

Marriage Statistics



- 90% of Americans marry at some point
- Utah's marriage rate is 10.6 per 1,000 populations
 - ▣ United States Stands at 8.7
- Utah's divorce rate is 4.3 per 1,000 populations
 - ▣ United States divorce rate stands at 4.1

Marriage Statistics

- Of the 23,896 marriages that took place in Utah in 2000
 - ▣ 72.5% were first marriages for both bride and groom
 - ▣ 26.5% of them were remarriages for the bride or groom
- Median age at first marriage in United States
 - ▣ Groom: 26.8 Bride: 25.1
- Median age at first marriage in Utah
 - ▣ Groom: 23 Bride: 21



Marriage Statistics

□ In Utah

- ▣ 77% of the marriages are performed by a religious officiant
- ▣ 23% are performed by a civil officiant
- ▣ 60% of brides in first marriages have had at least one or more years of college.
- ▣ In 2000 the month of August is when the greatest amount of marriages took place
 - 3074 marriages took place during this month



Marriage Statistics



- Median age at divorce in Utah for first marriages:
 - ▣ Husband: 31
 - ▣ Wife: 29
- 18% of divorces in Utah occur in the first year of marriage
- 50% of the divorces in Utah occur within the first 5 years of marriage and 70% by 10 years of marriage

Marriage Statistics

□ In the United States

- After 5 years, 1 in 5 first marriages (20%) have disrupted in either separation or divorce
- After 10 years, one-third (33%) of first marriages have disrupted
 - Seven years is the average length of 1st marriages that end in divorce
- 54% of divorced women remarry within 5 years and 75% remarry within 10 years

Why people Marry . . .

- Trapped
 - ▣ *Pregnancy or promises of engagement*
- Escape
 - ▣ *Marry to get out of the house or escape*
- Obligation
 - ▣ *Because of sexually activity or other obligation*
- Status Change
 - ▣ *Moving, going to college, or graduating*



Why People Marry . . .



- Set Variable
 - ▣ *You've found the person you believe is the right person*
- Pity
 - ▣ *Pity and love are two close emotions and some people can't distinguish between the two*
- Love
 - ▣ *Hopefully all will include some of this emotion in their marriage*
- Pressure
 - ▣ *Getting older and fear of not getting married*

Why People Marry. . .

- Money
 - ▣ *Financially I can marry now*
- Family
 - ▣ *You're ready to have a family and want to be married before having children*
- Common History
 - ▣ *You have been going together for a long time and invested a lot of time in the other person*
 - ▣ *Don't forget that marriage should not just be the "next step."*

