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Table 1: Marital status of U.S. population ages 15 and older by sex and race/ethnicity: 2007

	Black	Non-Hispanic White	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian & Alaskan Native	Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander	Some other race	Two or more races
Male								
Never married	48.6	29.8	41.1	33.8	43.2	41.3	42.4	49.8
Now married (except separated)	34.9	55.9	48.4	59.9	39.9	48.6	47.5	37.0
Separated	3.8	1.4	2.8	1.1	2.8	2.0	3.0	2.3
Widowed	2.8	2.8	1.4	1.6	2.7	1.7	1.1	1.6
Divorced	9.8	10.1	6.3	3.6	11.4	6.3	6.0	9.3
Female								
Never married	45.2	23.1	33.8	25.8	35.1	36.7	35.6	43.3
Now married (except separated)	26.9	52.1	46.2	59.2	38.2	46.0	45.5	35.1
Separated	5.3	1.7	4.9	1.5	3.9	3.3	5.2	3.2
Widowed	9.5	10.9	5.6	7.6	7.9	5.8	4.8	5.8
Divorced	13.1	12.2	9.5	5.8	14.9	8.3	8.9	12.6

Hispanic may be of any race.

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2007 Annual Social and Economic Supplement](#)

Table 2: Marital status of the U.S. population by select age groups: 2007

Age Group	Total Number (in thousands)	Married Spouse Present	Married Spouse Absent	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Never Married
Total 15+	235,848	51.5	1.5	5.9	9.7	2.1	29.4
15-17 years	13,291	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.6	98.7
18-19 years	7,861	2.4	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.6	96.1
20-24 years	20,524	14.7	1.0	0.1	1.2	1.3	81.7
25-29 years	20,650	41.2	1.6	0.2	4.0	2.4	50.6
30-34 years	19,180	59.4	2.1	0.4	7.3	2.6	28.2
35-39 years	20,900	64.8	2.2	0.6	10.0	3.3	19.1
40-44 years	21,849	65.5	1.8	1.0	13.7	3.0	14.9
45-49 years	22,626	64.9	1.7	1.6	15.3	3.3	13.3
50-54 years	20,804	66.6	1.4	2.5	16.4	2.6	10.5
55-64 years	32,168	68.2	1.2	5.7	16.2	2.0	6.7
65-74 years	18,978	64.1	1.2	17.7	11.4	1.4	4.1
75-84 years	13,073	50.5	1.5	37.5	6.4	0.7	3.5
85+ years	3,945	28.6	1.9	62.2	3.6	0.2	3.5
15-17 years	13,291	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.6	98.7
18+ years	222,557	54.5	1.5	6.2	10.3	2.2	25.2
15-64 years	199,852	50.8	1.5	1.6	9.9	2.3	34.0
65+ years	35,996	55.3	1.4	29.7	8.7	1.0	3.8

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2007 Annual Social and Economic Supplement](#)

Table 3: Marital status of the U.S. population ages 15 and older by sex: 2005-2007

Sex and Marital Status	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
Male:	116,033,759	+/-10,227	100.0	-
Never married	39,124,581	+/-73,194	33.7	+/- .06
Now married:	63,210,012	+/-104,913	54.5	+/- .09
Married, spouse present	57,299,634	+/-129,037	49.4	+/- .11
Married, spouse absent:	5,910,378	+/-37,298	5.1	+/- .03
Separated	2,179,323	+/-14,910	1.9	+/- .01
Other	3,731,055	+/-29,576	3.2	+/- .03
Widowed	2,966,524	+/-12,780	2.6	+/- .01
Divorced	10,732,642	+/-42,642	9.2	+/- .04
Female:	121,950,292	+/-8,359	100.0	-
Never married	33,258,797	+/-60,378	27.3	+/- .05
Now married:	62,325,750	+/-85,733	51.1	+/- .07
Married, spouse present	56,232,292	+/-106,267	46.1	+/- .09
Married, spouse absent:	6,093,458	+/-34,662	5.0	+/- .03
Separated	3,160,700	+/-19,271	2.6	+/- .02
Other	2,932,758	+/-24,075	2.4	+/- .02
Widowed	12,202,031	+/-23,114	10.0	+/- .02
Divorced	14,163,714	+/-40,440	11.6	+/- .03

The margin of error is the difference between an estimate and its upper or lower confidence bound (90% level).

Source: [2005-2007 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates, Detailed Tables](#)

Table 4: Percent of the population ages 15 and over by sex, age, and select marital status: 1950 to 2007

Sex and Year	15 to 24 years	25 to 34 years			35 to 59 years		60 years and over		
	Never Married	Never Married	Divorced	Separated	Divorced	Separated	Married	Divorced or Separated	Widowed
Men									
1950	77.4	18.7	1.9	1.6	2.7	2.0	68.6	3.8	19.1
1960	77.2	16.2	2.0	1.6	2.9	1.8	73.1	4.1	15.1
1970	77.9	15.5	3.1	1.9	3.7	1.9	74.8	4.8	13.2
1980	82.8	23.9	7.6	2.7	7.4	2.4	79.1	5.5	11.4
1990	88.0	36.1	7.3	2.5	11.8	2.7	76.3	7.1	11.4
2000	87.5	39.1	6.4	2.1	13.2	2.5	74.9	9.3	11.2
2005-07	93.0	46.6	5.5	2.0	14.0	2.6	72.3	10.2	10.9
Women									
1950	56.4	11.3	2.8	2.5	3.4	2.5	42.2	2.7	46.5
1960	58.6	8.6	2.9	2.8	4.0	2.5	43.3	3.6	44.8
1970	63.8	10.0	4.6	3.4	5.4	2.9	42.7	4.9	44.5
1980	70.9	16.3	10.1	3.9	10.0	3.3	44.9	6.0	44.1
1990	78.9	25.0	9.8	3.8	15.0	3.5	44.5	7.7	42.5
2000	81.8	29.7	8.5	3.3	16.3	3.4	46.4	10.3	38.9
2005-07	88.2	36.3	7.5	3.5	17.1	3.6	45.3	12.1	36.4

Source: [Kreider, R and T. Simmons. 2003. Census 2000 Brief \(C2KBR-30\): Marital Status 2000](#) and [2005-2007 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates, Detailed Tables](#)

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Table 5: Marital status of the population 25 years and over by educational attainment: 2007

	Number (in thousands)	None - 8th grade	9th - 11th grade	High school graduate	Some college no degree	Associate's degree	Bachelor's degree	Master's degree	Professional degree	Doctoral degree
Female										
Married	59,933	50.7	48.3	58.1	57.6	61.0	66.1	67.1	65.7	67.4
Divorced/Separated	15,842	11.6	17.5	16.3	19.3	18.5	12.2	12.6	10.5	12.7
Widowed	11,200	26.7	20.0	13.9	8.9	7.2	5.1	4.7	4.5	4.3
Never Married	13,922	11.1	14.2	11.8	14.1	13.3	16.7	15.6	19.3	15.6
Male										
Married Spouse Present	61,422	63.0	58.7	62.3	63.5	68.3	69.8	76.9	79.8	79.6
Divorced/Separated	11,373	10.3	14.1	14.5	14.4	12.3	8.5	8.1	6.7	7.7
Widowed	2,687	7.3	4.7	3.3	2.3	1.3	1.6	1.9	2.3	1.9
Never Married	17,940	19.4	22.5	20.0	19.8	18.2	20.2	13.2	11.2	10.8

(Civilian noninstitutional population.)

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2007 Annual Social and Economic Supplement](#)

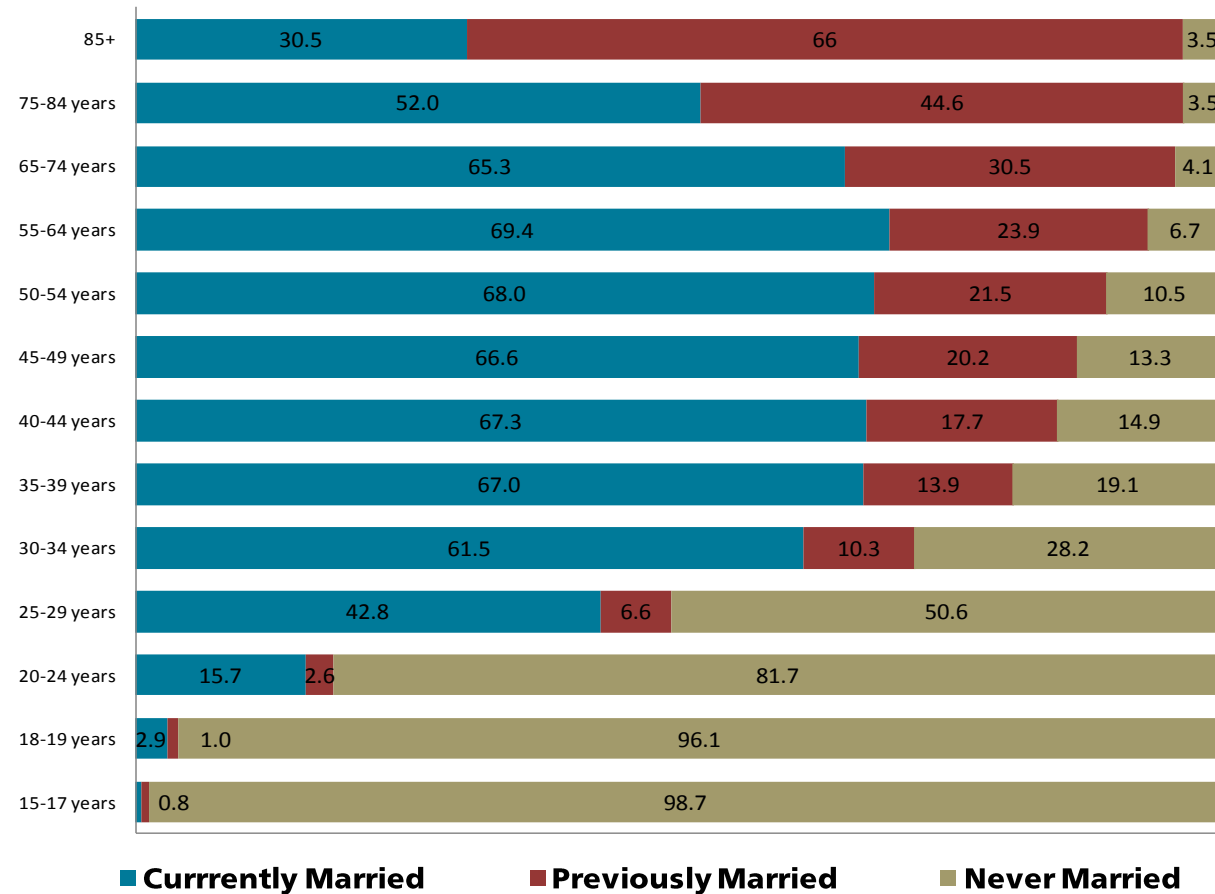
Table 6: Marital status by nativity: U.S. population ages 15 and older, 2005-2007

Place of birth and marital status	Point Estimate	Margin of Error	%	Margin of Error
Born in state of residence:				
Never married	44,746,830	+/-76,782	35.5	+/- 0.06
Now married, except separated	57,911,377	+/-128,673	45.9	+/- 0.10
Divorced or separated	15,694,921	+/-54,171	12.4	+/- 0.04
Widowed	7,809,942	+/-24,244	6.2	+/- 0.02
Born in other state in the United States:				
Never married	17,811,259	+/-43,978	24.2	+/- 0.05
Now married, except separated	39,799,460	+/-93,517	54.2	+/- 0.11
Divorced or separated	10,485,492	+/-36,326	14.3	+/- 0.05
Widowed	5,376,737	+/-21,848	7.3	+/- 0.03
Native; born outside the United States:				
Never married	1,064,968	+/-12,116	32.5	+/- 0.31
Now married, except separated	1,531,788	+/-12,304	46.8	+/- 0.25
Divorced or separated	514,154	+/-7,362	15.7	+/- 0.20
Widowed	161,436	+/-3,446	4.9	+/- 0.10
Foreign born:				
Never married	8,760,321	+/-47,210	25.0	+/- 0.13
Now married, except separated	20,953,114	+/-46,927	59.7	+/- 0.07
Divorced or separated	3,541,812	+/-22,672	10.1	+/- 0.06
Widowed	1,820,440	+/-13,297	5.2	+/- 0.04

Note: 90% margin of error shown.

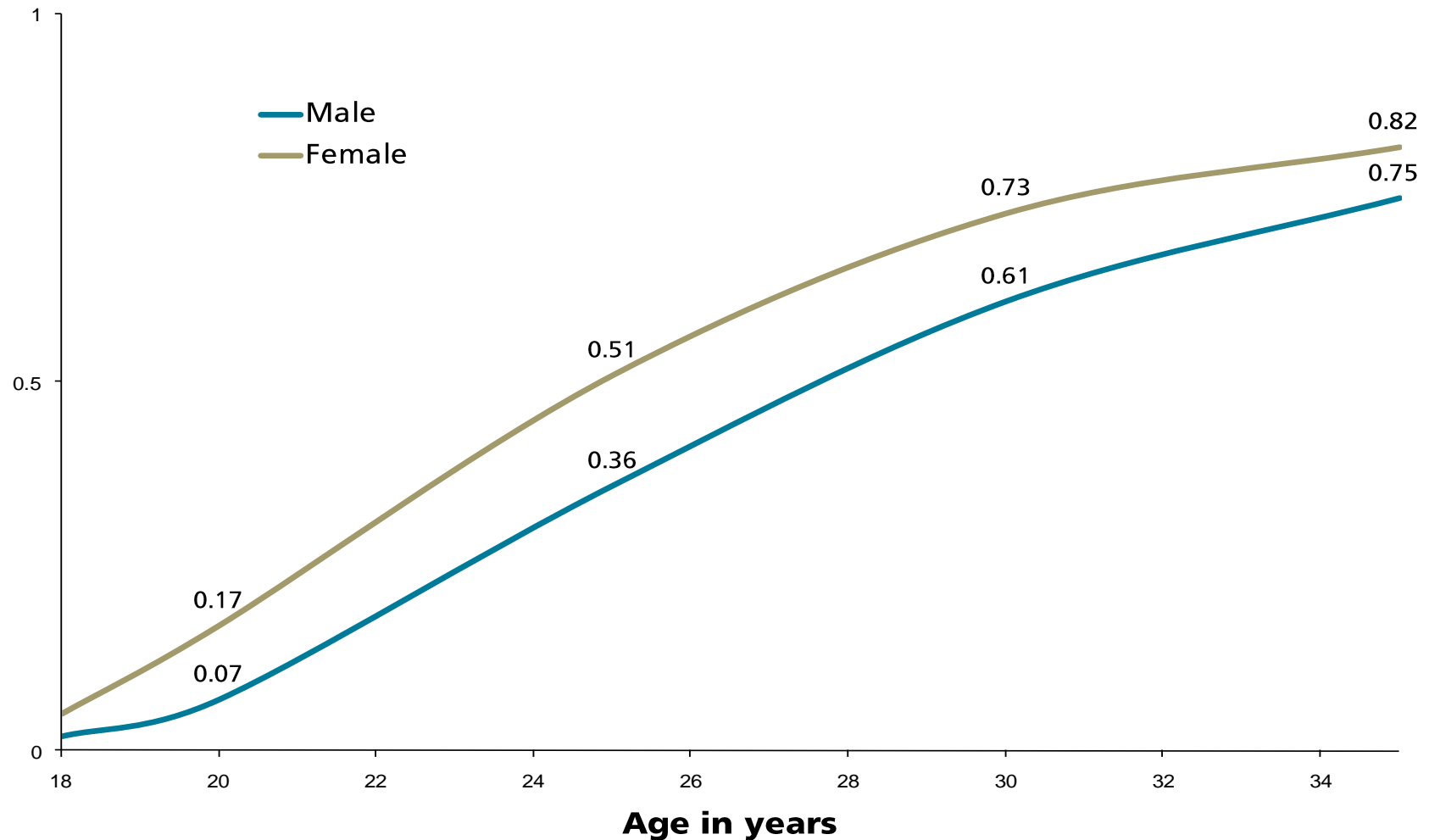
Source: [2005-2007 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates, Detailed Tables](#)

**Figure 1: Marital status of the U.S. population ages 15 and older: 2007
(percent distribution)**



Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2007 Annual Social and Economic Supplement](#)

Figure 2: Probability of first marriage by age for U.S. men and women ages 15 to 44: 2002



Source: [Martinez GM, Chandra A, Abma JC, Jones J, Mosher WD. Fertility, contraception, and fatherhood: Data on men and women from Cycle 6 \(2002\) of the National Survey of Family Growth. National Center for Health Statistics. Vital Health Stat 23\(26\). 2006.](#)

Table 7: Percent reaching stated anniversary by marriage cohort and sex: 2004

Sex and year of marriage	Anniversary ¹							
	5th	10th	15th	20th	25th	30th	35th	40th
FIRST MARRIAGES								
Men								
1955 to 1959	96.4	88.3	80.3	73.8	70.4	67.3	64.7	61.4
1960 to 1964 ²	95.1	85.0	75.2	69.7	65.0	62.4	59.7	52.5
1965 to 1969 ²	90.5	76.9	67.4	62.3	58.6	55.5	48.2	(X)
1970 to 1974 ²	88.5	74.4	64.6	58.1	53.8	46.2	(X)	(X)
1975 to 1979 ²	88.1	73.0	65.2	59.6	49.5	(X)	(X)	(X)
1980 to 1984 ²	88.7	73.7	65.3	53.8	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
1985 to 1989 ²	89.3	76.4	60.6	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
1990 to 1994 ²	89.4	70.0	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Women								
1955 to 1959	94.0	86.8	79.4	72.4	67.2	63.5	58.9	54.7
1960 to 1964 ²	92.8	82.3	72.7	66.5	60.4	56.1	52.7	44.9
1965 to 1969 ²	89.5	74.9	65.7	60.0	55.1	51.3	43.8	(X)
1970 to 1974 ²	87.1	71.6	61.4	55.4	50.6	42.1	(X)	(X)
1975 to 1979 ²	85.3	70.0	61.4	55.7	46.4	(X)	(X)	(X)
1980 to 1984 ²	86.5	70.7	63.1	52.4	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
1985 to 1989 ²	85.7	73.0	56.9	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
1990 to 1994 ²	87.2	69.2	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
SECOND MARRIAGES								
Men								
1975 to 1979 ²	87.2	74.7	60.9	52.3	42.0	(X)	(X)	(X)
1980 to 1984 ²	87.6	75.0	57.5	46.4	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
1985 to 1989 ²	91.9	70.3	52.3	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
1990 to 1994 ²	89.1	68.0	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Women								
1975 to 1979 ²	86.6	72.1	56.1	47.2	36.7	(X)	(X)	(X)
1980 to 1984 ²	86.3	71.6	54.4	41.5	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
1985 to 1989 ²	85.7	66.8	48.7	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
1990 to 1994 ²	86.0	64.3	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

(Numbers in thousands)

X Not applicable.

¹ People reaching stated anniversary for specified marital order.

² Approximately 10 percent of the cohort has not reached the stated age by the end of the latest specified time period. Because of this, estimates for this group for the highest anniversary are low.

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation \(SIPP\), 2004 Panel, Wave 2 Topical Module.](#)

Table 8: Current U.S. marital status parity by sex and select age groups: 2004

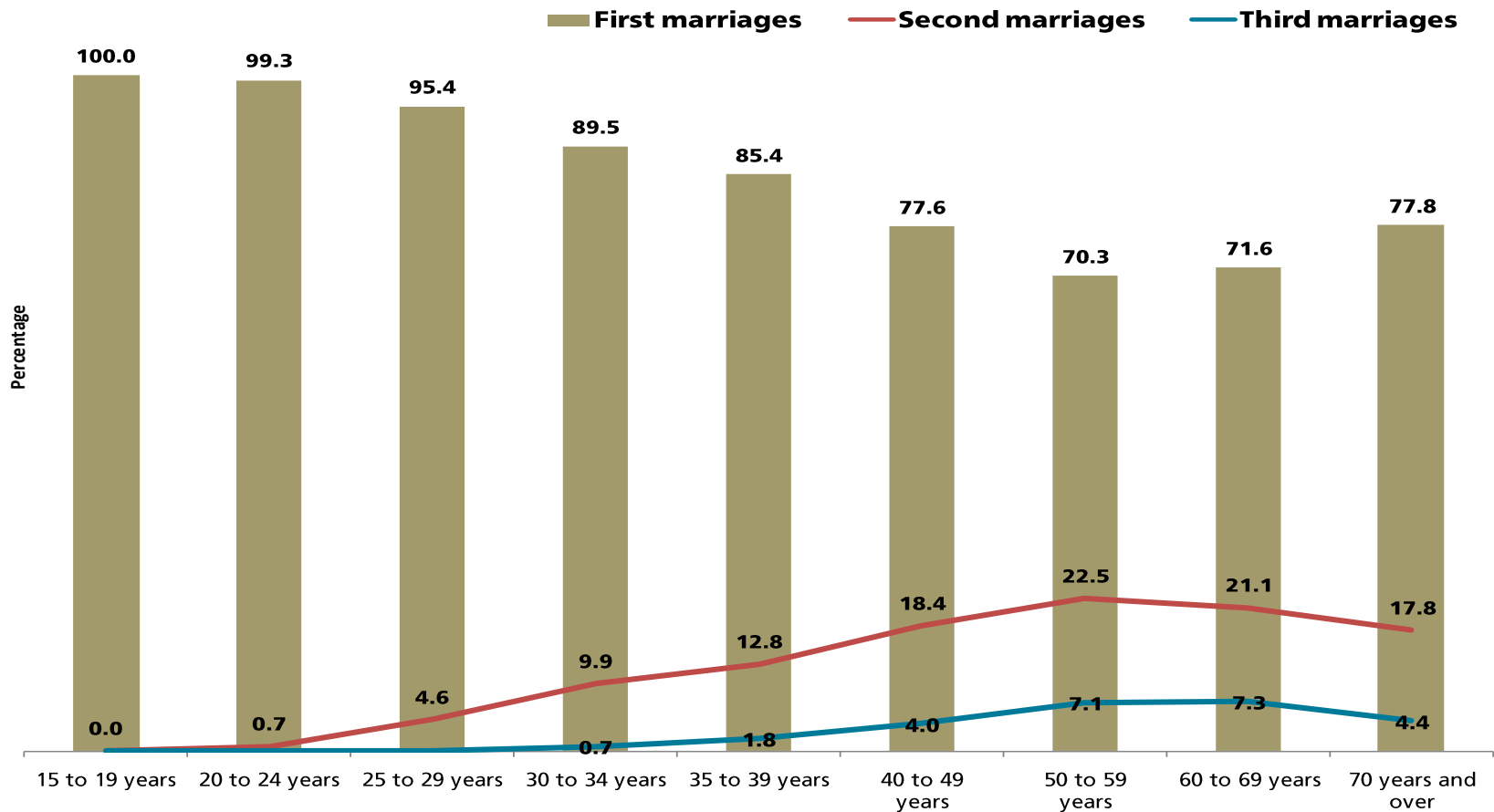
Women		Percentage of current marriages that are:		
Age in years	Currently Married	First Marriages	Second Marriages	Third or higher Marriages
15-19	2.4	100	-	-
20-24	23.7	97.0	3.0	-
25-29	51.5	94.4	5.4	0.2
30-34	65.0	88.6	10.2	1.2
35-39	67.5	80.9	16.7	2.4
40-49	66.5	74.7	21.1	4.2
50-59	64.3	69.1	24.1	6.8
60-69	61.1	75.6	18.5	5.9
70 +	35.3	82.2	15.0	2.8
TOTAL	51.3	79.1	17.2	3.7

Men		Percentage of current marriages that are:		
Age in years	Currently Married	First Marriages	Second Marriages	Third or higher Marriages
15-19	1.5	100	-	-
20-24	14.5	99.3	0.7	-
25-29	41.6	95.4	4.6	-
30-34	60.8	89.5	9.9	0.7
35-39	66.3	85.4	12.8	1.8
40-49	68.0	77.6	18.4	4.0
50-59	71.5	70.3	22.5	7.1
60-69	76.4	71.6	21.1	7.3
70 +	70.8	77.8	17.8	4.4
TOTAL	55.3	79.2	16.6	4.2

Notes: 'Dash ("-") Represents or rounds to zero.

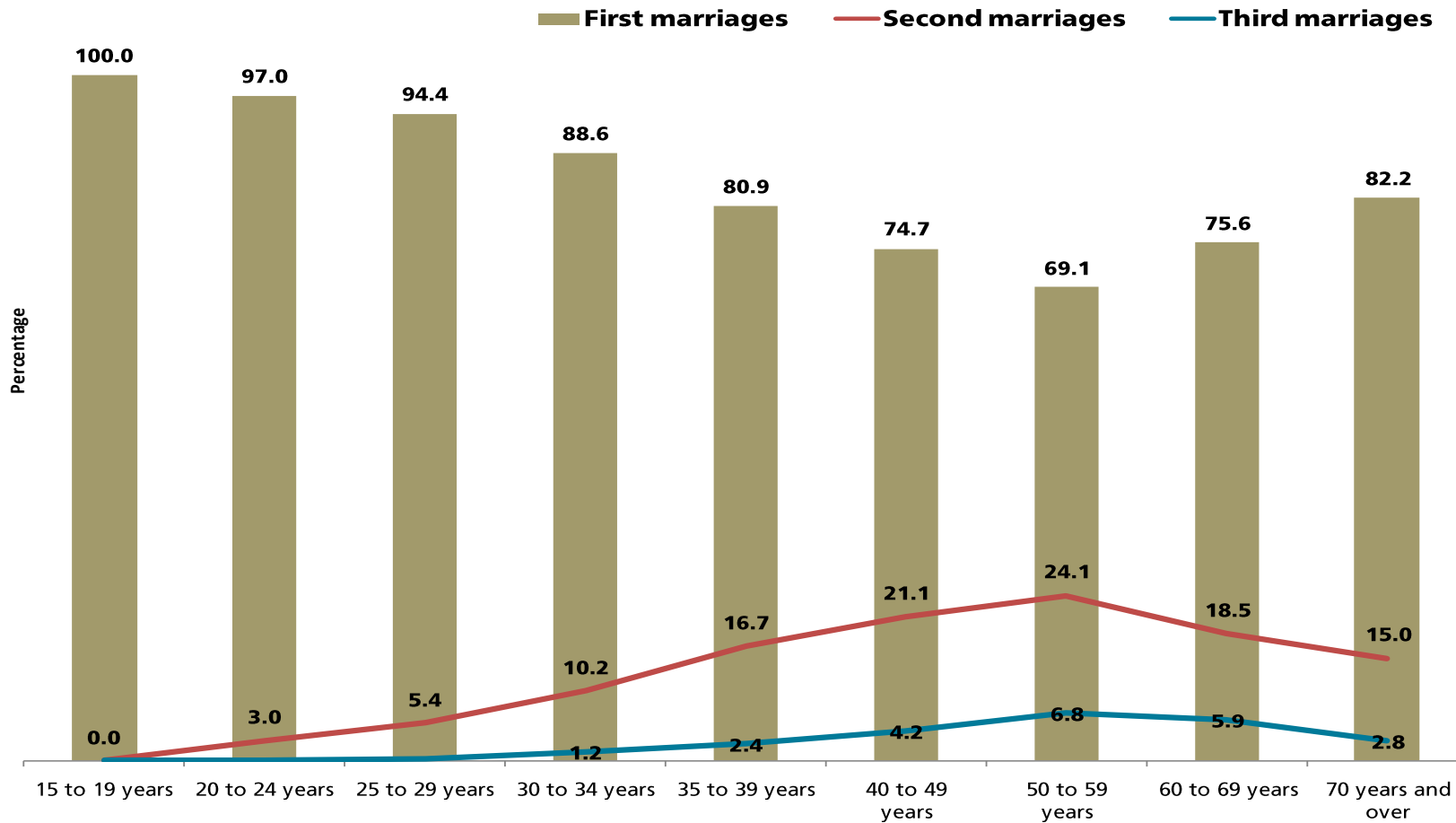
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Figure 3: Percentage of current marriages that are first, second, or third marriages by age: U.S. men, 2004



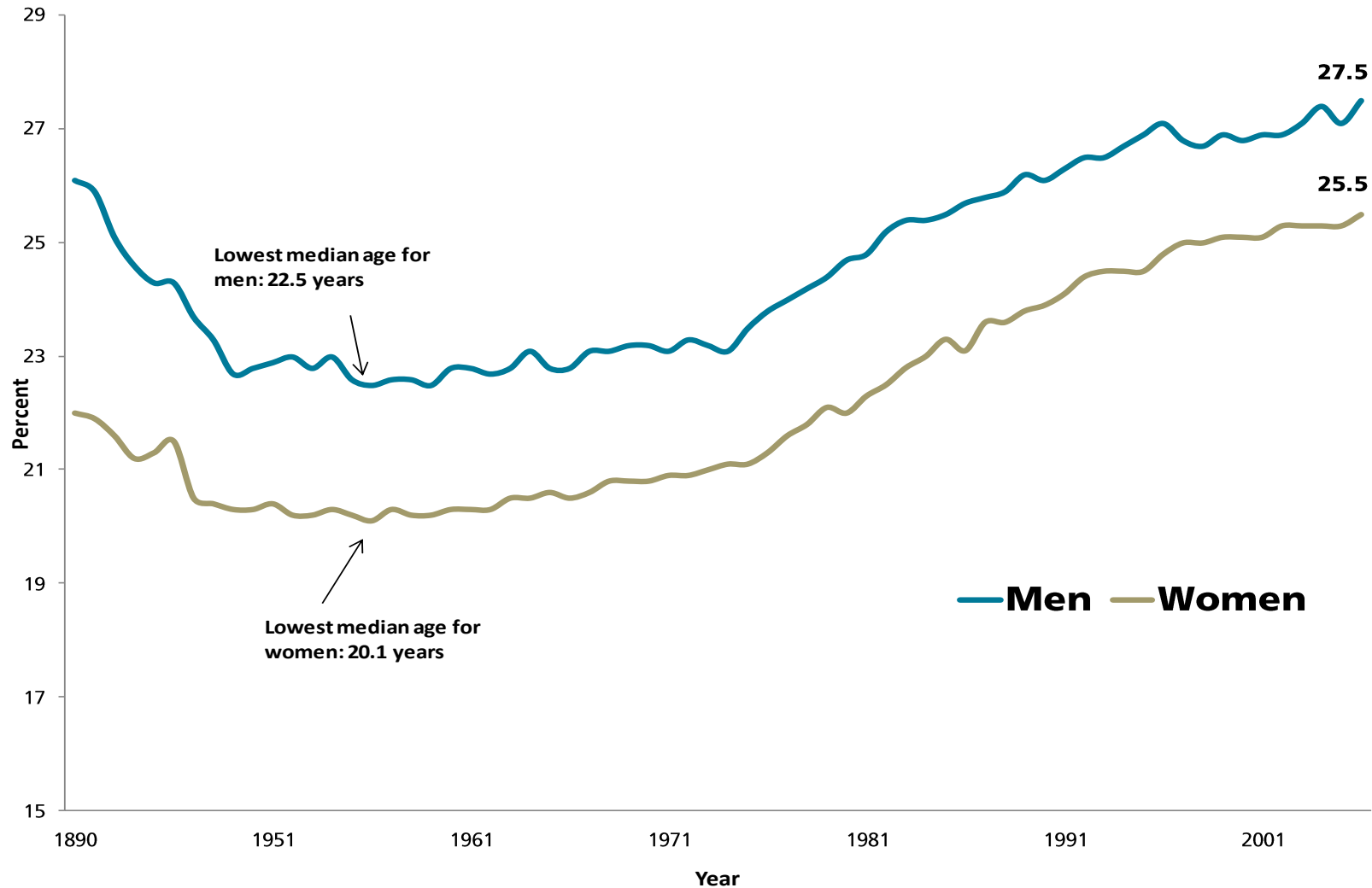
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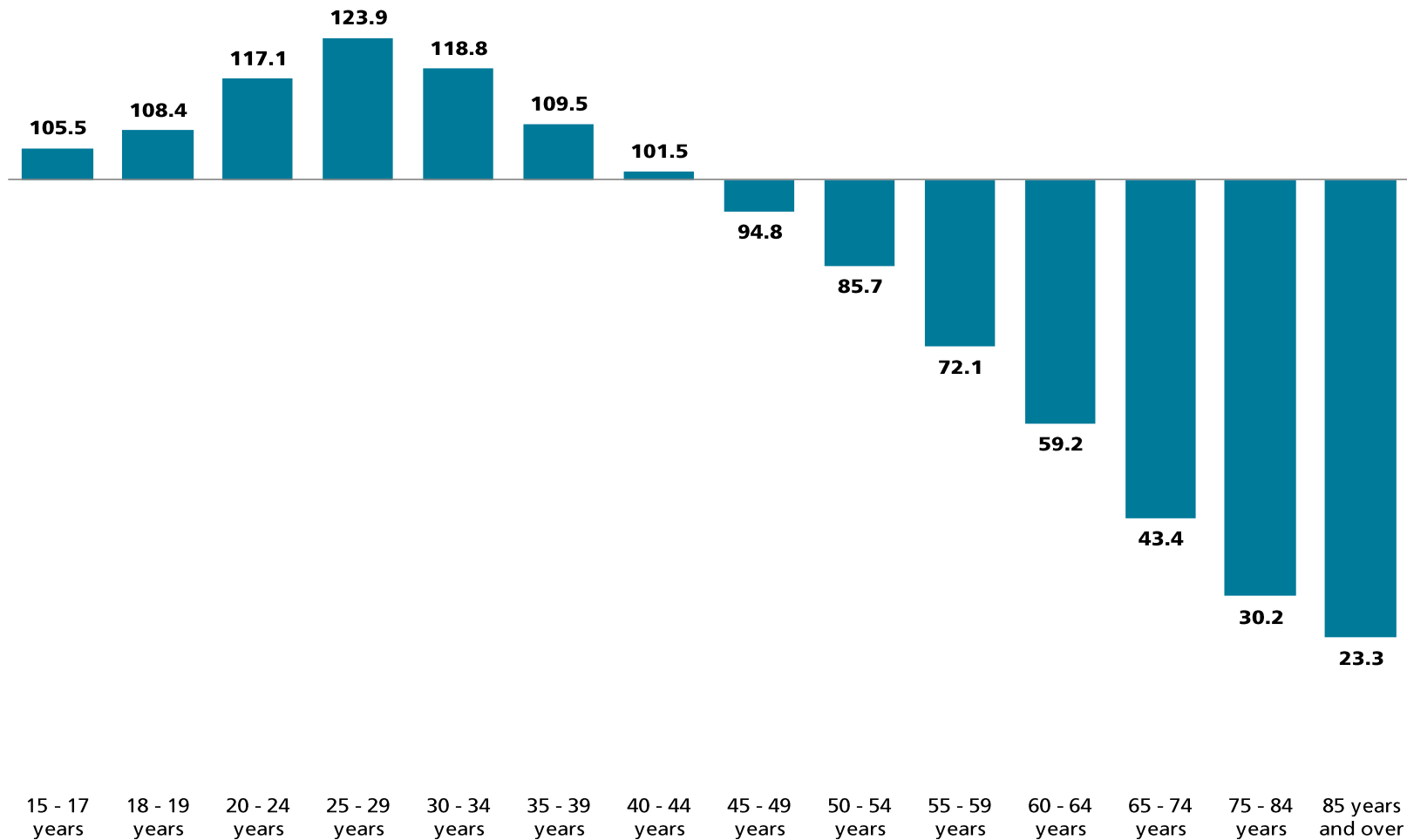
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Figure 5: Median age at first marriage for U.S. men and women: 1890-2006



Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March Supplement](#)

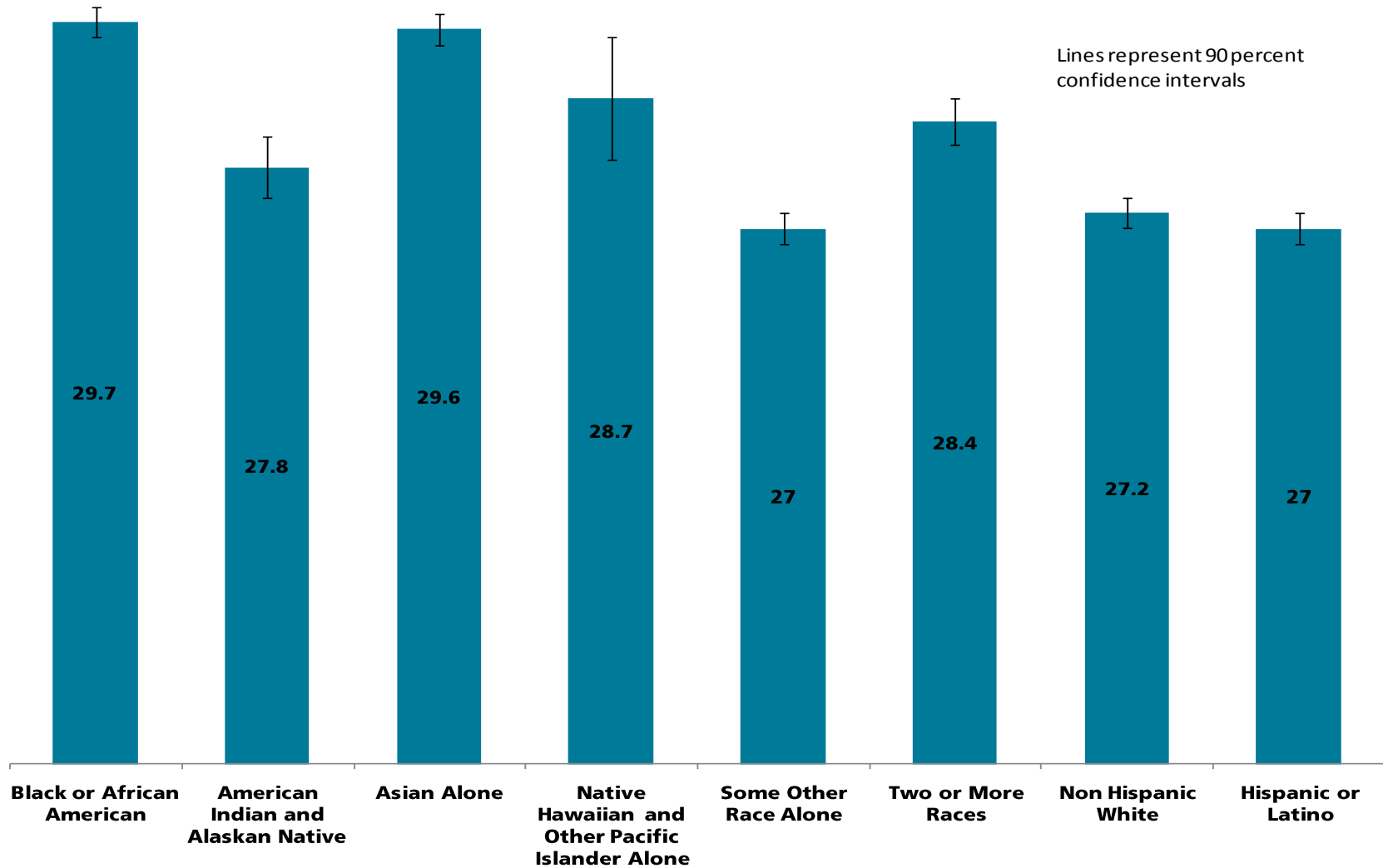
Figure 6: Unmarried men¹ per 100 unmarried women by age: U.S., 2005-2007



1/Unmarried includes never married, divorced and widowed.

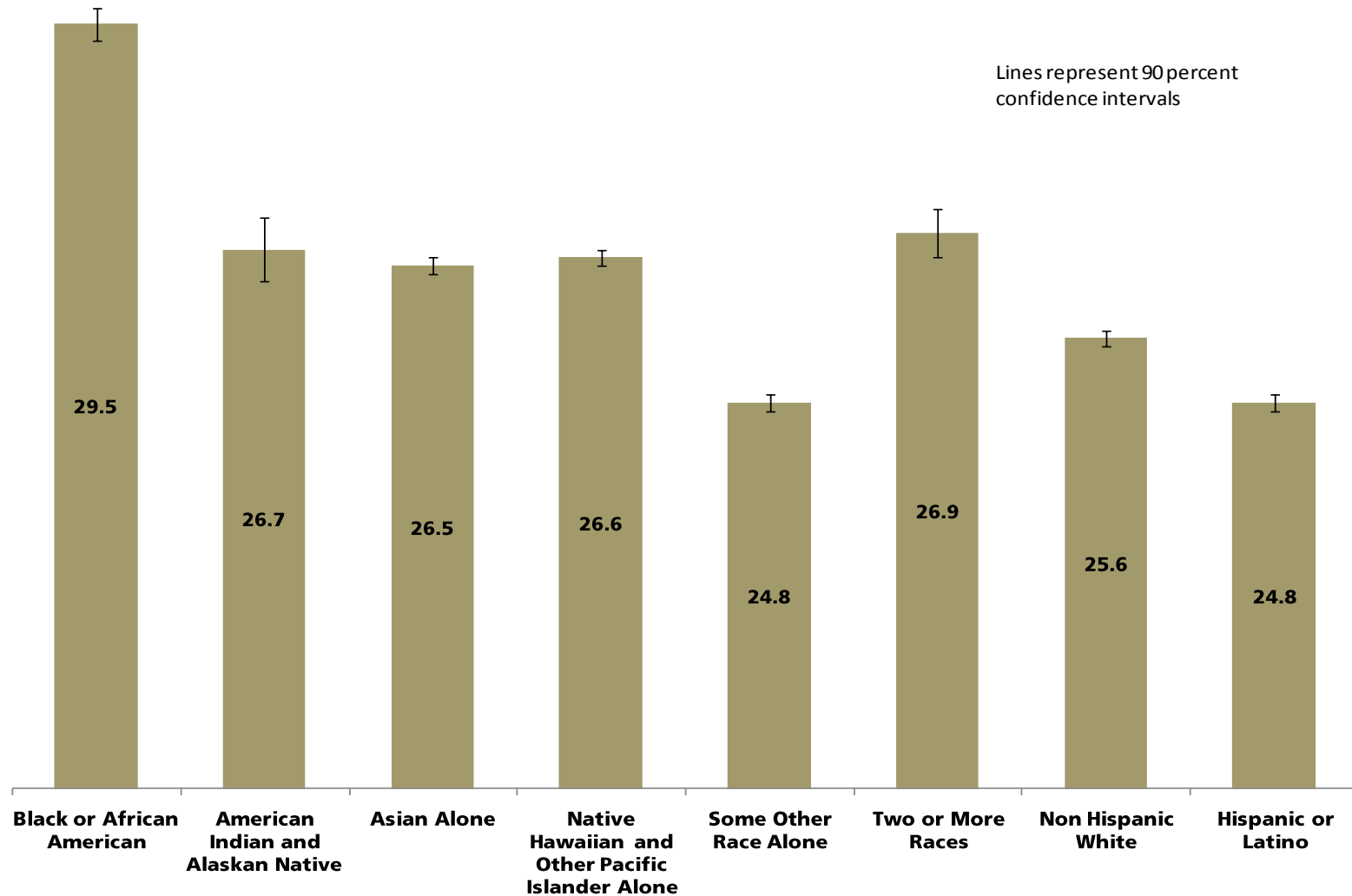
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Figure 7: Median age at first marriage for U.S. men ages 15 and older by race/ethnicity: 2005-2007



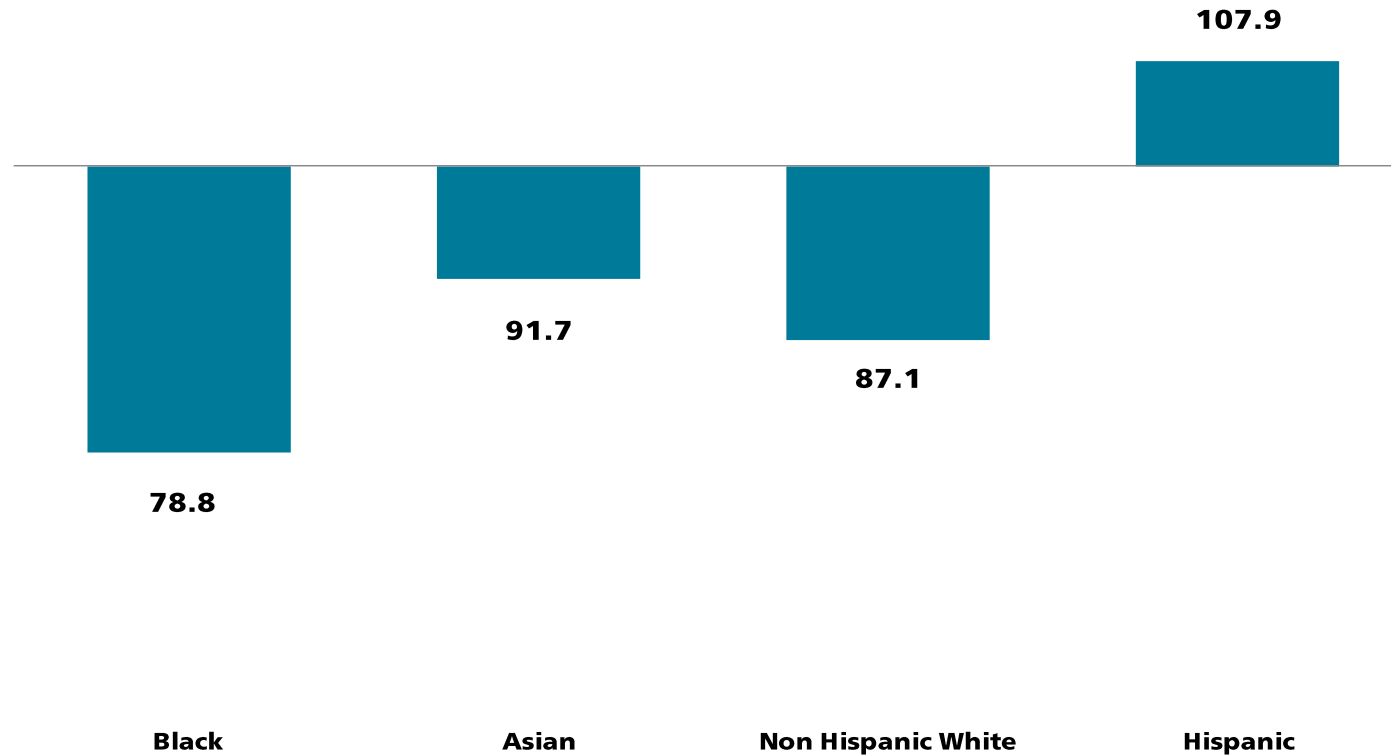
Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2007 American Community Survey](https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2007/2005-2007/american-community-survey.html)

Figure 8: Median age at first marriage for U.S. women ages 15 and older by race/ethnicity: 2005-2007



Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2007 American Community Survey](https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2007/acs/2007-2008/2007-2008-acs-5-yr-marriage.html).

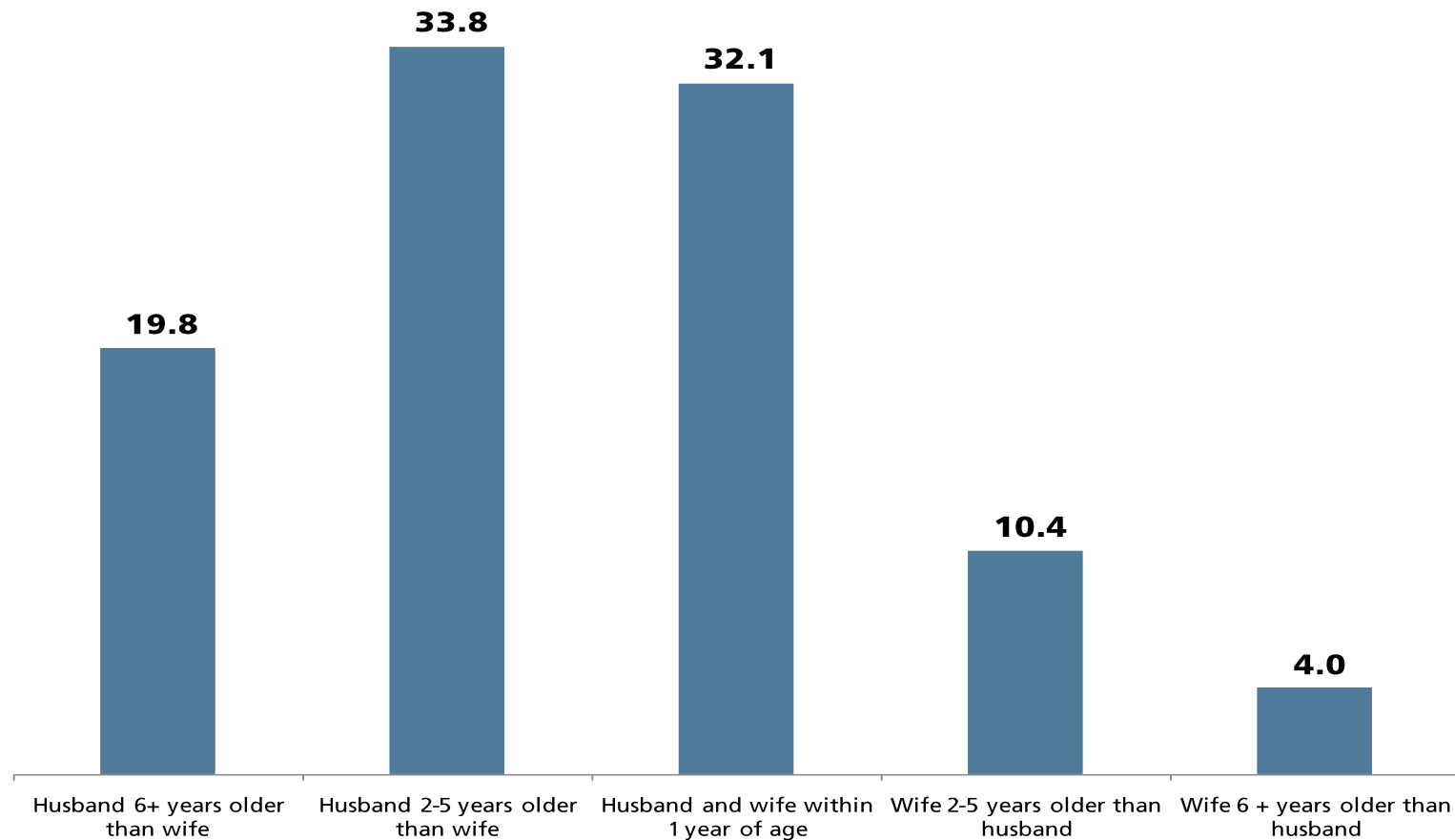
Figure 9: Unmarried men¹ per 100 unmarried women by race/ethnicity: U.S., 2005-2007



¹/Unmarried includes never married, divorced and widowed.

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2007 American Community Survey](https://www.census.gov/hhes/marriage-divorce/acs-marriage-divorce.html).

Figure 10: Age difference between husband and wife: U.S. married couples, 2007 (percent distribution)



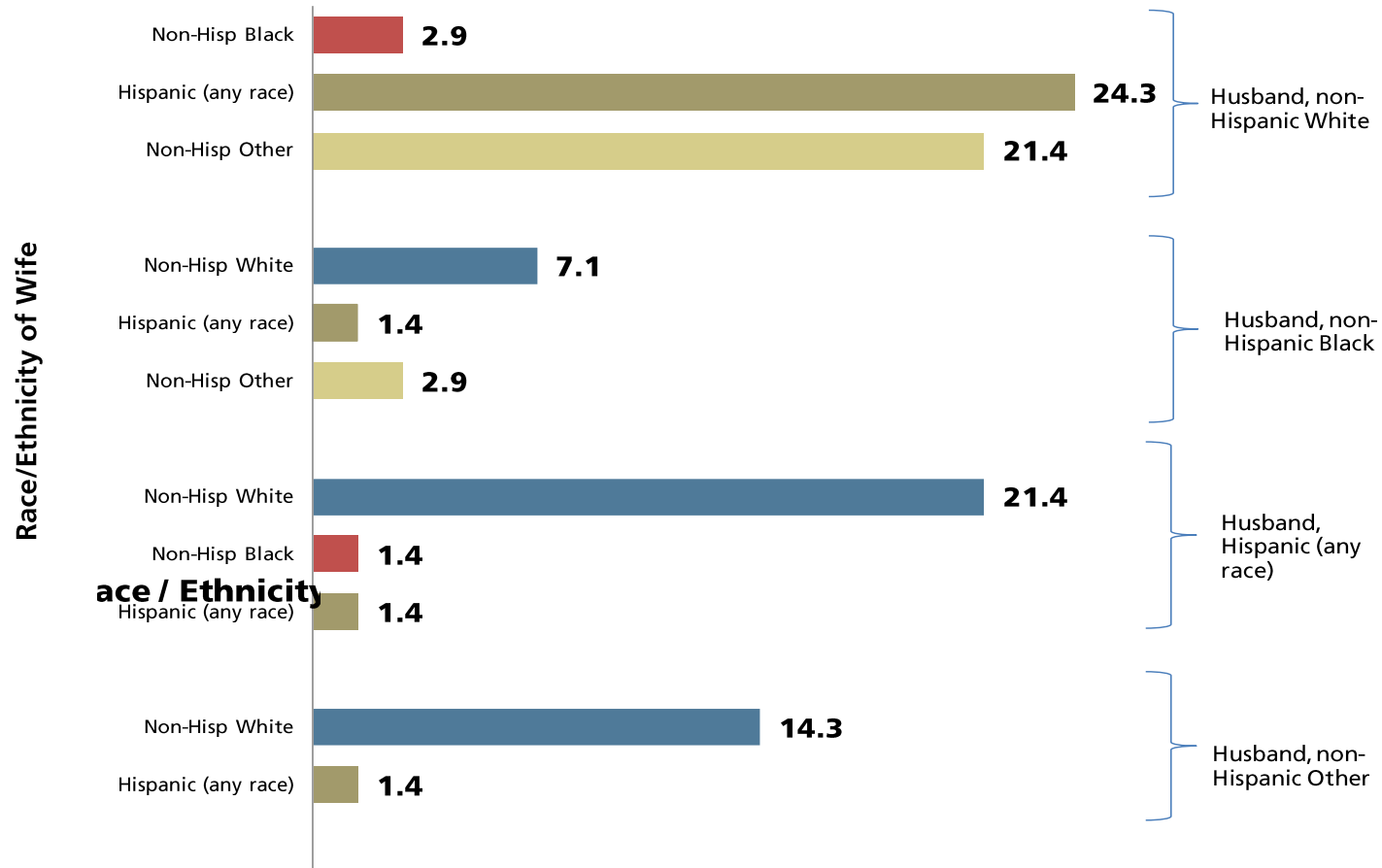
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Table 9: Differences in age, race/ethnicity, educational attainment, and personal earnings of U.S. married couples: 2007 (percent distribution)

Characteristics of Married Couples		%
Age		
	Husband 6+ years older than wife	19.8
	Husband 2-5 years older than wife	33.8
	Husband and wife within 1 year of age	32.1
	Wife 2-5 years older than husband	10.4
	Wife 6 + years older than husband	4.0
Race/Ethnicity		
	Both White alone - not-Hispanic	70.9
	Both Black alone - not-Hispanic	6.6
	Both Hispanic	10.3
	Both Other alone or any combination - not-Hispanic	5.1
	Different race/ethnicity	7.1
Education		
	Husband more education than wife	21.8
	Husband and wife same education	55.7
	Wife more education than husband	22.6
Personal Earnings		
	Husband earns \$50,000+ more	20.5
	Husband earns \$30,000-\$49,999 more	13.1
	Husband earns \$10,000-\$29,999 more	19.2
	Husband earns \$5,000-\$9,999 more	4.7
	Husband earns within \$4,999 of wife	24.4
	Wife earns \$5,000-\$9,999 more	3.1
	Wife earns \$10,000-\$29,999 more	8.5
	Wife earns \$30,000-\$49,999 more	3.6
	Wife earns \$50,000+ more	2.9

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2007 Annual Social and Economic Supplement](#). Internet Release
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Figure 11: Race/ethnic composition of interracial/interethnic U.S. married couples: 2007 (percent distribution)



Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2007 Annual Social and Economic Supplement](https://www.census.gov/hhes/marriage-divorce/cps78.html). Internet Release Date: July 2008

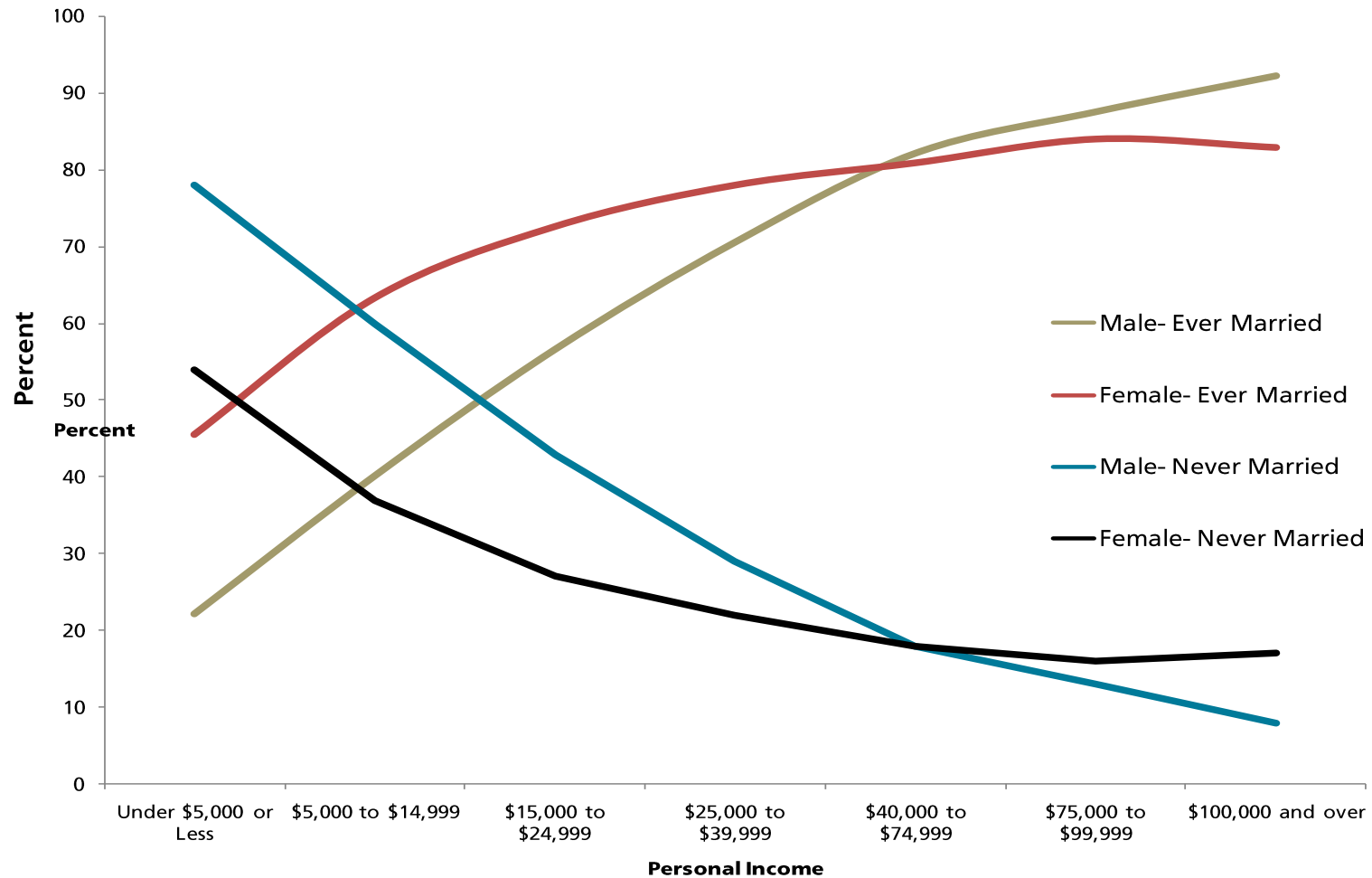
Table 10: Marital status of people 15 years and over by age, sex, and personal earnings: 2007 (percent distribution)

	Percent Distribution					
	Male			Female		
	Married	Previously married	Never married	Married	Previously married	Never married
Total	55	13	33	51	23	26
Without Earnings						
18+ years	53	19	28	53	32	16
15-64 years	27	11	62	50	14	36
65+ years	73	23	4	43	54	3
85+ years	60	37	3	15	81	4
Under \$5,000 or Less						
18+ years	27	9	64	44	14	42
15-64 years	16	6	78	36	10	54
65+ years	79	19	2	50	47	4
85+ years	45	55	0	11	89	0
\$5,000 to \$14,999						
18+ years	35	11	54	49	17	34
15-64 years	30	10	60	48	15	37
65+ years	75	19	6	50	44	6
85+ years	86	14	0	13	70	17
\$15,000 to \$24,999						
18+ years	46	13	42	53	21	26
15-64 years	45	12	43	53	19	27
65+ years	75	18	7	44	49	7
85+ years	64	36	0	47	27	25
\$25,000 to \$39,999						
18+ years	58	13	29	57	21	21
15-64 years	58	13	29	58	21	22
65+ years	78	18	4	47	47	7
85+ years	93	0	7	0	73	27
\$40,000 to \$74,999						
18+ years	71	12	17	62	19	18
15-64 years	70	12	18	62	19	18
65+ years	78	19	3	46	50	5
85+ years	42	42	16	0	100	0
\$75,000 to \$99,999						
18+ years	78	10	12	64	20	17
15-64 years	78	10	13	65	19	16
65+ years	87	11	2	60	32	8
85+ years	100	0	0	0	0	0
\$100,000 and over						
18+ years	85	8	7	64	20	17
15-64 years	85	7	8	64	19	17
65+ years	87	13	0	64	18	17
85+ years	18	75	7	0	0	0

Previously married includes divorced, separated and widowed.

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2007 Annual Social and Economic Supplement](https://www.census.gov/hhes/2007socialandeconomic/)

Figure 12: Marital status by personal income of U.S. men and women ages 15-64: 2007



Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2007 Annual Social and Economic Supplement](#)

Note: Excludes those with no earnings.