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MARRIAGE

Number of marriages and crude marriage rate

The number of marriages increased 1.2 per cent from 203,741 (2017) to 206,253 (2018). However, the crude marriage rate (CMR) remained at 6.4 per 1,000 population.

The number of Muslim marriages recorded in 2018 was 150,098, increased 1.9 per cent as compared to 147,282 (2017). CMR increased from 7.5 (2017) to 7.6 (2018) per 1,000 Muslim population. The number of Non-Muslim marriages declined 0.5 per cent from 56,459 (2017) to 56,155 (2018). However, CMR remained at 4.5 per 1,000 Non-Muslim population.

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DIVORCE

Number of divorces and crude divorce rate

The number of divorces increased 0.1 per cent from 50,314 (2017) to 50,356 (2018). However, the crude divorce rate (CDR) remained at 1.6 per 1,000 population.

The number of Muslim divorces recorded in 2018 was 40,269, increased 1.4 per cent as compared to 39,709 (2017). CDR remained at 2.0 per 1,000 Muslim population. On the contrary, Non-Muslim divorces declined 4.9 per cent from 10,605 (2017) to 10,087 (2018). Therefore, CDR for Non-Muslim improved slightly from 0.9 (2017) to 0.8 (2018).

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NUMBER OF MARRIAGES
2018: 206,253
2017: 203,741

NUMBER OF DIVORCES
2018: 50,356
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6.4 CRUDE MARRIAGE RATE per 1,000 population

GENERAL MARRIAGE RATE
GROOM 50.7 per 1,000 unmarried males aged 18 and over
BRIDE 47.0 per 1,000 unmarried females aged 18 and over

1.6 CRUDE DIVORCE RATE per 1,000 population

GENERAL DIVORCE RATE
MALE 6.5 per 1,000 married males aged 18 and over
FEMALE 6.9 per 1,000 married females aged 18 and over

MEDIAN AGE OF MARRIAGE
28 YEARS Groom
26 YEARS Bride

MEDIAN AGE OF DIVORCE
37 YEARS Male
34 YEARS Female

THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF MARRIAGES AT AGE
25-29 YEARS for both sexes

OLDEST AGE FOR GROOM & BRIDE
92 YEARS OLD Groom
83 YEARS OLD Bride

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