



**Statistical Report**

# **DIVORCE AND MARRIAGE RATES FOR EMIRATIS**

**Emirate of Dubai**

**2021-2023**

## Preface

Measuring divorce rates is a systematically organized statistical aspect at the international level, where statistical agencies assess them using standardized methodologies and concepts. The Crude, General, and Refined Divorce rates are among the most significant rates associated with this social phenomenon:

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.

## Emiratis and Targeted Groups

Emiratis population are 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 2021 – 2023 (mid-year)

Statement	2021	2022	2023
Total Number of Emiratis <b>in mid-year</b>	274,350	281,735	288,385
Number of Emiratis aged 15 years and over <b>in mid-year</b>	184,885	189,945	194,290
Number of Married Emiratis aged 15 years and over <b>in mid-year</b>	85,050	87,950	90,755
Number of Unmarried Emiratis aged 15 years and over <b>in mid-year</b>	99,835	101,995	103,535

Source: Dubai Data & Statistics Establishment

## Divorce & Marriage Rates for Emiratis

### Divorce Rates

**Divorce rates among Emiratis in the Emirate of Dubai have slightly increased, reaching approximately 1.97 per 1,000 Emiratis who are of marriage age.**

The data below indicate that divorce rates among Emiratis in Dubai have risen modestly in 2023 compared to the previous year. The overall divorce rate was 1.97 per 1,000 Emiratis residing in Dubai who are of marriage age, specifically in cases where both spouses are Emirati citizens.

It is important to note that the divorce incidents recorded at Dubai Courts include all divorce cases registered during the studied years in Dubai, including those with legal judgments as registered by the Dubai Courts.

- **Crude Divorce Rate (CDR):** This represents the number of divorce cases per 1,000 population. To apply it to a specific group of the population, such as Emiratis, it is calculated by the number of divorce cases of Emiratis recorded during the year per 1,000 Emirati population in the mid of the year.
- **General Divorce Rate (GDR):** This represents the number of divorce cases per 1,000 of the population who are in the marriage age regardless of their social status. To apply it to a specific group of the population, such as Emiratis, it is calculated by the number of divorce cases of Emiratis per 1,000 Emirati population at marriage age, regardless of their social status, in the mid of the year.
- **Net (Refined) Divorce Rate (RDR):** This represents the number of divorce cases per 1,000 married population in mid of the year. To apply it to a specific group of the population, such as Emiratis, it is calculated by the number of divorce cases of Emiratis per 1,000 married Emiratis in the mid of the year.

#### Divorce Rates (per 000) for Emiratis in Dubai 2021 – 2023

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

Indicator	2021	2022	2023
Crude Divorce Rate for Emiratis	1.55	1.28	1.33
General Divorce Rate for Emiratis at Marriage Age	2.30	1.90	1.97
Net (Refined) Divorce Rate for married Emiratis	5.00	4.09	4.22

Source: Dubai Data & Statistics Establishment

#### Divorce Rates (per 000) for Emiratis in Dubai 2021 – 2023

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

Indicator	2021	2022	2023
Crude Divorce Rate for Emiratis	0.95	1.00	0.83
General Divorce Rate for Emiratis at Marriage Age	1.41	1.48	1.22
Net (Refined) Divorce Rate for married Emiratis	3.07	3.19	2.62

Source: Dubai Data & Statistics Establishment

#### Divorce Rates (per 000) for Emiratis in Dubai 2021 – 2023

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

Indicator	2021	2022	2023
Crude Divorce Rate for Emiratis	2.50	2.28	2.15
General Divorce Rate for Emiratis at Marriage Age	3.71	3.37	3.20
Net (Refined) Divorce Rate for married Emiratis	8.07	7.29	6.84

Source: Dubai Data & Statistics Establishment

### Divorce Cases Registered in the Emirate of Dubai 2021 – 2023

Statement	2021	2022	2023
Emirati Husband / Emirati Wife <sup>(1)</sup>	425	360	383
Emirati Husband / Non-Emirati Wife* <sup>(2)</sup>	261	281	238
Non-Emirati Husband / Non-Emirati Wife	1,420	1,398	1,394
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,106</b>	<b>2,039</b>	<b>2,015</b>

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

Source: Dubai Courts

### Marriage Rates

- **Crude Marriage Rate (CMR):** This represents the number of marriage cases per 1,000 population. To apply it to a specific group of the population, such as Emiratis, it is calculated by the number of marriage cases of Emiratis recorded during the year per 1,000 Emirati population in the mid of the same year.
- **General Marriage Rate (GMR):** This represents the number of marriage cases per 1,000 of the population who are in the marriage age regardless of their social status. To apply it to a specific group of the population, such as Emiratis, it is calculated by the number of marriage cases of Emiratis per 1,000 Emirati population at marriage age, regardless of their social status, in the mid of the year.
- **Net (Refined) Marriage Rate (RMR):** This represents the number of marriage cases per 1,000 unmarried population (who have not previously married, divorced and widowed of both genders) in mid of the year. To apply it to a specific group of the population, such as Emiratis, it is calculated by the number of marriage cases of Emiratis per 1,000 unmarried Emiratis in the mid of the year.

### Marriage Rates (per 000) for Emiratis in Dubai 2021 – 2023

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

Indicator	2021	2022	2023
Crude Divorce Rate for Emiratis	4.14	3.38	3.83
General Divorce Rate for Emiratis at Marriage Age	6.15	5.01	5.68
Net (Refined) Divorce Rate for married Emiratis	11.39	9.33	10.66

Source: Dubai Data & Statistics Establishment

### Marriage Rates (per 000) for Emiratis in Dubai 2021 – 2023

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

Indicator	2021	2022	2023
Crude Marriage Rate for Emiratis	3.34	3.13	3.29
General Marriage Rate for Emiratis at Marriage Age	4.96	4.64	4.88
Net (Refined) Marriage Rate for Unmarried Emiratis	9.19	8.64	9.17

Source: Dubai Data & Statistics Establishment

### Marriage Rates (per 000) for Emiratis in Dubai 2021 – 2023

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

Indicator	2021	2022	2023
Crude Marriage Rate for Emiratis	7.49	6.51	7.12
General Marriage Rate for Emiratis at Marriage Age	11.11	9.65	10.57
Net (Refined) Marriage Rate for Unmarried Emiratis	20.57	17.97	19.83

Source: Dubai Data & Statistics Establishment

### Marriage Contracts Registered in the Emirate of Dubai 2021 – 2023

Statement	2021	2022	2023
Emirati Husband / Emirati Wife <sup>(1)</sup>	1,137	952	1,104
Emirati Husband/ Non-Emirati Wife <sup>* (2)</sup>	917	881	949
Non-Emirati Husband/ Non-Emirati Wife	3,937	3,886	3,992
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,991</b>	<b>5,719</b>	<b>6,045</b>

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

Source: Dubai Courts