



1.5 MARITAL AND UNION STATUS

1.5.1 MARITAL STATUS

Approximately 48.4 percent of residents aged 15+ years were legally married, while a significant percentage have never been married (38.3%). The overall divorce rate among the entire population was 7.6 percent, while the legal separation and widowhood rates were at 2.1 and 2.9 percent, respectively.

While legally married was the dominant status, the rate varies by sex, with the males generally having a higher rate (51.5%) than females (45.2%). It was also generally higher among Non-Caymanians (49.2%) than Caymanians (47.6%).

The status “never married” was higher among females (38.4%) versus males (38.3%) and Non-Caymanians (41.5%) versus Caymanians (35.3%).

Divorce was higher among females (9.1%) than males (6.1%). The incidence of divorce was also almost twice among Caymanians (10.0%) than Non-Caymanians (5.1%).

Table 1.5A: Marital Status by Sex and Status (15+)

	Total	Male	Female	DK/NS	Caymanian	Non-Caymanian
Total	57,360	28,976	28,379	5	29,108	28,252
Legally married	27,754	14,920	12,833	1	13,841	13,913
Never married	21,991	11,089	10,901	1	10,275	11,716
Divorced	4,362	1,779	2,583	-	2,919	1,442
Widowed	1,637	413	1,224	-	1,241	396
Legally separated	1,233	573	659	1	646	587
DK/NS	384	202	180	2	186	198
	Proportion (%)					
Legally married	48.4	51.5	45.2	20.0	47.6	49.2
Never married	38.3	38.3	38.4	20.0	35.3	41.5
Divorced	7.6	6.1	9.1	-	10.0	5.1
Widowed	2.9	1.4	4.3	-	4.3	1.4
Legally separated	2.1	2.0	2.3	20.0	2.2	2.1
DK/NS	0.7	0.7	0.6	40.0	0.6	0.7



1.5.2 UNION STATUS

Union status is based on the spouses or partners current living arrangements among persons aged 15 years and above. A legally married person may not necessarily be living with a spouse. The percentage of married persons living with a spouse (39.4%) was lower than those legally married (48.4%).

Persons who are living with their spouses were slightly higher among females (39.6%) than males (39.2%) and among Caymanians (43.7%) vis-a-vis Non-Caymanians (34.9%).

The number of married persons with a spouse living elsewhere (including abroad) was greater among males (12.5%) than females (6.0%) and Non-Caymanians (14.4%) than Caymanians (4.4%).

A significant number of respondents (40.3%) were 'not in a union', with the females (43.4%) having a higher percentage than males (37.2%). This union status was also more common among Caymanians (42.7%) than Non-Caymanians (37.8%).

Table 1.5B: Union Status by Sex and Status (15+)

Present Union Status	Total	Male	Female	DK/NS	Caymanian	Non-Caymanian
	#	#	#	#	#	#
Total	57,360	28,976	28,379	5	29,108	28,252
Not in union	23,107	10,778	12,327	2	12,432	10,674
Married and living with spouse	22,588	11,355	11,231	1	12,717	9,871
Married with spouse living elsewhere	5,341	3,628	1,713	-	1,271	4,070
Common-law partner	5,081	2,570	2,510	-	2,092	2,988
Visiting partner	747	386	361	-	340	407
DK/NS	497	258	237	2	255	242
	Proportion (%)					
Not in union	40.3	37.2	43.4	40.0	42.7	37.8
Married and living with spouse	39.4	39.2	39.6	20.0	43.7	34.9
Married with spouse living elsewhere	9.3	12.5	6.0	-	4.4	14.4
Common-law partner	8.9	8.9	8.8	-	7.2	10.6
Visiting partner	1.3	1.3	1.3	-	1.2	1.4
DK/NS	0.9	0.9	0.8	40.0	0.9	0.9