

MARRIAGE & DIVORCES

2000-2018



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Marriages & Divorces Barbados 2000-2018

This report highlights marriage and divorce statistics from the year 2000 to 2018. In addition, cases other than divorces have been also been investigated.

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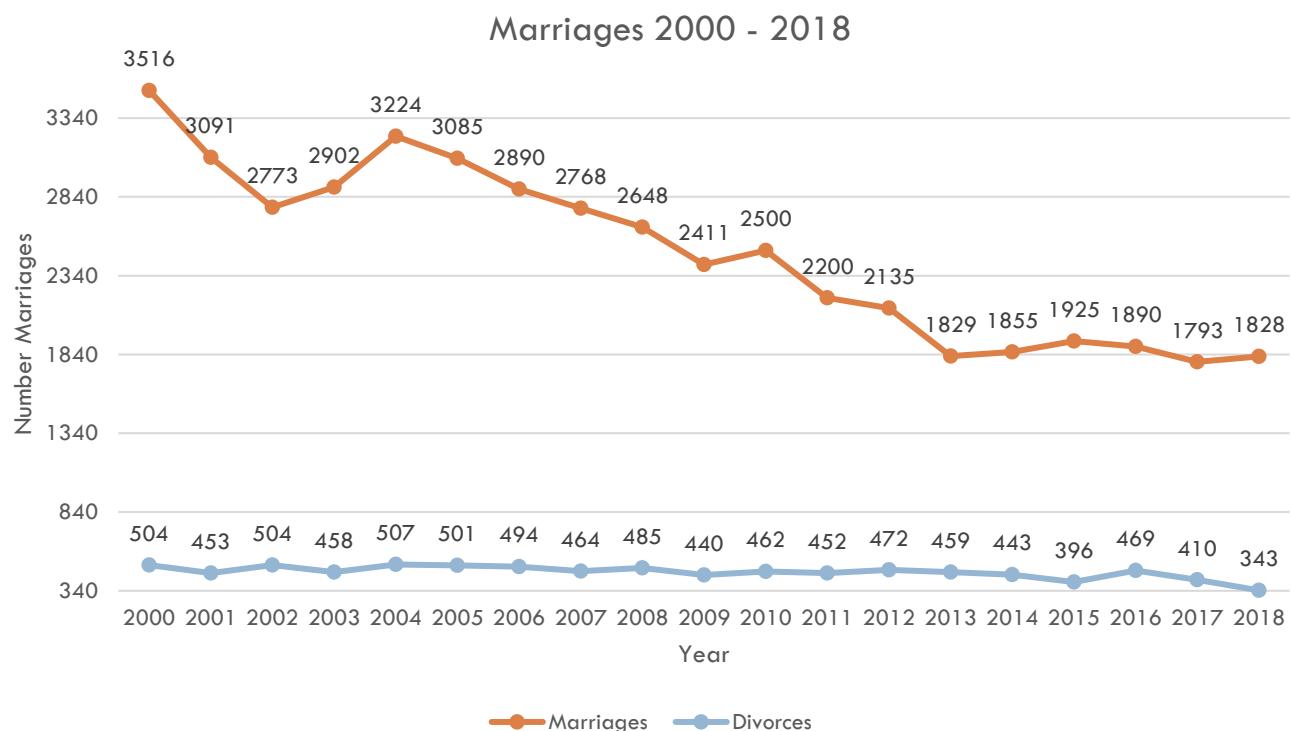
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❖ Total Registered Marriages

The number of marriages in Barbados showed a generally decreasing trend from 2000 to 2018 with the exception of 2002, 2003, 2009, 2013, 2014 and 2017 which showed slight increases from the previous year.

❖ Total Registered Divorces

The number of divorces in Barbados showed a generally decreasing trend from 2000 to 2018 with the exception of 2002, 2003, 2009, 2013, 2014 and 2017 which showed slight increases from the previous year.



❖ Marriage by Place of Occurrence

Over the years, Christ Church continued to be the most popular parish for weddings in Barbados. Christ Church with the exception of 2000, 2003 and 2004 where St. Philip and St. James respectively had the most weddings. Christ Church accounted for an average of 27.9 percent of marriages each year. St. Michael was the second most popular parish for marriages over the years, with the exception of 2001 and 2005 where St. James followed closely behind Christ Church. St. Michael accounted for an average of 23.6 percent of weddings over the years.

Notably, in the year 2000, St. George held the most weddings and was followed by St. Philip.

❖ Monthly Marriages

Over the years, December and May continued to be the most popular months for weddings in Barbados. December accounted for an average of 11 percent of marriages each year. On the other hand, May accounted for an average of 10.9 percent of marriages each year. The fourth quarter of the year is reported to be the most popular for marriages in Barbados. This quarter which includes the months of October, November and December accounts for an average of 27 percent of marriages each year. The second most popular quarter for marriages was found to be second quarter (April, May, June) which accounted for 26.3 percent of marriages each year.



❖ Age of Bride and Groom

The most popular age group among grooms over the years was the 30-34 age group. Among the brides the most popular age group was the 25-29 age group, with the exception of the years 2014 and 2016-2018 where the modal age group was the 30-34 age group.

❖ Type of ceremony

The most popular denomination for marriages in Barbados between 2000 and 2018 was Other Denominations. The other denominations accounted for an average of 39 percent of marriages each year.

Church of England was the most popular denomination from the year 2000 to the year 2005. This denominations accounts for an average of 39.4 marriages across the years.

❖ Previous Marital Status

When the previous marital status of persons married between 2000 and 2018 was investigated, the most popular was found to be bachelors and spinsters. Over the years, bachelors accounted for an average of 71.3 percent of marriages and Spinsters accounted for 74.7 percent of marriages.



❖ Divorce by number of dependents

Over the years, majority of the divorces were from marriages with 0 dependents. No dependents accounted for an average of 56.4 percent of divorces throughout the years under investigation. Marriages that ended with 1 dependent child accounted for an average of 26.3 percent of divorces.

❖ Divorce by duration of Marriage

Over the years, majority of the marriages ended after 10-14 years. This duration accounted for an average of 20.6 percent of the divorces.



❖ **Divorce by Age**

Over the years, the 35-39 age group among the brides was the most popular age group for divorces. This age group account for an average of 18.2 percent of divorces each year.

The 40-44 age group was the second most popular for divorces and accounted for an average of 18.1 percent of divorces each year.

Among the grooms, the most popular age group was the 40-44 age group which accounted for an average of 18.1 divorces each year. The 45-49 age group followed and accounted for an average of 15.5 percent of divorces each year.



APPENDIX 1

Year	Population (1000)	Number of Marriages	Marriage Rate	Increase Marriage	Number of Divorces	Divorce Rate	Increase Divorce
2000	269.1	3,516	13.14		504	14.33	
2001	270.4	3,091	11.43	-425	453	14.66	-51
2002	271.3	2,773	10.22	-318	504	18.18	51
2003	272.2	2,902	10.67	129	458	15.83	-46
2004	272.7	3,224	11.83	322	507	15.73	49
2005	273.4	3,085	11.3	-139	501	16.24	-6
2006	274.0	2,890	10.57	-195	494	17.09	-7
2007	274.7	2,768	10.09	-122	464	16.76	-30
2008	275.3	2,648	9.63	-120	485	18.32	21
2009	275.7	2,411	8.76	-237	440	18.25	-45
2010	276.3	2,500	9.06	89	462	18.48	22
2011	276.8	2,200	7.96	-300	452	20.55	-10
2012	277.0	2,135	7.71	-65	472	22.11	20
2013	277.5	1,829	6.60	-306	459	25.09	-13
2014	276.9	1,855	6.69	26	443	23.88	-16
2015	276.9	1,925	6.96	70	396	20.58	-47
2016	275.4	1,890	6.85	-35	469	24.81	73
2017	274.4	1,793	6.52	-97	410	22.87	-59
2018	273.4	1,828	6.68	35	343	18.76	-67

Table 1 – Marriage and Divorces 2000-2018

PARISH	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
ST. MICHAEL	792	641	669	629	653	714	661	628	644	579
CHRIST CHURCH	301	883	742	703	745	823	788	746	748	678
ST. GEORGE	935	73	70	91	113	76	77	87	73	73
ST. PHILIP	869	269	177	168	247	130	177	188	184	219
ST. JOHN	74	44	49	36	55	37	36	47	59	70
ST. JAMES	40	724	640	734	855	742	633	554	462	401
ST. THOMAS	65	66	63	56	75	76	64	79	82	49
ST. PETER	303	286	259	405	440	428	389	371	329	271
ST. LUCY	49	33	38	22	15	29	24	23	23	28
ST. JOSEPH	70	61	50	45	17	22	32	39	35	36
ST. ANDREW	15	9	13	12	9	8	9	6	9	7
N/S	3	2	3	1						
TOTAL	3,516	3,091	2,773	2,902	3,224	3,085	2,890	2,768	2,648	2,411

Table 2 – Marriage by place of occurrence 2000-2009

Marriage & Divorces 2000-2018

PARISH	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
ST. MICHAEL	632	536	507	444	457	465	492	484	404
CHRIST CHURCH	690	583	613	518	495	670	627	613	751
ST. GEORGE	89	88	89	71	62	72	93	91	81
ST. PHILIP	209	225	216	207	190	181	172	164	135
ST. JOHN	60	44	55	35	49	37	28	23	34
ST. JAMES	386	366	418	376	392	312	291	260	242
ST. THOMAS	79	63	56	50	55	56	35	37	53
ST. PETER	291	241	115	80	93	81	103	69	64
ST. LUCY	19	15	20	20	20	15	16	17	13
ST. JOSEPH	43	30	37	20	26	28	24	29	44
ST. ANDREW	2	9	9	8	16	8	9	5	7
N/S								1	
TOTAL	2,500	2,200	2,135	1,829	1,855	1,925	1,890	1,793	1,828

Table 2.1 – Marriage by place of occurrence 2010-2018

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
JANUARY	195	174	177	165	218	209	191	179	168	164
FEBRUARY	221	183	195	177	203	198	211	202	170	171
MARCH	226	214	177	187	198	202	186	171	188	160
Quarter total	642	571	549	529	619	609	588	552	526	495
APRIL	262	274	258	241	313	316	277	118	222	198
MAY	413	316	258	298	321	269	308	327	291	263
JUNE	423	272	240	327	339	306	284	293	224	194
Quarter total	1,098	862	756	866	973	891	869	738	291	655
JULY	215	266	198	222	287	282	242	253	220	206
AUGUST	367	287	280	256	259	236	236	264	286	225
SEPTEMBER	269	267	211	230	302	229	227	220	193	176
Quarter total	851	820	689	708	848	747	705	737	699	607
OCTOBER	263	245	219	259	272	252	199	229	191	171
NOVEMBER	262	274	207	234	205	234	231	200	222	219
DECEMBER	400	319	353	306	307	352	298	312	273	264
Quarter Total	925	838	779	799	784	838	728	741	686	654
TOTAL	3,516	3,091	2,773	2,902	3,224	3,085	2,890	2,768	2,648	2,411

Table 3 – Marriages by month of occurrence 2000-2009

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
JANUARY	145	155	129	114	125	121	125	114	117
FEBRUARY	187	138	153	115	126	114	139	118	111
MARCH	144	148	164	127	135	129	139	138	132
Quarter total	476	441	446	356	386	364	403	370	360
APRIL	199	153	188	154	167	173	146	153	157
MAY	232	219	188	172	190	196	161	172	169
JUNE	224	212	203	172	144	150	164	166	180
Quarter total	655	584	579	498	501	519	471	491	506
JULY	233	210	191	153	158	169	188	158	164
AUGUST	235	197	215	201	185	181	192	188	183
SEPTEMBER	180	131	144	143	112	139	116	118	122
Quarter total	648	538	550	497	455	489	496	464	469
OCTOBER	214	181	158	132	138	170	144	143	134
NOVEMBER	238	219	148	162	163	164	173	137	162
DECEMBER	269	237	254	184	212	219	203	188	197
Quarter Total	721	637	560	478	513	553	520	468	493
TOTAL	2,976	2,200	2,135	1,829	1,855	1,925	1,890	1,793	1,828

Table 3.1 – Marriages by month of occurrence 2010-2018

	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005	
Age Group	Bride	Groom										
16	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
17	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
18	9	1	6	2	7	2	13	3	12	1	11	0
19	22	2	22	3	19	4	15	4	15	6	15	1
20	41	10	26	11	21	7	39	10	21	8	25	7
21	62	18	43	13	40	24	47	26	39	13	29	13
22-24	350	190	323	160	250	117	250	133	289	153	278	120
25-29	1,062	809	836	638	728	538	712	541	792	604	729	536
30-34	810	877	724	812	652	641	553	639	746	734	723	719
35-39	475	627	469	540	451	551	567	558	485	559	464	566
40-44	307	365	274	366	290	349	303	344	357	434	336	421
45-49	203	235	189	198	145	206	166	246	237	317	226	277
50-54	85	185	88	173	93	152	132	173	133	177	135	163
55-59	54	89	47	73	34	105	55	97	57	113	62	130
60-64	15	44	24	42	21	26	26	56	19	55	33	66
65-69	9	39	10	27	8	22	11	48	11	23	8	32
70-74	3	10	4	15	7	13	5	12	6	16	5	21
75-79	2	7	1	6	2	6	1	7	1	3	4	8
80+	1	4	1	10	3	7	2	1	1	7	1	5
N/S	4	4	2	2	0	3	3	4	1	1	0	0

Table 4 – Marriage by Age of Bride and Groom 2000-2005

	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
Age Group	Bride	Groom								
16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
18	6	0	8	4	10	1	5	0	6	0
19	19	3	15	2	13	2	10	4	11	4
20	19	6	22	4	21	4	17	2	17	6
21	37	19	42	16	40	5	19	12	28	10
22-24	234	124	215	99	213	116	190	95	179	94
25-29	728	514	673	494	602	450	613	446	548	409
30-34	643	649	559	574	552	560	493	505	490	444
35-39	472	548	435	468	422	454	351	419	403	425
40-44	338	400	341	402	323	372	274	292	317	370
45-49	197	269	215	275	222	294	211	245	239	276
50-54	104	146	119	187	116	147	128	171	147	202
55-59	51	106	70	108	59	116	48	98	71	116
60-64	20	50	37	73	36	54	29	55	27	80
65-69	11	26	5	35	5	43	13	34	11	35
70-74	4	19	9	18	7	12	6	16	3	14
75-79	4	10	1	5	2	14	2	10	1	8
80+	1	1	0	3	4	4	2	7	1	7
N/S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 4.1– Marriage by Age of Bride and Groom 2006-2010

Marriage & Divorces 2000-2018

	2011		2012		2013		2014	
Age Group	Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom
16	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
17	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
18	4	0	4	1	1	0	3	0
19	12	3	5	1	8	4	11	2
20	13	3	15	7	17	5	8	2
21	28	2	15	5	14	9	19	5
22-24	134	69	132	66	107	53	112	55
25-29	479	391	464	369	395	286	387	287
30-34	475	428	433	394	374	356	415	375
35-39	357	368	328	323	250	259	272	303
40-44	243	280	274	293	209	228	210	233
45-49	225	245	200	260	165	194	186	197
50-54	126	175	135	163	145	168	120	169
55-59	58	105	71	110	69	107	61	90
60-64	28	70	31	68	41	81	25	70
65-69	15	41	12	37	22	45	16	35
70-74	2	13	7	20	9	22	8	17
75-79	0	5	3	10	1	8	1	11
80+	0	2	1	7	2	4	0	3
N/S	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1

Table 4.2 – Marriage by Age of Bride and Groom 2011-2014

Age Group	2015		2016		2017		2018	
	Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
18	4	0	3	0	5	0	6	2
19	8	2	4	1	7	0	5	3
20	9	2	7	2	5	3	6	2
21	15	2	16	5	15	4	12	3
22-24	81	48	98	50	78	39	109	46
25-29	396	270	357	243	334	253	336	259
30-34	384	375	369	365	353	309	351	294
35-39	304	273	286	261	258	248	253	281
40-44	174	247	217	241	220	219	200	223
45-49	211	198	192	235	196	211	211	205
50-54	168	197	171	193	136	204	163	192
55-59	88	126	89	129	91	137	99	142
60-64	48	90	47	66	53	72	43	91
65-69	20	55	23	63	26	49	20	55
70-74	7	13	8	21	10	29	10	14
75-79	7	14	2	8	1	7	3	8
80+	1	13	0	6	0	6	0	7
N/S	0	0	1	1	4	3	1	1

Table 4.3 – Marriage by Age of Bride and Groom 2015-2018

DENOMINATION	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Church of England	1,940	1,662	1,479	1,691	1,679	1,381	1,103	988	938	833
Roman Catholic	82	53	48	33	54	44	43	48	32	36
Methodist	277	243	164	159	192	190	122	98	90	79
Baptist	29	14	17	32	24	25	14	19	23	44
Moravian	21	23	17	14	24	22	15	20	20	18
Seventh Day Adventist	82	101	77	63	73	68	70	89	66	66
Other Denominations	877	785	769	653	922	1,057	1,234	1,197	1,180	1,069
Civil Magistrates	208	210	202	257	256	298	289	295	274	246
Other Religions								14	25	20
Total	3,516	3,091	2,773	2,902	3,224	3,085	2,890	2,768	2,648	2,411

Table 5 – Marriage by Denomination 2000-2009

Marriage & Divorces 2000-2018

DENOMINATION	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Church of England	831	718	759	668	604	607	583	511	494
Roman Catholic	36	30	32	28	26	28	30	28	14
Methodist	84	61	59	53	54	31	28	26	13
Baptist	32	24	19	25	26	20	29	26	22
Moravian	10	13	15	7	13	21	14	18	15
Seventh Day Adventist	66	53	49	52	61	59	61	40	44
Other Denominations	1,159	1,021	922	703	789	847	831	823	938
Civil Magistrates	259	255	256	271	256	281	293	299	260
Other Religions	23	25	24	22	26	31	21	22	28
Total	2,500	2,200	2,135	1,829	1,855	1,925	1,890	1,793	1,828

Table 5.1 – Marriage by Denomination 2010-2018

Year	GROOM				BRIDE			
	BACHELOR	WIDOWER	DIVORCED		SPINSTER	WIDOW	DIVORCED	
			MEN	N/S			WOMEN	N/S
2000	2,649	64	801	2	2,681	49	784	2
2001	2,249	60	780	2	2,362	35	692	2
2002	1,984	56	730	3	2,069	33	667	4
2003	2,065	55	780	2	2,114	52	733	3
2004	2,311	45	867	1	2,393	52	778	1
2005	2,198	60	827	0	2,283	50	752	0
2006	2,075	56	759	0	2,204	30	656	0
2007	1,983	43	742	0	2,054	35	679	0
2008	1,889	49	710	0	1,998	39	611	0
2009	1,754	56	600	1	1,840	38	533	0
2010	1,793	57	650	0	1,894	37	569	0
2011	1,573	50	577	0	1,647	48	505	0
2012	1,527	35	555	0	1,618	35	478	0
2013	1,319	38	472	0	1,366	41	422	0
2014	1,321	52	481	1	1,413	32	409	1
2015	1,299	52	574	0	1,424	28	473	0
2016	1,327	44	517	2	1,380	38	470	2
2017	1,204	49	539	1	1,302	39	452	0
2018	1,263	37	528	0	1,318	38	472	0

Table 6 - Marriage by Previous Marital Status

YEAR	Number of Dependents								
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Unknown
2000	292	114	83	12	3	0	0	0	0
2001	212	130	91	13	4	2	0	0	1
2002	263	147	68	20	6	0	0	0	0
2003	235	129	73	17	3	0	0	0	0
2004	256	181	42	25	3	0	0	0	0
2005	261	149	67	21	3	0	0	0	0
2006	280	118	78	14	4	0	0	0	0
2007	267	122	63	11	1	0	0	0	0
2008	271	129	72	13	0	0	0	0	0
2009	251	106	66	13	2	0	1	1	0
2010	266	112	64	19	0	1	0	0	0
2011	264	116	57	12	3	0	0	0	0
2012	282	113	55	18	3	0	1	0	0
2013	263	107	65	18	5	1	0	0	0
2014	262	116	55	8	1	1	0	0	0
2015	250	95	38	12	1	0	0	0	0
2016	271	127	57	12	0	2	0	0	0
2017	237	109	46	14	3	1	0	0	0
2018	217	83	36	7	0	0	0	0	0

Table 7 – Divorce by the number of dependents

DURATION

YEAR	Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years	7 years	8 years	9 years	10- 14 years	15- 19 years	20- 24 years	25 years and over
2000	2	19	39	37	37	27	20	22	23	25	114	61	36	42
2001		6	38	33	25	33	27	24	20	22	100	56	33	36
2002		11	27	33	35	33	18	33	28	21	109	45	50	61
2003	1	11	30	26	39	32	38	18	25	12	96	54	42	34
2004		5	27	37	26	41	43	25	46	35	96	47	55	24
2005	1	7	27	33	37	40	32	22	20	20	109	65	40	48
2006		8	28	20	31	25	31	30	32	34	68	82	46	59
2007		6	21	19	36	28	26	29	24	26	94	55	49	51
2008		2	24	31	27	25	31	28	29	26	104	67	38	53
2009		9	19	22	18	28	34	23	30	21	94	47	51	44
2010		5	22	26	16	32	29	30	34	23	90	67	31	57
2011		5	24	26	27	29	31	22	34	17	103	54	34	46
2012		7	28	18	29	38	28	24	25	20	99	55	40	61
2013		6	21	23	27	28	20	37	25	20	107	53	46	46
2014		7	16	15	21	31	29	19	28	22	94	65	40	56
2015		7	19	19	27	19	15	23	17	25	93	64	35	33
2016		6	23	21	21	37	24	25	19	26	92	73	48	54
2017	1	6	23	20	19	13	25	24	20	26	77	76	32	48
2018		6	19	28	13	16	15	30	19	23	59	46	34	35

Table 8 – Divorce by Duration of Marriage