

Marriage and Divorce Statistics in 2014

I . Marriage

The number of marriages fell by 5.4 percent from the previous year. The mean age at first marriage was 32.4 years for males and 29.8 years for females.

- The number of marriages went down by 17.3 thousand cases (5.4 percent) to 305.5 thousand cases in 2014.
- The crude marriage rate (the number of marriages per 1,000 people) stood at 6.0 cases in 2014, down 0.4 from 2013.

[Table] Number of marriages and crude marriage rate

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of marriages (thousand cases)	308.6	314.3	330.6	343.6	327.7	309.8	326.1	329.1	327.1	322.8	305.5
Change (thousand cases)	6.1	5.7	16.3	12.9	-15.8	-18.0	16.3	3.0	-2.0	-4.3	-17.3
Percent (%)	2.0	1.8	5.2	3.9	-4.6	-5.5	5.3	0.9	-0.6	-1.3	-5.4
Crude marriage rate*	6.4	6.5	6.8	7.0	6.6	6.2	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.0

* The number of marriages per 1,000 population

- The mean age at first marriage for males was 32.4 years in 2014, up 0.2 from 2013. The mean age at first marriage for females was 29.8 years in 2014, up 0.2 from 2013.

[Table] Mean age at first marriage and remarriage

(Unit: year)

		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Change	
													From 2013	From 2004
First marriage	Males	30.5	30.9	31.0	31.1	31.4	31.6	31.8	31.9	32.1	32.2	32.4	0.2	1.9
	Females	27.5	27.7	27.8	28.1	28.3	28.7	28.9	29.1	29.4	29.6	29.8	0.2	2.3
Remarriage	Males	43.8	44.1	44.4	44.8	45.0	45.7	46.1	46.3	46.6	46.8	47.1	0.4	3.4
	Females	39.2	39.6	39.7	40.1	40.3	41.1	41.6	41.9	42.3	42.5	43.0	0.5	3.8

- The number of marriages with foreign spouses declined by 2.6 thousand cases (10.2 percent) to 23.3 thousand cases in 2014.
- The marriage between Korean males and foreign females fell by 11.8 percent from the previous year.
- The marriage between Korean females and foreign males dropped by 6.4 percent from the previous year.

[Table] Marriage with a foreign spouse

(Unit: thousand cases, %)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Number of marriages	308.6	314.3	330.6	343.6	327.7	309.8	326.1	329.1
Marriage with a foreign spouse	34.6	42.4	38.8	37.6	36.2	33.3	34.2	29.8
Korean males and foreign females	25.1	30.7	29.7	28.6	28.2	25.1	26.3	22.3
Korean females and foreign males	9.5	11.6	9.1	9.0	8.0	8.2	8.0	7.5
	2012	2013	2014	Percent	Year-on-year percent change			
Number of marriages	327.1	322.8	305.5	100.0	-5.4			
Marriage with a foreign spouse	28.3	26.0	23.3	7.6	-10.2			
Korean males and foreign females	20.6	18.3	16.2	5.3	-11.8			
Korean females and foreign males	7.7	7.7	7.2	2.3	-6.4			

II. Divorce

The number of divorces rose by 0.2 percent from 2013. The mean duration of marriage for divorces was 14.3 years in 2014.

- The number of divorces was 115.5 thousand cases in 2014, which rose by 0.2 thousand cases (or 0.2 percent) from 2013.
- The crude divorce rate (the number of divorces per 1,000 people) stood at 2.3 cases in 2014, which remained the same as the previous year.

[Table] Number of divorces, crude divorce rate and divorce rate of married people

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of divorces (thousand cases)	138.9	128.0	124.5	124.1	116.5	124.0	116.9	114.3	114.3	115.3	115.5
Change (thousand cases)	-27.7	-10.9	-3.5	-0.5	-7.5	7.5	-7.1	-2.6	0.0	1.0	0.2
Percent change (%)	-16.6	-7.8	-2.7	-0.4	-6.1	6.4	-5.8	-2.2	0.0	0.9	0.2
Crude divorce rate*	2.9	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Divorce rate of married people**	6.0	5.5	5.3	5.2	4.9	5.2	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7

* The number of divorces per 1,000 population

** The number of divorces per 1,000 married population aged 15 and over

- The mean duration of marriage for divorces was 14.3 years in 2014, up 0.2 year from the previous year.

[Table] Number of divorces by mean duration of marriage at divorce

(Unit: thousand cases, % year)

	2004		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
		Percent					
Total*	138.9	(100.0)	128.0	124.5	124.1	116.5	124.0
Less than 4 years	35.0	(25.2)	33.1	33.0	33.7	33.1	33.7
5 to 9 years	31.8	(22.9)	28.5	27.3	25.5	21.7	23.6
10 to 14 years	26.3	(18.9)	23.6	22.4	21.7	18.3	20.0
15 to 19 years	20.5	(14.7)	18.9	18.0	18.3	16.5	18.4
20 years or more	25.4	(18.3)	23.9	23.8	25.0	26.9	28.3
- 20 to 24 years	14.2	(10.2)	12.6	12.0	11.7	11.9	12.8
- 25 to 29 years	6.6	(4.7)	6.5	6.7	7.2	7.9	8.3
- 30 years or more	4.6	(3.3)	4.8	5.2	6.1	7.1	7.2
Mean duration of marriage	12.0	-	12.0	12.1	12.3	12.8	12.9

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Percent	Year-on-year percent change
	Total*	116.9	114.3	114.3	115.3	115.5	100.0
Less than 4 years	31.5	30.7	28.2	27.3	27.2	23.5	-0.5
5 to 9 years	22.0	21.7	21.5	21.5	22.0	19.0	2.0
10 to 14 years	18.6	17.4	17.7	16.9	16.3	14.1	-3.4
15 to 19 years	16.9	16.2	16.6	17.2	17.0	14.7	-1.2
20 years or more	27.8	28.3	30.2	32.4	33.1	28.7	2.2
- 20 to 24 years	12.6	12.6	13.6	14.4	14.2	12.3	-1.1
- 25 to 29 years	7.7	7.7	8.0	8.7	8.6	7.5	-0.9
- 30 years or more	7.5	7.9	8.6	9.4	10.3	8.9	10.1
Mean duration of marriage	13.0	13.2	13.7	14.1	14.3	-	1.5

* Including 'Unidentified'

- The divorced couples who didn't have a minor child occupied 50.3 percent of the total divorced couples.

[Table] Number of divorces by minor child

(Unit: thousand cases, %)

	2004		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
		Percent					
Total*	138.9	(100.0)	128.0	124.5	124.1	116.5	124.0
Have a minor child	91.1	(65.6)	81.2	75.7	72.8	63.0	68.5
1 person	39.1	(28.1)	35.0	33.4	32.2	28.5	31.5
2 persons	45.5	(32.8)	40.2	36.9	35.2	29.8	31.9
3 persons or more	6.5	(4.7)	6.0	5.5	5.4	4.7	5.1
Have no minor child	46.4	(33.4)	45.4	48.2	50.9	52.9	55.1

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Percent	Year-on-year percent change
	Total*	116.9	114.3	114.3	115.3	115.5	100.0
Have a minor child	62.9	60.1	60.3	59.0	57.2	49.5	-3.1
1 person	30.0	29.0	29.9	30.1	30.0	25.9	-0.5
2 persons	28.3	26.7	26.2	24.7	23.3	20.2	-5.4
3 persons or more	4.6	4.4	4.1	4.2	3.9	3.3	-8.4
Have no minor child	53.7	53.9	53.7	56.1	58.1	50.3	3.5

* Including 'Unidentified'

- The number of divorces from foreign spouses declined by 0.7 thousand cases (6.9 percent) to 9.8 thousand cases in 2014.
- In 2014, divorces from foreign spouses occupied 8.4 percent of the total divorces, down 0.6%p from 2013.

[Table] Divorce from a foreign spouse

(Unit: thousand cases, %)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Number of divorces	138.9	128.0	124.5	124.1	116.5	124.0	116.9	114.3
Divorce from a foreign spouse	3.3	4.2	6.1	8.3	11.0	11.5	11.1	11.5
Korean males and foreign females	1.6	2.4	3.9	5.6	7.9	8.2	7.9	8.3
Korean females and foreign males	1.7	1.8	2.2	2.7	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.1
	2012	2013	2014					
				Percent	Year-on-year percent change			
Number of divorces	114.3	115.3	115.5	100.0	0.2			
Divorce from a foreign spouse	10.9	10.5	9.8	8.4	-6.9			
Korean males and foreign females	7.9	7.6	7.0	6.1	-7.8			
Korean females and foreign males	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.4	-4.7			