

MARRIAGE & DIVORCES 2019-2021



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Marriages & Divorces Barbados 2019-2021

This report highlights marriages and divorces statistics from the year 2019 to 2021.

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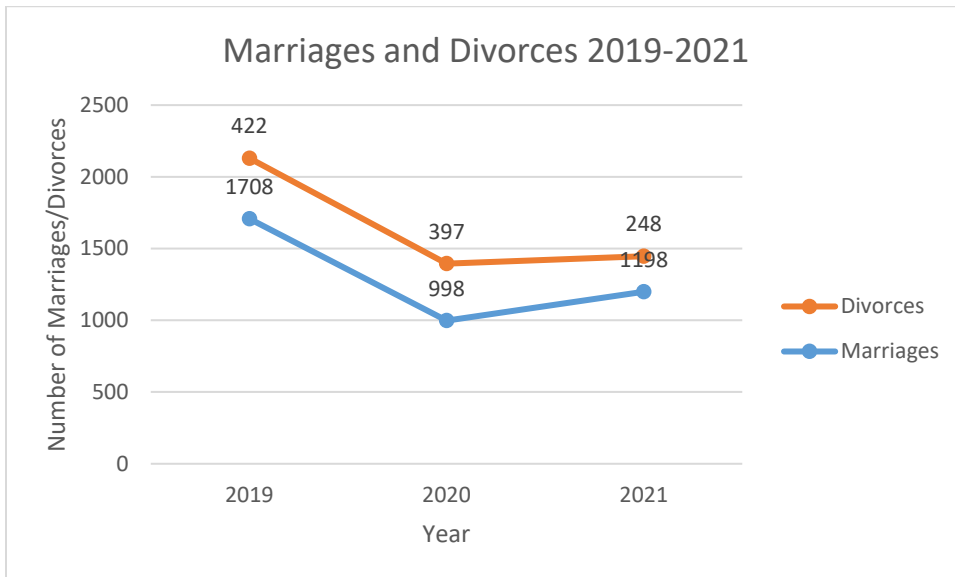
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❖ Total Registered Marriages

The number of marriages in Barbados showed a generally decreasing trend from 2019 to 2021. In 2019, there was a decrease compared to previous years and a further decline in 2020 however there was a slight increase in 2021 compared to 2020.

❖ Total Registered Divorces

The number of divorces in Barbados showed a varying trend for the years 2019 to 2021. There was an increase in 2019, but in 2020 and 2021, declines in the divorce rates were seen.



❖ Marriages by Place of Occurrence

Over the years, Christ Church was the most popular parish for weddings in Barbados and this trend also continued in 2019, 2020 and 2021. Christ Church accounted for 43.9 percent in 2019, 30.7 percent in 2020 and 35.8 percent in 2021.

St. Michael was the second most popular parish for weddings over the three years. This parish accounted for 22.8 percent in 2019, 28.4 percent in 2020 and 25.2 percent in 2021.

❖ Monthly Marriages

In 2019, June, May and December were the most popular months for weddings in Barbados. June accounted for 10.7 percent of marriages for that year. June was followed by May which accounted for 9.8 percent of marriages and December which accounted for 9.4 percent.

However, December, February and October were the most popular months for marriages in 2020. December accounted for 15.6 percent, February 12.6 percent and October 12.4 percent.

In 2021 the most popular months were December, November and August. 15.5 percent of marriages were conducted in December, 12.2 percent in November and 12.1 percent in August.



❖ **Age of Bride and Groom**

The most popular age group among grooms over the years 2019 to 2021 was the 30-34 age group.

The second most popular age group among grooms in 2019 was the 45-49 age group and the 35-39 age group in 2020 and 2021.

Among the brides the most popular age group was the 25-29 age group in 2019 and in 2020 and 2021 was 30-34 age group. In 2019, the second most popular age group was the 30-34 age group and the 25-29 age group in 2020 and 2021.

❖ **Type of ceremony**

The most popular denomination for marriages in Barbados between 2019 and 2021 was Other Denominations. This sub-grouping accounted for 46.7 percent of marriages in 2019, 43.5 percent in 2020 and 44.6 percent in 2021.

Church of England was the second most popular denomination for 2019 and 2021 however Civil Magistrates was the second most popular in 2020.

Church of England accounted for 29 percent in 2019 and 23.7 percent in 2021 and Civil Magistrates were 23.6 percent in 2020.

❖ **Previous Marital Status**

When the previous marital status of persons married between 2019 and 2021 was investigated, the most popular was found to be bachelors and spinsters. In 2019, bachelors accounted for 66.7 percent of marriages, 75 percent in 2020 and 74 percent in 2021. Spinsters accounted for 70.1 percent in 2019, 74.9 percent in 2020 and 76.2 percent in 2021.

The groups of divorced men and women were the second most popular groups of persons to be married in all three years.



❖ Divorces by number of dependents

From 2019 to 2021, majority of the divorces were from marriages with 0 dependents. No dependents accounted for 58.2 percent of divorces in 2019, 59.1 percent in 2020 and 52.4 percent in 2021.

Marriages that ended with 1 dependent accounted for 26 percent in 2019, 26.9 percent in 2020 and 25.8 percent in 2021.

❖ Divorces by duration of Marriage

The majority of the marriages ended after 10-14 years during 2019 to 2021. This duration accounted for 24.4 percent of divorces in 2019, 23.1 percent in 2020 and 22.5 percent in 2021.

The second most popular duration was the 15-19 years group for 2019 to 2021 which accounted for 16.1 percent in 2019, 15.8 percent in 2020 and 18.9 percent in 2021.



❖ **Divorces by Age**

The most popular age group among brides for divorces in 2019 was the 35-39 age group and the 40-44 age group for 2020 and 2021. The 35-39 age group accounted for 17.7 percent in 2019 and the 40-44 age group accounted for 19.6 percent in 2020 and 20.5 percent in 2021.

The 45-49 age group was the second most popular for divorces among brides for 2019 to 2021 and accounted for 16.8 percent in 2019 and 2020 and 19.7 percent in 2021.

Among the grooms, the most popular age group was the 60+ age group for 2019 and 2020 and the 45-49 age group was the most popular in 2021. In 2019 18.7 percent and 17.1 percent in 2020 accounted for the 60+ age group and 17.7 percent were accounted for the 45-49 age group.

In 2019 50-54 age group, 2020 the 45-49 and 50-54 age groups and 2021 the 60+ age groups, these were the second most popular. The 45-49 age group accounted for 17.5 percent, 45-49 and 50-54 accounted for 16.8 percent and 60+ 15.7 percent.



APPENDIX 1

Year	Population (1000)	Number of Marriages	Marriage Rate	Increase Marriage	Number of Divorces	Divorce Rate	Increase Divorce
2019	272.3	1,708	6.27	-120	422	24.7	79
2020	270.9	998	3.68	-710	397	39.77	-25
2021	269.8	1,198	4.44	200	248	20.7	-149

Table 1 – Marriages and Divorces 2019-2021

Parish	2019	2020	2021
St. Michael Christ Church	390	284	302
St. George	751	307	429
St. Philip	51	46	45
St. John	131	107	114
St. James	23	14	17
St. Thomas	236	115	175
St. Peter	41	35	24
St. Peter	42	37	34
St. Lucy	9	19	12
St. Joseph	26	23	41
St. Andrew	8	11	5
N/S	0	0	0

Table 2 – Marriages by place of occurrence 2019-2021

	2019	2020	2021
JANUARY	98	85	72
FEBRUARY	105	126	22
MARCH	144	99	48
Quarter Total	347	310	142
APRIL	142	27	52
MAY	168	32	70
JUNE	183	61	79
Quarter Total	493	120	201
JULY	152	65	134
AUGUST	155	89	145
SEPTEMBER	125	77	125
Quarter Total	432	231	404
OCTOBER	125	124	118
NOVEMBER	149	57	147
DECEMBER	162	156	186
Quarter Total	436	337	451
TOTAL	1,708	998	1,198

Table 3 – Marriages by month of occurrence 2019-2021

Age Group	2019		2020		2021	
	Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom
16	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	2	0	0	0	0	0
18	3	2	1	1	0	0
19	3	0	3	1	4	1
20	5	1	4	3	8	1
21	8	6	4	1	7	2
22-24	78	41	54	32	49	26
25-29	326	229	185	126	217	159
30-34	300	287	203	166	248	215
35-39	258	263	165	159	195	177
40-44	213	194	113	124	143	171
45-49	175	197	101	103	116	115
50-54	148	194	70	95	98	112
55-59	97	129	47	78	52	96
60-64	47	86	27	50	36	52
65-69	31	41	11	36	15	32
70-74	13	18	6	13	9	28
75-79	1	14	1	6	1	4
80+	0	6	3	4	0	7
N/S	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 4 – Marriages by Age of Bride and Groom 2019-2021

DENOMINATION	2019	2020	2021
Church of England	496	207	284
Roman Catholic	17	12	9
Methodist	26	17	6
Baptist	26	21	18
Moravian	15	11	2
Seventh Day Adventist	52	45	61
Other Denominations	799	435	535
Civil Magistrates	243	236	252
Other Religions	34	14	30
Total	1,708	998	1,197

Table 5 – Marriages by Denomination 2019-2021

Year	GROOM				BRIDE			
	BACHELOR	WIDOWER	DIVORCED MEN	N/S	SPINSTER	WIDOW	DIVORCED WOMEN	N/S
2019	1140	41	527	0	1198	41	469	0
2020	466	11	158	0	470	18	147	0
2021	887	41	270	0	913	23	262	0

Table 6 - Marriages by Previous Marital Status

Year	Number of Dependents								
	0	1	1	3	4	5	6	7	Unknown
2019	0	102	39	8	0	0	0	0	0
2020	0	107	84	39	0	0	0	0	0
2021	0	64	90	18	8	5	0	0	0

Table 7 – Divorces by the number of dependents

YEAR	DURATION													
	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
2019	0	2	18	16	21	29	16	16	20	21	103	68	38	54
2020	0	5	17	26	17	12	24	13	22	16	92	63	42	48
2021	0	5	6	13	12	9	12	13	11	14	56	47	28	22

Table 8 – Divorces by Duration of Marriage