

Table 1. Divorces and annulments and rates: United States, 1940–90

[Data refer only to events occurring within the United States. Alaska included beginning with 1959, and Hawaii, beginning with 1960. Rates per 1,000 population enumerated as of April 1 for 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, and 1980 and estimated as of July 1 for all other years]

| Year | Divorces and annulments | Rate per 1,000 — | |
|------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | Total population ¹ | Married women 15 years and over |
| 1990 | 1,182,000 | 4.7 | 20.9 |
| 1989 | 1,157,000 | 4.7 | 20.4 |
| 1988 | 1,167,000 | 4.8 | 20.7 |
| 1987 | 1,166,000 | 4.8 | 20.8 |
| 1986 | 1,178,000 | 4.9 | 21.2 |
| 1985 | 1,190,000 | 5.0 | 21.7 |
| 1984 | 1,169,000 | 5.0 | 21.5 |
| 1983 | 1,158,000 | 5.0 | 21.3 |
| 1982 | 1,170,000 | 5.1 | 21.7 |
| 1981 | 1,213,000 | 5.3 | 22.6 |
| 1980 | 1,189,000 | 5.2 | 22.6 |
| 1979 | 1,181,000 | 5.3 | 22.8 |
| 1978 | 1,130,000 | 5.1 | 21.9 |
| 1977 | 1,091,000 | 5.0 | 21.1 |
| 1976 | 1,083,000 | 5.0 | 21.1 |
| 1975 | 1,036,000 | 4.8 | 20.3 |
| 1974 | 977,000 | 4.6 | 19.3 |
| 1973 | 915,000 | 4.3 | 18.2 |
| 1972 | 845,000 | 4.0 | 17.0 |
| 1971 | 773,000 | 3.7 | 15.8 |
| 1970 | 708,000 | 3.5 | 14.9 |
| 1969 | 639,000 | 3.2 | 13.4 |
| 1968 | 584,000 | 2.9 | 12.5 |
| 1967 | 523,000 | 2.6 | 11.2 |
| 1966 | 499,000 | 2.5 | 10.9 |
| 1965 | 479,000 | 2.5 | 10.6 |
| 1964 | 450,000 | 2.4 | 10.0 |
| 1963 | 428,000 | 2.3 | 9.6 |
| 1962 | 413,000 | 2.2 | 9.4 |
| 1961 | 414,000 | 2.3 | 9.6 |
| 1960 | 393,000 | 2.2 | 9.2 |
| 1959 | 395,000 | 2.2 | 9.3 |
| 1958 | 368,000 | 2.1 | 8.9 |
| 1957 | 381,000 | 2.2 | 9.2 |
| 1956 | 382,000 | 2.3 | 9.4 |
| 1955 | 377,000 | 2.3 | 9.3 |
| 1954 | 379,000 | 2.4 | 9.5 |
| 1953 | 390,000 | 2.5 | 9.9 |
| 1952 | 392,000 | 2.5 | 10.1 |
| 1951 | 381,000 | 2.5 | 9.9 |
| 1950 | 385,000 | 2.6 | 10.3 |
| 1949 | 397,000 | 2.7 | 10.6 |
| 1948 | 408,000 | 2.8 | 11.2 |
| 1947 | 483,000 | 3.4 | 13.6 |
| 1946 | 610,000 | 4.3 | 17.9 |
| 1945 | 485,000 | 3.5 | 14.4 |
| 1944 | 400,000 | 2.9 | 12.0 |
| 1943 | 359,000 | 2.6 | 11.0 |
| 1942 | 321,000 | 2.4 | 10.1 |
| 1941 | 293,000 | 2.2 | 9.4 |
| 1940 | 264,000 | 2.0 | 8.8 |

¹Rates for 1981–88 are revised and may differ from rates published previously. See Technical notes.