FP-19-14 Marriage by the Numbers

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Summer is the season for weddings in the United States. It is a time for celebrating and bringing together family and friends. Here are some marriage facts to help newlyweds understand more about their new marital status.

Number of Marriages
- In 2017, there were 2,236,496 marriages in the U.S.1

Number of Married Couples
- There were over 63.7 million married couples in the U.S. in 2018.2

Share of the Adult Population Who Are Married
- About one-half of the U.S. adult population is currently married.2

Median Age at 1st Marriage
- The median at first marriage is approaching 30 years for men and 28 years for women.3

Share of Marriages That Are Remarriages
- Among women who married in 2017, 27% were entering a remarriage.4

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