

Number of marriages increases by 8.9% in 2020

According to administrative data of the Ministry of Justice the total number of marriage contracts in Saudi Arabia reached 150,117 in 2020, increasing by 8.9% compared to 2019. The total number of divorces reached 57,595 in 2020, increasing by 12.7% from 2019.

Numerical distribution of marriage contracts 2020

Saudi Spouses	One of spouses (Non-Saudi)	Non-Saudi Spouses	Total
138,958	4,502	6,657	150,117

Numerical distribution of divorce deeds

Saudi Spouses	One of spouses (Non-Saudi)	Non-Saudi Spouses	Total
50,117	4,184	3,294	57,595

Marriage rate of Saudi Population increases by 10.6% in 2020

- The number of marriages per 1,000 of the total population of 15 years and older (general marriage rate) reached 5.67 in 2020, increasing by 6.2% from 2019. For the Saudi population, the general marriage rate reached 9.60 per 1000 Saudi population (15-year-old and older) with growth rate of 10.6% from 2019.
- The highest number of marriages per 1,000 of the Saudi population of 15 years and older was recorded in Al-Jouf (18.96), followed by Northern Borders (12.56) and Hail (12.23). The lowest general marriage rates for Saudis were recorded in the Eastern Region (7.92), followed by Makkah Al-Mukarramah (8.67) and Al-Riyadh (8.72).
- The favorite months to get married in 2020 were August (12.4% of all marriages in 2020) and September (12.5%).

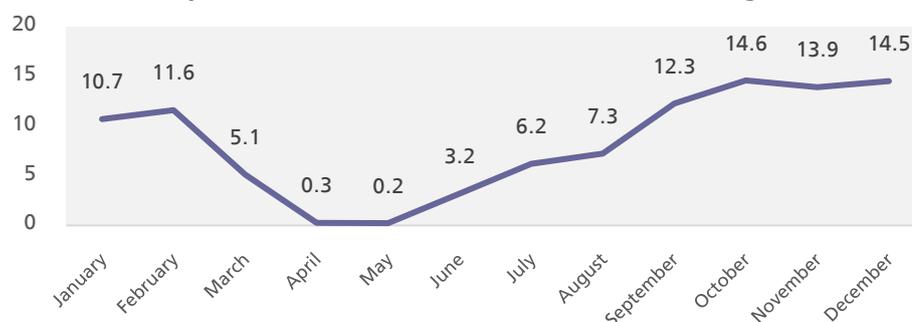
Proportional distribution of marriage contracts by month



Divorce rate for Saudi Population increases by 13.8% in 2020

- The general divorce rate for the total population (15-year-old and older) reached 2.18 per 1000 population with a growth rate 10.1% from 2019. For the Saudi population, the general divorce rate reached 3.64 per 1000 Saudi population (15-year-old and older) with a growth rate 13.8% from 2019.
- The highest number of divorces per 1,000 of the Saudi population of 15 years and older was recorded in Al-Jouf (5.07), followed by Hail (4.47) and Northern Borders (4.42). The lowest general divorce rates for Saudis were recorded in Jazan (2.50), followed by the Eastern Region (2.84) and Al-Baha (2.84).
- Most divorces happened in the end of the year, during the months of October (14.6% of all divorces in 2020), November (13.9%) and December (14.5%).

Proportional distribution for divorce deeds by month



Methodology

The statistics of marriage and divorce rely on two main sources of data:

First source: administrative records data (Ministry of Justice):

Data which are recorded and updated in the ministry regarding to numbers of marriage contracts and divorce deeds in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Second source: Population estimates (GASTAT):

The population estimates of Saudi population are used in terms of population size and its distribution by age, gender and administrative region.

Crude marriage rate: marriage cases per 1000 population

General marriage rate: marriage cases per 1000 population which are 15-year-old and older.

Crude divorce rate: divorce cases per 1000 population.

General divorce rate: divorce cases per 1000 population which are 15-year-old and older.

These statistics are published annually.

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