In this Family Profile, an update to a previous profile on the marriage rate (FP-17-25), we estimate adjusted marriage rates for the nation and each state for 2017. Using American Community Survey data, we enumerate estimates of the number of marriages occurring in the last year among unmarried women, calculate their margins of error, and provide information on their geographic variation. For detailed information on the adjusted marriage rate from 2008-2017, see Charting Marriage & Divorce in the U.S.: The Adjusted Marriage Rate.

U.S. Marriage Rate, 2017*

The marriage rate continues to be stable for 2017, remaining at a 45-year low since 2010.

In 2017, there were 32.2 marriages per 1,000 unmarried women.

2.3 million women married in 2017, an increase of about 203,000 marriages from 2010.

Rates are represented as the number of women aged 15 or older who married in the past year per 1,000 unmarried women aged 15 or older.

Five Highest and Lowest Marriage Rates, 2017

Utah continues to hold the top spot in terms of the marriage rate with 59 marriages per 1,000 unmarried women in 2017.

Rhode Island continues to hold the lowest marriage rate in 2017. The rate decreased from 23 marriages per 1,000 unmarried women in 2016 to 19 marriages per 1,000 unmarried women in 2017.

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