

# National Center for Family & Marriage Research

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## + Mission

Research  
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## + Goal

To improve our understanding of how family structure is linked to the health and well-being of children, adults, families, and communities and to inform policy development and programmatic responses.

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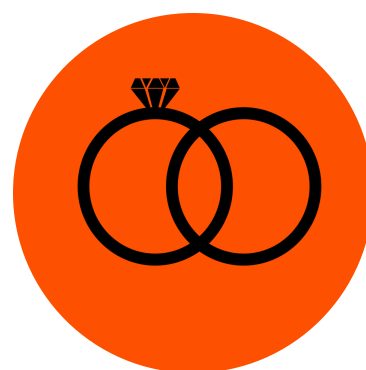
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## + Fast Facts on American Marriages



The number of marriages declined slightly between 2019 and 2021 (1,685,461 to 1,606,856 marriages respectively) ([FP-23-09](#)).



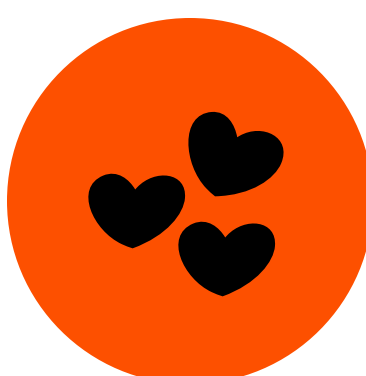
The marriage rate for women in 2021 was at a 50 year low of 28.0 marriages per 1,000 unmarried women ([FP-22-25](#)).



The age at marriage continues to rise and remains higher among men than women. Among individuals entering a marriage in 2021, the median age for women was 28.6 and for men was 30.4 ([FP-22-15](#)). The median age at remarriage was 48 for men and 44 for women in 2019 ([FP-21-18](#)).



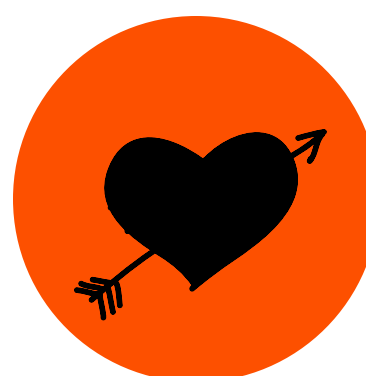
In 2021, the marriage to divorce ratio was 2.16. This means that there were about two marriages per one divorce in 2021 ([FP-22-27](#)).



In 2019, 50% of adults over age 50 were married. Further, 59% of older adults who were married were in their first marriages ([FP-22-16](#)).



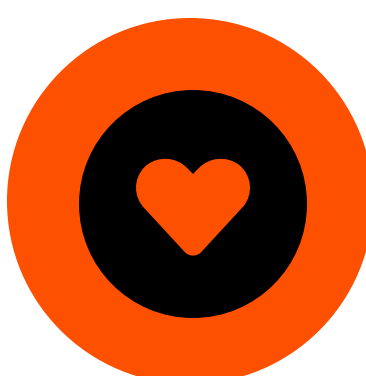
3.6% of all marriages in 2021 were among same-sex couples and amounted to 60,046 marriages ([FP-23-09](#)).



In 2019 the remarriage rate was higher for men than women (35 per 1,000 for men and 19.4 per 1,000 for women) ([FP-21-18](#)).



76% of women lived with their spouse prior to getting married ([FP-21-04](#)).



Most different-sex couples (65%) and same-sex couples (69%) who married in 2021 had both never-been married before ([FP-23-09](#)).



7 out of 10 high school seniors in 2020 expected to marry in the future. Additionally, almost a fourth (23%) did not know if they expected to marry ([FP-22-04](#)).

## + Family Profiles <https://www.bgsu.edu/ncfmr/resources/data/family-profiles.html>

Original reports summarizing and analyzing nationally representative data with the goal to provide the latest analysis of U.S. families. These profiles examine topics related to the NCFMR's core research themes.