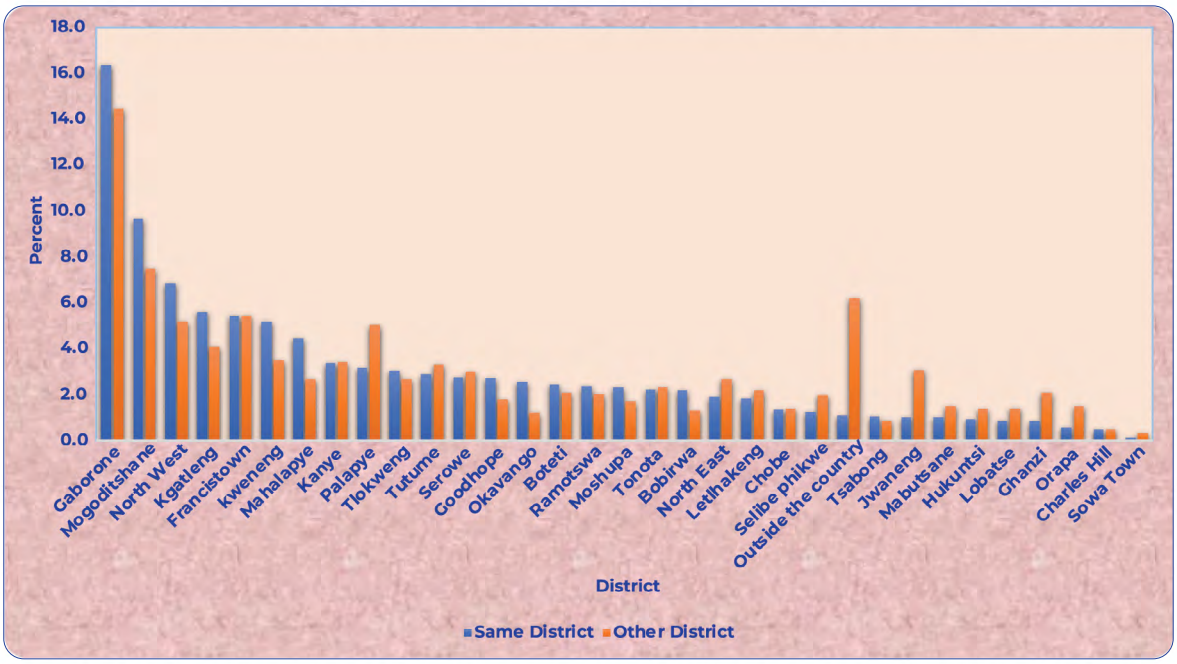
Gaborone District leads significantly accounting for 10.9 percent of all registered marriages. Francistown follows as the second-highest at 7.4 percent. Kweneng and Mahalapye Districts also show high registration shares, tied at 6.4 percent each.

The lowest number of registered marriages were recorded in mining towns, Orapa (0 percent), Sowa Town (0.2 percent), and sparsely populated districts such as Ghanzi (0.5 percent), Charles Hill (0.6 percent) and Chobe (0.7 percent). It should be noted that district of registration refers to the location where the marriages were registered and should not be interpreted as the usual residence of the couple

2.3 DISTRICT OF USUAL RESIDENCE OF BRIDE AND GROOM – 2025

The distribution of marriages by the usual place of residence of the bride and groom, distinguishing couples residing in the same district from those residing in different districts, is presented in **Figure 2a**. Marriages involving couples from the same district were most common in Gaborone District (16.4 percent), followed by Mogoditshane (9.7 percent) and North West (6.9 percent). Similarly, Gaborone accounted for the largest share of marriages where the bride and groom resided in different districts (14.5 percent), followed by Mogoditshane (7.5 percent) and outside the country (6.2 percent). Compared with same-district marriages, a relatively higher proportion of marriages involving brides and grooms from different districts were recorded in Palapye (5.1 percent), Francistown (5.5 percent), and Jwaneng (3.1 percent). This pattern may reflect differences in population mobility and residential patterns, however the marriage data do not establish the reasons for these differences. On the other hand, Sowa Town (0.1 percent and 0.3 percent) and Charles Hill (0.5 percent each) recorded the smallest shares of marriages in both categories.

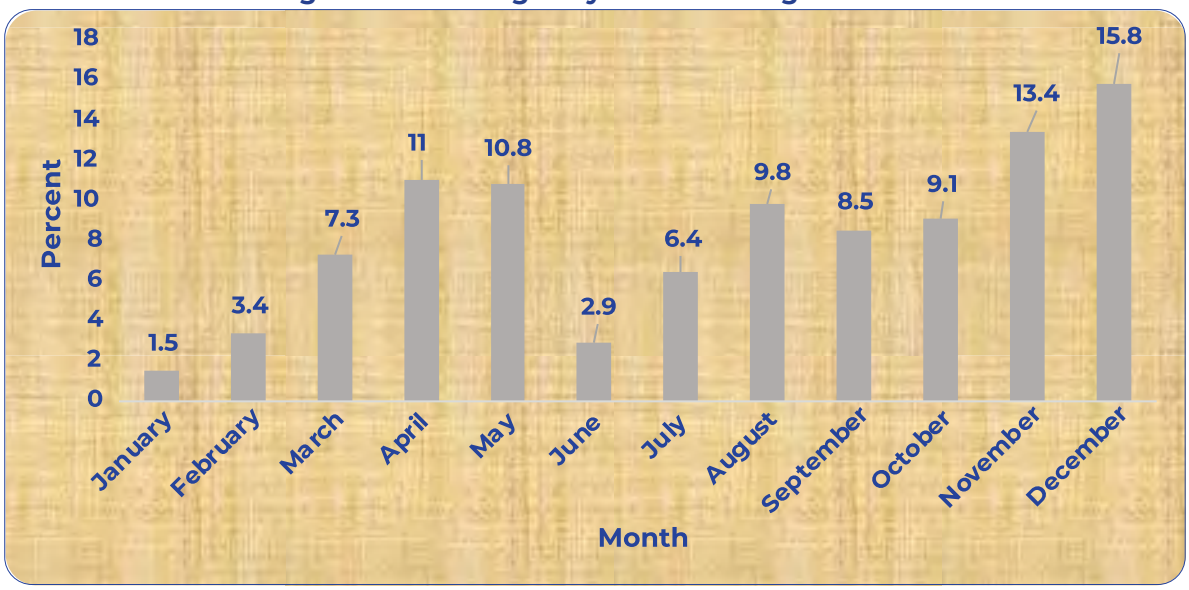
FIGURE 2A: Marriages by Place of Usual Residence of Bride and Groom-2025



2.4 MONTH OF REGISTRATION

In 2025, marriage registration varied throughout the year as shown in **Figure 3** , with the highest proportions recorded during December accounting for the largest share of registered marriages (15.8 percent), followed by November (13.4 percent), while April (11.0 percent) and May (10.8 percent) also recorded relatively high proportions. In contrast, the lowest proportions were registered in January (1.5 percent) and June (2.9 percent). Overall, marriage registrations tended to increase towards the end of the year during the spring (September–November) and beginning of summer (December) seasons. The concentration of registration towards the end of the year may reflect seasonal patterns in the timing of marriage ceremonies. However, the registration data do not provide information on the factors underlying this pattern.

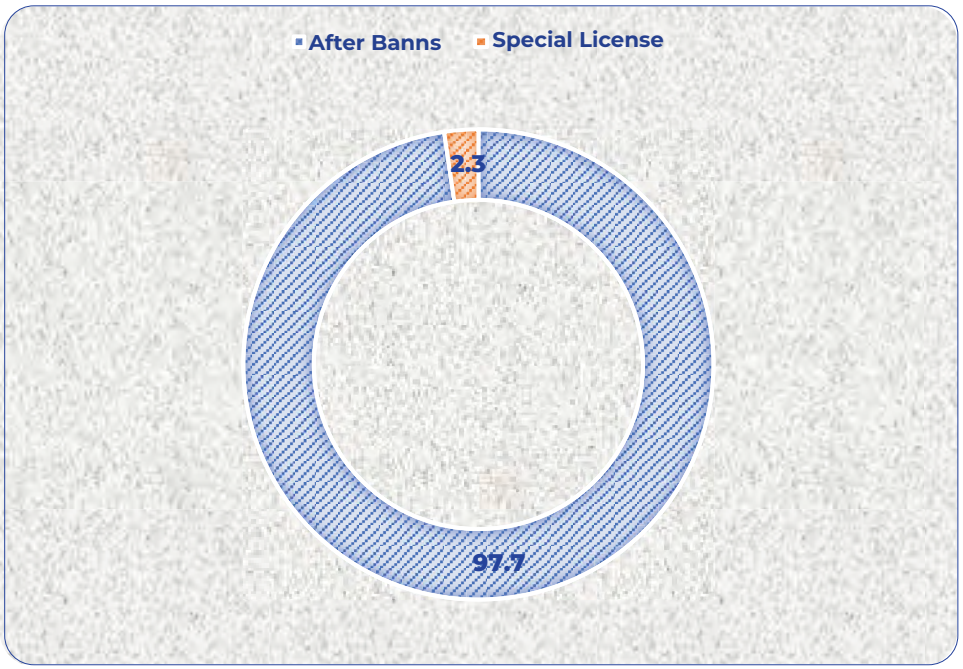
FIGURE 3: Registered Marriages by Month of Registration – 2025



2.5 TYPE OF MARRIAGE

Figure 4 demonstrates that most marriages registered in 2025 were solemnised after banns (97.7 percent) while 2.3 percent were solemnised under special licence. It should be noted that special licence attracts a certain fee and bypasses the standard waiting period or public notice requirement.

FIGURE 4: Percentage Registered Marriages By Type Of Marriage - 2025



2.6 AGE AT THE TIME OF MARRIAGE

Marriages in 2025 were predominantly concentrated among adults aged 30–44 years, for both brides and grooms **(see Figure 5)**. Among brides, the 30–34-year age group recorded the highest proportion, at 21.7 percent, followed by those aged 35–39 years, at 19.4 percent, and 40–44 years, at 16.3 percent. These figures indicate that most brides enter marriage within the 30–44-year age range. Among grooms, the highest proportion was recorded in the 40–44-year age group (17.8 percent), closely followed by 35–39 years (17.2 percent) and 45–49 years (15.8 percent). Overall, this data shows that brides tended to marry at younger ages than grooms, with relatively higher proportions of brides in the 20–34 years age groups, while grooms were more concentrated in the 35–49 years age groups. Marriages involving individuals aged 18–24 years and 70 years and above accounted for only a small share of all registered marriages.

FIGURE 5: Percentage of Marriages by Age of Bride and Groom – 2025

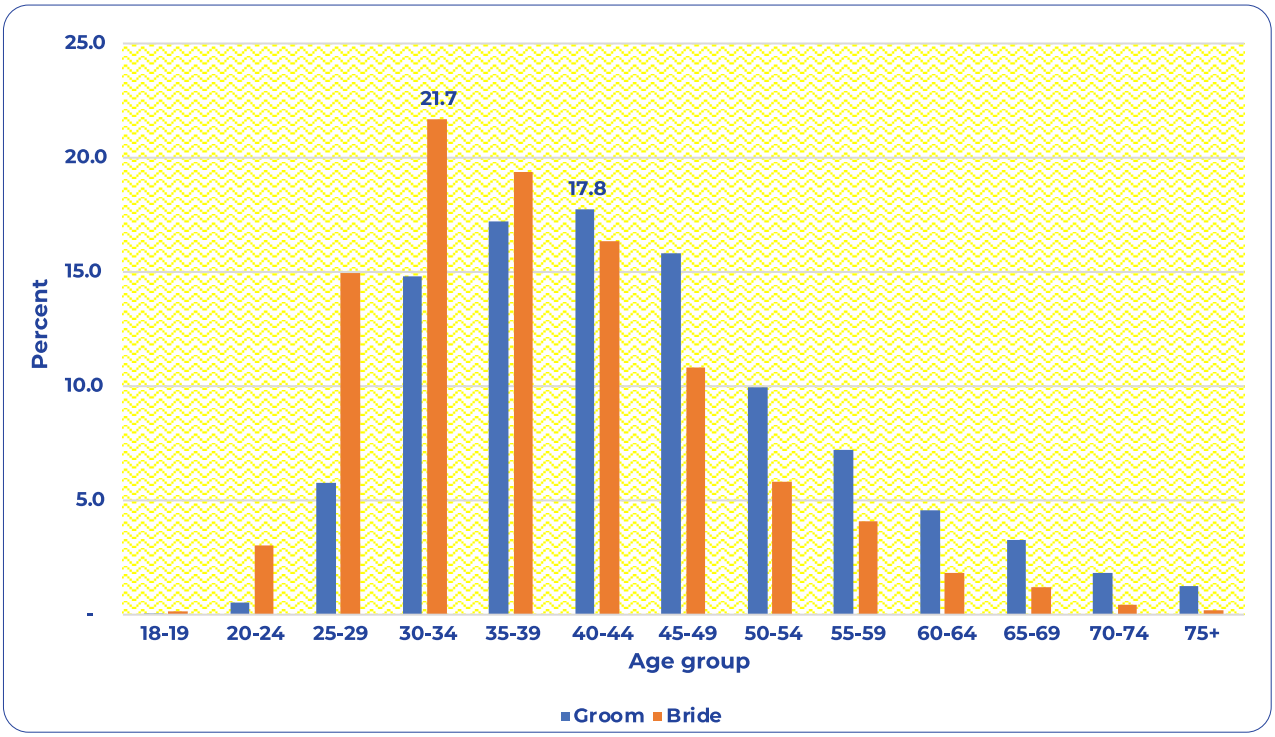


Table 1.1 presents the mean and median age at first marriage for bachelors and spinsters from 2019 to 2025. Among registered first marriages the mean and median ages increased between 2019 and 2025. In 2025, the mean age at first marriage was 44 years for bachelors and 38 years for spinsters, while the corresponding median ages were 43 years and 37 years, respectively. Throughout the period, bachelors consistently entered first marriage at older ages than spinsters, with the gap remaining at about 5 to 6 years for both the mean and median ages.

TABLE 1.1: Mean and median age at first marriage 2019- 2025

	Mean		Median	
	Bachelor	Spinster	Bachelor	Spinster
Year				
2025	44	38	43	37
2024	44	38	42	37
2023	42	38	41	36
2022	43	38	41	36
2021	42	37	40	35
2020	42	36	40	35
2019	40	35	38	34

2.7 AGE DIFFERENTIALS

In most registered marriages in 2025, the groom was older than the bride as depicted in **Table 1.2.** Overall, 81.8 percent of unions involved a groom who was older than the bride, compared with 11.6 percent where the groom was younger, while 6.6 percent of couples were of the same age. The most common age differences were 1–4 years (30.0 percent) and 5–9 years (27.9 percent) where the groom was older than the bride. Larger age gaps were less common, with only 3.3 percent of marriages involving a groom who was 20 or more years older than the bride, and just 0.1 percent where the groom was 15 or more years younger than the bride. Overall, the results indicate that registered marriages in 2025 were predominantly characterized by grooms who were older than their brides.

TABLE 1.2 Age differrences between partners - 2025

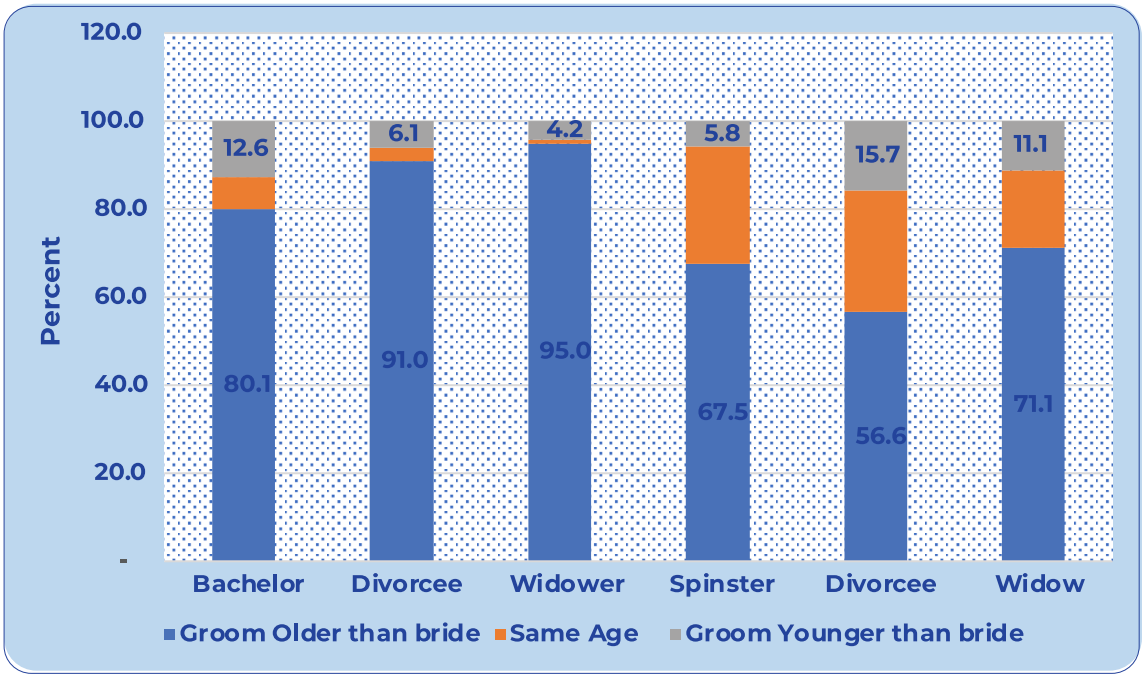
	Age Difference	No. of Unions	Percent
Groom younger than Bride	1-4	393	9.1
	5-9	91	2.1
	10-14	13	0.3
	15+	3	0.1
Same Age	0	284	6.6
Groom older than Bride	1-4	1287	30.0
	5-9	1198	27.9
	10-14	622	14.5
	15-19	264	6.1
	20+	141	3.3
Total		4,296	100.0

The distribution of marriages by the age difference between spouses, disaggregated by the previous marital status of both the groom and the bride is presented in **Figure 6**. Among grooms, the majority married women who were younger than themselves, irrespective of their previous marital status. This pattern was particularly pronounced among widowers, of whom 95.0 percent married younger brides. This was followed by divorcees, at 91.0 percent, and bachelors, at 80.1 percent. Overall, the findings indicate a clear tendency for grooms across all marital-status categories to marry younger brides. Marriages to

women of the same age were relatively uncommon among previously married men, accounting for only 2.9 percent of marriages involving divorcees and 0.8 percent among widowers, compared with 7.3 percent among bachelors. Conversely, marriages in which the groom was younger than the bride were least common among widowers (4.2 percent) and divorcees (6.1 percent), but occurred more frequently among bachelors (12.6 percent).

Among brides, widows most commonly married older grooms (71.1 percent), followed by spinsters (67.5 percent), while divorced women were the least likely to marry older men (56.6 percent). Marriages between partners of the same age were most frequent among female divorcees (27.8 percent) and spinsters (26.7 percent), but less common among widows (17.8 percent). Similarly, divorced women had the highest proportion of marriages to younger men (15.7 percent), compared with widows (11.1 percent) and spinsters (5.8 percent).

FIGURE 6: Percent Distribution Of Marriages by Age Differences Between Spouses and Marital Status at the Time of Marriage – 2025

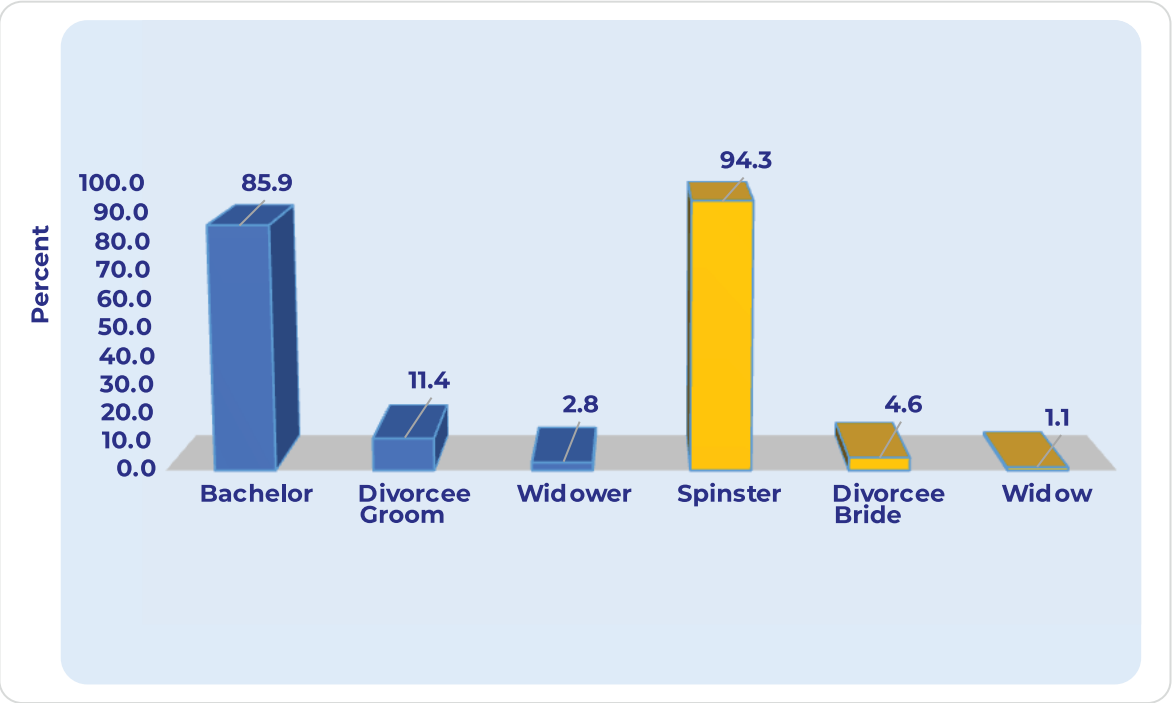


2.8 Previous Marital Status

The distribution of marriages by the previous marital status of grooms and brides in 2025 is shown in **Figure 7**. The results indicate that majority of marriages involved individuals who had never been married before with bachelors and spinsters accounting for 85.9 percent of all grooms and 94.3 percent of all brides.

Overall, first marriages accounted for the majority of marriages registered in 2025, with previously married individuals constituting a relatively small proportion of both grooms and brides. Previously married grooms (14.2 percent) were more common than previously married brides (5.6 percent), indicating that men entering marriage after divorce or widowhood represented a larger share of marriages than their female counterparts. The proportion of previously married grooms was approximately 2.5 times that of previously married brides.

FIGURE 7: Percentage of Marriages by Previous Marital Status – 2025

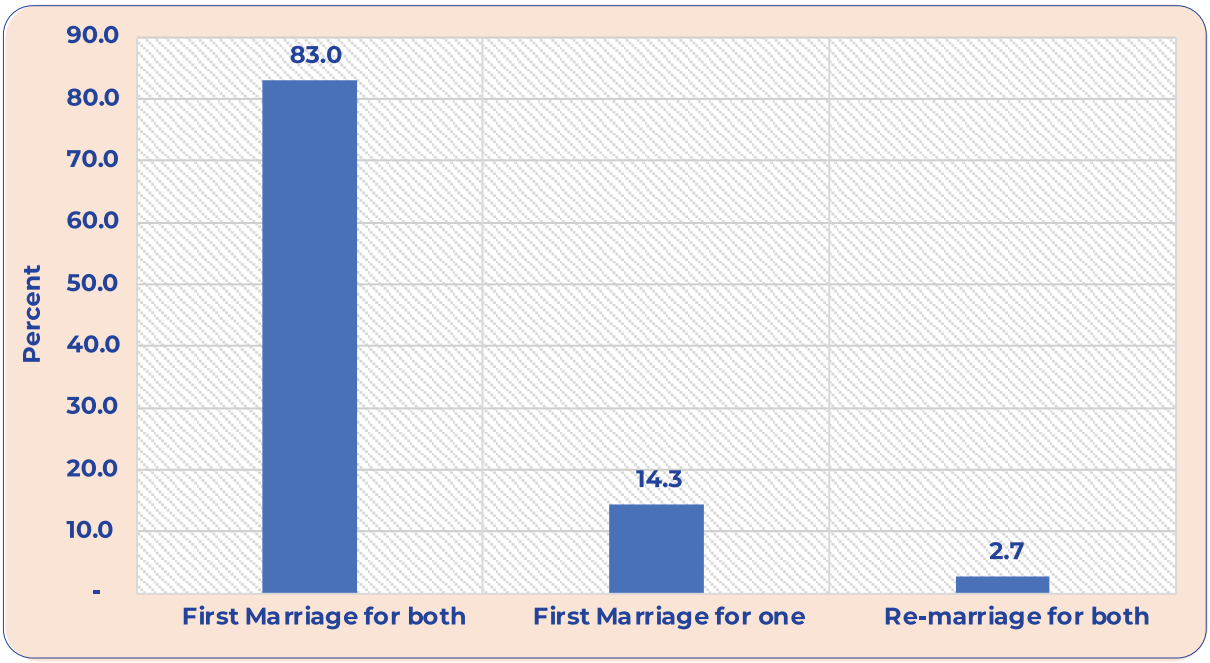


2.9 First Marriages and Re-marriages

Figure 8 presents the distribution of marriages according to whether the union was a first marriage or a re-marriage for the bride and groom. The majority of marriages registered showed that 83.0 percent were first marriages for both partners, indicating that most couples entering marriage had not been previously married.

A further 14.3 percent of marriages involved one partner entering a first marriage while the other was remarrying. In contrast, marriages in which both partners had been previously married were relatively uncommon, accounting for only 2.7 percent of all marriages registered during the year. These findings suggest that first-time marriages, either between two individuals marrying for the first time or involving one first-time and one previously married partner, constituted the predominant pattern among registered marriages.

FIGURE 8: First Marriages and Re-Marriages – 2025



2.10 Crude Marriage Rate (CMR)

The crude marriage rate, which is the total number of marriages per 1000 mid-year population, generally declined in Botswana between 2016 and 2025, despite a temporary increase between 2019 and 2021. The rate peaked at 3.0 marriages per 1,000 population in 2021 and reached its lowest level of 1.7 in 2025.

FIGURE 9: Crude Marriage Rate 2016-2025



Conclusion

A total of 4,296 marriages were registered in Botswana in 2025, representing a continued decline from the peak of 7,631 registrations recorded in 2021. A declining number of marriages means the population eligible for marriage are opting to live either a single life or under a union that is not legally or socially sanctioned by law. The apparent decline in the number of registered marriages is therefore a worrying phenomenon, whose future impact on the fabric of a family structure as we currently understand it in Botswana is unknown, thus requiring further interrogation. What is clear is that the traditional set up where young people were expected to marry at tender ages, is fast changing as evidenced by the rising average ages at incorporated first marriage for both sexes. Literature shows that this has implications on the overall population growth of a country as family sizes tend to stay small.

First marriages remained the predominant form of registered union, with 83.0 percent of marriages being first marriages for both partners. These statistics provide an important picture of patterns in formally registered marriages in Botswana. However, the findings should be interpreted within the coverage of the civil registration system, as customary, cultural and religious unions that were not formally registered are not included in these statistics.

TABLE M1: A Summary of Marriages-2016-2025

Year of marriage	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total marriages	**6 051**	**6 203**	**5 489**	**6 097**	**6 518**	**7 631**	**5 642**	**4 789**	**4 517**	**4 296**
Quarterly Totals										
Jan-March	608	1 042	652	597	652	1 053	640	588	446	527
Apr-June	1 186	1 229	1 094	1 299	600	1 843	1 269	974	948	1 063
July-Sept	1,560	1 919	1 568	1 774	1 942	1 514	1 467	1 334	1 309	1 062
Oct-Dec	2 697	2 013	2 175	2 427	3 324	3 221	2 266	1 893	1 814	1 644
Total	**6 051**	**6 203**	**5 489**	**6 097**	**6 518**	**7 631**	**5 642**	**4 789**	**4 517**	**4 296**
Previous Marital Status (Males)										
Bachelor	5 496	5 802	4 958	5 461	5 963	7 007	5 231	4 290	3 961	3,689
Divorced	395	299	428	493	425	495	329	396	439	488
Widowed	160	102	103	143	130	129	82	103	117	119
Total	**6 051**	**6 203**	**5 489**	**6 097**	**6 518**	**7 631**	**5 642**	**4 789**	**4 517**	**4,296**
Previous Marital Status (Females)										
Spinster	5 822	6 053	5 260	5 856	6 307	7 405	5 470	4 569	4 260	4 053
Divorced	173	114	183	191	170	184	147	178	217	198
Widowed	56	36	46	50	41	42	25	42	40	45
Total	**6 051**	**6 203**	**5 489**	**6 097**	**6 518**	**7 631**	**5 642**	**4 789**	**4 517**	**4 296**
Marital History										
First marriage for both	5 363	5 679	4 836	5 317	5 839	6 891	5 119	4 159	3 821	3564
First marriage for one	592	497	546	683	592	630	463	541	579	614
Remarriage for both	96	27	107	97	87	110	60	89	117	118
Total	**6 051**	**6 203**	**5 489**	**6 097**	**6 518**	**7 631**	**5 642**	**4 789**	**4 517**	**4,296**
Type of marriage										
After Banns	5 969	6 190	5 454	6 026	6 482	7 610	5 616	4 761	4 455	4 196
Special License	82	13	35	71	36	21	26	28	62	100
Total	**6 051**	**6 203**	**5 489**	**6 097**	**6 518**	**7 631**	**5 642**	**4 789**	**4 517**	**4 296**

TABLE M2: Age in combination at marriage time-2025

	Bride Age Group														
	18	19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75+	Total
Groom Age Group															
19	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**1**
20-24	-	-	14	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**23**
25-29	-	2	52	152	34	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	**248**
30-34	-	3	37	258	285	44	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	**636**
35-39	1	-	20	121	312	214	59	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	**739**
40-44	-	-	6	62	169	297	191	36	2	-	-	-	-	-	**763**
45-49	-	-	2	30	80	177	233	125	29	3	-	-	-	-	**679**
50-54	-	-	-	10	28	66	109	137	64	12	2	-	-	-	**428**
55-59	-	-	-	1	16	21	59	83	71	50	6	2	-	-	**309**
60-64	-	-	-	-	5	4	32	40	43	49	20	2	1	-	**196**
65-69	-	-	-	1	2	4	9	18	25	40	23	16	1	2	**141**
70-74	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	8	11	14	16	22	6	-	**79**
75+	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	4	7	12	9	11	7	**54**
Total	**1**	**6**	**131**	**643**	**932**	**833**	**703**	**465**	**249**	**175**	**79**	**51**	**19**	**9**	**4,296**

TABLE M3: Age at the time of marriage by previous marital status and sex-2025

	Groom Condition				Bride Condition			
	Bachelor	Divorcee	Widower	Total	Spinster	Divorce	Widow	Total
Age Group								
18-19	1	-	-	1	7	-	-	**7**
20-24	23	-	-	23	131	-	-	**131**
25-29	247	1	-	248	639	3	1	**643**
30-34	633	3	-	636	922	8	2	**932**
35-39	714	25	-	739	806	26	1	**833**
40-44	699	59	5	763	640	54	9	**703**
45-49	557	109	13	679	396	57	12	**465**
50-54	317	91	20	428	217	27	5	**249**
55-59	203	84	22	309	153	12	10	**175**
60-64	114	58	24	196	67	9	3	**79**
65-69	92	35	14	141	49	1	1	**51**
70-74	50	16	13	79	17	1	1	**19**
75+	39	7	8	54	9	-	-	**9**
Total	**3,689**	**488**	**119**	**4,296**	**4,053**	**198**	**45**	**4,296**
Percentage	**85.9**	**11.4**	**2.8**	**100.0**	**94.3**	**4.6**	**1.0**	**100.0**

TABLE M3A: Percent marriages by age of husband and wife at marriage - 2025

	Groom	Percent	Bride	Percent
Age-group				
18	-	0	1	0.0
19	1	0.0	6	0.1
18-19	**1**	**0.0**	**7**	**0.2**
20	-	-	3	0.1
21	1	0.0	13	0.3
22	4	0.1	22	0.5
23	7	0.2	36	0.8
24	11	0.3	57	1.4
20-24	**23**	**0.5**	**131**	**3.1**
25	17	0.4	97	2.3
26	25	0.6	94	2.2
27	55	1.3	124	2.9
28	67	1.6	126	2.9
29	84	2.0	202	4.7
25-29	**248**	**5.8**	**643**	**15.0**
30	91	2.1	164	3.8
31	114	2.7	163	3.8
32	145	3.4	195	4.5
33	153	3.6	223	5.2
34	133	3.1	187	4.4
30-34	**636**	**14.8**	**932**	**21.7**
35	141	3.3	186	4.3
36	114	2.7	136	3.2
37	150	3.5	176	4.1
38	164	3.8	147	3.4
39	170	4.0	188	4.4
35-39	**739**	**17.2**	**833**	**19.4**
40	136	3.2	148	3.4
41	159	3.7	138	3.2
42	160	3.7	158	3.7
43	153	3.6	135	3.1
44	155	3.6	124	2.9
40-44	**763**	**17.8**	**703**	**16.3**
45	146	3.4	122	2.8
46	127	3.0	111	2.6
47	134	3.1	79	1.8
48	132	3.1	70	1.6
49	140	3.3	83	1.9
45-49	**679**	**15.8**	**465**	**10.8**

TABLE M3A CONT'D: Percent marriages by age of husband and wife at marriage - 2025

	Groom	Percent	Bride	Percent
Age-group				
50	99	2.3	71	1.7
51	83	2.0	59	1.4
52	102	2.4	42	1.0
53	77	1.8	43	1.0
54	67	1.6	34	0.8
50-54	**428**	**10.0**	**249**	**5.8**
55	65	1.5	45	1.0
56	69	1.6	38	0.9
57	65	1.5	35	0.8
58	53	1.2	28	0.7
59	57	1.3	29	0.7
55-59	**309**	**7.2**	**175**	**4.1**
60	63	1.5	22	0.5
61	39	0.9	18	0.4
62	32	0.7	18	0.4
63	36	0.8	13	0.3
64	26	0.6	8	0.2
60-64	**196**	**4.6**	**79**	**1.8**
65+	274	6.4	81	1.9
Total	**4,296**	**100.0**	**4,296**	**100.0**

Table M4: Distribution of groom's by district of residence at the time of marriage and age -2025

	Groom Age Group													
	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75+	Total
Usual Residence														
Gaborone	-	7	61	138	143	126	94	51	32	13	6	3	2	**676**
Francistown	-	1	18	41	47	45	36	22	11	3	5	3	2	**234**
Lobatse	-	1	2	6	8	11	6	8	3	-	-	1	-	**46**
Selibe phikwe	-	-	3	9	7	11	17	8	3	-	2	4	1	**65**
Orapa	-	-	1	5	11	9	8	4	-	-	-	-	-	**38**
Jwaneng	-	1	3	13	16	15	18	3	4	-	-	1	-	**74**
Sowa Town	-	-	-	3	2	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	**8**
Kanye	-	-	4	17	23	27	17	16	16	10	11	2	2	**145**
Goodhope	-	-	2	12	8	12	18	17	4	11	15	1	3	**103**
Mabutsane	-	-	-	5	7	13	7	9	5	2	2	-	1	**51**
Moshupa	-	1	1	8	6	13	14	17	9	11	5	5	1	**91**
Ramotswa	-	-	3	14	18	14	18	12	7	7	1	2	1	**97**
Tlokweng	-	4	14	32	22	21	13	9	4	3	-	2	1	**125**
kweneng	-	1	7	18	29	30	40	19	23	13	4	7	7	**198**
Letlhakeng	-	-	4	12	9	17	12	7	14	3	1	2	3	**84**
Mogoditshane	-	2	40	75	66	71	56	25	18	10	13	3	5	**384**
Kgatleng	-	-	12	26	33	35	44	28	18	10	10	3	-	**219**
Serowe	-	-	5	14	15	16	24	18	7	10	4	5	4	**122**
Mahalapye	-	-	3	8	17	28	23	20	19	11	19	11	6	**165**
Bobirwa	-	-	3	15	19	17	11	5	6	3	1	1	-	**81**
Boteti	-	-	4	11	26	11	22	10	6	4	2	3	1	**100**
Tutume	-	-	6	10	21	29	20	10	10	13	5	4	3	**131**
Tonota	-	1	5	10	13	15	12	15	8	9	4	2	3	**97**
Palapye	-	-	4	27	32	30	26	14	15	8	7	-	1	**164**
North East	-	-	3	11	15	12	17	5	8	14	4	4	-	**93**
North West	-	2	9	42	53	52	39	30	19	8	9	5	2	**270**
Okavango	-	-	3	9	17	24	15	7	8	3	4	-	-	**90**
Chobe	-	-	2	12	8	11	9	8	6	1	1	-	-	**58**
Ghanzi	1	1	4	5	11	14	7	4	4	2	2	-	-	**55**
Charles Hill	-	-	-	4	1	2	3	2	3	2	2	1	1	**21**
Tsabong	-	-	2	1	5	8	9	5	5	4	-	2	2	**43**
Hukuntsi	-	-	1	1	9	7	6	8	5	5	1	1	2	**46**
Outside the country	-	1	19	22	22	17	16	11	9	3	1	1	-	**122**
Total	**1**	**23**	**248**	**636**	**739**	**763**	**679**	**428**	**309**	**196**	**141**	**79**	**54**	4,296

TABLE M5:Distribution of bride's by district of residence at the time of marriage and age -2025

	Bride Age Group													
	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75+	Total
Usual Residence														
Gaborone	1	32	137	197	128	84	60	17	12	6	1	-	-	**675**
Francistown	-	14	49	39	59	30	13	10	3	1	3	1	-	**222**
Lobatse	-	2	6	12	10	9	4	4	1	-	1	1	-	**50**
Selibe phikwe	-	-	10	11	18	5	5	4	2	-	1	1	-	**57**
Orapa	-	-	5	3	5	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	**18**
Jwaneng	-	2	7	15	6	8	4	-	2	1	-	-	-	**45**
Sowa Town	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**4**
Kanye	-	2	13	27	35	25	16	6	11	1	-	-	1	**137**
Goodhope	-	2	8	15	24	23	17	14	9	10	1	-	-	**123**
Mabutsane	-	-	3	13	10	9	5	2	2	2	-	-	-	**46**
Moshupa	-	3	12	18	19	24	17	13	7	2	4	1	-	**120**
Ramotswa	-	4	8	26	26	24	12	5	2	3	-	2	-	**112**
Tlokweng	1	11	38	43	20	17	9	4	2	1	-	-	-	**146**
kweneng	-	4	31	29	47	41	30	16	22	4	1	5	-	**230**
Letlhakeng	-	1	7	18	12	17	8	8	1	2	2	-	-	**76**
Mogoditshane	1	16	66	106	65	57	35	20	12	6	3	1	-	**388**
Kgatleng	1	4	30	56	39	34	33	10	12	5	4	-	-	**228**
Serowe	-	3	16	15	32	25	23	9	2	3	2	1	-	**131**
Mahalapye	-	2	17	21	32	31	23	16	13	10	13	1	3	**182**
Bobirwa	-	3	8	20	24	17	8	6	5	1	2	-	-	**94**
Boteti	-	3	15	17	23	18	9	5	4	1	1	-	-	**96**
Tutume	1	3	12	19	21	23	17	7	6	3	1	1	3	**117**
Tonota	-	-	10	24	16	16	15	11	7	2	2	2	-	**105**
Palapye	-	4	23	29	29	31	15	9	4	3	2	-	1	**150**
North East	-	2	5	24	23	17	17	7	8	1	2	-	-	**106**
North West	1	2	37	52	45	52	31	14	10	6	1	1	1	**253**
Okavango	-	-	13	33	18	23	6	9	3	-	-	-	-	**105**
Chobe	-	2	10	10	7	9	10	-	2	-	-	-	-	**50**
Ghanzi	1	3	8	5	8	4	7	5	2	-	-	-	-	**43**
Charles Hill	-	1	2	6	2	4	2	4	-	1	3	-	-	**25**
Tsabong	-	2	7	10	8	4	4	7	5	-	1	-	-	**48**
Hukuntsi	-	-	4	4	9	9	4	5	3	3	-	1	-	**42**
Outside the country	-	4	25	15	12	7	5	2	1	1	-	-	-	**72**
Total	**7**	**131**	**643**	**932**	**833**	**703**	**465**	**249**	**175**	**79**	**51**	**19**	**9**	**4,296**

TABLE M6: Previous marital status of person marrying-2016-2025

				Bride's Marital Status					
	Grooms Marital Status	Total	Percent	Spinster	Percent	Divorced	Percent	Widowed	Percent
Year of Marriage									
2016	**Bachelor**	**5,496**	90.8	5,363	92.1	97	56.1	36	64.3
	Divorced	**395**	6.5	322	5.5	62	35.8	11	19.6
	Widowed	**160**	2.6	137	2.4	14	8.1	9	16.1
	Total	**6,051**	**100.0**	**5,822**	**100**	**173**	**100**	**56**	**100**
2017	**Bachelor**	**5,802**	93.5	5,679	93.8	90	78.9	33	91.7
	Divorced	**299**	4.8	279	4.6	18	15.8	2	5.6
	Widowed	**102**	1.6	95	1.6	6	5.3	1	2.8
	Total	**6,203**	**100.0**	**6,053**	**100.0**	**114**	**100.0**	**36**	**100.0**
2018	**Bachelor**	**4,958**	90.3	4,836	91.9	93	50.8	29	63.0
	Divorced	**428**	7.8	349	6.6	69	37.7	10	21.7
	Widowed	**103**	1.9	75	1.4	21	11.5	7	15.2
	Total	**5,489**	**100.0**	**5,260**	**100.0**	**183**	**100.0**	**46**	**100.0**
2019	**Bachelor**	**5,461**	89.6	5,317	90.8	114	59.7	30	60.0
	Divorced	**493**	8.1	415	7.1	65	34.0	13	26.0
	Widowed	**143**	2.3	124	2.1	12	6.3	7	14.0
	Total	**6,097**	**100.0**	**5,856**	**100.0**	**191**	**100.0**	**50**	**100.0**
2020	**Bachelor**	**5,963**	91.5	5,839	92.6	96	56.5	28	68.3
	Divorced	**425**	6.5	358	5.7	61	35.9	6	14.6
	Widowed	**130**	2.0	110	1.7	13	7.6	7	17.1
	Total	**6,518**	**100.0**	**6,307**	**100.0**	**170**	**100.0**	**41**	**100.0**
2021	**Bachelor**	**7,007**	91.8	6,891	93.1	98	53.3	18	42.9
	Divorced	**495**	6.5	404	5.5	73	39.7	18	42.9
	Widowed	**129**	1.7	110	1.5	13	7.1	6	14.3
	Total	**7,631**	100.0	7,405	100.0	184	100.0	42	100.0
2022	**Bachelor**	**5,231**	92.7	5,119	93.6	96	65.3	16	64.0
	Divorced	**329**	5.8	277	5.1	46	31.3	6	24.0
	Widowed	**82**	1.5	74	1.4	5	3.4	3	12.0
	Total	**5,642**	**100.0**	**5,470**	**100.0**	**147**	**100.0**	**25**	**100.0**
2023	**Bachelor**	**4290**	89.6	4159	91.0	106	59.6	25	59.5
	Divorced	**396**	8.3	327	7.2	58	32.6	11	26.2
	Widowed	**103**	2.2	83	1.8	14	7.9	6	14.3
	Total	**4,789**	**100.0**	**4,569**	**100.0**	**178**	**100.0**	**42**	**100.0**
2024	**Bachelor**	**3,961**	87.7	3,821	84.6	114	52.5	26	65.0
	Divorced	**439**	9.7	342	7.6	88	40.6	9	22.5
	Widowed	**117**	2.6	97	2.1	15	6.9	5	12.5
	Total	**4,517**	**100.0**	**4,260**	**100.0**	**217**	**100.0**	**40**	**100.0**
2025	**Bachelor**	**3,689**	85.9	3,564	87.9	105	53.0	20	44.4
	Divorced	**488**	11.4	388	9.6	83	41.9	17	37.8
	Widowed	**119**	2.8	101	2.5	10	5.1	8	17.8
	Total	**4,296**	**100.0**	**4,053**	**100.0**	**198**	**100.0**	**45**	**100.0**



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