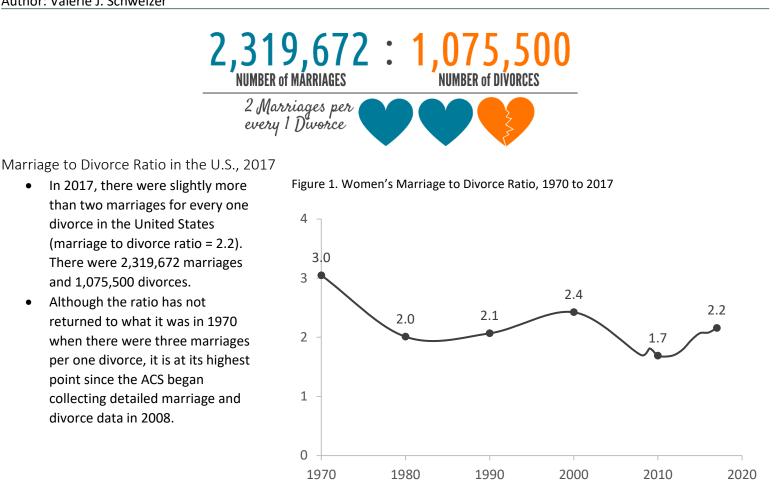
Family Profile No. 3, 2019 Marriage-to-Divorce Ratio in the U.S.: Geographic Variation, 2017

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Source: NCFMR analyses of 970-2000, National Center for Health Statistics; 2008-2017, U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 1-yr est

Five Highest and Lowest Marriage to Divorce Ratios, 2017

- All states have a greater number of marriages than divorces. For 2017, the top three states in the marriage-todivorce ratio are the District of Columbia (5.9), Hawaii (3.4), and Alaska (3.3). There were at least three marriages per one divorce in these states.
- The states with the lowest marriage to divorce ratio are Maine (1.3), Alabama (1.4), and Rhode Island (1.5).

Table 1. Highest and Lowest Marriage to Divorce Ratios, 2017

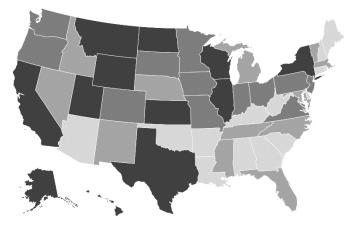
Rank	State	Marriage Divorce Ratio
1	District of Columbia	5.9
2	Hawaii	3.4
3	Alaska	3.3
4	Wyoming	3.0
5	Utah	3.0
	U.S.	2.2
47	Arkansas	1.6
48	Delaware	1.6
49	Rhode Island	1.5
50	Alabama	1.4
51	Maine	1.3

Source: NCFMR analyses of U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 1-yr est.

State Rankings, 2017

- The states with a significantly higher marriage to divorce ratio than the national average were the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Alaska, Wyoming, Utah, Kansas, Montana, North Dakota, New York, Illinois, Texas, Wisconsin, California, South Dakota, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Iowa.
- Almost half of states (48%) saw an increase in the marriage-to-divorce ratio from 2015 to 2017. Vermont experienced the largest increase in the ratio of marriage to divorce, shifting from 1.9 to 2.1.
- About one-quarter of states experienced a decrease in the marriage-to-divorce ratio. Delaware experienced the largest decrease in the ratio of marriage to divorce, from 3.0 to 1.6 marriages per every divorce from 2015 to 2017.
- One-quarter (26%) of states had almost the same marriage-to-divorce ratio in 2017 as they did in 2015. These states were Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Idaho, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Virginia.

Figure 3. Geographic Variation of Women's Marriage to Divorce Ratio in the U.S., 2017



Source: NCFMR analyses of Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 1-yr est.

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Figure 2. State Variation in the Marriage to Divorce Ratio Among Women Aged 15+ by quartile, 2017

District of Columbia 1	
District of Columbia, 1 Hawaii, 2	5.8
Alaska, 3	3.4
Wyoming, 4	
Utah, 5	3.0
Kansas, 6	
Montana, 7	2.7
North Dakota, 8	2.7
North Dakota, 8 New York, 9	2.6
Illinois, 10	2.5
Texas, 11	
Wisconsin, 12	
California, 13	
South Dakota, 14	2.3
Pennsylvania, 15	2.3
Ohio, 16	2.2
lowa, 17	2.2
Missouri, 18	2.2
Virginia, 19	2.2
New Jersey, 20	2.2
Indiana, 21	2.2
Oregon, 22	2.2
Colorado, 23	2.1
USA	2.1
Minnesota, 24	2.1
Washington, 25	2.1
Michigan, 26	2.1
Maryland, 27	2.0
Vermont, 28	2.0
North Carolina, 29	2.0
Mississippi, 30	2.0
Idaho, 31	1.9
Nevada, 32	1.9
Massachusetts, 33	1.9
Nebraska, 34	1.9
Tennessee, 35	1.9
New Mexico, 36	1.9
Florida, 37	1.9
Oklahoma, 38	1.9
Georgia, 39	1.9
Connecticut, 40	1.8
South Carolina, 41	1.8
Arizona, 42	1.8
Kentucky, 43	1.8
Louisiana, 44	1.7
West Virginia, 45	1.7
New Hampshire, 46	1.6
Arkansas, 47	1.6
Delaware, 48	1.5
Rhode Island, 49	1.5
Alabama, 50	1.3
Maine, 51	1.3

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