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Introduction

This report presents statistics on marriage and divorce in Abu Dhabi Emirate in 2012. Statistics of marriage and divorce in the years 2002, 2006 and 2011 are included to show trends. It contains statistic of marriage contracts, crude and general marriage rates, singulate mean age at first marriage as well as divorce cases, crude and general divorce rates.

The first section provides a brief summary of the key statistics supported by figures to highlight trends, regional variation and seasonal patterns.

The second section provides detailed statistical tables for readers who wish to analyse the data more closely. New tables on marriage and divorce cases by educational status, groups of nationality, month and age groups have been included in this release.

The main source for these statistics is Abu Dhabi - Judicial Department (ADJD). Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi (SCAD) acknowledges the productive partnership with ADJD which aims to continually improve the coverage and quality of marriage and divorce statistics.

The Explanatory Notes section at the end of this report provides an explanation of the key terms and technical concepts used for marriage and divorce. Readers are encouraged to refer to that section in conjunction with reading the statistics and information outlined in the report.

Key Indicators, Abu Dhabi Emirate, 2012

Marriages

Total	5,570
Male Citizens	3,439
Male Non-citizens	2,131

Crude Marriage Rates (per 1000 population)

Total	2.4
Male Citizens	14.0
Female Citizens	13.7
Male Non-citizens	1.5
Female Non-citizens	5.5

Divorces

Total	1,700
Male Citizens	1,073
Male Non-citizens	627

Crude Divorce Rates (per 1000 population)

Total	0.7
Male Citizens	4.4
Female Citizens	3.6
Male Non-citizens	0.4
Female Non-citizens	2.0

Key Points

Marriage

- In 2012, there were 5,570 marriage contracts compared with 4,714 and 5,328 in 2002 and 2006 respectively, representing a rise of 18.2% in ten years. However, there was a decrease of 138 contracts 2.4% from 5,708 in 2011.
- The Crude Marriage Rate decreased to 2.4 marriages per 1000 population in 2012, while it was 3.9 marriages per 1000 population in 2002.
- The Crude Marriage Rate was highest in Al Ain Region with 3.4 marriages per 1000 population in 2012.
- The percentage of male citizens married to female citizens increased to reach 77.6% in 2012 while it was only 72.1% in 2002.

Divorce

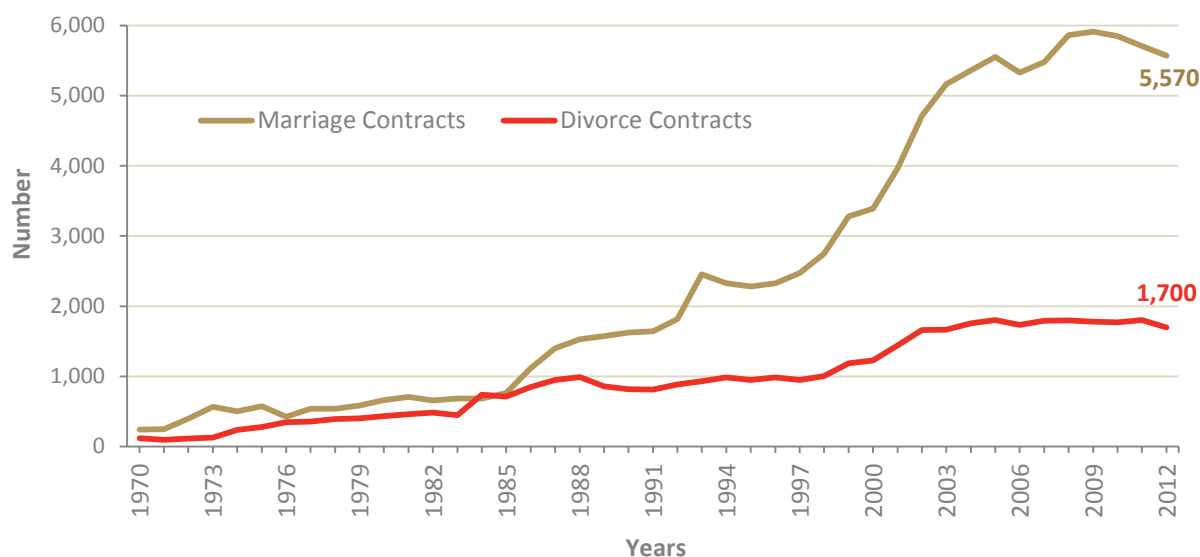
- There were 1,700 divorces in 2012 compared with 1,661 in 2002, representing a rise of 2.3% in ten years.
- In 2012, the Crude Divorce Rate reached 0.7 divorces per 1000 population with its highest level in Al Ain Region with 0.9 divorces per 1000 population.
- In 2012, the Crude Divorce Rate decreased by half since 2002 when it was 1.4 divorces per 1000 population.

Marriage and Divorce Trends

The total number of marriages registered in 2012 in Abu Dhabi Emirate was 5,570 marriages. This was 4.0 times the 1,402 marriages registered in 1987.

Compared to divorces, there were 951 divorce cases in Abu Dhabi Emirate in 1987. It increased to 1,700 cases in 2012, representing an increase of only 1.8 times during this period.

Figure 1: Marriages and Divorces, 1970 to 2012



Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi – Judicial Department

Marriage Indicators

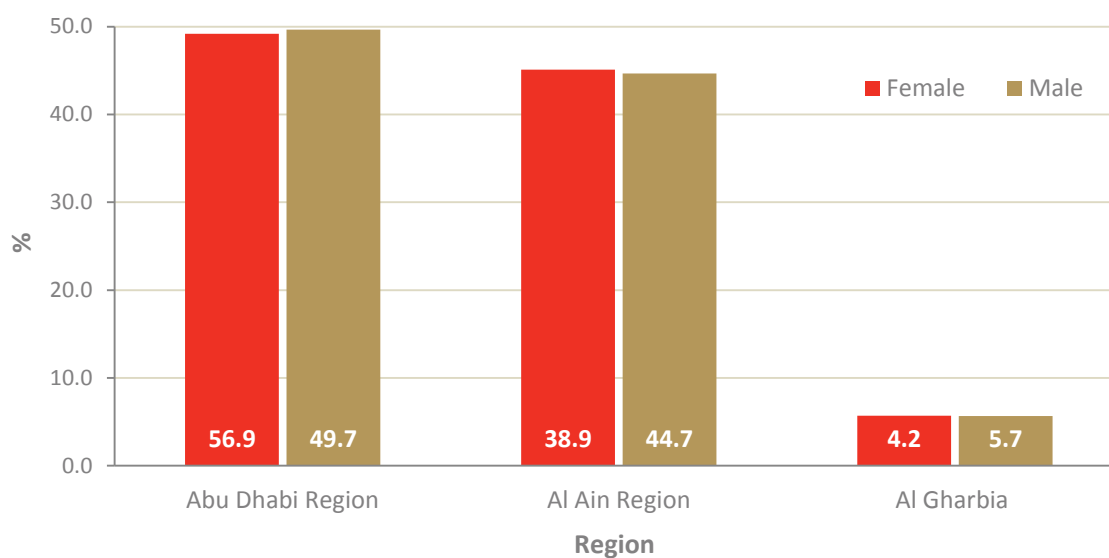
Marriage Contracts

Administrative records show a rise in marriages in Abu Dhabi Emirate. The number of marriage contracts totalled 4,714 in 2002. It increased significantly to reach 5,328 contracts in 2006 and 5,708 contracts in 2011. In 2012, marriage contracts amounted to 5,570 marking a 2.4% decrease compared with 2011.

With respect to husbands' citizenship, marriages among male citizens decreased from 3,521 in 2011 to 3,439 in 2012. Similarly, marriages among male non-citizens decreased over the same period.

Across the regions, 49.7% of male citizen marriages were registered in Abu Dhabi Region, 44.7% in Al Ain Region and 5.7% in Al Gharbia. The same pattern applied to female citizens' marriage contracts with 56.9%, 38.9 % and 4.2 % for Abu Dhabi Region, Al Ain Region and Al Gharbia respectively.

Figure 2: Distribution of Citizen Marriage Contracts by Region and Gender, 2012

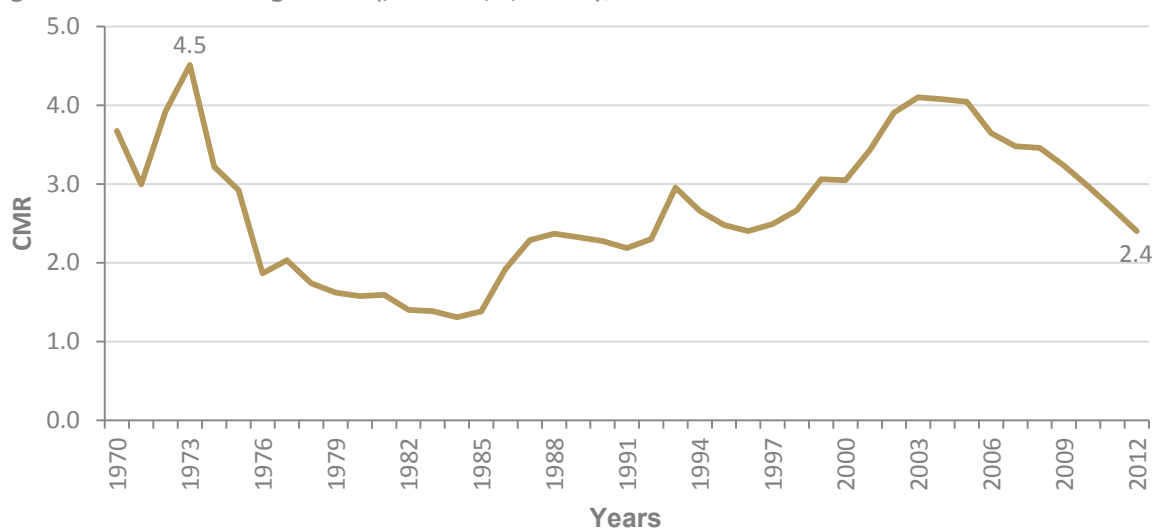


Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

Crude Marriage Rate

In 2002, the Crude Marriage Rate (CMR) was 3.9 marriages per 1000 population. It decreased steadily until 2006 to reach 3.6 marriages per 1000 population. Moreover, in 2011 to 2012 the CMR declined from 2.7 to 2.4 respectively.

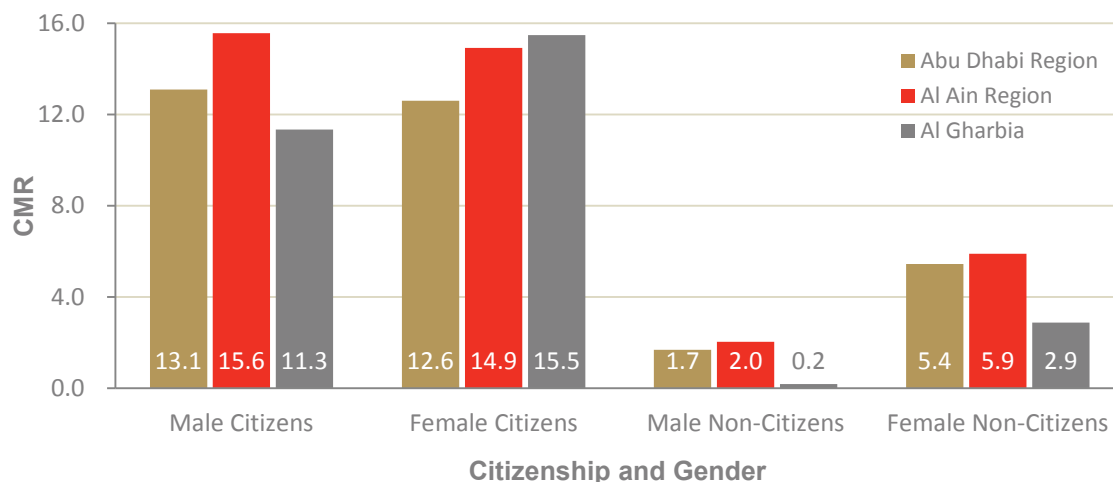
Figure 3: Crude Marriage Rate (per 1000 population), 1970 - 2012



Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

According to 2012 data, CMR vary between different regions of the Emirate, reaching its highest level in Al Ain Region with 3.4 marriages per 1000 population, followed by Abu Dhabi Region with 2.2 marriages and Al Gharbia with 0.8 marriages per 1000 population. CMR showed no significant difference between male and female citizens except in Al Gharbia, where CMR for males was 11.3 and 15.5 for females. However, in a community of expatriates the difference is clear in the CMR by gender where the CMR for female non-citizen was 5.5 comparing with 1.5 for male non-citizen. Al Ain Region has the highest rate of female non-citizens with 5.9 marriages per 1000 population.

Figure 4: Crude Marriage Rates (per 1000 population) by Region, Citizenship and Gender, 2012

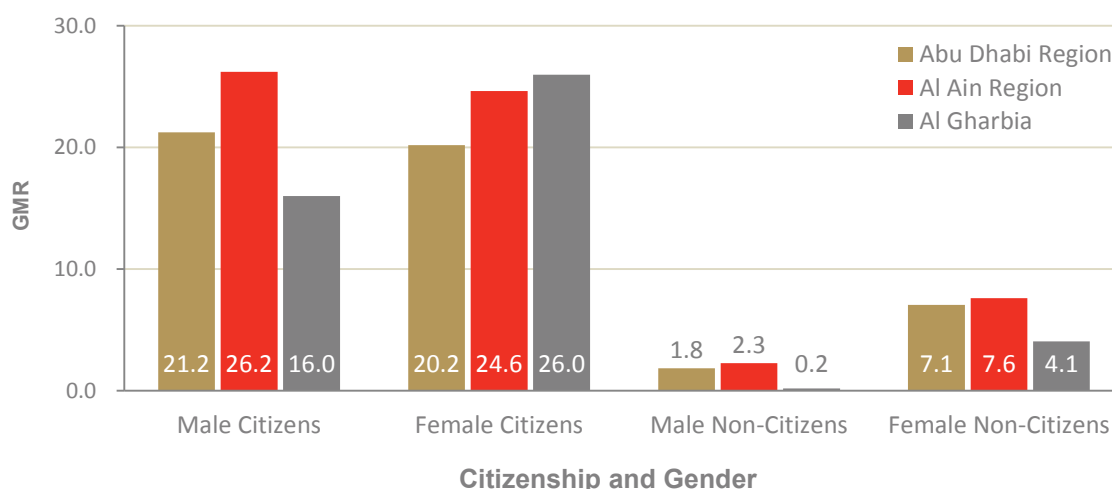


Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

General Marriage Rate

The General Marriage Rate (GMR) in Abu Dhabi Emirate in 2012 was 2.9 marriages per 1000 population aged 15 years and above. The value of GMR varies between the regions of the Emirate among which Al Ain Region ranked top, with 4.4, followed by Abu Dhabi Region with 2.7 and Al Gharbia with 0.9 marriages per 1000 population aged 15 years and above. Among male citizens the GMR reached 22.7 while it reached 22.3 among female citizens.

Figure 5: General Marriage Rates (per 1000 population aged 15 years and above) by Region, Citizenship and Gender, 2012

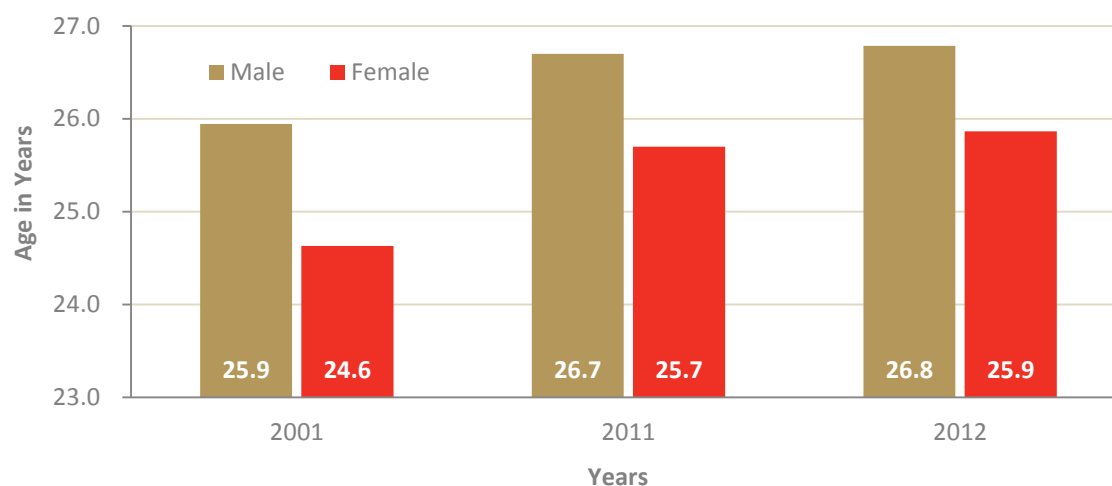


Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

Singulate Mean Age at First Marriage for Citizens

The singulate mean age at first marriage (SMAM) of Abu Dhabi Emirate in 2012 was 27.9 years for males and 26.8 years for females. In general, SMAM has increased about one year from 2001 to 2012. For male citizens, SMAM rose from 25.9 years in 2001 to 26.8 years in 2012. For female citizens, SMAM rose from 24.6 years to 25.9 years during the same period.

Figure 6: Singulate Mean Age at First Marriage for Citizens by Gender, 2001, 2011 and 2012



Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

Mixed Marriages

In 2012, there were 1,256 mixed marriage contracts, where one of the spouses was a citizen while the other was not a citizen, or 22.5% of the total marriage contracts (5,570) involved a citizen.

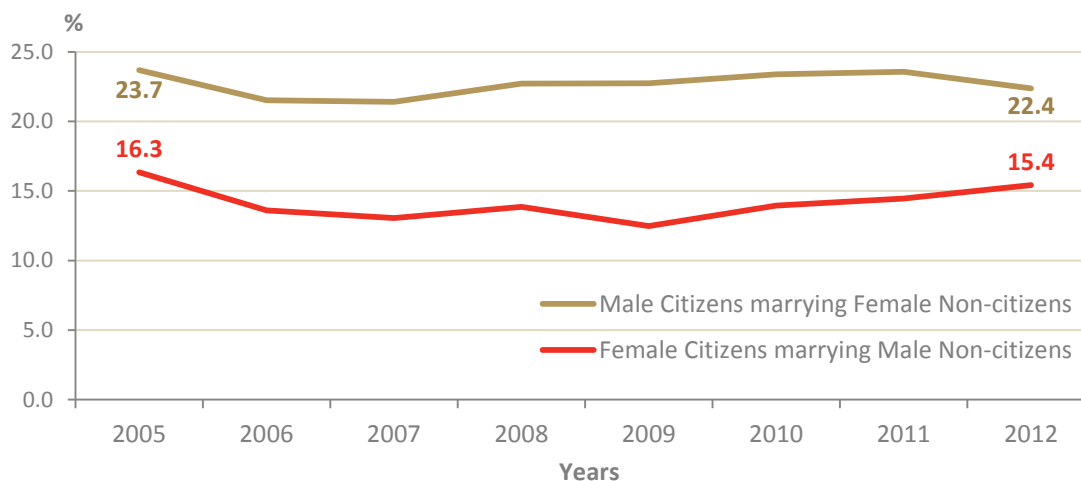
Males	Females		
	Citizen	Non-Citizen	Total
Citizen	2,670	769	3,439
Non-Citizen	487	1,644	2,131
Total	3,157	2,413	5,570

In 2002, the percentage of male citizens who were married to non-citizen females represented 27.9% of the total marriages among male citizens, but the percentage declined to 22.4% in 2012. Abu Dhabi Region had the highest percentage with 26.9%.

On other hand, the percentage of female citizens who were married to male non-citizens decreased from 16.6% in 2002 to 15.4% in 2012 and Abu Dhabi Region had the highest percentage with 19.6%.

The occurrence of male citizens marrying female non-citizens is greater than the occurrence of female citizens marrying male non-citizens.

Figure 7: Percentage of Citizens Marrying Non-Citizens by Gender, 2005 to 2012



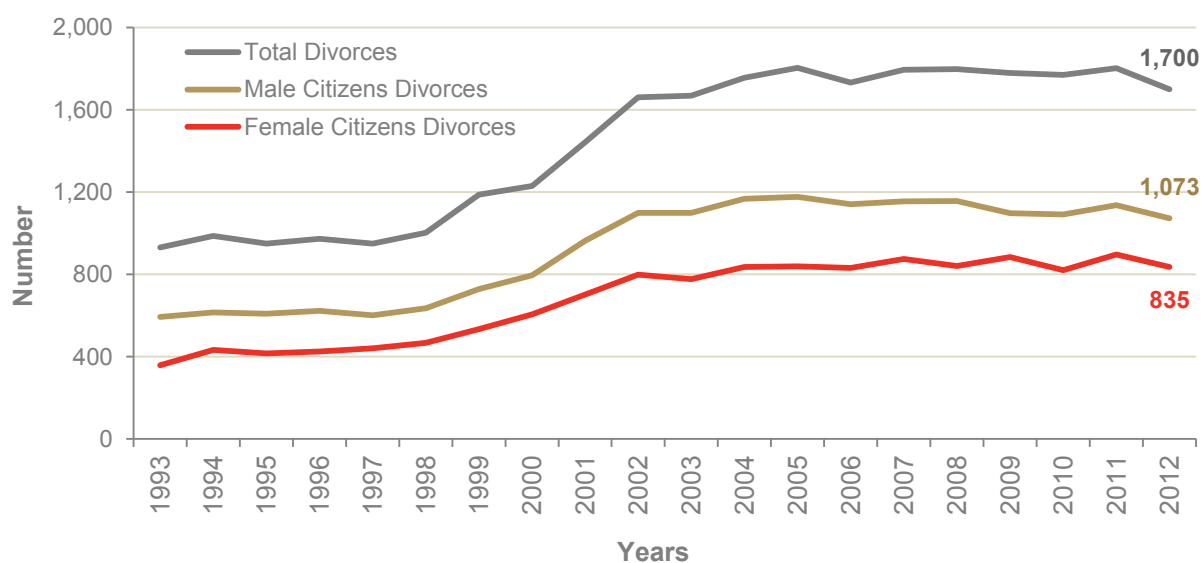
Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

Divorce Indicators

Divorce Contracts

Administrative records showed a rise in registered divorces in Abu Dhabi Emirate. The number of divorce contracts in 2002 totaled 1,661. The number increased to reach 1,733 contracts in 2006, and then it increased to 1,803 contracts in 2011. The number of divorce contracts declined to 1,700 in 2012, representing a 5.7% decrease compared with 2011. The same pattern applied to female citizens.

Figure 8: Divorces among Citizens by Gender, 2012

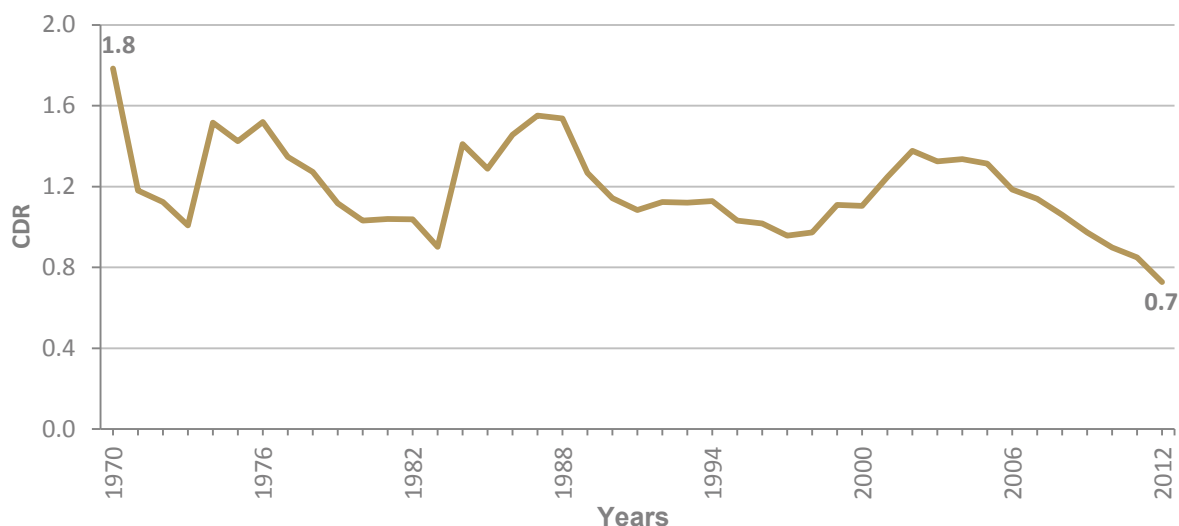


Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

Crude Divorce Rate

In 1987, the Crude Divorce Rate (CDR) was almost 1.6 per 1000 population, it decreased to 1.0 in 1998 then increased to 1.4 in 2002. There is a clear decline in CDR in 2006, 2011 and 2012 reaching 1.2, 0.9 and 0.7 per 1000 population respectively.

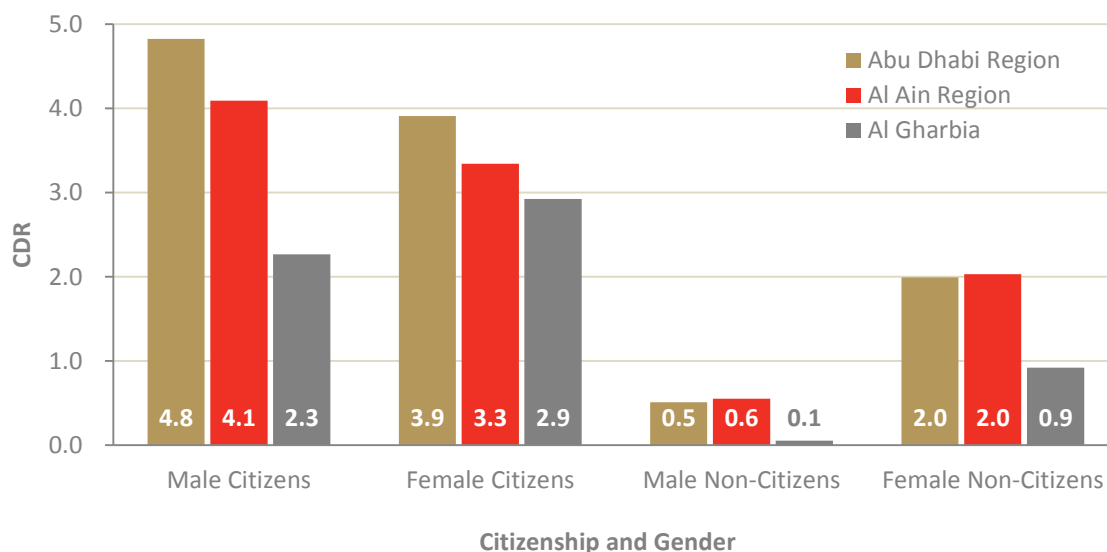
Figure 9: Crude Divorce Rate (per 1000 population), 1970 to 2012



Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

CDR in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi was 0.7 divorces per 1000 population in 2012. The value of this rate varied between the regions of the Emirate, reaching its highest level in Al Ain Region with 0.9, followed by Abu Dhabi Region with 0.8, and then the Al Gharbia Region with 0.2 divorces per 1000 population.

Figure 10: Crude Divorce Rates (per 1000 population) by Region, Citizenship and Gender, 2012

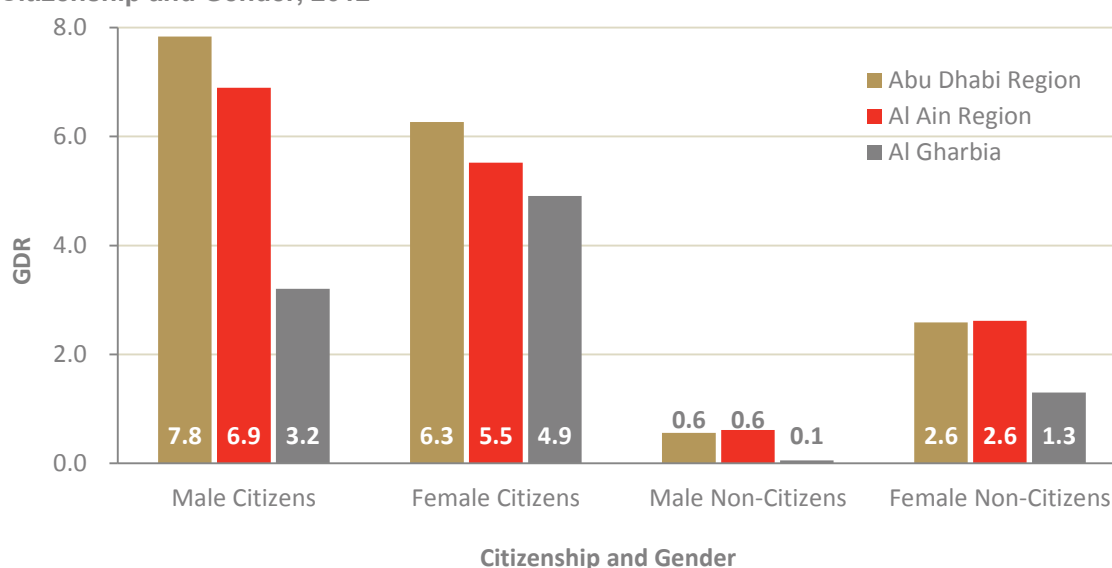


Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

General Divorce Rate

The General Divorce Rate (GDR) in Abu Dhabi Emirate in 2012 was 0.9 divorces per 1000 population aged 15 years and above. The value of this rate varied geographically among regions of the Emirate, reaching its highest level in Al Ain Region at 1.2, followed by Abu Dhabi Region at 0.9, and Al Gharbia Region at 0.2 divorces per 1000 population aged 15 years and above. Abu Dhabi Region has the highest GDR for citizens and non-citizens followed by Al Ain Region and Al Gharbia Region.

Figure 11: General Divorce Rates (per 1000 population aged 15 years and above) by Region, Citizenship and Gender, 2012



Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

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Table 1: Change in Marriage and Divorce Contracts by Citizenship and Gender, Abu Dhabi Emirate, 2011 to 2012

Item	2011	2012	Change	%
Marriage Contracts	5,708	5,570	-138	-2.4
Citizens				
Males	3,521	3,439	-82	-2.3
Females	3,145	3,157	12	0.4
Non- Citizens				
Males	2,187	2,131	-56	-2.6
Females	2,563	2,413	-150	-5.9
Divorce Contracts	1,803	1,700	-103	-5.7
Citizens				
Males	1,136	1,073	-63	-5.5
Females	897	835	-62	-6.9
Non- Citizens				
Males	667	627	-40	-6.0
Females	906	865	-41	-4.5

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi - Judicial Department

Table 2: Registered Marriages by Region, Citizenship and Gender, Abu Dhabi Emirate, 2002, 2006, 2011 and 2012

Region / Citizenship / Gender	2002	2006	2011	2012
Abu Dhabi Emirate	4,714	1,733	5,708	5,570
Citizens				
Males	3,012	1,140	3,521	3,439
Females	2,605	831	3,145	3,157
Non- Citizens				
Males	1,702	593	2,187	2,131
Females	2,109	902	2,563	2,413
Abu Dhabi Region	2,707	1,130	3,226	3,167
Citizens				
Males	1,522	693	1,741	1,708
Females	1,268	476	1,517	1,553
Non- Citizens				
Males	1,185	437	1,485	1,459
Females	1,439	654	1,709	1,614
Al Ain Region	1,785	562	2,224	2,167
Citizens				
Males	1,304	418	1,578	1,536
Females	1,175	330	1,430	1,424
Non- Citizens				
Males	481	144	646	631
Females	610	232	794	743
Al Gharbia	222	41	258	236
Citizens				
Males	186	29	202	195
Females	162	25	198	180
Non- Citizens				
Males	36	12	56	41
Females	60	16	60	56

Source: Abu Dhabi - Judicial Department

Table 3: Crude Marriage Rates (per 1000 population) by Region, Citizenship and Gender, Abu Dhabi Emirate, 2012

Citizenship / Gender	Abu Dhabi Region	Al Ain Region	Al Gharbia	Abu Dhabi Emirate
Total	2.2	3.4	0.8	2.4
Male Citizens	13.1	15.6	11.3	14.0
Female Citizens	12.6	14.9	15.5	13.7
Male Non-Citizens	1.7	2.0	0.2	1.5
Female Non-Citizens	5.4	5.9	2.9	5.5

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Table 4: General Marriage Rates (per 1000 population aged 15 years and above) by Region, Citizenship and Gender, Abu Dhabi Emirate, 2012

Citizenship / Gender	Abu Dhabi Region	Al Ain Region	Al Gharbia	Abu Dhabi Emirate
Total	2.7	4.4	0.9	2.9
Male Citizens	21.2	26.2	16.0	22.7
Female Citizens	20.2	24.6	26.0	22.3
Male Non-Citizens	1.8	2.3	0.2	1.6
Female Non-Citizens	7.1	7.6	4.1	7.1

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Table 5: Singulate Mean Age at Marriage (SMAM*) by Citizenship and Gender, Abu Dhabi Emirate, 1995, 2001, 2011 and 2012

Citizenship / Gender	1995	2001	2011	2012
Total				
Males	27.0	27.3	27.7	27.9
Females	24.4	25.2	26.1	26.8
Citizens				
Males	25.3	25.9	26.7	26.8
Females	23.7	24.6	25.7	25.9
Non-Citizens				
Males	27.2	27.5	27.8	28.0
Females	24.5	25.3	26.3	27.1

* Average number of years lived unmarried before first marriage for those who will ultimately marry before age 50 years

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Table (6): Mixed Marriages by Region, Citizenship and Gender, Abu Dhabi Emirate, (2002, 2006, 2011 and 2012)

Region, Citizenship and Gender	2002	2006	2011	2012
Abu Dhabi Emirate	4714	5328	5708	5570
Male Citizens				
Female Non- Citizens	840	726	830	769
Male Non-Citizens				
Female Citizens	433	417	455	487
Abu Dhabi Region	2707	3159	3226	3167
Male Citizens				
Female Non- Citizens	535	466	494	460
Male Non-Citizens				
Female Citizens	281	261	271	305
Al Ain Region	1785	1976	2224	2167
Male Citizens				
Female Non- Citizens	275	248	317	286
Male Non-Citizens				
Female Citizens	146	147	169	174
Al Gharbia	222	193	258	236
Male Citizens				
Female Non- Citizens	30	12	19	23
Male Non-Citizens				
Female Citizens	6	9	15	8

source: Emirate Abu Dhabi - Judicial Department

Table 7: Registered Divorces by Region, Citizenship and Gender, Abu Dhabi Emirate, 2002, 2006, 2011 and 2012

Region / Citizenship / Gender	2002	2006	2011	2012
Abu Dhabi Emirate	1,661	1,971	1,803	1,700
Citizens				
Males	1,098	1,140	1,136	1,073
Females	798	831	897	835
Non- Citizens				
Males	563	593	667	627
Females	863	902	906	865
Abu Dhabi Region	1,022	1,169	1,170	1,073
Citizens				
Males	608	693	684	630
Females	413	476	538	482
Non- Citizens				
Males	414	437	486	443
Females	609	654	632	591
Al Ain Region	574	748	583	575
Citizens				
Males	440	418	419	404
Females	346	330	327	319
Non- Citizens				
Males	134	144	164	171
Females	228	232	256	256
Al Gharbia	65	54	50	52
Citizens				
Males	50	29	33	39
Females	39	25	32	34
Non- Citizens				
Males	15	12	17	13
Females	26	16	18	18

Source: Abu Dhabi - Judicial Department

Table 8: Crude Divorce Rates (per 1000 population) by Region, Citizenship and Gender, Abu Dhabi Emirate, 2012

Citizenship / Gender	Abu Dhabi Region	Al Ain Region	Al Gharbia	Abu Dhabi Emirate
Total	0.8	0.9	0.2	0.7
Male Citizens	4.8	4.1	2.3	4.4
Female Citizens	3.9	3.3	2.9	3.6
Male Non-Citizens	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.4
Female Non-Citizens	2.0	2.0	0.9	2.0

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Table 9: General Divorce Rates (per 1000 population aged 15 years and above) by Region, Citizenship and Gender, Abu Dhabi Emirate, 2012

Citizenship / Gender	Abu Dhabi Region	Al Ain Region	Al Gharbia	Abu Dhabi Emirate
Total	0.9	1.2	0.2	0.9
Male Citizens	7.8	6.9	3.2	7.1
Female Citizens	6.3	5.5	4.9	5.9
Male Non-Citizens	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.5
Female Non-Citizens	2.6	2.6	1.3	2.5

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Table 10: Registered Marriages by Educational Status of the Husband and Wife, Abu Dhabi Emirate, 2012

Husband	Wife									
	Illiterate	Read and Write	Primary	Preparatory	Secondary	Above Secondary & Below University	University	Higher Diploma	Not stated	Total
Illiterate	12	2	5	6	12	-	5	-	-	42
Read and Write	-	4	4	2	10	-	4	-	-	24
Primary	7	3	18	17	61	13	28	-	2	149
Preparatory	8	5	31	105	299	52	117	8	9	634
Secondary	11	6	25	162	1,287	194	495	23	16	2,219
Above Secondary and Below University	1	-	5	23	159	96	152	15	8	459
University	1	5	6	48	483	141	1,051	45	23	1,803
Higher Diploma	-	-	-	3	60	20	105	32	1	221
Not stated	-	-	-	1	3	-	4	-	11	19
Total	40	25	94	367	2,374	516	1,961	123	70	5,570

(-) Nil

Source: Abu Dhabi - Judicial Department

Table 11: Registered Marriages by Month and Nationality of Husband, Abu Dhabi Emirate, 2012

Month	Citizen	Non- Citizen	Total
January	298	163	461
February	287	173	460
March	334	186	520
April	269	160	429
May	326	183	509
June	322	191	513
July	263	199	462
August	197	140	337
September	261	173	434
October	217	181	398
November	322	175	497
December	343	207	550
Total	3,439	2,131	5,570

Source: Abu Dhabi - Judicial Department

Table 12: Registered Marriages by Age Groups of Husband and Wife, Abu Dhabi Emirate, 2012

Husband	Wife								Total
	less than 15	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 +	Not stated	
less than 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19	-	61	42	1	-	-	-	-	104
20 - 24	3	515	818	149	30	8	9	-	1,532
25 - 29	2	242	802	634	170	36	13	1	1,900
30 - 34	-	50	269	402	225	69	26	-	1,041
35 - 39	-	7	45	143	151	74	36	-	456
40 - 44	-	5	25	41	73	57	36	-	237
45 - 49	-	3	3	19	35	33	19	-	112
50 - 54	-	-	8	13	21	17	24	-	83
55 - 59	-	3	3	5	4	10	19	-	44
60 +	-	-	6	6	7	13	29	-	61
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5	886	2,021	1,413	716	317	211	1	5,570

(-) Nil

Source: Abu Dhabi - Judicial Department

Table 13: Registered Marriages by Groups of Nationality of Husband and Wife, Abu Dhabi Emirate, 2012

Husband	Wife						Total
	Emirates	Gulf Cooperation Council	Other Arab countries	Other Asia (Non-Arab)	Other countries (Non-Arab)	Not stated	
Emirates	2,670	166	512	56	31	4	3,439
Gulf Cooperation Council	240	19	15	1	-	-	275
Other Arab countries	209	2	910	120	147	3	1,391
Other Asia (Non-Arab)	20	1	13	211	19	2	266
Other countries (Non-Arab)	16	3	90	29	53	1	192
Not stated	2	-	4	-	-	1	7
Total	3,157	191	1,544	417	250	11	5,570

(-) Nil

Source: Abu Dhabi - Judicial Department

Table 14: Registered Divorces by Educational Status of Husband and Wife, Abu Dhabi Emirate, 2012

Husband	Wife									Total
	Illiterate	Read and Write	Primary	Preparatory	Secondary	Above Secondary & Below University	University	Higher Diploma	Not stated	
Illiterate	44	8	6	5	12	1	3	1	3	83
Read and Write	4	9	1	6	7	1	1	-	-	29
Primary	8	1	14	16	31	4	13	-	2	89
Preparatory	5	3	15	60	78	6	36	-	4	207
Secondary	2	4	16	53	305	39	102	1	7	529
Above Secondary and Below University	1	-	2	9	60	31	32	3	2	140
University	2	3	13	26	155	25	251	9	6	490
Higher Diploma	-	-	2	1	20	8	27	9	1	68
Not stated	-	-	-	2	2	-	1	1	59	65
Total	66	28	69	178	670	115	466	24	84	1,700

(-) Nil

Source: Abu Dhabi - Judicial Department

Table 15: Registered Divorces by Month and Nationality of Husband, Abu Dhabi Emirate, 2012

Month	Citizen	Non- Citizen	Total
January	124	60	184
February	98	65	163
March	79	42	121
April	83	61	144
May	103	59	162
June	88	42	130
July	86	76	162
August	99	62	161
September	88	56	144
October	21	18	39
November	64	41	105
December	117	39	156
Not stated	23	6	29
Total	1,073	627	1,700

Source: Abu Dhabi - Judicial Department

Table 16: Registered Divorces by Age Groups of Husband and Wife, Abu Dhabi Emirate, 2012

Husband	Wife								Total
	less than 15	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 +	Not stated	
less than 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19	-	3	1	2	2	-	1	-	9
20 - 24	-	25	84	28	5	4	1	-	147
25 - 29	1	15	125	138	34	5	8	1	327
30 - 34	-	11	61	140	124	37	16	1	390
35 - 39	1	3	15	62	86	63	42	1	273
40 - 44	-	-	8	27	35	65	46	1	182
45 - 49	-	1	4	12	18	35	36	-	106
50 - 54	-	1	3	14	11	17	49	-	95
55 - 59	-	2	1	3	8	14	43	1	72
60 +	-	-	4	7	7	20	57	-	95
Not stated	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	4
Total	2	61	307	434	330	261	300	5	1,700

(-) Nil

Source: Abu Dhabi - Judicial Department

Table 17: Registered Divorces by Groups of Nationality of Husband and Wife, Abu Dhabi Emirate, 2012

Husband	Wife						Total
	Emirates	Gulf Cooperation Council	Other Arab countries	Other Asia (Non-Arab)	Other countries (Non-Arab)	Not stated	
Emirates	760	64	191	41	17	-	1,073
Gulf Cooperation Council	38	8	4	1	-	-	51
Other Arab countries	30	-	357	31	36	-	454
Other Asia (Non- Arab)	5	-	6	36	3	1	51
Other countries (Non- Arab)	2	-	23	8	37	1	71
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	835	72	581	117	93	2	1,700

(-) Nil

Source: Abu Dhabi - Judicial Department

Explanatory Notes

Glossary

This report contains certain terms specific to marriages and divorces. They include the following terms:

Crude Divorce Rate (CDR)

The crude divorce rate within a given region/ country in a specific year/ period of time is defined as the number of divorces (not the number of divorced population) per 1000 population in that region/country in the specified year/period of time.

$$\frac{\text{Number of divorces during the reference year}}{\text{Estimated mid – year population}} * 1000$$

Crude Marriage Rate (CMR)

The crude marriage rate in a given region/country in a specific year/period of time is defined as the number of marriages (not the number of married population) per 1000 population in that region/country in the specified year/period of time.

$$\frac{\text{Number of marriages during the reference year}}{\text{Estimated mid – year population}} * 1000$$

General Divorce Rate (GDR)

The General Divorce Rate in a given region/country in a specific year/period of time is defined as the number of divorces (not the number of divorced population) per 1000 of the population aged 15 years and above in that region/country in the specified year/period of time.

$$\frac{\text{Number of divorces during the reference year}}{\text{Estimated mid – year population aged 15 years and above}} * 1000$$

General Marriage Rate (GMR)

The general marriage rate in a given region/country in a specific year/period of time is defined as the number of marriages (not the number of married population) per 1000 population aged 15 years and above in that region/country in the specified year/period of time.

$$\frac{\text{Number of marriages during the reference year}}{\text{Estimated mid – year population aged 15 years and above}} * 1000$$

Data sources

The marriage and divorce indicators used in this study were calculated on the basis of the statistical figures issued by the Abu Dhabi Judicial Department and the population estimates prepared by SCAD.

Abbreviations used

ADJD	Abu Dhabi – Judicial Department
CDR	Crude Divorce Rate
CMR	Crude Marriage Rate
GDR	General Divorce Rate
GMR	General Marriage Rate
SCAD	Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi
SMAM	Singulate Mean Age at First Marriage

Cautionary Note

It is important to note that the ratio of divorces to the number of marriages in a given year does not represent the rate of divorces for that year, because divorces that occurred in a year relates to marriages of many previous years. For this reason, this ratio should not be used to evaluate trends in divorce rates.

More information and next release

For more information about Statistics of Marriages and Divorces in Abu Dhabi Emirate, please visit the statistics link on the SCAD website at <http://www.scad.ae>. The next release is expected in December 2014.

