



STATISTICAL REPORT

# DIVORCE & MARRIAGE

## RATES FOR EMIRATIS IN DUBAI

### 2019-2021

## Emiratis, Targeted Groups

Emirati population is defined as all usual residents within the geographical boundaries of Dubai at certain time, regardless of the emirate that issued their family book/ passport or Marsoom.

The table below represents the number of Emirati population usually residing in Dubai and the targeted groups for measuring marriage and divorce rates:

### Number of Emirati Population Usually Residing in the Emirate of Dubai 2019 – 2021 (mid-year)

Statement	2019	2020	2021
Total Number of Emiratis in mid-year	258,950	267,350	274,350
Number of Emiratis aged 15 years and over in mid-year	174,460	180,145	184,885
Number of Married Emiratis aged 15 years and over in mid-year	79,660	82,295	85,050
Number of Unmarried Emiratis aged 15 years and over in mid-year	94,800	97,850	99,835

Source: Dubai Statistics Center

## Marriage & Divorce Rates for Emiratis

### Divorce Rates

Divorce rates for Emiratis in Dubai have returned back to their previous levels as if before the Covid-19 pandemic, recording a rate of 2.3 divorces per each 1,000 Emiratis at marriage age. The data below shows that divorce rates for Emiratis in Dubai are returned to their levels before the Covid-19 pandemic. The general divorce rate for 2021 was 2.30 divorces per 1,000 Emiratis living in Dubai at marriage age, in cases where both spouses are Emirati citizens.

Moreover, divorce cases registered at Dubai Courts are all divorce cases that are registered in Dubai during the years under study “Including cases of divorce by trial registered as received from Dubai courts”.

### Clarification:

Divorce rates are measured based on international standards, methodologies and concepts. The rates of Crude Divorce, General Divorce and Refined Divorce are considered as the most important rates associated with this social phenomenon.

### Crude Divorce Rate:

It represents the number of divorce cases per each 1,000 population. If applied on a particular group of the population, such as Emiratis for example, it is calculated by taking the number of divorce cases of Emiratis recorded during the year per each 1,000 Emirati population in the mid of the year.

### General Divorce Rate:

It represents the number of divorce cases per each 1,000 of the population who are in the marriage age regardless of their social status. If applied on a particular group of the population, such as Emiratis for example, it is calculated by taking the number of divorce cases of Emiratis per each 1,000 Emirati population at marriage age, regardless of their social status, in the mid of the year.

**Net (Refined) Divorce Rate:** It represents the number of divorce cases per each 1,000 married population in mid of the year. If applied on a particular group of the population, such as Emiratis for example, it is calculated by taking the number of divorce cases of Emiratis per each 1,000 married Emiratis in the mid of the year.

## Divorce Rates (per 000) for Emiratis in Dubai 2019-2021 (both spouses are Emirati 1, Emirati husband and Emirati wife)

Indicator	2019	2020	2021
Crude Divorce Rate for Emiratis	1.53	1.34	1.55
General Divorce Rate for Emiratis at Marriage Age	2.28	1.99	2.30
Net (Refined) Divorce Rate for married Emiratis	4.98	4.35	5.00

Source: Dubai Statistics Center

## Divorce Rates (per 000) for Emiratis in Dubai 2019-2021 (one of the spouses is Emirati 2)

Indicator	2019	2020	2021
Crude Divorce Rate for Emiratis	0.91	0.97	0.95
General Divorce Rate for Emiratis at Marriage Age	1.35	1.44	1.41
Net (Refined) Divorce Rate for married Emiratis	2.96	3.15	3.07

Source: Dubai Statistics Center

## Divorce Rates (per 000) for Emiratis in Dubai 2019-2021 (total number of divorce cases 1+2)

Indicator	2019	2020	2021
Crude Divorce Rate for Emiratis	2.44	2.31	2.50
General Divorce Rate for Emiratis at Marriage Age	3.63	3.43	3.71
Net (Refined) Divorce Rate for married Emiratis	7.95	7.50	8.07

Source: Dubai Statistics Center

## Divorce Cases Registered in the Emirate of Dubai 2019 -2021

Statement	2019	2020	2021
Emirati Husband / Emirati Wife (1)	397	358	425
Emirati Husband / Non-Emirati Wife* (2)	236	259	261
Non-Emirati Husband / Non-Emirati Wife	1,096	1,251	1,420
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,729</b>	<b>1,868</b>	<b>2,106</b>

\* Includes cases of Emirati with Non-Emirati for both male and female.

Source: Dubai Courts

### Clarification

There are many statistical reports, especially the ones related to divorce rates in particular which are issued by unauthorized sources by using insufficient information and inputs, which leads to inaccurate calculations that are not calculated based on the international statistical methodologies. This leads to misleading information that reflects negatively on the public matter.

That's why it is important to rely on the data issued from official statistical authorities to insure the accuracy of the data and rely on it.

### Marriage Rates

**Crude Marriage Rate is defined as** it represents the number of marriage cases for each 1,000 population. If applied on a particular group of the population, such as Emiratis for example, it is calculated by taking the number of marriage cases of Emiratis recorded during the year per each 1,000 Emirati population in the mid of the same year.

**General Marriage Rate** it represents the number of marriage cases for each 1,000 of the population who are in the marriage age regardless of their social status. If applied on a particular group of the population, such as Emiratis for example, it is calculated by taking the number of marriage cases of Emiratis per each 1,000 Emirati population at marriage age, regardless of their social status, in the mid of the year.

**Net (Refined) Marriage Rate** it represents the number of marriage cases per each 1,000 unmarried population (who have not previously married, divorced and widowed of both genders) in mid of the year. If applied on a particular group of the population, such as Emiratis for example, it is calculated by taking the number of marriage cases of Emiratis per each 1,000 unmarried Emiratis in the mid of the year.

**Marriage Rates (per 000) for Emiratis in Dubai 2019-2021**  
**(both spouses are Emirati 1, Emirati husband and Emirati wife)**

Indicator	2019	2020	2021
Crude Marriage Rate for Emiratis	3.69	4.85	4.14
General Marriage Rate for Emiratis at Marriage Age	5.48	7.19	6.15
Net (Refined) Marriage Rate for Unmarried Emiratis	10.08	13.24	11.39

Source: Dubai Statistics Center

**Marriage Rates (per 000) for Emiratis in Dubai 2019-2021**  
**(one of the spouses is Emirati 2)**

Indicator	2019	2020	2021
Crude Marriage Rate for Emiratis	2.70	2.94	3.34
General Marriage Rate for Emiratis at Marriage Age	4.01	4.36	4.96
Net (Refined) Marriage Rate for Unmarried Emiratis	7.38	8.03	9.19

Source: Dubai Statistics Center

**Marriage Rates (per 000) for Emiratis in Dubai 2019-2021**  
**(total number of marriage contracts 1+2)**

Indicator	2019	2020	2021
Crude Marriage Rate for Emiratis	6.40	7.79	7.49
General Marriage Rate for Emiratis at Marriage Age	9.49	11.56	11.11
Net (Refined) Marriage Rate for Unmarried Emiratis	17.47	21.28	20.57

Source: Dubai Statistics Center

**Marriage Contracts Registered in Emirate of Dubai 2019-2021**

Statement	2019	2020	2021
Emirati Husband / Emirati Wife (1)	956	1,296	1,137
Emirati Husband/ Non-Emirati Wife* (2)	700	786	917
Non-Emirati Husband/ Non-Emirati Wife	2,943	2,990	3,937
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,599</b>	<b>5,072</b>	<b>5,991</b>

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