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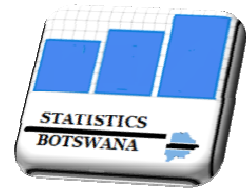
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MARRIAGE STATISTICS - 2010

INTRODUCTION

This Stats Brief is a summary of marriages that were registered in 2010. It is a section of the Population Report, which is a series of annual publications produced by the Statistics Botswana relating to births, deaths and marriages.

The tables included in this brief present detailed statistics in respect to the year 2010, and summary statistics (time series) for the years 2002 to 2009.

Source

Marriage is an event which is regulated by statute and about which information is collected for legal and statistical purposes. The Department of Civil and National Registration (CNR) is responsible for data collection through the registration service of vital events. The data is then extracted manually from the marriage certificates filed in the Department of Civil and National Registration and then processed by the Demography Unit of the Statistics Botswana

Coverage

The marriages analysed in this brief are those solemnized in Botswana for each calendar year by either the District Commissioner or church minister appointed by the Minister of Home Affairs as marriage officer.

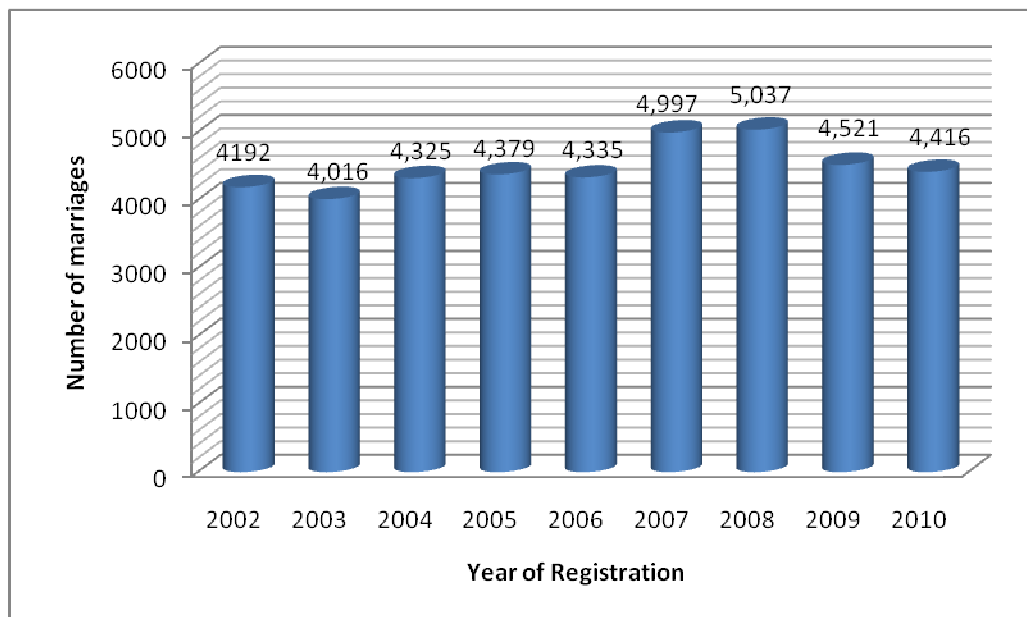
Tables

This brief includes time series table of marriages that occurred from 2002 to 2010. It also includes tables on age at marriage, previous marital status, profession of both the groom and bride and the district of marriage.

2.1 Trends in Marriages (2002-2010)

Chart 1 shows that the number of marriages registered were on an increase for the years prior to 2008, then after 2008 the number started to decrease. The highest number of marriages was recorded in 2008.

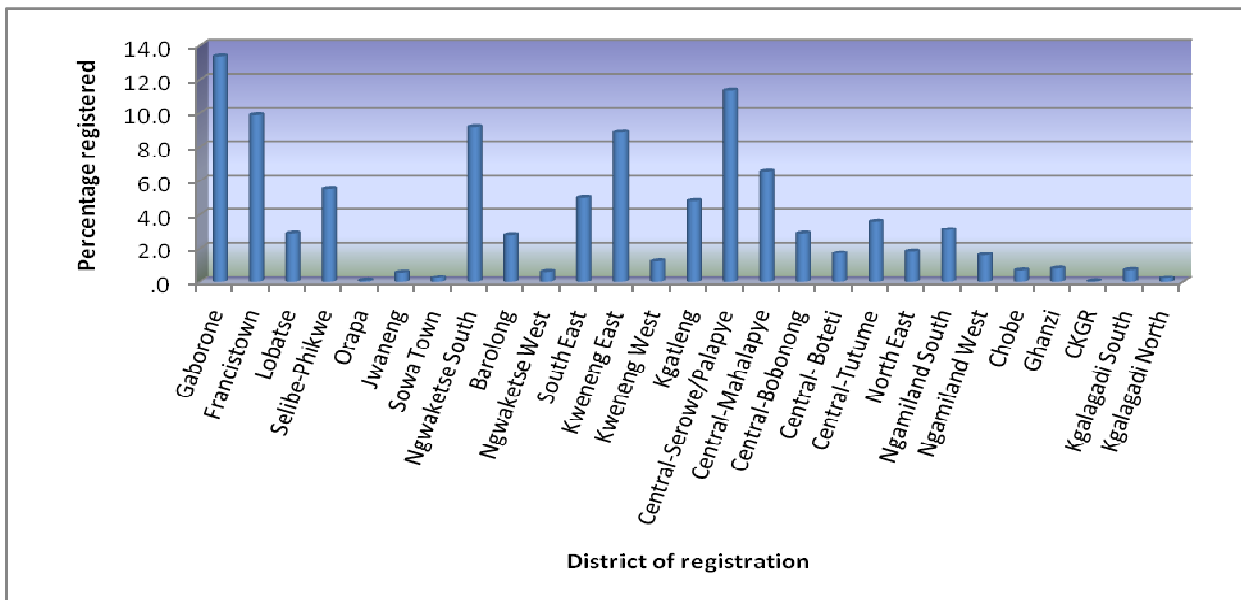
Chart 1: TOTAL NUMBER OF MARRIAGES REGISTERED-2002-2010



District of Registration

Chart 2 shows that the highest proportion of marriages was registered in Gaborone, followed by Serowe/Palapye then Francistown. Gaborone accounted for about 13 percent of 2010 marriages that were registered in 2010 while Orapa registered the least number of marriages constituting 0.1 percent.

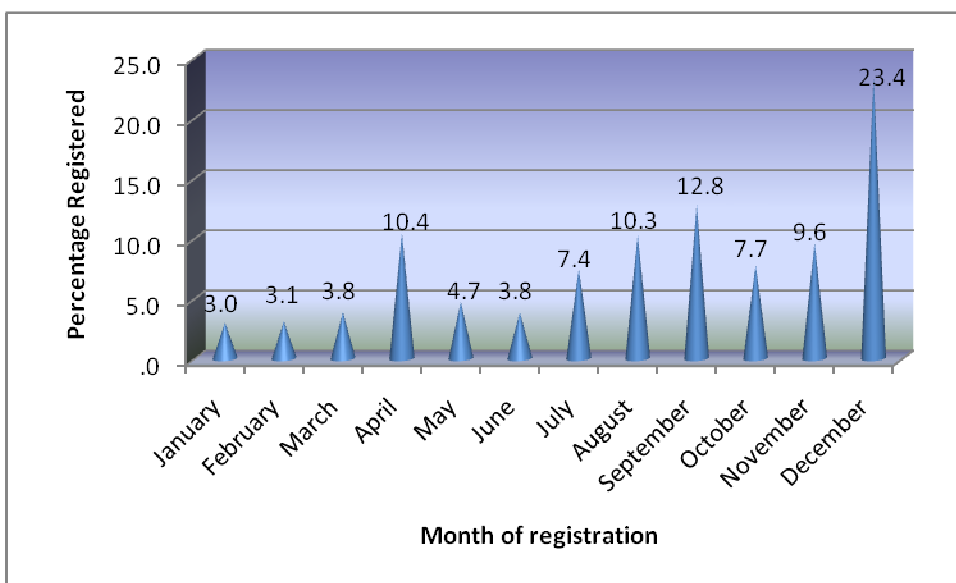
Chart 2: PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF REGISTERED MARRIAGES BY REGISTRATION DISTRICT-2010



2.3 Month of Registration

Chart 3 shows percentage of marriages registered in 2010 by month of registration. The number of registered marriages increased around the month of April from 3.8 percentage points in March to 10.4 percentage points in April. The number then decreased to 4.7 percentage points in May and increased again to about 10.3 percentage points in August. The highest percentage (23.4 percent) of registered marriages was in the month of December and lowest was registered in the month of January by recording 3 percent.

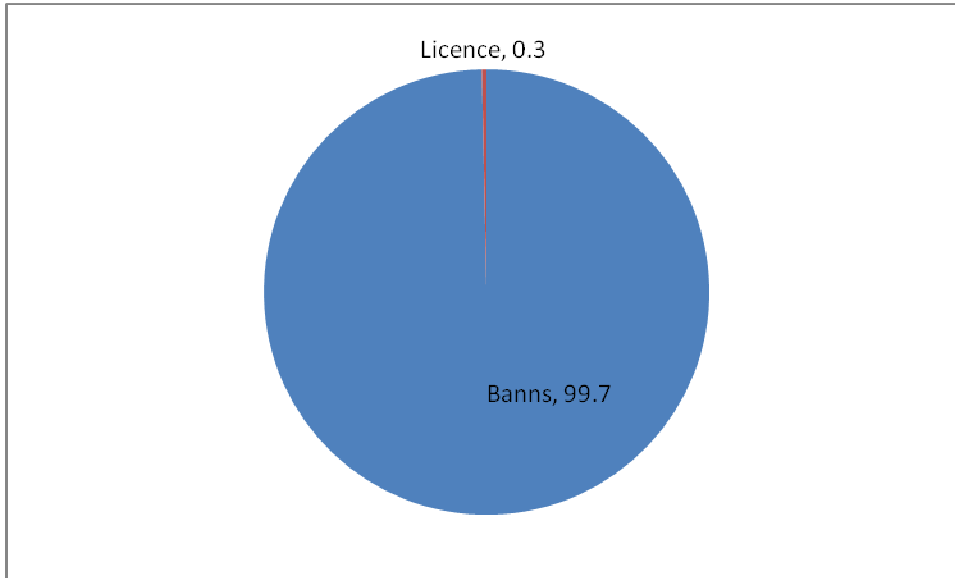
Chart 3: REGISTERED MARRIAGES BY MONTH OF REGISTRATION-2010



2.4 Type of Marriage

There are two types of marriages, those announced through Court Banns (the usual practice of proclaiming the names of the candidates for the period of 21 days before formalising the marriage) and the Special License that expedites the marriage process. As depicted by Chart 4, the most popular type of marriage was the court banns which constituted about 99.7 percent of all the marriages registered in 2010. Special License marriage constituted the remaining 0.3 percent.

Chart 4: PERCENTAGE REGISTERED MARRIAGES BY TYPE OF MARRIAGE-2010



2.5 Age at the Time of Marriage

Table 2.51 below shows that the mean age at first marriage for bachelors was around 38 years in 2010, while the comparable figure for spinsters was around 33 years. It is evident that the mean age at the time of marriage fluctuates around 38 years and 37 years for bachelors and 32 years for spinsters.

Table 2.51: MEAN AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE-2002-2010

Year	Bachelor	Spinster
2010	38.4	32.6
2009	37.9	32.1
2008	37.6	31.9
2007	36.8	31.5
2006	36.9	31.4
2005	37.3	31.7
2004	37.3	31.8
2003	37.2	31.6
2002	37.2	31.1

Table 2.52 shows that marriage of minors (aged less than 21 years) still exists, accounting for 0.4 percent and 0.1 percent of total marriages registered in 2010 for females and males respectively. Men tend to marry at later ages with only 1 percent marrying at the ages between 20 and 24, while women at this age constitute 8.2 percent of the registered marriages in 2010. Generally women do not marry men of the same age group as theirs, but marry those who are in the next age group. Refer to Tables 1.2.

TABLE 2.52: REGISTERED MARRIAGES AGE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE AT MARRIAGE TIME-2010

Age	Male		Females	
	Total	Percent	Total	Percent
18	-	-	1	0.0
19	-	-	5	0.1
18-19	-	-	6	0.1
20	2	0.0	15	0.3
21	4	0.1	40	0.9
22	6	0.1	62	1.4
23	9	0.2	95	2.2
24	21	0.5	149	3.4
20-24	42	1.0	361	8.2
25	46	1.0	249	5.6
26	86	1.9	259	5.9
27	116	2.6	323	7.3
28	156	3.5	347	7.9
29	194	4.4	333	7.5
25-29	598	13.5	1,511	34.2
30-34	1,194	27.0	1,209	27.4
35-39	1,005	22.8	593	13.4
40-44	610	13.8	335	7.6
45-49	392	8.9	206	4.7
50-54	243	5.5	109	2.5
50-59	160	3.6	45	1.0
60-64	83	1.9	24	0.5
65+	89	2.0	17	0.4
Total	4,416	100.0	4,416	100.0

2.6 Registered Marriages and Occupation

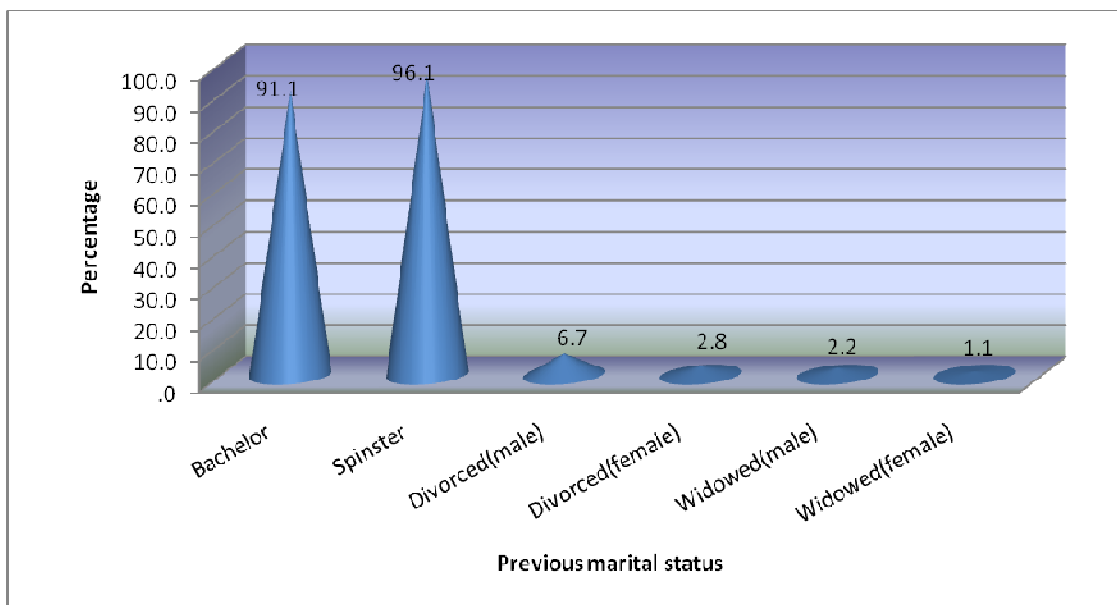
The proportions of the males and females marrying differ across different occupations as depicted by Table 2.6. In 2010, the highest proportion (around 17 percent) of males marrying fell within the category of legislators, administrators and managers while the lowest proportion (3.2 percent) fell within the category of clerks. Marriage for females was at peak (around 33 percent) for those who were not employed.

Table 2.6: REGISTERED MARRIAGES BY OCCUPATION-2010

OCCUPATION	Male		Female	
	Total	Percentage	Total	Percentage
Legislators, Administrators and Managers	754	17.1	410	9.3
Professionals	579	13.1	632	14.3
Technicians and Associate Professionals	547	12.4	535	12.1
Clerks	140	3.2	288	6.5
Service Workers and Shop Market Sales Workers	493	11.2	401	9.1
Skilled Agricultural and Related Workers	194	4.4	79	1.8
Craft and Related Trade Workers	435	9.9	81	1.8
Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	557	12.6	69	1.6
Elementary Occupation	186	4.2	296	6.7
Botswana Defence Force	164	3.7	6	.1
Not Classifiable	49	1.1	156	3.5
Unemployed	314	7.1	1,457	33.0
Not Stated	4	.1	6	.1
Total	4,416	100	4,416	100

2.7 Previous Marital Status

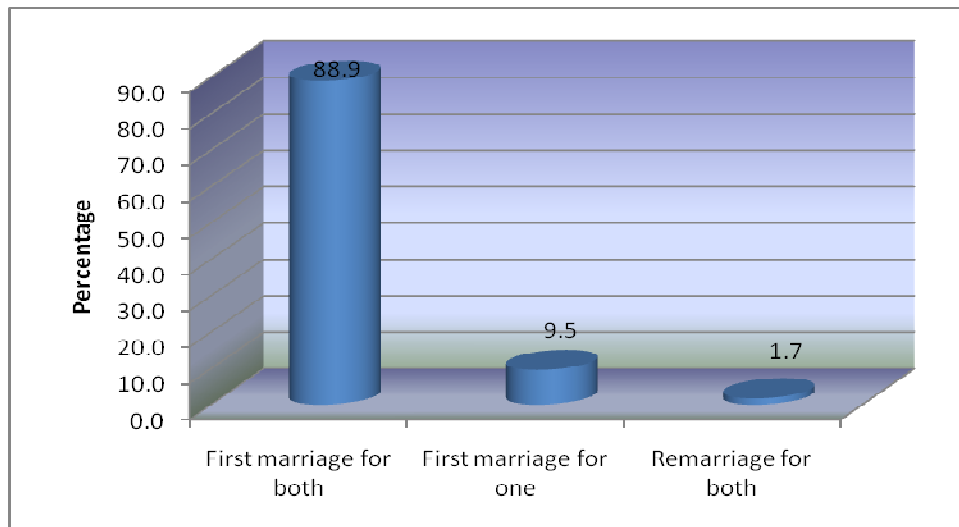
Chart 5 depicts that, marriages in which men were bachelors accounted for 91.1 percent and for those in which they had previously divorced formed about 6.7 percent of the total marriages. Widowers had the lowest proportions of marriages for both men and women; however it is evident that men in this category re-marry more than women in the same category. The same scenario is noticed for the divorced. Marriages in which women were spinsters accounted for 96.1 percent of the total marriages and those who had previously divorced formed 2.8 percent.

Chart 5: MARRIAGES BY PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS-2010

2.8 Trends in First Marriages and Remarriages

Chart 6 clearly shows that, marriages between spinsters and bachelors account for 88.9 percent of all the marriages registered in 2010. Around 9.5 percent of the marriages were for those in which it was first marriage for one party and 1.7 percent of the marriages were for remarriage for both parties.

Chart 6: TRENDS IN MARRIAGES AND RE-MARRIAGES-2010



2.9 Crude Marriage Rate

Crude marriage rate gives the number of persons marrying within specified time period per 1000 population of all ages. The population that is used as the denominator for the calculation of crude marriage rate is the projected population from the 2001 Population and Housing Census. Table 2.91 shows that crude marriage rate for Botswana is just around 5 marriages per 1000 people through all the years. The highest crude marriage rate was in 2007 with around 6 per 1000 population.

Table 2.91: Crude Marriage Rate by Year of Marriage

Year	Population	Marriages	Married persons	Crude Marriage Rate
2002	1,667,487	4,192	8,384	5.03
2003	1,691,390	4,016	8,032	4.75
2004	1,711,334	4,325	8,650	5.05
2005	1,727,372	4,379	8,758	5.07
2006	1,739,556	4,335	8,670	4.98
2007	1,756,651	4,997	9,994	5.69
2009	1,798,372	4,521	9,042	5.03
2010	1,822,858	4,416	8,832	4.85

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TABLE 1.0: A SUMMARY OF MARRIAGES-2002-2010

Year of marriage	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2,009	2010
Total marriages	4,192	4,016	4,325	4,379	4,335	4,997	5,037	4,521	4,416
Quarterly Totals									
Jan-March	565	548	500	568	496	547	548	503	437
Apr-June	738	787	752	776	745	869	822	875	837
July-Sept	1,129	1,092	1,209	1,238	1,135	1,420	1,449	1,280	1,345
Oct-Dec	1,760	1,589	1,864	1,797	1,959	2,161	2,281	1,863	1,797
Total	4,192	4,016	4,325	4,379	4,335	4,997	5,037	4,521	4,416
Previous marital status									
Males									
Bachelor	3,913	3,702	3,997	4,024	3,984	4,585	4,629	4,124	4,022
Divorced	208	217	239	244	249	274	280	289	298
Widowed	71	97	89	111	102	138	128	108	96
Total	4,192	4,016	4,325	4,379	4,335	4,997	5,037	4,521	4,416
Females									
Spinster	3,856	3,919	4,213	4,272	4,208	4,871	4,898	4,367	4,245
Divorced	38	69	82	74	90	79	96	101	124
Widowed	19	28	30	33	37	47	43	53	47
Total	4,192	4,016	4,325	4,379	4,335	4,997	5,037	4,521	4,416
First marriage for both	3,856	3,653	3,941	3,963	3,926	4,504	4,550	4,034	3,924
First marriage for one	287	315	328	370	340	448	427	423	419
Remarriage for both	49	48	56	46	69	45	60	64	73
Total	4,192	4,016	4,325	4,379	4,335	4,997	5,037	4,521	4,416
Type of marriage									
After Banns	4,105	3,874	4,173	4,234	4,205	4,915	4,950	4,453	4,401
Special License	87	140	152	145	130	82	87	68	12
Not stated	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	4,192	4,016	4,325	4,379	4,335	4,997	5,037	4,521	4,416

TABLE 1.1 AGE AT MARRIAGE BY MARITAL STATUS AND SEX-2010

Age group	Male marital status					Female marital status				
	Bachelor	Divorced	Widowed	Total	Percentage	Spinster	Divorced	Widowed	Total	Percentage
15-19	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6	0.1
20-24	42	-	-	42	1.0	361	-	-	361	8.2
25-29	596	2	-	598	13.5	1,504	6	1	1,511	34.2
30-34	1,176	13	5	1,194	27.0	1,181	20	8	1,209	27.4
35-39	969	31	5	1,005	22.8	559	27	7	593	13.4
40-44	543	56	11	610	13.8	294	28	13	335	7.6
45-49	310	67	15	392	8.9	176	22	8	206	4.7
50-54	164	62	17	243	5.5	88	14	7	109	2.5
55-59	111	36	13	160	3.6	40	4	1	45	1.0
60-64	52	19	12	83	1.9	20	2	2	24	0.5
65+	59	12	18	89	2.0	16	1	-	17	0.4
Total	4,022	298	96	4,416	100.0	4,245	124	47	4,416	100.0

TABLE 1.2 AGE IN COMBINATION AT MARRIAGE TIME-2010

		Age of Wife										Total	
		15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64		65+
Age of Husband	20-24	2	29	8	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
	25-29	1	155	353	67	15	3	3	1	-	-	-	598
	30-34	3	107	622	397	46	10	4	4	1	-	-	1,194
	35-39	-	41	331	428	173	28	3	-	1	-	-	1,005
	40-44	-	19	131	172	186	75	20	5	-	1	1	610
	45-49	-	6	42	88	105	97	47	6	1	-	-	392
	50-54	-	4	17	38	38	67	56	18	5	-	-	243
	55-59	-	-	2	12	22	32	41	39	9	3	-	160
	60-64	-	-	2	4	4	11	21	21	18	2	-	83
	65+	-	-	3	1	3	12	11	15	10	18	16	89
Total	6	361	1,511	1,209	593	335	206	109	45	24	17	4,416	

TABLE 1.3: REGISTERED MARRIAGES BY AGE GROUP AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE-2010

RESIDENCE	Age group																								Total	
	15-19		20-24		25-29		30-34		35-39		40-44		45-49		50-54		55-59		60-64		65+		M	F		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
Gaborone	-	-	8	93	161	339	279	262	213	95	125	50	70	30	34	9	19	1	3	-	6	2	918	881		
Francistown	-	-	6	35	80	134	133	70	71	36	51	26	23	6	16	5	6	3	4	1	2	-	392	316		
Lobatse	-	-	-	7	12	25	22	29	16	12	8	5	3	5	6	2	2	1	1	-	1	-	71	86		
Selibe-Phikwe	-	-	1	16	30	76	74	61	61	36	33	17	22	11	17	5	7	3	2	-	2	-	249	225		
Orapa	-	-	1	3	5	12	21	5	16	7	11	1	3	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	62	28		
Jwaneng	-	-	1	4	11	20	21	17	17	7	5	4	9	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	68	52		
Sowa Town	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	4	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	6		
Ngwaketse South	-	-	-	16	25	76	33	79	49	40	36	26	31	27	15	21	20	9	13	8	20	2	242	304		
Barolong	-	-	1	5	8	18	12	20	12	7	11	8	7	6	6	2	5	3	2	2	6	2	70	73		
Ngwaketse West	-	-	-	1	3	5	1	10	7	2	5	3	1	1	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	21	23		
South East	-	-	1	17	36	68	46	68	52	43	27	19	22	5	6	4	5	4	1	-	1	-	197	228		
Kweneng East	-	1	7	41	56	177	141	151	129	91	76	52	55	32	41	22	35	3	10	1	10	3	560	574		
Kweneng West	-	-	1	4	11	23	16	12	21	8	17	3	3	2	4	2	3	3	4	2	5	2	85	61		
Kgatleng	-	-	3	15	13	70	46	53	36	30	32	20	15	15	12	1	5	1	1	-	2	1	165	206		
C-Serowe/Palapye	-	1	1	23	24	93	61	70	67	50	36	25	30	10	17	6	7	5	9	2	13	2	265	287		
C-Mahalapye	-	-	1	7	17	64	37	49	38	28	22	19	18	9	10	8	4	3	10	3	5	2	162	192		
C-Bobonong	-	1	-	5	7	40	23	28	18	8	9	7	4	3	5	3	7	1	-	1	3	-	76	97		
C- Boteti	-	-	-	8	2	19	24	17	16	11	10	3	4	6	6	1	1	-	3	1	1	-	67	66		
C-Tutume	-	1	1	19	19	55	42	48	33	23	16	15	14	11	13	3	6	3	6	-	5	1	155	179		
North East	-	-	2	10	16	41	36	29	11	9	8	8	14	3	4	6	5	1	3	-	2	-	101	107		
Ngamiland South	-	2	2	10	18	49	42	52	38	18	23	10	19	10	7	4	7	1	7	2	2	-	165	158		
Ngamiland West	-	-	2	3	5	29	13	20	13	3	12	3	4	3	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	53	62		
Chobe	-	-	1	7	8	21	11	16	15	7	4	3	4	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	44	55		
Ngamiland Delta	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1			
Ghanzi	-	-	-	4	4	14	16	20	18	9	9	2	5	4	6	2	2	-	1	-	1	-	62	55		
Kgalagadi South	-	-	-	1	4	17	12	9	9	8	6	1	6	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	39	38		
Kgalagadi North	-	-	-	1	1	10	3	1	7	3	2	2	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	19		
Outside Botswana	-	-	2	6	20	15	26	8	21	2	15	3	4	3	3	-	7	-	3	-	1	-	102	37		
Total	-	6	42	361	598	1,511	1,194	1,209	1,005	593	610	335	392	206	243	109	160	45	83	24	89	17	4,416	4,416		

TABLE 1.4: NUMBER OF REGISTERED MARRIAGES BY OCCUPATION OF HUSBAND AND WIFE-2010

MALE OCCUPATION	FEMALE OCCUPATION													Total
	Legislators, Administrators and Managers	Professionals	Technicians and Associate Professionals	Clerks	Service Workers and Shop Market Sales Workers	Skilled Agricultural and Related Workers	Craft and Related Trade Workers	Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	Elementary Occupation	Botswana Defence Force	Not Classifiable	Un- employed	Not Stated	
Legislators, Administrators and Managers	130	122	96	58	69	4	5	8	48	3	25	186	-	754
Professionals	38	178	98	38	56	2	6	4	14	2	36	105	2	579
Technicians and Associate Professionals	56	106	118	42	41	1	11	4	21	-	30	116	1	547
Clerks	14	22	16	16	8	1	-	2	15	-	4	42	-	140
Service Workers and Shop Market Sales Workers	35	57	55	38	69	5	13	7	34	-	13	167	-	493
Skilled Agricultural and Related Workers	10	8	12	5	14	53	3	1	11	-	2	74	1	194
Craft and Related Trade Workers	35	30	34	17	48	4	14	12	39	-	14	188	-	435
Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	50	49	52	40	47	4	22	13	54	-	7	218	1	557
Elementary Occupation	12	9	5	3	14	3	5	5	26	-	3	101	-	186
Botswana Defence Force	9	31	28	18	17	1	1	5	11	1	8	33	1	164
Not Classifiable	4	2	10	1	3	-	-	1	3	-	11	14	-	49
Unemployed	17	18	10	11	15	1	1	7	19	-	3	212	-	314
Not Stated	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	4
Total	410	632	535	288	401	79	81	69	296	6	156	1,457	6	4,416

Table 1.5 PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF PERSON MARRYING-2002-2010

Females

Year of marriage		Total	Percent	Spinster	Percent	Divorced	Percent	Widowed	Percent
Males									
2002	Bachelor	3,913	93.3	3,856	94.4	38	50.7	19	61.3
	Divorced	208	5.0	168	4.1	29	38.7	11	35.5
	Widowed	71	1.7	62	1.5	8	10.7	1	3.2
	Total	4,192	100.0	4086	100.0	75	100.0	31	100.0
2003	Bachelor	3,702	92.2	3,653	93.2	30	43.5	19	67.9
	Divorced	217	5.4	181	4.6	30	43.5	6	21.4
	Widowed	97	2.4	85	2.2	9	13	3	10.7
	Total	4,016	100.0	3919	100.0	69	100.0	20	100.0
2004	Bachelor	3,997	92.4	3,941	93.5	40	48.8	16	53.3
	Divorced	239	5.5	199	4.7	35	42.7	5	16.7
	Widowed	89	2.1	73	1.7	7	8.5	9	30
	Total	4,325	100.0	4,213	100.0	82	100.0	30	100.0
2005	Bachelor	4,024	91.9	3,962	92.8	36	48.6	25	75.8
	Divorced	244	5.6	213	5	28	37.8	3	9.1
	Widowed	111	2.5	96	2.2	10	13.5	5	15.2
	Total	4,379	100.0	4,271	100.0	74	100.0	33	100.0
2006	Bachelor	3,984	91.9	3,926	93.3	38	42.2	20	54.1
	Divorced	249	5.7	199	4.7	42	46.7	8	21.6
	Widowed	102	2.4	83	2	10	11.1	9	24.3
	Total	4,335	100.0	4,208	100.0	90	100.0	37	100.0
2007	Bachelor	4,585	91.8	4,504	92.5	46	58.2	35	74
	Divorced	274	5.5	238	4.9	27	34.2	9	19
	Widowed	138	2.8	129	2.6	6	7.6	3	6
	Total	4,997	100.0	4,871	100.0	79	100.0	47	100.0
2008	Bachelor	4,629	91.9	4,550	92.9	83	55.2	26	60.5
	Divorced	280	5.6	235	4.8	37	38.5	8	18.6
	Widowed	128	2.5	113	2.3	6	6.3	9	20.9
	Total	5,037	100	4,898	100	96	100	43	100
2009	Bachelor	4,124	91.2	4,034	92.4	54	53.5	36	67.9
	Divorced	289	6.4	237	5.4	38	37.6	14	26.4
	Widowed	108	2.4	96	2.2	9	8.9	3	5.7
	Total	4,521	100.0	4,367	100.0	101	100.0	53	100.0
2010	Bachelor	4,022	91.1	3,924	92.4	67	54.0	31	66.0
	Divorced	298	6.7	241	5.7	45	36.3	12	25.5
	Widowed	96	2.2	80	1.9	12	9.7	4	8.5
	Total	4,416	100.0	4,245	100.0	124	100.0	47	100.0