

Marriage and Divorce Statistics in 2013

I. Marriage

The number of marriages fell by 1.3 percent from the previous year. The mean age at first marriage was 32.2 years for males and 29.6 years for females.

○ The number of marriages went down by 4.3 thousand cases (1.3 percent) to 322.8 thousand cases in 2013.

- The crude marriage rate (the number of marriages per 1,000 people) stood at 6.4 cases in 2013, down 0.1 from 2012.

[Table] Number of marriages and crude marriage rate

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of marriages (thousand cases)	302.5	308.6	314.3	330.6	343.6	327.7	309.8	326.1	329.1	327.1	322.8
Change (thousand cases)	-2.4	6.1	5.7	16.3	12.9	-15.8	-18.0	16.3	3.0	-2.0	-4.3
Percent (%)	-0.8	2.0	1.8	5.2	3.9	-4.6	-5.5	5.3	0.9	-0.6	-1.3
Crude marriage rate*	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.8	7.0	6.6	6.2	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.4

* The number of marriages per 1,000 population

○ The mean age at first marriage for males was 32.2 years in 2013, up 0.1 from 2012. The mean age at first marriage for females was 29.6 years in 2013, up 0.2 from 2012.

[Table] Mean age at first marriage and remarriage

(Unit: year)

		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Year-on-year change
First marriage	Males	30.1	30.5	30.9	31.0	31.1	31.4	31.6	31.8	31.9	32.1	32.2	0.1
	Females	27.3	27.5	27.7	27.8	28.1	28.3	28.7	28.9	29.1	29.4	29.6	0.2
Remarriage	Males	42.8	43.8	44.1	44.4	44.8	45.0	45.7	46.1	46.3	46.6	46.8	0.1
	Females	38.3	39.2	39.6	39.7	40.1	40.3	41.1	41.6	41.9	42.3	42.5	0.2

○ The number of marriages with foreign spouses declined by 2.4 thousand to 26.0 thousand cases in 2013.

- The marriage between Korean males and foreign females fell by 11.3 percent from the previous year.

- The marriage between Korean females and foreign males dropped by 0.4 percent from the previous year.

[Table] Marriage with a foreign spouse

(Unit: thousand cases, %)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Percent	Year-on-year percent change
Number of marriages	302.5	308.6	314.3	330.6	343.6	327.7	309.8	326.1	329.1	327.1	322.8	100.0	-1.3
Marriage with a foreign spouse	24.8	34.6	42.4	38.8	37.6	36.2	33.3	34.2	29.8	28.3	26.0	8.0	-8.3
■ Korean males and foreign females	18.8	25.1	30.7	29.7	28.6	28.2	25.1	26.3	22.3	20.6	18.3	5.7	-11.3
■ Korean females and foreign males	6.0	9.5	11.6	9.1	9.0	8.0	8.2	8.0	7.5	7.7	7.7	2.4	-0.4

II. Divorce

The number of divorces rose by 0.9 percent from 2012. The mean duration of marriage for divorces was 14.1 years in 2013.

- The number of divorces was 115.3 thousand cases in 2013, which rose by 1 thousand cased (or 0.9 percent) from 2012.
- The crude divorce rate (the number of divorces per 1,000 people) stood at 2.3 cases in 2013, which remained the same as the previous year.

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

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of divorces (thousand cases)	166.6	138.9	128.0	124.5	124.1	116.5	124.0	116.9	114.3	114.3	115.3
Change (thousand cases)	21.7	-27.7	-10.9	-3.5	-0.5	-7.5	7.5	-7.1	-2.6	0.0	1.0
Percent change (%)	15.0	-16.6	-7.8	-2.7	-0.4	-6.1	6.4	-5.8	-2.2	0.0	0.9
Crude divorce rate*	3.4	2.9	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Divorce rate of married people**	7.2	6.0	5.5	5.3	5.2	4.9	5.2	4.8	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 14.1 years in 2013, up 0.4 year from the previous year.
- The divorces whose duration of marriage was 15 years or more showed a year-on-year increase. In the meantime, the divorces whose duration of marriage was 14 years or less showed a year-on-year decrease.
- The number of divorces from foreign spouses declined by 3.7 percent to 10.5 thousand cases in 2013.

- In 2013, divorces from foreign spouses occupied 9.1 percent of the total divorces, down 0.4%p from 9.5 percent in 2012.

[Table] Divorce from a foreign spouse

(Unit: thousand cases, %)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Percent	Year-on-year percent change
Number of divorces	166.6	138.9	128.0	124.5	124.1	116.5	124.0	116.9	114.3	114.3	115.3	100.0	0.9
Divorce from a foreign spouse	2.0	3.3	4.2	6.1	8.3	11.0	11.5	11.1	11.5	10.9	10.5	9.1	-3.7
■ Korean males and foreign females	0.5	1.6	2.4	3.9	5.6	7.9	8.2	7.9	8.3	7.9	7.6	6.6	-3.7
■ Korean females and foreign males	1.5	1.7	1.8	2.2	2.7	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.5	-3.9