

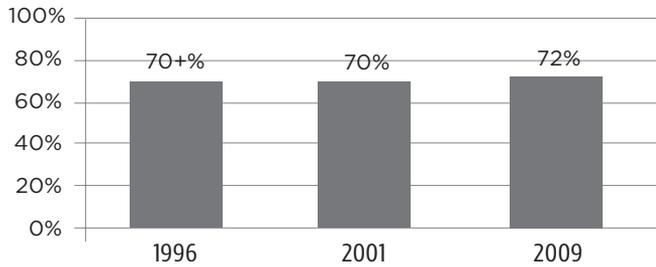
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the  
**good news**  
about **marriage**

Debunking Discouraging Myths  
About Marriage and Divorce

### Percent of First Marriages Still Intact (Not Ended Through Death or Divorce)



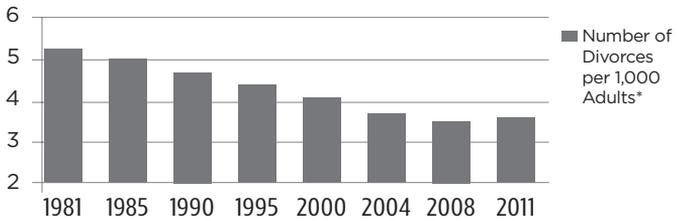
Source: Census Bureau, 1996, 2001, 2009<sup>10</sup>

## Survey Results: What Percent of Marriages Have Ended in Divorce?

| Study  | Percent “Ever Divorced”*      |
|--|-------------------------------|
| US Census Bureau, 2009 SIPP (men and women; first marriage only)                               | <28% (probably less than 25%) |
| US Census Bureau, 2009 SIPP (women only; first or subsequent marriage) <sup>15</sup>           | 30.8%                         |
| University of Chicago, General Social Survey, 2012 <sup>16</sup>                               | 35.5%                         |
| University of Texas–Austin, National Fatherhood Initiative Marriage Survey, 2005 <sup>17</sup> | 23.4%                         |
| Barna Group, 2008 <sup>18</sup>  | 33%                           |
| Marist Poll for the Knights of Columbus, 2010 (divorced or annulled) <sup>19</sup>             | 37%                           |

\*of those ever married

## The Declining Rate of Divorce Since the Peak Year



\*Note: This "crude divorce rate" is the only one for which we have a complete apples-to-apples comparison over this length of time.<sup>24</sup>

Source: Census Bureau, Statistical Abstract 2012 (table 78) and CDC/NCHS National Marriage and Divorce Rate Trends (2011).<sup>25</sup>

## Happiness Results from Other Studies\*

| Study and Findings   | Percent Happy<br>or Very Happy |
|--|--------------------------------|
| <p>The General Social Survey (GSS) has been run by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago<sup>43</sup> since 1972. Their overall happiness numbers have remained fairly consistent over the last forty years, with around 98 percent of respondents describing their marriages as happy. These 2012 results are not yet published but were tabulated for us by GSS director Dr. Tom Smith.<sup>44</sup></p> <p><i>Taking all things together, how would you describe your marriage?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very happy—65.4%</li> <li>Pretty happy—32.2%</li> <li>Not too happy—2.3%</li> </ul>  | 98%                            |
| <p>A 2005 survey conducted by the Office of Survey Research at the University of Texas-Austin for the National Fatherhood Initiative Marriage Survey (NFIMS) found 96 percent described their marriage as happy, and 88 percent as “completely” or “very” satisfied with their marriage.<sup>45</sup></p> <p><i>Taking things altogether, how would you describe your marriage?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very happy—68.5%</li> <li>Pretty happy—27.9%</li> <li>Not too happy—3.6%</li> </ul> <p><i>All in all, how satisfied are you with your marriage?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completely satisfied—50%</li> <li>Very satisfied—38%</li> <li>Somewhat satisfied—9%</li> <li>Not very satisfied—2%</li> <li>Not at all satisfied—1%</li> </ul> | 96%                            |
| <p>A GfK Roper poll (likely 2008) for Divorce360.com found that most people described a happy marriage as one where the couple was happy at least three-quarters of the time and that 75 percent</p>   | 75%                            |

of respondents indeed described themselves that way.<sup>46</sup>

*Those who say they are happy in their marriages...*

At least three-quarters of the time—75%

At least half the time—15%

Never happy—5%<sup>47</sup>

Marist conducted a 2010 poll for the Knights of Columbus,<sup>48</sup> finding the following happiness levels among those who are married:

Very happy—58%

Happy—33%

Not very happy—7%

Not happy at all—2%

91%

Dr. Brad Wilcox with the National Marriage Project conducted a survey of married couples with children at home and ran a special analysis for me comparing the answers of husbands and wives to each other in the same categories as my *Surprising Secrets of Highly Happy Marriages* study. Even though these marriages are statistically more likely to be strained (by the child-rearing years), 72 percent were still happy!<sup>49</sup>

Very happy—26%

Happy—46%

Less than happy—28%

72%

Several state-specific studies have found similar results. One highly regarded 2001 study, “Marriage in Oklahoma,” was conducted by an all-star group of researchers, including Dr. Scott Stanley, the senior program consultant for the project.<sup>50</sup> This study discovered over two-thirds of Oklahoma couples were very happy.

*Would you say your marriage is:*

Very happy—68%

Pretty happy—29%

Not too happy—3%

97%

\*Due to rounding, some totals do not equal 100%.

**Marist Poll, Published in August 2010<sup>53</sup>**

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*Do you think you married the right person, or not?*

Yes—95%

No—5%

**The National Fatherhood Initiative Marriage Survey (NFIMS)<sup>54</sup>**

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*Would you marry the same person if you had to do it over again?*

Yes—93%

No—7%

*Since you married (married your current spouse), have you ever seriously considered filing for divorce?*

Yes—13%

No—87%

*Do you expect to be married for life?*

Yes—97%

No—3%

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## The Impact of Church Attendance on Divorce Rate

|  | Ever divorced | Never divorced |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| US population (in general)                               | 33%           | 67%            |
| Christians who attended church in the last 7 days        | 27%           | 73%            |
| Everyone else (non-Christian, not in church last 7 days) | 37%           | 63%            |
| <b>Subgroups</b>   |               |                |
| Evangelical weekly attenders <sup>66</sup>               | 25%           | 75%            |
| Catholic weekly attenders                                | 22%           | 78%            |

Source: Barna Group, 2008 OmniPoll (special analysis for Shaunti Feldhahn).

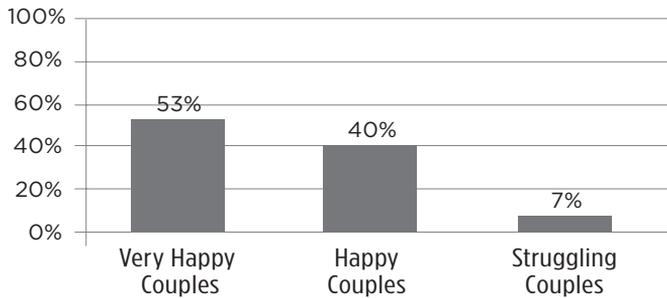
## Reduction in Divorce for Active Churchgoers\*

|  | Actual Reduction in Divorce Rate | Reduction in Divorce Rate Attributed to Church Attendance Alone** |
|--|----------------------------------|---|
| Overall Average <sup>73</sup>                | 50%                              | 35%   |
| Active Mainline Protestant                   | 54%                              | 35%   |
| Active Conservative Protestant <sup>74</sup> | 44%                              | 35%   |
| Active Catholic                              | 50%                              | 31%   |

\*As compared to those who do not regularly attend church. "Active" is defined as attending several times per month.

\*\*After controlling for socioeconomic factors.

## Happiness Levels Among Couples Where Both Spouses Agree “God Is at the Center of Our Marriage”



Note: to be categorized as “Very Happy” both the husband and wife had to independently declare that they were at the highest level of happiness in their marriage.

Source: *The Surprising Secrets of Highly Happy Marriages* study, Shaunti Feldhahn, 2013.

**“My Partner and I Pray Together  
on a Regular Basis”**

| <b>Couple Connectedness</b> | <b>Strongly Disagree</b> | <b>Disagree</b> | <b>Undecided</b> | <b>Agree</b> | <b>Strongly Agree</b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Highly Connected (18%)      | 5%                       | 14%             | 16%              | 26%          | 42%                   |
| Connected (15%)             | 8%                       | 16%             | 15%              | 19%          | 20%                   |
| Committed (17%)             | 14%                      | 18%             | 16%              | 18%          | 14%                   |
| Disconnected (24%)          | 24%                      | 27%             | 25%              | 23%          | 18%                   |
| Highly Disconnected (26%)   | 48%                      | 25%             | 27%              | 15%          | 6%                    |

Source: “Marriage Oneness” surveys, tabulated by PREPARE/ENRICH for FamilyLife. Due to rounding, columns may not total 100%.

## What Percent of Marriages Are Remarriages?\*

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| First marriage           | 80.5% |
| Second marriage          | 15.8% |
| Third marriage (or more) | 3.8%  |

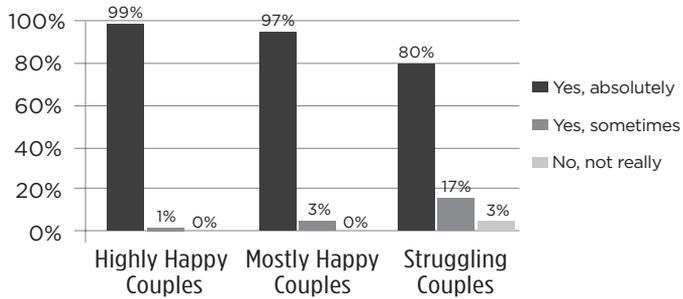
\*Among women. (Remarriage is more common among women, in part because women tend to live longer than men.) Source: US Census Bureau, SIPP table 10, 2009.

## Intact Marriages

|                        | <b>Women</b> | <b>Men</b> |
|------------------------|--------------|------------|
| First marriage intact  | 71%          | 81%        |
| Second marriage intact | 65%          | 78%        |
| Third marriage intact  | 59%          | 75%        |

Source: US Census Bureau, 2009 SIPP, calculated from table 6.

## Do You Care About Your Spouse and Want the Best for Them, Even During Painful Times?



## **Marriages Where One or Both Spouses Are Less Than Happy**

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Both partners agree they are less than happy | 18% |
| One spouse thinks the marriage is happy      | 82% |

Source: Data from *The Surprising Secrets of Highly Happy Marriages* study, Shaunti Feldhahn, 2013.

### After Five Years of Marriage

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 2009 Census Report divorce rate   | 10% |
| 2010 CDC/NSFG Report divorce rate | 20% |

**Marriage Survival Rate of Women Ages 15-44,  
at Each Anniversary, by Percentage, 2006-2010**

| <b>Women</b>                 | <b>Number in<br/>Thousands</b> | <b>5 years</b> | <b>10 years</b> | <b>15 years</b> | <b>20 years</b> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Survived                     | 32,904                         | 0.80           | 0.68            | 0.60            | 0.52            |
| <b>Age at First Marriage</b> |                                |                |                 |                 |                 |
| Under 20                     | 6,874                          | 0.70           | 0.54            | 0.46            | 0.37            |
| 20-24 years                  | 14,166                         | 0.81           | 0.69            | 0.60            | 0.55            |
| 25 years and over            | 11,863                         | 0.86           | 0.78            | 0.73            | N/A             |

In this table "N/A" means "not available." Source: Data from CDC/NSFG table 5 (page 16, abbreviated).

### Breakdown of Age at First Marriage by Percentage

| <b>Women, Age<br/>at First Marriage</b> | <b>Percent of Sample<br/>(CDC/NSFG)</b> | <b>Actual Percent<br/>in Population<br/>(Census)</b> |
|---|---|--|
| Under 20                                | 21                                      | 4.7  |
| 20-24 years                             | 43                                      | 19.0   |
| 25 years & over                         | 36                                      | 76.3   |
| Total                                   | 100                                     | 100  |

Source: Data used from the 2006–2010 CDC/NSFG, table 5, and 2009 Census SIPP, table 6 (abbreviated). Total number rounded up from 65.6%.

## Marriage Survival Rate of Women to Twentieth Anniversary, Weighted by Actual Population

| Women, Age at First Marriage | Percent of Sample (Skewed) CDC/NSFG | Actual Percent in Population Census | Percent of Sample Reaching 20th Anniversary CDC/NSFG | Survival to 20th (Weighted by Actual Size of Each Age Group) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Under 20                     | 21                                  | 4.7                                 | 37   | 2  |
| 20-24 years                  | 43                                  | 19.0                                | 55   | 10   |
| 25 years & over              | 36                                  | 76.3                                | 70 (estimated)                                       | 53   |
| Total                        | 100                                 | 100                                 |  | 66   |

Source: Data used from 2006-2010 CDC/NSFG and 2009 Census SIPP (estimated). Total number rounded up from 65.6%.

**Table 4. Percent Reaching Stated Anniversary by Marriage Cohort and Sex, for First Marriages: 2009 (Numbers in Thousands)**

| Sex and year of marriage | Number of marriages | Anniversary <sup>1</sup> |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                          |                     | 5 <sup>th</sup>          | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 25 <sup>th</sup> | 30 <sup>th</sup> | 35 <sup>th</sup> | 40 <sup>th</sup> |
| <b>Men</b>               |                     |                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| 1960 to 1964.....        | 4,150               | 94.6                     | 83.4             | 74.7             | 70.2             | 66.9             | 64.5             | 62.1             | 60.1             |
| 1965 to 1969.....        | 5,658               | 91.7                     | 80.0             | 69.9             | 65.8             | 62.7             | 60.5             | 57.9             | (X)              |
| 1970 to 1974.....        | 7,036               | 88.0                     | 75.0             | 65.7             | 60.2             | 56.8             | 53.8             | (X)              | (X)              |
| 1975 to 1979.....        | 6,901               | 88.2                     | 73.4             | 63.7             | 58.7             | 54.4             | (X)              | (X)              | (X)              |
| 1980 to 1984.....        | 7,144               | 90.6                     | 74.3             | 65.2             | 60.0             | (X)              | (X)              | (X)              | (X)              |
| 1985 to 1989.....        | 7,670               | 87.7                     | 75.4             | 66.6             | (X)              | (X)              | (X)              | (X)              | (X)              |
| 1990 to 1994.....        | 7,569               | 89.7                     | 77.3             | (X)              | (X)              | (X)              | (X)              | (X)              | (X)              |
| 1995 to 1999.....        | 8,088               | 89.6                     | (X)              |
| <b>Women</b>             |                     |                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| 1960 to 1964.....        | 5,495               | 93.0                     | 82.8             | 73.5             | 67.0             | 60.8             | 57.2             | 53.6             | 49.7             |
| 1965 to 1969.....        | 6,705               | 90.7                     | 79.3             | 69.6             | 64.0             | 59.1             | 55.8             | 52.1             | (X)              |
| 1970 to 1974.....        | 7,667               | 89.2                     | 74.5             | 66.1             | 61.3             | 56.2             | 52.6             | (X)              | (X)              |
| 1975 to 1979.....        | 7,619               | 86.9                     | 72.8             | 63.2             | 57.4             | 53.2             | (X)              | (X)              | (X)              |
| 1980 to 1984.....        | 8,051               | 87.8                     | 71.1             | 62.9             | 56.6             | (X)              | (X)              | (X)              | (X)              |
| 1985 to 1989.....        | 8,027               | 87.9                     | 74.5             | 66.4             | (X)              | (X)              | (X)              | (X)              | (X)              |
| 1990 to 1994.....        | 8,164               | 87.1                     | 74.5             | (X)              | (X)              | (X)              | (X)              | (X)              | (X)              |
| 1995 to 1999.....        | 8,229               | 89.5                     | (X)              |

X Marriage cohort had not all had sufficient time to reach this stated anniversary at the time of this survey.

<sup>1</sup>People reaching stated anniversary.

Source: US Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), 2008 Panel, Wave 2 Topical Module.

For information on sampling and nonsampling error, see [www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/p70-125.pdf](http://www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/p70-125.pdf).

Table 6. Marital History for People 15 Years and Over by Age and Sex: 2009

| Characteristic                     | 15 years and over |                              | 15 to    | 18 to    | 20 to    | 25 to    | 30 to    | 35 to    | 40 to    | 50 to    | 60 to    | years and over |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|
|                                    | Estimate          | Margin of Error <sup>1</sup> | 17 years | 19 years | 24 years | 29 years | 34 years | 39 years | 49 years | 59 years | 69 years |                |
| <b>FEMALE</b>                      |                   |                              |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |                |
| Total (in thousands)               | 123,272           | 1,022                        | 6,259    | 4,219    | 10,158   | 10,408   | 9,645    | 10,267   | 22,119   | 20,702   | 14,288   | 15,207         |
| <b>Percent</b>                     |                   |                              |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |                |
| Never married . . . .              | 27.2              | 0.5                          | 98.9     | 95.5     | 77.3     | 46.8     | 26.7     | 17.3     | 13.0     | 9.1      | 6.0      | 4.3            |
| Ever married. . . . .              | 72.8              | 0.5                          | 1.1      | 4.5      | 22.7     | 53.2     | 73.3     | 82.7     | 87.0     | 90.9     | 94.0     | 95.7           |
| Married once. . . . .              | 57.5              | 0.6                          | 1.1      | 4.5      | 22.4     | 50.8     | 64.5     | 69.3     | 67.4     | 65.5     | 67.7     | 76.1           |
| Still married <sup>2</sup> . . . . | 40.6              | 0.6                          | 0.5      | 3.9      | 19.7     | 43.2     | 54.5     | 55.8     | 51.6     | 47.5     | 45.7     | 30.1           |
| Married twice . . . .              | 12.1              | 0.4                          | 0.1      | -        | 0.3      | 2.3      | 8.0      | 11.6     | 15.8     | 19.5     | 20.1     | 15.2           |
| Still married <sup>2</sup> . . . . | 7.9               | 0.3                          | 1.0      | -        | 0.2      | 2.0      | 6.9      | 9.1      | 11.3     | 13.4     | 13.2     | 5.2            |
| Married 3 or more times . . . . .  | 3.2               | 0.2                          | -        | -        | -        | -        | 0.8      | 1.9      | 3.8      | 5.9      | 6.2      | 4.4            |
| Still married <sup>2</sup> . . . . | 1.9               | 0.2                          | -        | -        | -        | -        | 0.7      | 1.4      | 2.5      | 4.1      | 3.6      | 1.4            |
| Ever divorced. . . . .             | 22.4              | 0.5                          | 0.2      | 0.2      | 1.8      | 7.3      | 15.6     | 22.7     | 31.0     | 37.3     | 34.5     | 21.4           |
| Currently divorced . . . .         | 11.3              | 0.4                          | 0.1      | 0.2      | 1.5      | 5.3      | 8.1      | 11.8     | 16.4     | 18.6     | 16.0     | 9.9            |
| Ever widowed . . . . .             | 10.0              | 0.4                          | 0.4      | 0.2      | 0.1      | 0.2      | 0.6      | 1.4      | 2.6      | 6.5      | 17.0     | 51.2           |
| Currently widowed . . . .          | 8.9               | 0.3                          | 0.4      | 0.2      | 0.1      | 0.1      | 0.4      | 0.8      | 1.8      | 4.9      | 13.9     | 48.3           |

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Table 6. Marital History for People 15 Years and Over by Age and Sex: 2009 (continued)

| Characteristic                       | Total,<br>15 years and over |                                 | 15 to       | 18 to       | 20 to       | 25 to       | 30 to       | 35 to       | 40 to       | 50 to       | 60 to       | 70                   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
|                                      | Estimate                    | Margin<br>of Error <sup>1</sup> | 17<br>years | 19<br>years | 24<br>years | 29<br>years | 34<br>years | 39<br>years | 49<br>years | 59<br>years | 69<br>years | years<br>and<br>over |
| <b>MALE</b>                          |                             |                                 |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |                      |
| Total (in thousands)                 | 115,797                     | 1,024                           | 6,559       | 4,311       | 10,152      | 10,567      | 9,518       | 9,995       | 21,504      | 19,568      | 12,774      | 10,849               |
| Percent                              |                             |                                 |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |                      |
| Never married . . . .                | 33.0                        | 0.6                             | 98.3        | 97.5        | 87.5        | 59.7        | 35.6        | 23.5        | 16.4        | 10.8        | 4.6         | 3.4                  |
| Ever married. . . . .                | 67.0                        | 0.6                             | 1.7         | 2.5         | 12.5        | 40.3        | 64.4        | 76.5        | 83.6        | 89.2        | 95.4        | 96.6                 |
| Married once. . . . .                | 52.3                        | 0.6                             | 1.5         | 2.5         | 12.5        | 38.8        | 59.4        | 66.9        | 65.8        | 63.4        | 64.8        | 72.3                 |
| Still married <sup>2</sup> . . . .   | 42.5                        | 0.6                             | 1.0         | 1.8         | 11.2        | 34.2        | 52.2        | 56.1        | 52.2        | 50.4        | 53.5        | 54.0                 |
| Married twice . . . .                | 11.6                        | 0.4                             | 0.2         | -           | -           | 1.5         | 4.8         | 8.7         | 14.8        | 20.0        | 22.1        | 18.9                 |
| Still married <sup>2</sup> . . . .   | 9.0                         | 0.4                             | 0.1         | -           | -           | 1.3         | 4.0         | 7.4         | 11.3        | 15.5        | 17.5        | 13.2                 |
| Married 3 or<br>more times . . . . . | 3.1                         | 0.2                             | -           | -           | -           | 0.1         | 0.2         | 1.0         | 3.0         | 5.8         | 8.5         | 5.4                  |
| Still married <sup>2</sup> . . . .   | 2.3                         | 0.2                             | -           | -           | -           | 0.1         | 0.2         | 0.8         | 2.2         | 4.3         | 6.5         | 3.8                  |
| Ever divorced. . . . .               | 20.5                        | 0.5                             | 0.4         | 0.1         | 0.8         | 5.0         | 10.5        | 17.9        | 28.5        | 35.7        | 36.5        | 23.4                 |
| Currently divorced                   | 9.1                         | 0.4                             | 0.3         | 0.1         | 0.7         | 3.7         | 6.2         | 9.5         | 14.2        | 15.5        | 12.4        | 7.2                  |
| Ever widowed . . . .                 | 3.6                         | 0.2                             | 0.3         | 0.5         | 0.1         | 0.3         | 0.2         | 0.5         | 1.3         | 2.5         | 6.4         | 22.6                 |
| Currently widowed                    | 2.6                         | 0.2                             | 0.2         | 0.5         | 0.1         | 0.3         | 0.1         | 0.3         | 0.9         | 1.6         | 3.9         | 17.4                 |

- Represents or rounds to zero.

<sup>1</sup> This number, then added to and subtracted from the estimate, provides the 90 percent confidence interval.

<sup>2</sup> Includes those currently separated.

Source: US Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), 2008 Panel, Wave 2 Topical Module.

For information on sampling and nonsampling error, see [www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/p70-125.pdf](http://www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/p70-125.pdf).

|                       | Men                  | Women                |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Married once          | 52.3%                | 57.5%                |
| Still married         | 42.5%                | 40.6%                |
| Still in 1st marriage | $42.5/52.3 = 81.2\%$ | $40.6/57.5 = 70.6\%$ |
| Married twice         | 11.6%                | 12.1%                |
| Still married         | 9.0%                 | 7.9%                 |
| Still in 2nd marriage | $9.0/11.6 = 77.6\%$  | $7.9/12.1 = 65.3\%$  |
| Married 3+ times*     | 3.1%                 | 3.2%                 |
| Still married         | 2.3%                 | 1.9%                 |
| Still in 3rd marriage | $2.3/3.1 = 74.2\%$   | $1.9/3.2 = 59.4\%$   |

\*Includes those married three or more times.

**Table 10. Number of Times Married for Currently Married Wives and Their Husbands: 2009  
(Numbers in Thousands)**

| Number of times<br>wife has been married | Number of times husband has been married |                   |                    |                               |   |                   |                    |                               |
|--|--|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
|  | All current marriages                    |                   |                    |                               | Married within the last year <sup>1</sup> |                   |                    |                               |
|  | Total                                    | Married<br>1 time | Married<br>2 times | Married<br>3 or more<br>times | Total                                     | Married<br>1 time | Married<br>2 times | Married<br>3 or more<br>times |
| Total .....                              | 60,607                                   | 47,699            | 10,271             | 2,637                         | 2,232                                     | 1,648             | 440                | 144                           |
| Married 1 time .....                     | 48,779                                   | 43,340            | 4,705              | 734                           | 1,696                                     | 1,447             | 224                | 24                            |
| Married 2 times .....                    | 9,551                                    | 3,814             | 4,533              | 1,205                         | 422                                       | 163               | 167                | 92                            |
| Married 3 or more times ...              | 2,276                                    | 545               | 1,034              | 698                           | 114                                       | 37                | 50                 | 27                            |
| <b>PERCENT OF MARRIAGES</b>              |  |                   |                    |                               |   |                   |                    |                               |
| Total .....                              | 100.0                                    | 78.7              | 16.9               | 4.4                           | 100.0                                     | 73.8              | 19.7               | 6.4                           |
| Married 1 time .....                     | 80.5                                     | 71.5              | 7.8                | 1.2                           | 76.0                                      | 64.9              | 10.0               | 1.1                           |
| Married 2 times .....                    | 15.8                                     | 6.3               | 7.5                | 2.0                           | 18.9                                      | 7.3               | 7.5                | 4.1                           |
| Married 3 or more times ...              | 3.8                                      | 0.9               | 1.7                | 1.2                           | 5.1                                       | 1.7               | 2.2                | 1.2                           |

<sup>1</sup> Includes marriages that occurred during calendar year 2008.

Note: This table includes only people who are married, spouse present.

Source: US Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), 2008 Panel, Wave 2 Topical Module.

For information on sampling and nonsampling error, see [www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/p70-125.pdf](http://www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/p70-125.pdf).