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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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+ Fast Facts on American Marriages



In 2024 there were about 2.4 million new marriages in the United States ([FP-25-30](#)).



With 31.2 women marrying per 1,000 unmarried women, the U.S. refined marriage rate remained stable over the past 13 years and in 2024 returned to 2011 levels ([FP-25-30](#)).



The age at first marriage continues to rise and remains higher among men than women. Among individuals entering a first marriage in 2024, the median age for women was 28.6 and for men was 30.5 ([FP-26-01](#)). The median age at remarriage was 48 for men and 44 for women in 2019 ([FP-21-18](#)).



In 2023, the marriage-to-divorce ratio was 2.42. This means that there were over two marriages for every divorce in 2024 ([FP-25-32](#)).



In 2022, 57% of adults over age 65 were married ([FP-24-04](#)). Further, most older adults who were married were in their first marriages ([FP-25-08](#)).



About 4% of all marriages in 2023 were among same-sex couples, amounting to 72,835 marriages ([FP-25-21](#)).



In 2023, the remarriage rate was higher for men than women (34.4 per 1,000 for men and 18.5 per 1,000 for women) ([FP-23-09](#)). About one-quarter of marriages in 2023 were remarriages.



Nearly four out of five women lived with their spouse prior to getting married ([FP-25-25](#)).



Most different-sex couples (67%) and same-sex couples (male-male 76% and female-female 67%) who married in 2023 entered a first marriage for both members of the couple ([FP-25-18](#)).



Seven out of ten high school seniors in 2020 expected to marry in the future. Nearly one-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.