

Total marriages in England* 1982 to 2002

	Number of marriages solemnized				Marriages solemnized in Church of England as a proportion per 1,000 marriages		All Christian marriages as a proportion per 1,000 marriages
	Church of England*	All Christian	All religious ceremonies	All marriages	With religious ceremonies	All marriages	
1982	110,511	164,885	166,305	323,137	665	342	510
1983	110,348	164,045	165,720	324,443	666	340	506
1984	111,248	166,078	167,761	330,012	663	337	503
1985	110,121	166,846	166,330	327,241	662	337	510
1986	111,476	166,652	168,417	328,411	662	339	507
1987	114,958	170,595	172,245	332,233	667	346	513
1988	112,184	166,726	168,535	329,183	666	341	506
1989	112,612	167,092	168,869	327,244	667	344	511
1990	109,369	161,756	163,634	312,712	668	350	517
1991	97,446	143,940	145,889	290,118	668	336	496
1992	96,828	143,531	145,418	294,962	666	328	487
1993	91,214	135,534	137,457	283,326	664	322	478
1994	86,143	128,508	130,500	275,531	660	313	466
1995	79,616	119,901	119,901	268,344	664	297	447
1996	71,392	105,769	107,827	264,191	662	270	400
1997	66,792	98,274	100,631	257,963	664	259	381
1998	65,834	95,594	97,943	253,113	672	259	378
1999	63,371	92,137	94,637	249,490	670	254	369
2000	61,519	88,488	91,031	253,836	676	242	349
2001	57,085	80,954	83,315	236,203	685	242	343
2002	55,197	78,266	80,764	242,112	683	228	323

Note: * Figures exclude Isle of Man (Sodor and Man Diocese) and Channel Islands (part of Winchester Diocese) together with a small number of Church of England parishes in Wales.

First marriages, England and Wales 1982 to 2003

Year	All marriages	All first** marriages	First marriages as a % of all marriages	Church of England / Church in Wales first marriages:		All religious first marriages:	
				number	as a % of all first marriages	number	as a % of all first marriages
1982	342,166	220,427	64%	112,522	51%	152,639	69%
1983	344,334	220,949	64%	112,518	51%	153,261	69%
1984	349,186	224,015	64%	112,877	50%	154,461	69%
1985	346,389	221,927	64%	110,749	50%	151,803	68%
1986	347,924	220,372	63%	111,175	50%	152,391	69%
1987	351,761	226,308	64%	114,035	50%	155,412	69%
1988	348,492	219,791	63%	110,591	50%	150,659	69%
1989	346,697	218,904	63%	110,595	51%	149,954	69%
1990	331,150	209,043	63%	106,597	51%	143,824	69%
1991	306,756	192,238	63%	94,573	49%	127,624	66%
1992	311,564	191,732	62%	92,945	48%	125,469	65%
1993	299,197	181,956	61%	86,989	48%	117,363	65%
1994	291,069	174,200	60%	81,584	47%	110,568	63%
1995	283,012	166,418	59%	74,509	45%	101,293	61%
1996	278,975	160,680	58%	66,553	41%	91,463	57%
1997	272,536	156,907	58%	62,109	40%	85,678	55%
1998	267,303	156,539	59%	61,194	39%	83,863	54%
1999	263,515	155,027	59%	58,530	38%	80,783	52%
2000	267,961	156,140	58%	56,137	36%	76,983	49%
2001	249,227	148,642	60%	52,313	35%	71,594	48%
2002	255,596	151,014	59%	49,649	33%	68,450	45%
2003***	267,700	158,560	59%	N/A	N/A	67,480	43%

Sources: Marriage Divorce and Adoption Statistics, 2002, Crown Copyright 2005, and earlier editions, and Population Trends Spring 2005, The Stationery Office.

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Notes: 1. N/A = not available. 2002 is the latest year for which full data are available. Provisional statistics for 2003 show 267,700 marriages in England and Wales, of which 59,850 (22 per cent) were Church of England/Church in Wales marriages and 86,080 (32 per cent) were marriages with religious ceremonies.

2. **first marriage = marriage between single people.

3. The 2002 figures shown are final figures and replace the provisional figures shown in the previous edition.

4. ***The 2003 are provisional.