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MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE STATISTICS, MALAYSIA, 2019

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

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MARRIAGE

NUMBER OF MARRIAGES

2018: 206,253

2017: 203,741

6.4 CRUDE MARRIAGE RATE
per 1,000 population

GENERAL MARRIAGE RATE

GROOM	BRIDE
50.7	**47.0**
per 1,000 unmarried males aged 18 and over	per 1,000 unmarried females aged 16 and over

MEDIAN AGE OF MARRIAGE

28 YEARS	26 YEARS
Groom	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	FEMALE
6.5	**6.9**
per 1,000 married males aged 18 and over	per 1,000 married females aged 16 and over

MEDIAN AGE OF DIVORCE

37 YEARS	34 YEARS
Male	Female

OLDEST AGE FOR GROOM & BRIDE

92 YEARS OLD	83 YEARS OLD
Groom	Bride

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

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