

**Table 7.3** Marriages, mean age at marriage, by sex and marital status, Scotland, 1855 to 2005

Year	Males - mean age at marriage												
	All men	All bachelors	All widowers	All divorced men	Bachelors who married			Widowers who married			Divorced men who married		
					Spinsters	Widows	Divorced women	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced women	Spinsters	Widows	Divorced women
1855-60	28.8	27.0	42.5	...	26.8	32.6	...	41.3	46.0	...	...	...	...
1861-70	28.6	26.8	42.1	...	26.6	32.8	...	40.8	45.8	...	...	...	...
1871-80	28.5	26.6	41.7	...	26.4	32.7	...	40.3	45.6	...	...	...	...
1881-90	28.5	26.8	41.8	...	26.6	33.6	...	40.3	45.8	...	...	...	...
1891-1900	28.7	27.2	42.2	...	27.0	33.6	...	40.5	46.7	...	...	...	...
1901-10	28.9	27.5	43.2	...	27.4	34.0	...	41.7	47.2	...	...	...	...
1911-20	29.6	28.2	44.9	...	27.9	34.3	...	43.4	48.0	...	...	...	...
1921-30	29.4	28.1	46.2	...	27.8	36.2	...	44.4	50.8	...	...	...	...
1931-40 <sup>1</sup>	29.4	28.2	47.2	38.9	28.0	37.7	34.1	45.5	53.3	49.6	38.0	43.5	40.3
1941-50	29.0	27.6	48.3	37.6	27.3	35.3	32.9	46.4	53.9	47.5	37.3	41.7	39.4
1951-60	27.9	26.4	52.2	38.5	26.0	39.3	33.2	49.4	57.5	49.9	36.9	44.2	40.6
1961-70	26.5	24.8	55.4	37.7	24.5	40.7	32.2	52.1	59.8	51.9	35.5	46.5	39.8
1971-80	26.8	24.3	56.9	36.6	23.7	41.0	30.3	53.0	61.7	52.6	33.6	47.3	38.9
1981-90	28.9	25.6	57.5	38.3	25.0	40.8	30.6	51.9	63.7	54.0	34.6	49.2	41.0
1991-2000	32.7	28.8	58.4	41.1	28.1	41.0	32.7	51.4	65.6	56.2	37.5	51.1	43.4
1995	32.5	28.7	58.3	40.8	28.0	41.2	32.2	50.1	65.3	56.8	37.3	52.3	43.0
1996	33.1	29.1	59.0	41.3	28.3	40.1	32.8	51.8	67.1	56.2	37.7	51.0	43.6
1997	33.5	29.5	59.0	41.5	28.8	41.2	33.3	52.9	65.6	56.9	38.1	51.1	43.6
1998	33.8	29.8	58.2	41.9	29.0	42.6	33.6	50.4	66.2	55.7	38.3	51.6	44.2
1999	34.1	30.1	58.9	42.3	29.2	40.9	34.1	52.8	66.3	56.6	38.8	50.8	44.6
2000	34.6	30.5	58.2	43.0	29.7	42.5	34.6	52.7	64.3	56.8	39.5	51.3	45.2
2001	34.8	30.7	57.2	43.1	29.9	40.0	35.1	50.6	65.3	56.1	39.7	52.2	45.4
2002	35.2	31.0	59.5	43.7	30.2	41.9	35.3	54.9	66.1	57.8	40.1	52.3	45.9
2003	35.6	31.4	58.5	44.3	30.5	41.8	36.0	51.8	65.9	57.5	40.8	53.0	46.3
2004	35.9	31.6	59.4	44.8	30.7	42.7	36.6	52.8	65.9	58.8	41.2	53.8	46.9
2005	36.3	31.9	59.5	45.3	30.9	44.1	37.2	53.5	67.7	57.8	41.7	54.0	47.4

  

Year	Females - mean age at marriage												
	All women	All spinsters	All widows	All divorced women	Spinsters who married			Widows who married			Divorced women who married		
					Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced men	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced men	Bachelors	Widowers	Divorced men
1855-60	25.6	24.9	36.7	...	24.2	31.8	...	33.6	39.6	...	...	...	...
1861-70	25.6	24.9	37.1	...	24.2	32.0	...	33.6	40.1	...	...	...	...
1871-80	25.6	24.8	37.1	...	24.1	32.2	...	33.8	40.3	...	...	...	...
1881-90	25.7	24.9	38.0	...	24.2	32.3	...	34.6	41.1	...	...	...	...
1891-1900	25.9	25.2	38.4	...	24.6	32.6	...	34.6	42.0	...	...	...	...
1901-10	26.2	25.6	38.6	...	25.0	33.4	...	35.2	42.4	...	...	...	...
1911-20	26.7	26.0	37.7	...	25.4	34.5	...	34.2	42.7	...	...	...	...
1921-30	26.5	25.8	40.2	...	25.3	35.0	...	36.3	45.1	...	...	...	...
1931-40 <sup>1</sup>	26.4	25.9	42.5	35.8	25.3	35.6	30.7	38.3	47.5	41.2	33.9	41.7	36.5
1941-50	26.0	25.2	40.0	33.7	24.6	37.0	30.5	35.1	48.2	39.2	32.5	40.1	35.9
1951-60	25.1	24.0	45.9	35.2	23.5	39.8	30.4	40.0	52.4	42.7	33.1	42.1	37.0
1961-70	24.1	22.8	49.2	34.8	22.3	42.4	28.7	42.0	55.2	45.4	32.2	44.0	36.3
1971-80	24.7	22.5	51.0	34.0	21.9	42.9	27.2	42.6	57.4	46.4	30.8	44.8	35.6
1981-90	26.6	23.8	51.7	35.7	23.2	41.6	27.6	42.4	59.4	47.8	31.9	46.3	37.6
1991-2000	30.4	27.0	52.6	38.4	26.3	40.6	30.5	43.5	61.3	49.5	34.7	49.1	40.2
1995	30.3	26.9	52.7	38.0	26.2	39.1	30.4	43.6	60.3	51.0	34.3	49.3	39.8
1996	30.8	27.4	52.4	38.5	26.6	41.3	30.7	42.4	62.8	49.4	34.7	49.4	40.5
1997	31.2	27.8	52.6	38.9	27.0	42.0	31.2	43.2	61.3	49.9	35.3	50.0	40.5
1998	31.4	27.9	53.2	39.0	27.2	40.8	31.4	45.1	61.9	50.1	35.3	48.9	40.9
1999	31.8	28.2	52.6	39.5	27.4	42.0	31.8	43.4	61.8	49.8	35.8	50.0	41.3
2000	32.2	28.6	52.5	40.3	27.7	41.3	32.2	44.7	60.6	50.2	36.4	49.8	42.1
2001	32.3	28.8	51.4	40.3	27.9	41.2	32.4	42.9	61.0	50.2	36.8	49.8	42.1
2002	32.8	29.1	52.9	41.0	28.2	44.3	32.8	45.1	61.8	51.1	37.3	50.8	42.7
2003	33.2	29.4	53.2	41.7	28.5	41.1	33.6	43.3	62.2	52.3	38.1	51.0	43.3
2004	33.4	29.6	53.0	42.0	28.7	41.4	33.9	44.5	62.0	52.0	38.3	52.4	43.8
2005	33.8	29.9	53.6	42.6	29.0	44.2	34.3	46.6	63.6	51.2	38.8	51.7	44.3

<sup>1</sup> Before 1933 divorced men were included with bachelors and divorced women with spinsters.