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MARRIAGE STATISTICS 2007

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Stats Brief is a summary of marriages that were registered in 2007. It is a section of the Population Report which is a series of annual publications produced by the Central Statistics Office relating to births, deaths and marriages.

Data for marriages is extracted manually from the marriage certificates filed in the Department of Civil and National Registration and processed by the Demography Unit. Due to the change in the way the information was captured, only statistics on marriages have been produced in the form of stats brief. The data for births and deaths could not be used because it is incomplete and therefore underestimates the births and deaths occurring in Botswana.

2.1 Trends in Marriages (2003-2007)

Chart 1 shows that the number of marriages registered between 2003 and 2007 fluctuated between 4,000 and 5000. The number showed a slight increase from 2003-2005. A slight decrease of about one percent is noticed, from 2005 to 2006. The highest number of marriages was registered in 2007 with an increase of fifteen percent from 2006.

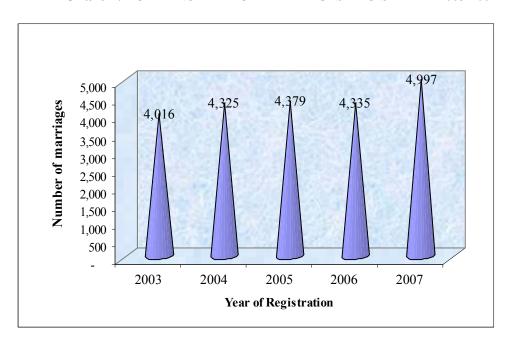
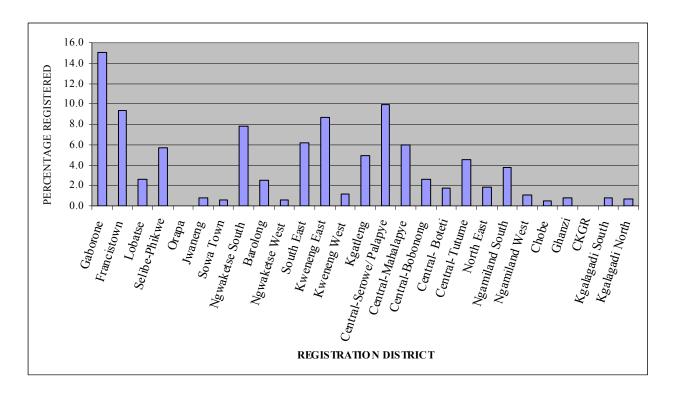


Chart 1: TOTAL NUMBER OF MARRIAGES REGISTERED-2003-2007

2.2 District of Registration

Chart 2 shows that a highest proportion of marriages were registered in Gaborone followed by Serowe/Palapye, Francistown, Kweneng East and Ngwaketse South. Gaborone accounts for about fifteen percent of total marriages registered in 2007.

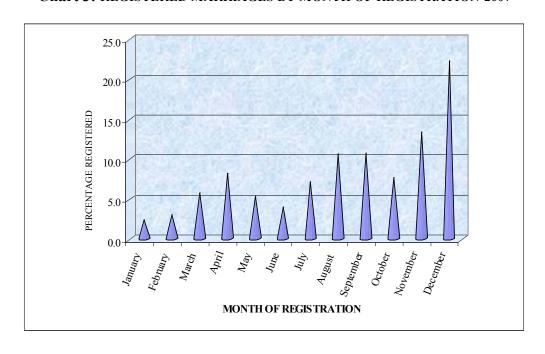
Chart 2: PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF REGISTERED MARRIAGES BY DISTRICT OF REGISTRATION-2007



2.3 Month of Registration

Chart 3 below shows percentage of marriages registered in 2007 by month of registration. The number of registered marriages was on the increase around the month of August, and slightly decreases in October and increase again in November. The highest percentage of registered marriages was in the month of December and lowest in the month of January.

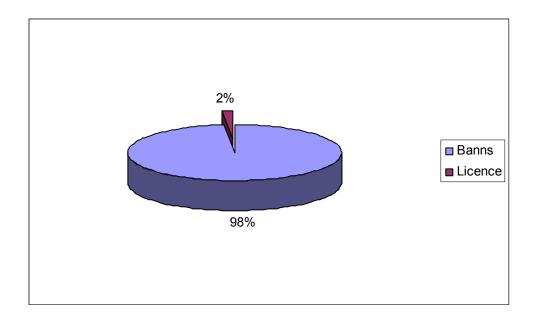
Chart 3: REGISTERED MARRIAGES BY MONTH OF REGISTRATION-2007



2.4 Type of Marriage

There are two types of marriages, the Court Banns marriage (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. The most popular type of marriage was the court banns which constituted about 98 percent of all the marriages registered. Special License marriage constituted the remaining 2 percent.

Chart 4: PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF REGISTERED MARRIAGES BY TYPE OF MARRIAGE-2007



2.5 Age At The Time Of Marriage

Table 2.51 below shows that the mean age at first marriage for bachelors was around 37 years for all the years (2003-2007), while the comparable figure for spinsters was around 32 years.

Table 2.51: MEAN AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE-2007

Year	Bachelor	Spinster
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

It is evident that there are marriages of minors as shown by Table 2.52, but this only happens for females, who marry between the ages of 18-20 (under 21), accounting for 1 percent. Men tend to marry at later ages with only 1.3 percent marrying at the ages between 20 and 24, while women at this age constitute 12 percent of the registered marriages in 2007. Generally women do not marry men in their same age group, but marries 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-2007

	N	Tale	Female					
Age	Total	Percentage	Total	Percentage				
18	-	-	3	0.1				
19	-	-	15	0.3				
18-19	-	-	18	0.4				
20	-	-	30	0.6				
21	2	0.0	56	1.1				
22	8	0.2	111	2.2				
23	15	0.3	171	3.4				
24	39	0.8	232	4.6				
20-24	64	1.3	600	12.0				
25	67	1.3	280	5.6				
26	98	2.0	325	6.5				
27	126	2.5	404	8.1				
28	186	3.7	331	6.6				
29	225	4.5	347	6.9				
25-29	702	14.0	1,687	33.8				
30-34	1,444	28.9	1,386	27.7				
35-39	1,165	23.3	615	12.3				
40-44	656	13.1	314	6.3				
45-49	406	8.1	207	4.1				
50-54	281	5.6	97	1.9				
55-59	131	2.6	37	0.7				
60-64	60	1.2	16	0.3				
65+	88	1.8	20	0.4				
Total	4,997	100.0	4,997	100.0				

2.6 Registered Marriages and Occupation

Table 2.6 shows that the proportions of the males and females marrying differ across different occupations. In 2007, the highest proportion (around 17 percent) of males marrying falls within the category of professionals while the lowest proportion (around 2 percent) falls within the category of clerks. Marriage for females is at peak (around 39 percent) for those who are not employed and lowest (less than one percent) for those who fall within the category of plant and machine operators and assemblers.

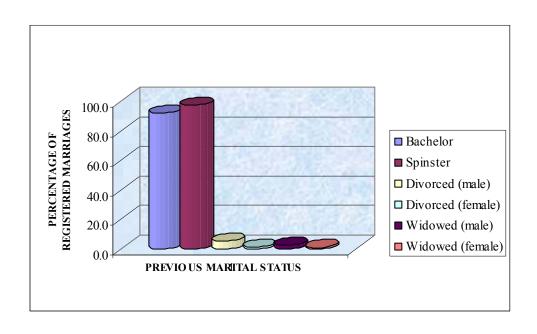
Table 2.6: REGISTERED MARRIAGES BY OCCUPATION-2007

	Fer	nale	M	lale
OCCUPATION	Total	Percent	Total	Percent
Legislators, Administrators and Managers	400	8.0	579	11.6
Professionals	669	13.4	840	16.8
Technicians and Associate Professionals	667	13.3	768	15.4
Clerks	426	8.5	95	1.9
Service Workers and Shop Market Sales Workers	431	8.6	472	9.4
Skilled Agricultural and Related Workers	49	1.0	160	3.2
Craft and Related Trade Workers	105	2.1	582	11.6
Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	33	0.7	605	12.1
Elementary Occupation	213	4.3	225	4.5
Botswana Defence Force	-	-	254	5.1
Not Classifiable	55	1.1	133	2.7
Unemployed	1,946	38.9	277	5.5
Not Stated	3	0.1	7	0.1
Total	4,997	100	4,997	100

2.7 Previous Marital Status

The chart below depicts that the marriages in which a man was a bachelor accounted for about 92 percent and for those in which he had previously been divorced formed about 5.5 percent of the total marriages. Widowers take the lowest proportions of marriages for both men and women. Marriages in which the woman was a spinster accounted for 97.5 percent of the marriages and those who had previously divorced formed about 1.6 percent of the total marriages.

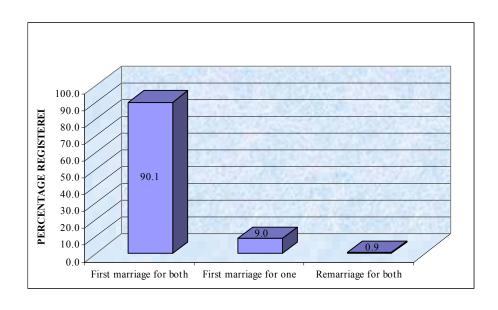
Chart 5:MARRIAGES BY PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS-2007



2.8 Trends in First Marriages and Remarriages

Chart 6 below clearly shows that, marriages between spinsters and bachelors account for more than 90 percent of all the marriages registered in 2007. Around 9 percent of the marriages are accounted for by first marriages for one party and 1 percent of the marriages are for remarriage for both parties.

Chart 6: TRENDS IN MARRIAGES AND RE-MARRIAGES-2007



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 TABLE 1.0
 A SUMMARY OF MARRIAGES 2003-2007

Year of marriage		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total marriages		4016	4325	4379	4335	4,997
Quarterly Totals						
Jan-March		548	500	568	496	547
Apr-June		787	752	776	745	869
July-Sept		1,092	1,209	1,238	1,135	1,420
Oct-Dec		1,589	1,864	1,797	1,959	2,161
Total		4,016	4,325	4,379	4,335	4,997
Previous marital status						
Males						
	Bachelor	3,702	3,997	4,024	3,984	4,585
	Divorced	217	239	244	249	274
	Widowed	97	89	111	102	138
Total		4,016	4,325	4,379	4,335	4,997
Females						
	Spinster	3,919	4,213	4,272	4,208	4,871
	Divorced	69	82	74	90	79
	Widowed	28	30	33	37	47
Total		4,016	4,325	4,379	4,335	4,997
First marriage for both		3,653	3,941	3,963	3,926	4,504
First marriage for one		315	328	370	340	448
Remarriage for both		48	56	46	69	45
C		4,016	4,325	4,379	4,335	4,997
Type of marriage						
After Banns		3,874	4,173	4,234	4,205	4,915
Special License		140	152	145	130	82
Not stated		2	-	-	_	-
Total		4,016	4,325	4,379	4,335	4,997

Table 1.1 AGE AT MARRIAGE BY MARITAL STATUS AND SEX-2007

			Males					Females		
Age	Bachelor	Divorced	Widowed	Total	Percent	Spinster	Divorced	Widowed	Total	Percent
15-19	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	18	0.4
20-24	64	-	-	64	1.3	600	-	-	600	12.0
25-29	699	3	-	702	14.0	1,678	7	2	1,687	33.8
30-34	1,419	20	5	1,444	28.9	1,359	17	10	1,386	27.7
35-39	1,099	44	22	1,165	23.3	587	15	13	615	12.3
40-44	588	42	26	656	13.1	283	21	10	314	6.3
45-49	324	62	20	406	8.1	185	13	9	207	4.1
50-54	207	51	23	281	5.6	92	4	1	97	1.9
55-59	89	25	17	131	2.6	35	2	-	37	0.7
60-64	36	16	8	60	1.2	14	=	2	16	0.3
65+	60	11	17	88	1.8	20	-	-	20	0.4
Total	4,585	274	138	4,997	100.0	4,871	79	47	4,997	100.0
Percent	91.8	5.5	2.8	100.0		97.5	1.6	0.9	100.0	

TABLE 1.2 AGE IN COMBINATION AT MARRIAGE – 2007

Age of Wife

		15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65+	Total
Age of	20-24	3	38	20	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Husband	25-29	9	239	386	57	8	3	-	-	-	-	-	702
	30-34	4	208	704	457	56	10	4	1	-	-	-	1,444
	35-39	-	78	393	487	174	29	3	-	-	-	1	1,165
	40-44	1	20	118	221	205	74	16	1	-	-	-	656
	45-49	1	13	43	98	99	93	52	7	-	-	-	406
	50-54	-	3	17	42	54	66	72	21	4	2	-	281
	55-59	-	-	5	17	12	21	31	34	9	1	1	131
	60-64	-	1	-	3	4	10	12	18	9	3	-	60
	65+	-	-	1	1	3	8	17	15	15	10	18	88
	Total	18	600	1,687	1,386	615	314	207	97	37	16	20	4,997

TABLE 1.3: REGISTERED MARRIAGES BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE AT MARRIAGE TIME-2007

											Ag	ge grou	p											
District	1	5-19		20-24		25-29		30-34		35-39		40-44		45-49	5	0-54	5	5-59	6	0-64		65+		Total
	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	-	1	20	134	186	398	347	316	261	110	134	47	62	31	40	7	14	2	1	1	7	-	1,072	1,047
Francistown	-	5	3	57	78	156	155	111	102	44	57	17	33	9	18	4	5	-	6	-	4	1	461	404
Lobatse	-	-	2	7	17	32	34	36	29	8	13	4	9	7	3	4	5	1	2	2	-	-	114	101
Selibe-Phikwe	-	-	3	28	40	88	93	61	53	34	36	15	26	5	19	6	5	1	1	-	1	-	277	238
Orapa	-	-	-	8	18	24	32	18	30	6	8	2	4	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	95	62
Jwaneng	-	-	-	10	10	13	28	21	24	13	11	3	10	2	7	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	93	62
Sowa Town	-	-	-	4	4	7	7	7	6	3	3	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	23	22
Southern	-	-	2	40	30	110	64	108	75	65	46	30	35	30	40	19	16	13	10	6	25	4	343	425
Ngwaketse South	-	-	2	29	25	80	46	82	51	52	34	21	24	22	29	17	13	12	8	5	22	4	254	324
Barolong	-	-	-	11	5	26	14	17	20	12	8	4	9	5	8	2	2	1	1	1	2	-	69	79
Ngwaketse West	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	9	4	1	4	5	2	3	3	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	20	22
South East	-	2	6	34	27	83	51	75	47	27	27	14	23	15	17	6	6	-	3	2	2	-	209	258
Kweneng	-	3	13	75	68	224	206	175	188	74	90	53	57	35	38	15	18	5	9	1	12	4	699	664
Kweneng East	_	3	11	67	51	189	166	162	149	68	78	49	52	29	35	15	18	4	6	_	7	3	573	589
Kweneng West	-	-	2	8	17	35	40	13	39	6	12	4	5	6	3	-	-	1	3	1	5	1	126	75
Kgatleng	-	-	1	27	20	74	44	65	45	28	33	14	12	9	14	7	9	5	-	1	3	-	181	230
Central	-	4	5	101	100	304	198	230	171	123	100	67	85	37	48	18	31	8	14	1	24	10	776	903
Central-Serowe/Palapye	_	3	1	34	37	98	58	73	54	45	34	26	20	12	16	6	11	2	4	_	6	2	241	301
Central-Mahalapye	_	1	_	23	19	72	48	60	45	24	29	20	22	12	10	3	9	3	5	1	6	3	193	222
Central-Bobonong	_	_	1	12	10	39	36	32	15	16	10	4	11	3	6	3	4	2	2	_	2	1	97	112
Central- Boteti	_	_	_	13	10	31	20	12	23	11	7	6	10	2	3	1	2	_	2	_	_	_	77	76
Central-Tutume	-	-	3	19	24	64	36	53	34	27	20	11	22	8	13	5	5	1	1	-	10	4	168	192
North East	-	_	1	14	12	30	28	32	25	12	11	13	6	4	9	3	1	_	1	_	1	1	95	109
North West	-	2	2	33	43	102	90	80	57	41	52	16	22	12	9	4	4	1	4	•	7		291	293
Ngamiland South	-	2	2	23	21	57	53	54	39	41 24	35	16 14	23 18	12 8	9 7	4	4 3	1	3	1	5	-	186	186
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Ngamiland West Chobe	-	1	-	3	7	14	19	13	8	12 5	7	2	3	3 1	2	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	45	36
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Ghanzi	-	-	-	5	7	13	11	13	13	10	5	6	7	2	3	3	2	-	2	-	-	-	50	52
Kgalagadi South	-	1	-	6	3	5	10	8	6	4	6	2	5	3	4	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	37	30
Kgalagadi North		-	1	5	4	6	8	6	6	5	9	4	3	1	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	35	27
Outside Botswana	-	-	5	12	35	18	38	23	27	8	15	6	5	2	8	-	7	-	4	-	2	-	146	69
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	-	18	64	600	702	1,687	1,444	1,386	1,165	615	656	314	406	207	281	97	131	37	60	16	88	20	4,997	4,997

TABLE 1.4: MARRIAGES REGISTERED BY MALE AND FEMALE OCCUPATION-2007

Male occupation

Female occupation	Legislator s, Administr ators and Managers	Professionals	Technici ans and Associat e Professio nals	Clerks	Service Workers and Shop Market Sales Workers	Skilled Agricult ural and Related Workers	Craft and Related Trade Workers	Plant and Machine Operators and Assembler s	Elemen tary Occupa tion	B DF	Not Classifi able	Unempl oyed	Not Stated	Total
Legislators, Administrators and														
Managers	102	63	41	7	36	8	44	47	13	19	10	10	-	400
Professionals	65	243	131	10	45	7	39	43	4	50	16	16	-	669
Technicians and Associate Professionals	80	150	190	9	65	9	50	37	12	27	18	20	-	667
Clerks	50	78	87	15	41	3	38	53	9	26	19	6	1	426
Service Workers and Shop Market Sales Workers	43	50	48	11	70	10	44	70	23	25	13	24	-	431
Skilled Agricultural and Related Workers Craft and Related Trade	2	4	3	1	-	31	5	-	1	-	1	1	-	49
Workers	5	16	13	4	11	3	24	11	6	6	3	3	-	105
Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	5	2	2	-	4	1	4	8	1	3	-	3	-	33
Elementary Occupation	16	13	13	6	32	8	48	25	21	7	5	19	-	213
Not Classifiable	5	10	4	-	5	2	1	5	4	3	13	2	1	55
Unemployed	205	211	236	32	163	77	285	306	131	88	35	173	4	1,946
Not Stated	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Total	579	840	768	95	472	160	582	605	225	254	133	277	7	4,997

TABLE 1.5: PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS OF PERSONS REMARRYING, 2004-2007

Females

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Year of narriage		Total	Percent	Spinster	Percent	Divorced	Percent	Widowed	Percent
	Males								
2004	Bachelor	3,997	92.4	3,941	93.5	40	48.8	16.0	53.3
	Divorced	239	5.5	199	4.7	35	42.7	5.0	16.7
	Widowed	89	2.1	73	1.7	7	8.5	9.0	30.0
	Total	4,325	100.0	4,213	100.0	82	100.0	30.0	100.0
2005	Bachelor	4,024	91.9	3,962	92.8	36	48.6	25.0	75.8
	Divorced	244	5.6	213	5.0	28	37.8	3.0	9.1
	Widowed	111	2.5	96	2.2	10	13.5	5.0	15.2
	Total	4,379	100.0	4,271	100.0	74	100.0	33	100.0
* pı	revious marita	l status of o	one woman	not known					
2006	Bachelor	3,984	91.9	3,926	93.3	38	42.2	20.0	54.1
	Divorced	249	5.7	199	4.7	42	46.7	8.0	21.6
	Widowed	102	2.4	83	2.0	10	11.1	9.0	24.3
	Total	4,335	100.0	4,208	100.0	90	100.0	37.0	100.0
2007	Bachelor	4,585	91.8	4,504	92.5	46	58.2	35.0	74
	Divorced	274	5.5	238	4.9	27	34.2	9.0	19
	Widowed	138	2.8	129	2.6	6	7.6	3.0	6
	Total	4,997	100	4,871	100	79	100	47.0	100