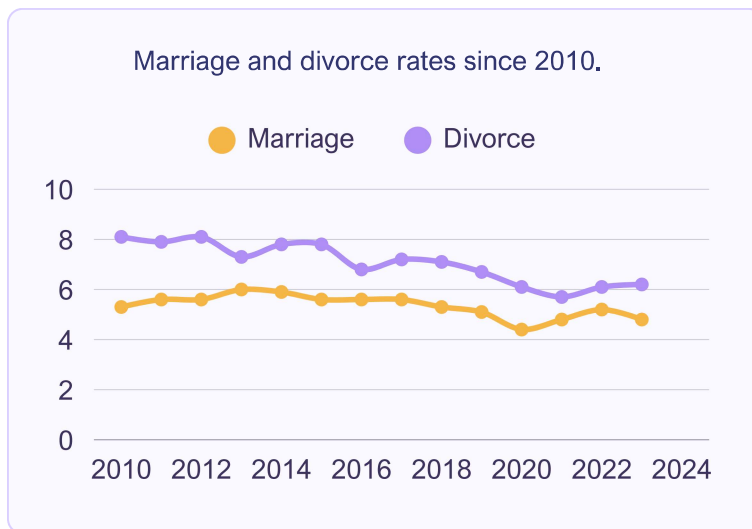


MARRIAGE & DIVORCE IN MINNESOTA



Both marriage and divorce rates have decreased slightly in the last 20 years.



In **2010**, Minnesota's marriage rate was **5.3** while the divorce rate was **8.1**. By **2023**, these rates both decreased to **4.8**, and **6.2** for divorce.^{1, 2}

The Census Bureau calculates marriage and divorce rates as marriages or divorces for women divided by the total population of women over 15.

Marriage rates measure those that occurred in the state of Minnesota. Minnesota residents that get married outside of the state are not included.

Median age at first marriage continues to increase for both men and women.

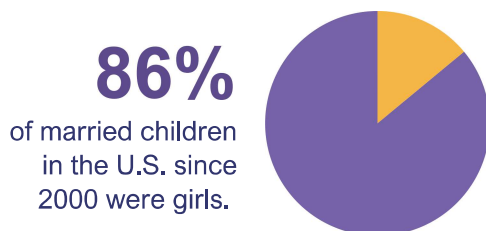
In **2024**, the median age of first marriage for Minnesotans is **28.6** years for women, and **30.6** years for men.²

In **2000**, the median age of first marriage in the United States was **25.1** for women and **26.8** for men.

In **1960**, the median age for first marriage in the United States was **20.3** for women and **22.8** for men.³



Minnesota is one of only 12 states in the US that bans child marriage.⁴



★ Minnesota Chapter 76, signed in 2020, prohibits the marriage of any persons under the age of 18 in the state of Minnesota. Child marriage, most commonly among children ages 15-17 to an adult spouse, is still legal in most U.S. states with restrictions such as the requirement of court and/or parent permission.

1 Centers for Disease Control, Marriage Rates by State, 2000-2023

2 Census Bureau, ACS 1-year estimates 2024

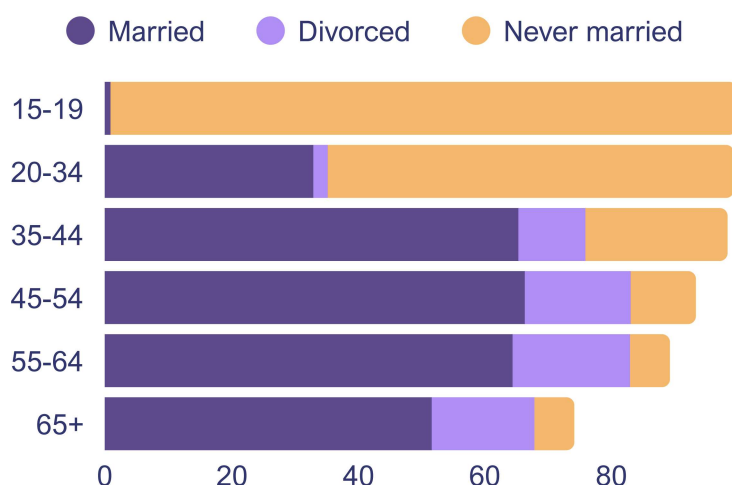
3 OESW Marriage and Divorce Factsheet, 2000

4 State and sex-specific trends in the annual incidence of child marriage in the United States since the year 2000, Koski et. al.

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Marriage status for women varies by age group.²



The majority of women up to age **34** have never been married. The majority of women above age **35** are married and remain so. The percentage of women that are divorced increases with each age group, with the highest percentage among women **55-64**, with **18.5%** divorced.

Widowed women were not included in this total, but account for **under 5%** of all women under **64**, and **25%** of women over **65**.

★ Though marriage is not permitted for Minnesotans under 18, the U.S. Census Bureau measures marital status starting at 15 years old.

Since 2010, the proportion of women married versus women never married has changed slightly.²

In 2010, **52.6%** of all women in Minnesota over 15 were married, **27.3%** had never been married, **10.3%** were divorced, and **8.6%** were widowed.

In 2024, **49.4%** of all women in Minnesota were married (**-3.2** percentage points), **31.2%** had never been married (**+4.2**), **11.2%** were divorced (**+0.9**) and **7.2%** were widowed (**-1.4**).

