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Variable	Definition	Units	Years	Last IFs Update	UsedInPreprocessor	UsedInPreprocessorFileName
MarriageRatesWomen15to19	Percentage of women (aged 15-19 years) who are currently married or in a union (Estimates only)	Percent	1970-2025	2025/4/29	1	POP
MarriageRatesWomen20to24	Percentage of women (aged 20-24 years) who are currently married or in a union (Estimates only)	Percent	1970-2025	2025/4/29	1	POP
AvgAgeAtFirstMarriageMen-UN	Singulate average mean age at first marriage, men	Age	1960,1962,1964,1966-2019	2024/5/1	1	POP
AvgAgeAtFirstMarriageWomen-UN	Singulate average mean age at first marriage, women	Age	1960,1962,1964,1966-2019	2024/5/1	1	POP

World Marriage Data

The series AvgAgeAtFirstMarriageMen-UN and AvgAgeAtFirstMarriageWomen-UN are pulled from the World Marriage Data in UN Population Division. (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/pd/>) **Process of pulling and cleaning:** Navigate to the UN Population Division landing page and select the "World Marriage Data" tab

- On the left-hand side under the title "Data", click the "Dataset" link to begin downloading. All of the data for marriage-related series will be in the dataset.
- For the two series go to tab "SMAM" to pull the data. More information is listed below.

For the series MarriageRatesWomen15to19 and MarriageRatesWomen20to24, we use UNDP WPP as a supplement data source. (<https://population.un.org/wpp/>)

Process of pulling and cleaning:

Navigate to the Data tab and select Data Portal. Then in the indicators search for "currently married by age of woman (percent)" Then you can select the age range you need. Remember to select all the countries and years. After collecting the data you can download it by clicking export.

Remember to use Western Sahara for Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic.

AvgAgeAtFirstMarriageWomen-UN & AvgAgeAtFirstMarriageMen-UN

Example: Afghanistan, Women

Country or area	ISO cod	YearSt	YearEn	Sex	DataV
Afghanistan	4	1972	1974	Women	18.1
Afghanistan	4	1979	1979	Women	17.8
Afghanistan	4	2010	2010	Women	21.5
Afghanistan	4	2010	2011	Women	21.2
Afghanistan	4	2015	2016	Women	21.5
Afghanistan	4	2015	2016	Women	21.3

For Row 1, YearStart was 1972, YearEnd was 1974, then **1972, 1973, and 1974 must be filled as 18.1 as well.**

For Row 4 and Row 5, 2010 has 2 values, 21.5 and 21.2, **select the minimum one for 2010, 21.2.**

For Row 8 and Row 9, 2015 and 2016 have 2 values, 21.5 and 21.3, **select the minimum one for each of the years, 21.3.**

The final output would be:

Country or area	Year	DataValue
Afghanistan	1972.0	18.1
Afghanistan	1973.0	18.1
Afghanistan	1974.0	18.1
Afghanistan	1979.0	17.8
Afghanistan	2010.0	21.2
Afghanistan	2011.0	21.2
Afghanistan	2015.0	21.3
Afghanistan	2016.0	21.3

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