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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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