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**STATISTICAL REPORT**

# Divorce & Marriage Rates For Emiratis Emirate of Dubai

2020-2022

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 divorce and marriage rates:

Number of Emirati population usually residing in the Emirate of Dubai 2020 – 2022 (mid-year)

Statement	2020	2021	2022
Total Number of Emiratis in mid-year	267,350	274,350	281,735
Number of Emiratis aged 15 years and over in mid-year	180,145	184,885	189,945
Number of Married Emiratis aged 15 years and over in mid-year	82,295	85,050	87,950
Number of Unmarried Emiratis aged 15 years and over in mid-year	97,850	99,835	101,995

Source: Dubai Statistics Center

## Divorce & Marriage Rates for Emiratis

### Divorce Rates

Divorce rates have decreased among Emiratis in the Emirate of Dubai, reaching 1.9 per 1,000 Emiratis at marriage age, which is the lowest level in the past ten years Divorce rates for Emiratis in Dubai.

The data below shows that divorce rates for Emiratis in Dubai are returned to their levels before the Covid19- pandemic. The general divorce rate for 2022 was 1.90 divorces per 1,000 Emiratis living in Dubai at marriage age, in cases where both spouses are Emirati citizens.

It is important to define\* that the divorce incidents registered at Dubai Courts represents 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 2020-2022**

(both spouses are Emirati<sup>1</sup>, Emirati husband and Emirati wife)

Indicator	2020	2021	2022
Crude Divorce Rate for Emiratis	1.34	1.55	1.28
General Divorce Rate for Emiratis at Marriage Age	1.99	2.30	1.90
Net (Refined) Divorce Rate for married Emiratis	4.35	5.00	4.09

Source: Dubai Statistics Center

**Divorce Rates (per 000) for Emiratis in Dubai 2020-2022**

(one of the spouses is Emirati<sup>2</sup>)

Indicator	2020	2021	2022
Crude Divorce Rate for Emiratis	0.97	0.95	1.00
General Divorce Rate for Emiratis at Marriage Age	1.44	1.41	1.48
Net (Refined) Divorce Rate for married Emiratis	3.15	3.07	3.19

Source: Dubai Statistics Center

**Divorce Rates (per 000) for Emiratis in Dubai 2020-2022**

(total number of divorce cases <sup>1+2</sup>)

Indicator	2020	2021	2022
Crude Divorce Rate for Emiratis	2.31	2.50	2.28
General Divorce Rate for Emiratis at Marriage Age	3.43	3.71	3.37
Net (Refined) Divorce Rate for married Emiratis	7.50	8.07	7.29

Source: Dubai Statistics Center

**Divorce Cases Registered in the Emirate of Dubai 2020 -2022**

Statement	2020	2021	2022
Emirati Husband / Emirati Wife <sup>(1)</sup>	358	425	360
Emirati Husband / Non-Emirati Wife* <sup>(2)</sup>	259	261	281
Non-Emirati Husband / Non-Emirati Wife	1,251	1,420	1,398
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,868</b>	<b>2,106</b>	<b>2,039</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** 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 2020-2022 (both spouses are Emirati<sup>1</sup>, Emirati husband and Emirati wife)

Indicator	2020	2021	2022
Crude Marriage Rate for Emiratis	4.85	4.14	3.38
General Marriage Rate for Emiratis at Marriage Age	7.19	6.15	5.01
Net (Refined) Marriage Rate for Unmarried Emiratis	13.24	11.39	9.33

Source: Dubai Statistics Center

**Marriage Rates (per 000) for Emiratis in Dubai 2020-2022**

(one of the spouses is Emirati<sup>2</sup>)

Indicator	2020	2021	2022
Crude Marriage Rate for Emiratis	2.94	3.34	3.13
General Marriage Rate for Emiratis at Marriage Age	4.36	4.96	4.64
Net (Refined) Marriage Rate for Unmarried Emiratis	8.03	9.19	8.64

Source: Dubai Statistics Center

**Marriage Rates (per 000) for Emiratis in Dubai 2020-2022**

(total number of marriage contracts<sup>1+2</sup>)

Indicator	2020	2021	2022
Crude Marriage Rate for Emiratis	7.79	7.49	6.51
General Marriage Rate for Emiratis at Marriage Age	11.56	11.11	9.65
Net (Refined) Marriage Rate for Unmarried Emiratis	21.28	20.57	17.97

Source: Dubai Statistics Center

**Marriage Contracts Registered in Emirate of Dubai 2020-2022**

Indicator	2020	2021	2022
Emirati Husband / Emirati Wife <sup>(1)</sup>	1,296	1,137	952
Emirati Husband/ Non-Emirati Wife* <sup>(2)</sup>	786	917	881
Non-Emirati Husband/ Non-Emirati Wife	2,990	3,937	3,886
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,072</b>	<b>5,991</b>	<b>5,719</b>

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