

South Africa - Marriages and Divorces 2020

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Identification

SURVEY ID NUMBER

ZAF_2020_MD_v01_M

TITLE

Marriages and Divorces 2020

COUNTRY/ECONOMY

Name	Country code
South Africa	ZAF

STUDY TYPE

Administrative Records, Other (ad/oth]

ABSTRACT

The Marriages and Divorces (MD) dataset is one of three primary sources of marriage and divorce statistics in South Africa. Unlike the other two sources (population censuses and household sample surveys), the MD dataset is compiled from administrative data and based on continuous recording (i.e., from civil registration systems and administrative records). Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) regularly publishes a series of data on marriages and divorces, with the first dataset in the series beginning in 2006. The most recent dataset in the series is MD 2020.

Marriage data: Data on marriages for citizens and permanent residents are obtained from registered marriage records that are collected through the civil registration systems of the Department of Home Affairs (DHA). South Africa recognizes three types of marriages by law: civil marriages, customary marriages and civil unions. Before 2008, marriage data only covered civil marriages. The registration of customary marriages and civil unions began in 2003 and 2007 respectively. However, from 2008 onwards, Stats SA began publishing available data on customary marriages and civil unions.

Divorce data: Data on divorces are obtained from various regional courts that deal with divorce matters. The data are based on successful divorce cases that have been issued with a decree of divorce by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (DoJCD). Divorce cases come from marriages that were registered in different years as well as divorce cases that were filed in different years but whose divorce decrees were granted in the relevant year of collection.

NOTE: although both the data on marriages and divorces are collected in the same year, the data sets are not linked to each other.

KIND OF DATA

Administrative records data [adm]

UNIT OF ANALYSIS

Individuals

Version

VERSION DESCRIPTION

Version 01: Edited, anonymized dataset for public distribution.

VERSION DATE

2022

Scope

NOTES

Marriage data covers: province of registration, date and type of marriage (religious or civil) and age (and age difference) and status (e.g., single/widow/divorcee) of marital couple.

Divorce data includes individual level data: Age, gender and population group, status, and occupation and number of

children. Data is also collected on the marriage (date, number, type and duration, and matrimonial property system) and the divorce (date of separation and date of divorce).

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National coverage

GEOGRAPHIC UNIT

The lowest level of geographic aggregation covered by the data is province.

UNIVERSE

The data covers all civil marriages that were recorded by the Department of Home Affairs and all divorce applications that were granted by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development in 2020 in South Africa.

Producers and sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name	Affiliation
Statistics South Africa	Government of South Africa

PRODUCERS

Name	Affiliation	Role
Department of Home Affairs	Government of South Africa	Data producer
Department of Justice and Constitutional Development	Government of South Africa	Data producer

Data Collection

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
2020-01-01	2020-12-31

DATA COLLECTION MODE

Other

DATA COLLECTION NOTES

The marriage data is provided to Statistics South Africa by the South African Department of Home Affairs (DHA) from their marriage registration database based on registration forms.

The divorce data is obtained by Statistic South Africa from the South African Department of Justice and Constitutional Development from administrative records on divorces granted for civil marriages by its divorce courts.

Data Appraisal

DATA APPRAISAL

Geography is problematic in this dataset as not all the data files have geographic data. The Civil Marriages and Civil Unions data files include a Province of Registration variable, but the Customary Marriages data file does not. There is also no geographical data in the Divorces file. As this data file includes divorce data from only a subset of divorce courts, this lack of geographical information compromises its usability.

Access policy

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ACCESS CONDITIONS

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CITATION REQUIREMENTS

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DDI DOCUMENT ID

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PRODUCERS

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation	Role
DataFirst		University of Cape Town	Metadata producer
Development Economics Data Group	DECDG	The World Bank	Metadata adapted for Microdata Library

DATE OF METADATA PRODUCTION

2022-03-28

DDI DOCUMENT VERSION

Version 01: This metadata was downloaded from the DataFirst website (<https://www.datafirst.uct.ac.za/dataportal/index.php/catalog/central>). The following two metadata fields were edited - Document and Survey ID.

Data Dictionary

Data file	Cases	Variables
md-2020-civil-marriages-v1 Data on civil marriage	0	9
md-2020-civil-unions-v1 Data on civil unions	0	6
md-2020-customary-marriages-v1	0	6
md-2020-divorces-v1	0	24

Data file: md-2020-civil-marriages-v1

Data on civil marriage

Cases: 0

Variables: 9

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V1	ProvinceCode	Name of Province	
V2	MarriageMonth	Month of Marriage	
V3	MarriageYear	Year of Marriage	
V4	SolemnisationCode	Way of Solemnisation	
V5	BridegroomStatusCode	Marital status of Bridegroom	
V6	BrideStatusCode	Marital status of Bride	
V7	BridegroomAge	Age of Bridegroom	
V8	BrideAge	Age of Bride	
V9	AgeDiff	Age difference between bridegroom and bride	

Total: 9

Data file: md-2020-civil-unions-v1

Data on civil unions

Cases: 0

Variables: 6

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V10	ProvinceCode	Name of Province	
V11	RegistrationMonth	Month of Registration	
V12	RegistrationYear	Year of Registration	
V13	Spouse1Age	Age of Spouses-1	
V14	Spouse2Age	Age of Spouses-2	
V15	AgeDiff	Age difference between Spouses-1 and Spouses-2	

Total: 6

Data file: md-2020-customary-marriages-v1

Cases: 0

Variables: 6

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V16	ProvinceCode	Name of Province	
V17	MarriageYear	Year of Marriage	
V18	RegistrationYear	Year of Registration	
V19	BridegroomAge	Age of Bridegroom	
V20	BrideAge	Age of Bride	
V21	AgeDiff	Age difference between bridegroom and bride	

Total: 6

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Cases:	0
Variables:	24

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
V22	ProvinceCode	Name of Province	
V23	MaleRace	Population group of husband	
V24	FemaleRace	Population group of wife	
V25	CoupleRace	Population group of couple	
V26	MaleOccupation	Occupation of Husband	
V27	FemaleOccupation	Occupation of wife	
V28	PlaintiffSex	Sex of plaintiff	
V29	MaleStatus	Marital status of husband	
V30	FemaleStatus	Marital status of wife	
V31	MaleNoTimesMarried	Number of times husband married	
V32	FemaleNoTimesMarried	Number of times wife married	
V33	MaleAge	Age of husband	
V34	FemaleAge	Age of wife	
V35	SolemnisationCode	Way of solemnisation	
V36	MarriagePropertySystem	Matrimonial property system	
V37	MarriageMonth	Month of marriage	
V38	MarriageYear	Year of marriage	
V39	NoOfChildren	Number of children involved	
V40	DivorceMonth	Month of divorce	
V41	DivorceYear	Year of divorce	
V42	DurationOfMarriage	Duration of marriage	
V43	MarriageType	Type of marriage	
V44	PolygamousMarriage	Involved in polygamous marriage	
V45	GroundsForDivorce	Main grounds for divorce	

Total: 24

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province**Data file: md-2020-civil-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	Western Cape
2	Eastern Cape
3	Northern Cape
4	Free State
5	KwaZulu-Natal
6	North West
7	Gauteng
8	Mpumalanga
9	Limpopo
97	Unknown
98	Outside RSA
99	Unspecified

MARRIAGEMONTH: Month of Marriage**Data file: md-2020-civil-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 12 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	January
2	February
3	March
4	April
5	May
6	June

7	July
8	August
9	September
10	October
11	November
12	December

MARRIAGEYEAR: Year of Marriage

Data file: md-2020-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 4 Range: 2020 - 2020 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
2020	2020

SOLEMNISATIONCODE: Way of Solemnisation

Data file: md-2020-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	Religious
2	DHA
9	Unspecified

BRIDEGROOMSTATUSCODE: Marital status of Bridegroom

Data file: md-2020-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	Never married
2	Divorcee
3	Widower
9	Unspecified

BRIDESTATUSCODE: Marital status of Bride

Data file: md-2020-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	Never married
2	Divorcee
3	Widow
9	Unspecified

BRIDEGROOMAGE: Age of Bridegroom

Data file: md-2020-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 3 Range: 18 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

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999	Unspecified

BRIDEAGE: Age of Bride**Data file: md-2020-civil-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 3 Range: 16 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

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999	Unspecified

AGEDIFF: Age difference between bridegroom and bride

Data file: md-2020-civil-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 0 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
0	Spouses same age
1	Bridegroom older
2	Bridegroom younger
9	Unspecified

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province**Data file: md-2020-civil-unions-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	Western Cape
2	Eastern Cape
3	Northern Cape
4	Free State
5	KwaZulu-Natal
6	North West
7	Gauteng
8	Mpumalanga
9	Limpopo
98	Outside RSA
99	Unspecified

REGISTRATIONMONTH: Month of Registration**Data file: md-2020-civil-unions-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 12 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	January
2	February
3	March
4	April
5	May
6	June
7	July

8	August
9	September
10	October
11	November
12	December

REGISTRATIONYEAR: Year of Registration

Data file: md-2020-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 4 Range: 2020 - 2020 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
2020	2020

SPOUSE1AGE: Age of Spouses-1

Data file: md-2020-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 18 - 92 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

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SPOUSE2AGE: Age of Spouses-2

Data file: md-2020-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 19 - 84 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

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AGEDIFF: Age difference between Spouses-1 and Spouses-2

Data file: md-2020-civil-unions-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 0 - 2 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
0	Spouses same age
1	Spouses-1 older
2	Spouses-1 younger

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province**Data file: md-2020-customary-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	Western Cape
2	Eastern Cape
3	Northern Cape
4	Free State
5	KwaZulu-Natal
6	North West
7	Gauteng
8	Mpumalanga
9	Limpopo
97	Unknown
98	Outside RSA
99	Unspecified

MARRIAGEYEAR: Year of Marriage**Data file: md-2020-customary-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 4 Range: 1953 - 2020 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

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REGISTRATIONYEAR: Year of Registration

Data file: md-2020-customary-marriages-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 4 Range: 2020 - 2020 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
2020	2020

BRIDEGROOMAGE: Age of Bridegroom**Data file: md-2020-customary-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 3 Range: 14 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

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999	Unspecified

BRIDEAGE: Age of Bride**Data file: md-2020-customary-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 3 Range: 9 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

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999	Unspecified

AGEDIFF: Age difference between bridegroom and bride**Data file: md-2020-customary-marriages-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 0 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
0	Spouses same age
1	Bridegroom older
2	Bridegroom younger
9	Unspecified

PROVINCECODE: Name of Province**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	Western Cape
2	Eastern Cape
3	Northern Cape
4	Free State
5	KwaZulu-Natal
6	North West
7	Gauteng
8	Mpumalanga
9	Limpopo

MALERACE: Population group of husband**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	Black African
2	Coloured
3	Indian/Asian
4	White
5	Other
9	Unspecified

FEMALERACE: Population group of wife**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	Black African
2	Coloured
3	Indian/Asian
4	White
5	Other
9	Unspecified

COUPLERACE: Population group of couple**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	Black African
2	Coloured
3	Indian/Asian
4	White
5	Mixed
9	Unspecified

MALEOCCUPATION: Occupation of Husband**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
0	Not economically active / Unemployed
1	Professional, semi-professional and technical occupations
2	Managers and administrators
3	Clerical and sales occupations
4	Transport, delivery and communications
5	Service occupations
6	Farming and related occupations
7	Artisans, apprentice and related occupations
8	Production foreman, mine and quarry workers
99	Unspecified

FEMALEOCCUPATION: Occupation of wife

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 0 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
0	Not economically active / Unemployed
1	Professional, semi-professional and technical occupations
2	Managers and administrators
3	Clerical and sales occupations
4	Transport, delivery and communications
5	Service occupations
6	Farming and related occupations
7	Artisans, apprentice and related occupations
8	Production foreman, mine and quarry workers
99	Unspecified

PLAINTIFFSEX: Sex of plaintiff**Data file:** md-2020-divorces-v1**Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	Male
2	Female
3	Both
9	Unspecified

MALESTATUS: Marital status of husband**Data file:** md-2020-divorces-v1**Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	Never married
2	Widower
3	Divorcee
9	Unspecified

FEMALESTATUS: Marital status of wife**Data file:** md-2020-divorces-v1**Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	Never married
2	Widow
3	Divorcee
9	Unspecified

MALENOTIMESMARRIED: Number of times husband married

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
99	Unspecified

FEMALENOTIMESMARRIED: Number of times wife married

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 2 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	1
2	2
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7	7
99	Unspecified

MALEAGE: Age of husband

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 3 Range: 21 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

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999	Unspecified

FEMALEAGE: Age of wife

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 3 Range: 19 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

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89	89
999	Unspecified

SOLEMNISATIONCODE: Way of solemnisation

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 1 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	Religious
2	DHA
9	Unspecified

MARRIAGEPROPERTYSYSTEM: Matrimonial property system

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 55 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	In community of property
2	Out of community of property
3	Out of community of property (excluding accrual system)
4	Out of community of property (including accrual system)

5	Other
9	Unspecified

MARRIAGEMONTH: Month of marriage

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	January
2	February
3	March
4	April
5	May
6	June
7	July
8	August
9	September
10	October
11	November
12	December
99	Unspecified

MARRIAGEYEAR: Year of marriage

Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1

Overview

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1962 - 9999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
9999	Unspecified

NOOFCHILDREN: Number of children involved**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0 - 4 Format: Numeric

DIVORCEMONTH: Month of divorce**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 99 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	January
2	February
3	March
4	April
5	May
6	June
7	July
8	August
9	September
10	October
11	November
12	December
99	Unspecified

DIVORCEYEAR: Year of divorce**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 2020 - 2020 Format: Numeric

DURATIONOFMARRIAGE: Duration of marriage**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 0 - 999 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
99	Unspecified

MARRIAGETYPE: Type of marriage**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 18 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	Civil marriage
2	Customary marriage
3	Civil union
9	Unspecified

POLYGAMOUSMARRIAGE: Involved in polygamous marriage**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 11 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	Yes
2	No

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Unspecified

GROUNDSDIVORCE: Main grounds for divorce**Data file: md-2020-divorces-v1****Overview**

Valid: 0 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 22 Range: 1 - 9 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	Adultery
2	Abuse
3	Childlessness
4	Desertion
5	Financial difficulties
6	Medical Insanity
7	Imprisonment
8	Other (Specify)
9	Unspecified

Documentation

Reports

Marriages and Divorces 2020, Statistical Release

Title	Marriages and Divorces 2020, Statistical Release
Author(s)	Statistics South Africa
Date	2022-01-01
Country	South Africa
Language	English
Publisher(s)	Statistics South Africa
Description	This is the final report for the dataset.
Filename	md-2020-release.pdf

Technical documents

Marriages and Divorces 2020, Metadata

Title	Marriages and Divorces 2020, Metadata
Author(s)	Statistics South Africa
Date	2022-01-01
Country	South Africa
Language	English
Publisher(s)	Statistics South Africa
Description	This document provides a detailed description of the variables and coding within each data file.
Filename	md-2020-metadata.pdf

Other materials

Statistics of divorces (Form 07-04)

Title	Statistics of divorces (Form 07-04)
Author(s)	Statistics South Africa
Country	South Africa
Language	English
Publisher(s)	Statistics South Africa
Description	This is the form used by the courts to record information on couples who have divorced.
Filename	md-2020-divorces-form.pdf
