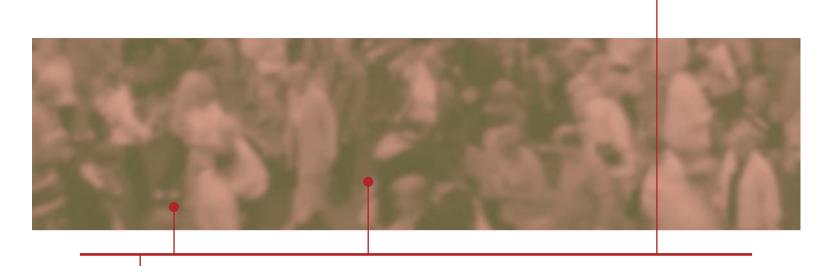
Marriage-related Statistics



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MARRIAGES BY OTHER NON CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS BRITISH COLUMBIA, 2007

Table 52, Religious Representatives on Register and Marriages Performed by Religious Denomination uses religious denomination categories from Statistics Canada. In 2007, a total of 1,161 marriages in BC were solemnized by representatives of Other Non Christian religions. The table below provides additional details about these marriages.

| Religious Denomination | Number of Religious Representatives | Number Who Performed Marriages | Number of Marriages Performed |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Baha'i | 114 | 29 | 42 |
| Buddhist | 26 | 9 | 17 |
| Hindu | 30 | 16 | 65 |
| Muslim | 40 | 25 | 158 |
| Sangam | 10 | 4 | 13 |
| Sikh | 143 | 48 | 535 |
| Spiritualist | 80 | 43 | 308 |
| Wiccan | 15 | 9 | 14 |
| Other* | 41 | 9 | 9 |
| Total Other Non Christian Religions | 499 | 192 | 1,161 |

Note: *Other consists of religious denominations where the representatives performed less than 5 marriages in 2007: Eckankar, Konko-Kyo, Scientology, and Zoroastrian.

Marriage Introduction

The *Agency* records all marriages that occurred in BC. Unlike the birth and death statistics, which are based on usual residence, marriage information includes all marriages performed in the province whether the parties were residents or non-residents. The *Agency* does not record divorce decrees. The tables in this section contain information about marriages by previous marital status, ages of the parties involved, and type of ceremony. To avoid double counting, the cells in tables 50 and 51 provide information for each combination of marital status or age.

In Table 50 the 22,961 marriages are categorized by the previous marital status of each partner. In 2007, 64.5 percent (14,822) of couples were marrying for the first time and in 19.1 percent (4,380) 1 of the partners was marrying for the first time. There were 2,978 marriages (13.0 percent) where both partners were previously divorced.

Table 51 shows number of marriages by ages of those marrying in 2007. There were 7,383 marriages (32.2 percent) where both parties were in their twenties and 4,220 marriages (18.4 percent) where both parties were in their thirties. There were also 385 marriages (1.7 percent) where at least 1 party was in their teens and 1,160 marriages (5.1 percent) where at least 1 of those marrying was 60 years or older.

Table 52 indicates that there were 7,501 registered religious representatives in BC but less than half of them (3,115) solemnized marriages in 2007. In total, 8,745 (38.1 percent) of all marriages in 2007, were solemnized by religious representatives.

Table 53 shows the number of marriages performed by marriage commissioners, both private and public servant, and the number of each type of commissioner with appointments in 2007.

Reviewing Tables 52 and 53, in 2007, 61.9 percent of marriages were of the civil type, performed by commissioners. Since 1988, when 42.5 percent of marriages were performed by commissioners, the percentage of marriages that were of the civil type has risen quite steadily.

TABLE 50 MARRIAGES BY MARITAL STATUS

British Columbia, 2007

| | Single | Widowed | Divorced | N.S. |
|----------|--------|---------|----------|------|
| Single | 14,822 | | | |
| Widowed | 162 | 199 | | |
| Divorced | 4,218 | 582 | 2,978 | |
| N.S. | - | - | - | - |

Note: N.S. - Not stated.

Table 51 MARRIAGES BY AGE British Columbia, 2007

| Age (in Years) | | / | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|
| | 15–19 | 20–24 | 25–29 | 30–34 | 35–39 | 40–44 | 45–49 | 50–59 | 60+ | N.S. |
| 15-19 | 57 | | | | | | | | | |
| 20-24 | 252 | 1,774 | | | | | | | | |
| 25-29 | 64 | 2,179 | 3,430 | | | | | | | |
| 30-34 | 6 | 472 | 2,671 | 1,855 | | | | | | |
| 35-39 | 3 | 138 | 694 | 1,548 | 817 | | | | | |
| 40-44 | 2 | 37 | 200 | 512 | 843 | 452 | | | | |
| 45-49 | 1 | 14 | 57 | 152 | 350 | 610 | 446 | | | |
| 50-59 | - | 5 | 30 | 65 | 182 | 355 | 714 | 814 | | |
| 60+ | - | 1 | 4 | 9 | 19 | 61 | 105 | 495 | 466 | |
| N.S. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Note: N.S. – Not stated.



TABLE 52 RELIGIOUS REPRESENTATIVES ON REGISTER AND MARRIAGES PERFORMED BY RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION

| British | Columbia, | 2007 |
|---------|-----------|------|
|---------|-----------|------|

| Religious Denomination | Number of Religious Representatives | Number Who Performed Marriages | Number of Marriages Performed |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Anglican | 518 | 211 | 534 |
| Baptist | 795 | 336 | 743 |
| Eastern Orthodox | 59 | 19 | 80 |
| Jewish | 34 | 15 | 44 |
| Lutheran | 253 | 111 | 259 |
| Mennonite / Hutterite | 420 | 236 | 455 |
| Pentecostal | 851 | 331 | 911 |
| Presbyterian | 215 | 84 | 168 |
| Catholic | 520 | 239 | 1,053 |
| Salvation Army | 183 | 45 | 92 |
| Jehovahs Witness | 89 | 57 | 136 |
| United Church | 514 | 282 | 961 |
| Other Christian Religions | 2,539 | 955 | 2,127 |
| Other Non Christian Religions | 504 | 192 | 1,161 |
| Unknown / Not Stated | 7 | 2 | 21 |
| Total | 7,501 | 3,115 | 8,745 |

Note: Religious categories shown above are from Statistics Canada. Individuals with temporary appointments are counted once for each appointment.

TABLE 53 MARRIAGE COMMISSIONERS ON REGISTER BY TYPE AND MARRIAGES PERFORMED

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 2007

| Type of Commisioner | Number of Commissioners | Number Who Performed Marriages | Number of Marriages Performed |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Private Commissioner* | 472 | 435 | 14,215 |
| Public Servant | 11 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 483 | 436 | 14,216 |

Note: Individuals with temporary appointments are counted once for each appointment. * Includes 131 temporary appointments.

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Vital Statistics Information Box

| Usual Residence of Persons Married in British Columbia in 2007 Same Sex Marriages | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|---------|----------|--|
| Area | Province/State or Country | Males | Females | |
| Canada | Total | 359 | 435 | |
| | British Columbia | 349 | 406 | |
| | Alberta | 4 | 16 | |
| | Ontario | 2 | 7 | |
| | Nova Scotia | 2 | 2 | |
| | Manitoba | - | 2 | |
| | Northwest Territories | 2 | - | |
| | Quebec | - | 2 | |
| United States | Total | 325 | 507 | |
| | California | 69 | 92 | |
| | Washington | 43 | 98 | |
| | Texas | 48 | 38 | |
| | Oregon | 19 | 56 | |
| | Florida | 23 | 16 | |
| | Arizona | 14 | 21 | |
| | Colorado | 4 | 21 | |
| | North Carolina | 6 | 20 15 | |
| | Nevada | 12 | 8 | |
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| | Georgia New York | 8 13 | 10 | |
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| | Utah Virginia | 8 | 8 11 | |
| | Virginia | 5 | | |
| | Other States | 53 | 110 | |
| South America | Total | 2 | - | |
| Europe | Total | 27 | 18 | |
| | England | 16 | 10 | |
| | Other | 11 | 8 | |
| Asia & Middle East | Total | 9 | 12 | |
| | Japan | 3 | 3 | |
| | China | 2 | 2 | |
| | Israel | 2 | 2 | |
| | Hong Kong | - | 3 | |
| | Other | 2 | 2 | |
| Africa | Total | - | - | |
| Oceania | Total | 18 | 12 | |
| | Australia | 18 | 12 | |
| Unknown | | - | - | |
| TOTAL | | 740 | 984 | |
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