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## MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE STATISTICS, MALAYSIA, 2019

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### MARRIAGE

#### Number of marriages and crude marriage rate

The number of marriages increased 1.2 per cent from 203,741 (2017) to 206,253 (2018). However, the crude marriage rate (CMR) remained at 6.4 per 1,000 population.

The number of Muslim marriages recorded in 2018 was 150,098, increased 1.9 per cent as compared to 147,282 (2017). CMR increased from 7.5 (2017) to 7.6 (2018) per 1,000 Muslim population. The number of Non-Muslim marriages declined 0.5 per cent from 56,459 (2017) to 56,155 (2018). However, CMR remained at 4.5 per 1,000 Non-Muslim population.

**Table 1: Number of marriages and crude marriage rate (CMR), Malaysia, 2017 and 2018**

Year	Number of marriages			Rate (per 1,000 population)		
	Malaysia	Muslim	Non-Muslim	Malaysia	Muslim	Non-Muslim
2017	203,741	147,282	56,459	6.4	7.5	4.5
2018	206,253	150,098	56,155	6.4	7.6	4.5

### DIVORCE

#### Number of divorces and crude divorce rate

The number of divorces increased 0.1 per cent from 50,314 (2017) to 50,356 (2018). However, the crude divorce rate (CDR) remained at 1.6 per 1,000 population.

The number of Muslim divorces recorded in 2018 was 40,269, increased 1.4 per cent as compared to 39,709 (2017). CDR remained at 2.0 per 1,000 Muslim population. On the contrary, Non-Muslim divorces declined 4.9 per cent from 10,605 (2017) to 10,087 (2018). Therefore, CDR for Non-Muslim improved slightly from 0.9 (2017) to 0.8 (2018).

**Table 2: Number of divorces and crude divorce rate (CDR), Malaysia, 2017 and 2018**

Year	Number of divorces			Rate (per 1,000 population)		
	Malaysia	Muslim	Non-Muslim	Malaysia	Muslim	Non-Muslim
2017	50,314	39,709	10,605	1.6	2.0	0.9
2018	50,356	40,269	10,087	1.6	2.0	0.8



## MARRIAGE & DIVORCE MALAYSIA, 2019

### MARRIAGE



#### NUMBER OF MARRIAGES

**2018: 206,253**

2017: 203,741

**6.4** CRUDE MARRIAGE RATE  
per 1,000 population

#### GENERAL MARRIAGE RATE

##### GROOM

**50.7**

per 1,000  
unmarried males  
aged 18 and over



##### BRIDE

**47.0**

per 1,000  
unmarried females  
aged 16 and over

#### MEDIAN AGE OF MARRIAGE

**28**

YEARS

Groom



**26**

YEARS

Bride

#### THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF MARRIAGES AT AGE

**25-29**

YEARS

for both sexes



### DIVORCE

#### NUMBER OF DIVORCES

**2018: 50,356**

2017: 50,314

**1.6** CRUDE DIVORCE RATE  
per 1,000 population

#### GENERAL DIVORCE RATE

##### MALE

**6.5**

per 1,000  
married males  
aged 18 and over



##### FEMALE

**6.9**

per 1,000  
married females  
aged 16 and over

#### MEDIAN AGE OF DIVORCE

**37**

YEARS

Male



**34**

YEARS

Female

#### OLDEST AGE FOR GROOM & BRIDE

**92**

YEARS OLD

Groom



**83**

YEARS OLD

Bride



Note:  
Statistics on marriages and divorces refer to registered records in 2018

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