

Divorces, 2020

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In 2020, there were 78 divorces in Yukon, a decline of 3, or 3.7%, compared to 2019 (81). This translates to a divorce rate¹ of 11.0 per 1,000 married people in 2020, the highest rate in Canada. Nationally, Canada's divorce rate was 5.6 per 1,000 married people in 2020.

Number of divorces and crude divorce rate¹, 2019 and 2020

	Number of divorces		Divorce rate ¹	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
	Number		Rate per 1,000 married persons	
Canada	56,937	42,933	7.5	5.6
Newfoundland and Labrador	729	618	6.0	5.1
Prince Edward Island	240	204	6.9	5.7
Nova Scotia	1,395	1,149	6.8	5.5
New Brunswick	1,185	1,056	7.0	6.2
Quebec	9,681	8,559	7.5	6.5
Ontario	22,377	14,223	7.1	4.4
Manitoba	2,037	1,782	7.3	6.3
Saskatchewan	1,893	1,566	7.8	6.4
Alberta	8,673	6,801	9.2	7.1
British Columbia	8,589	6,849	7.8	6.1
Yukon	81	78	11.7	11.0
Northwest Territories	45	45	6.7	6.8
Nunavut	12	3	3.0	1.1

¹ Corresponds to the number of persons who divorced in a given year divided by the size of the married population (including people who are separated but still legally married) as of July 1 of the same year. Also known as the refined divorce rate" or the "marital divorce rate".

Notes to Readers:

- *Statistics Canada is releasing new data on divorces for the years 2009 to 2020. Data for 2019 and 2020 are considered preliminary and the number of divorces for these years may be underestimated. Revised data for the years 1970 to 2008 are also being released.*
- *These statistics are from the [Canadian Vital Statistics - Divorce Database](#), a program that processes information collected from the Department of Justice Canada's Central Registry of Divorce Proceedings (CRDP). The CRDP maintains a record of all divorce applications filed with courts across the country since the Divorce Act came into force on July 2, 1968.*



**Divorce rate¹ by age group,
2019 and 2020**

In 2020, Yukon's divorce rate¹ was 11.0 divorces per 1,000 married people. This was almost twice as high as the rate for Canada (5.6). In Yukon in 2020, the highest divorce rate was in the 50 to 54 years age group at 20.0 divorces per 1,000 married people. For Canada, the age group with the highest divorce rate in 2020 was in the 20 to 24 years age group (9.0).

Age at divorce	Canada Divorce rate ¹		Yukon Divorce rate ¹	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
	Rate per 1,000 married persons			
All ages	7.5	5.6	11.7	11.0
Under 20 years	2.1	2.1	0.0	0.0
20 to 24 years	10.7	9.0	0.0	0.0
25 to 29 years	11.1	8.5	11.5	11.7
30 to 34 years	11.5	8.6	17.4	17.1
35 to 39 years	11.6	8.6	9.2	17.6
40 to 44 years	12.0	8.9	15.9	13.3
45 to 49 years	11.8	8.8	16.6	16.6
50 to 54 years	9.8	7.4	17.3	20.0
55 to 59 years	6.8	5.2	12.3	10.8
60 to 64 years	4.3	3.1	8.9	3.5
65 years and over	1.6	1.2	4.5	1.0

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