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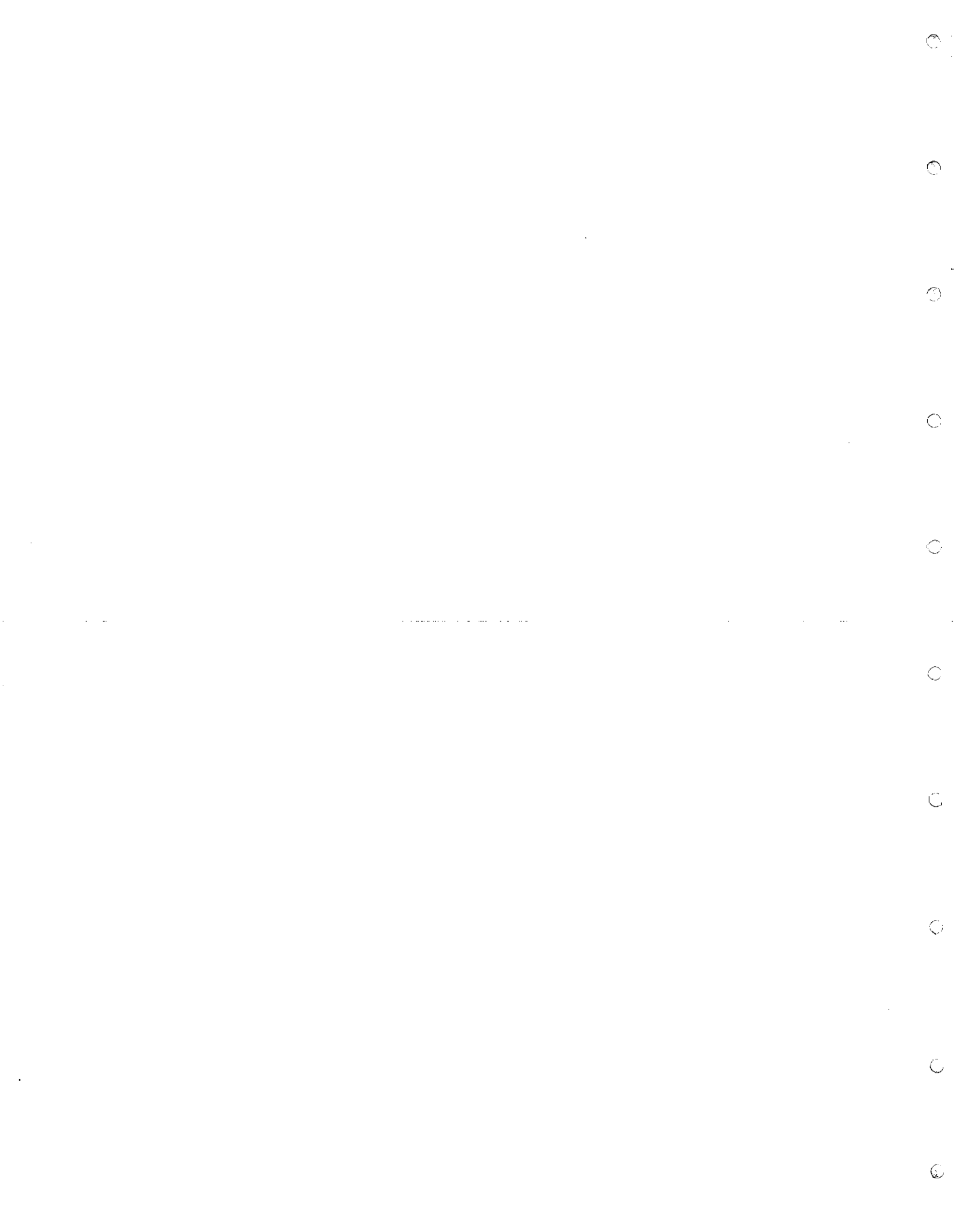


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INTRODUCTION

This Marriage and Divorce Statistics publication is Volume III of four volumes of Alabama Vital Events. An annual publication, this volume contains the same information as was presented in the "Marriage" and "Divorce" sections of the Alabama Vital Events publication for the years 1986 through 1993.

For years 1972 through 1993, the Alabama Vital Events publication consisted of approximately 275 pages of tables, graphs, and charts. Beginning in 1994, this publication has been divided into four volumes: Volume I, Pregnancy Statistics (the former "Natality" section); Volume II, Mortality Statistics (the former "Mortality" section); Volume III, Marriage and Divorce Statistics (the former "Marriage" and "Divorce" sections); and Volume IV, County Profiles (the former "Area Profiles" section).

Information contained in this publication depicts various aspects of the marriages and divorces that occurred in Alabama in 1994. Marriage and Divorce data are obtained from certificates filed in the Center for Health Statistics.

The judge of probate of each county is required to forward to the Center for Health Statistics all marriage certificates for marriages performed. Marriage certificates were first recorded in the Center for Health Statistics on August 1, 1936.

The clerk and/or registrar of each court having equity jurisdiction in the state of Alabama is required to forward to the Center for Health Statistics reports of all divorces granted in the county. Although separations are reported to the Center for Health Statistics, separations do not affect the status of the marriage and are not included in the published divorce data. Divorces were first recorded on a state basis in the Center for Health Statistics in 1950.



MARRIAGE STATISTICS

MARRIAGE

1994 Marriage Highlights:

- The 40,201 marriages during 1994 was the second lowest total in 29 years with the lowest being 40,156 in 1993.
- 31,607 white marriages, the lowest number in 29 years, was down 139 from 1993 and was 6,875 fewer than ten years ago.
- The 8,594 black and other marriages in 1994 was an increase of 184 from 1993, but represents a decrease of 465 from the 1984 figure.
- Alabama's 1994 marriage rate of 9.8 was above the national rate for the 36th consecutive year.
- Although the 1994 black and other rate of 8.0 was an increase over the 1993 rate of 7.8, the white marriage rate of 10.5 exceeded the black and other rate for the 37th consecutive year.
- In 1994, the median age for all brides was 26.2 years, up 2.0 years from 1984. For white brides, the median age was 25.5 years and for black and other brides, 28.2.
- In 1994, the median age for all grooms was 28.4 years, up 1.8 years from 1984. For white grooms, the median age was 28.1 years and for black and other grooms, 29.6.
- By month, June was the most popular with 4,206 marriages while January was the least popular with 2,211 marriages. There were nearly two June marriages for each January marriage.
- For 1994 marriages with known educational status, 82.3 percent of all the brides and 82.0 percent of all the grooms were high school graduates or had some college education.
- Of all 1994 brides, 39.1 percent had been previously divorced. This was a decrease from 39.6 percent during 1993 but an increase from 38.0 percent during 1984.
- Of all 1994 grooms, 38.5 percent had been previously divorced. This was a decrease from 38.8 percent in 1993 but was the same as it was in 1984.
- In 1994, 93.1 percent of all brides and 90.9 percent of all grooms were residents of Alabama.
- Clay County's 1994 marriage rate of 20.1 was the highest among Alabama counties. Washington County had the second highest rate of 16.2.
- Macon County's 6.3 was the lowest marriage rate for 1994 with Wilcox County's 6.7 being second lowest.

FIGURE 1
MARRIAGE RATES
ALABAMA AND UNITED STATES, 1940-1994

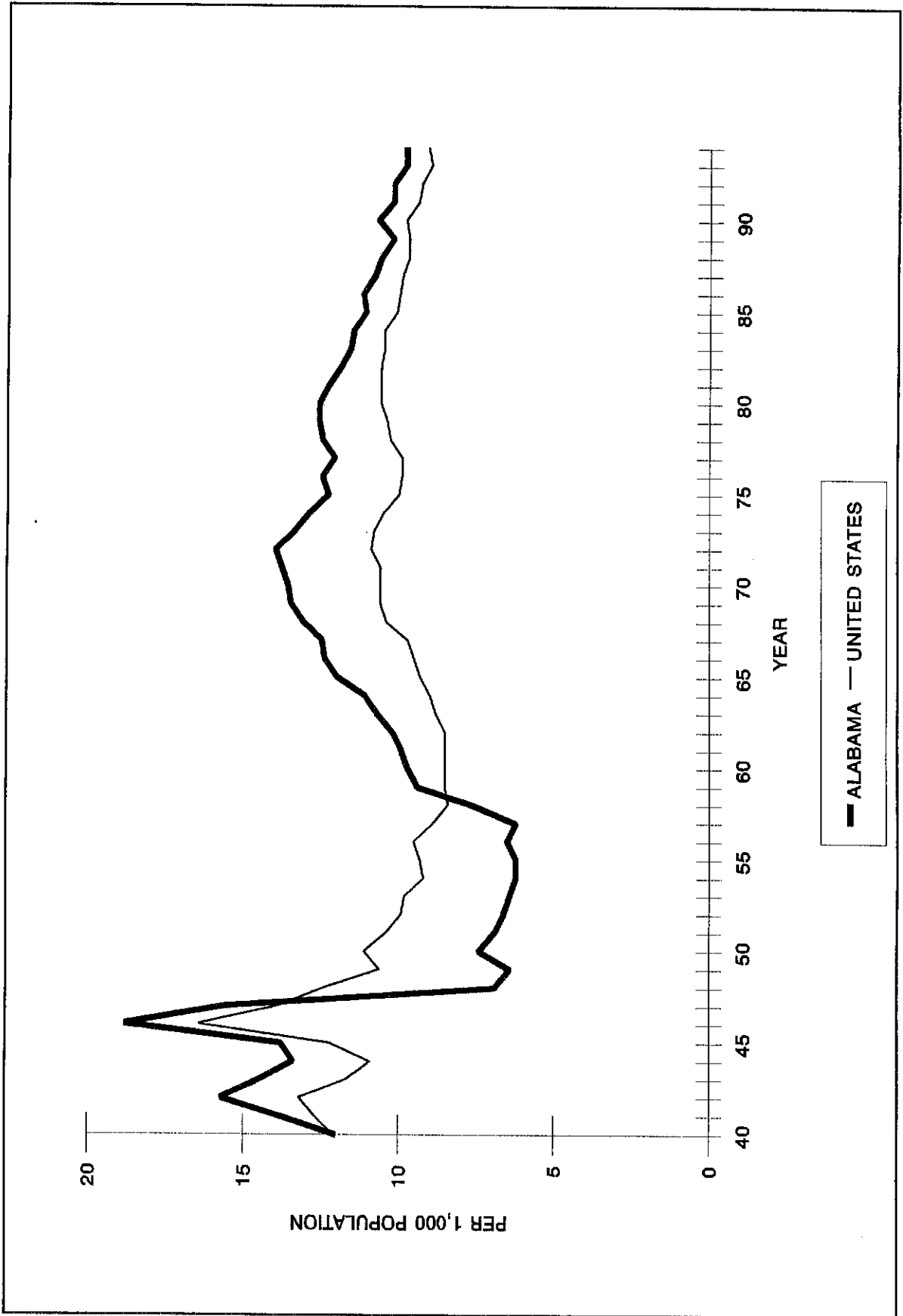


TABLE 1
MARRIAGES AND MARRIAGE RATES¹
BY RACE OF GROOM
ALABAMA AND UNITED STATES, 1940-1994

YEAR	TOTAL			WHITE		BLACK AND OTHER	
	ALABAMA		U.S. RATE	ALABAMA		ALABAMA	
	NUMBER	RATE		NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE
1940	34,008	12.0	12.1	21,688	11.7	12,320	12.5
1941	39,454	13.8	12.7	26,822	13.8	13,632	13.8
1942	45,550	15.7	13.2	29,901	15.8	15,649	15.7
1943	41,951	14.5	11.7	26,489	13.4	16,462	16.5
1944	38,665	13.4	10.9	23,658	12.5	15,007	15.0
1945	40,903	13.8	12.2	26,526	13.6	14,377	14.2
1946	56,333	18.8	16.4	38,071	19.2	18,262	17.9
1947	46,425	15.5	13.9	30,745	15.2	15,680	15.9
1948	20,926	6.9	12.4	13,574	6.7	7,352	7.5
1949	19,411	6.4	10.6	12,513	6.1	6,898	7.0
1950	22,823	7.4	11.1	16,226	7.3	7,597	7.7
1951	21,427	6.9	10.4	13,907	6.6	7,520	7.6
1952	20,391	6.6	9.9	13,365	6.3	7,026	7.2
1953	19,969	6.4	9.8	12,981	6.0	6,988	7.1
1954	19,554	6.2	9.2	12,957	6.0	6,597	6.7
1955	19,791	6.2	9.3	12,829	5.9	6,962	7.1
1956	20,779	6.5	9.5	13,677	6.2	7,102	7.2
1957	19,868	6.2	8.9	13,247	5.9	6,621	6.7
1958	24,506	7.6	8.4	17,506	7.8	7,000	7.1
1959	30,722	9.4	8.5	22,708	10.0	8,014	8.2
1960	31,910	9.7	8.5	24,093	10.5	7,817	8.0
1961	32,723	9.9	8.5	24,825	10.7	7,898	8.1
1962	33,611	10.2	8.5	25,743	11.0	7,868	8.1
1963	35,551	10.7	8.8	27,679	11.7	7,872	8.2
1964	37,239	11.1	9.0	29,220	12.2	8,019	8.4
1965	40,355	12.0	9.3	31,922	13.2	8,433	8.9
1966	41,732	12.4	9.5	33,114	13.6	8,618	9.2
1967	42,442	12.5	9.7	33,989	13.8	8,453	9.1
1968	44,598	13.1	10.4	35,564	14.3	9,034	9.9
1969	46,422	13.5	10.6	37,182	14.8	9,240	10.0
1970	46,959	13.6	10.6	37,650	14.8	9,309	10.2
1971	48,276	13.8	10.6	38,617	15.0	9,659	10.7
1972	49,764	14.0	10.9	39,582	15.2	10,182	10.9
1973	47,997	13.4	10.8	38,144	14.4	9,853	10.4
1974	46,811	12.9	10.5	37,417	14.0	9,394	9.8
1975	45,349	12.3	10.0	36,802	13.6	8,547	8.8
1976	46,516	12.5	9.9	37,790	13.8	8,725	8.9
1977	45,689	12.1	9.9	36,917	13.3	8,772	8.9
1978	47,720	12.5	10.3	38,589	13.7	9,131	9.1
1979	48,743	12.6	10.4	39,240	13.8	9,503	9.4
1980	49,018	12.6	10.6	39,763	13.8	9,255	9.0
1981	48,710	12.3	10.6	39,868	13.7	8,842	8.6
1982	47,431	11.9	10.6	38,969	13.2	8,462	8.0
1983	47,469	11.6	10.5	38,800	12.8	8,669	8.2
1984	47,541	11.5	10.5	38,482	12.6	9,059	8.5
1985	46,082	11.1	10.1	37,211	12.0	8,871	8.3
1986	45,778	11.2	10.0	36,437	12.1	9,341	8.7
1987	44,820	10.8	9.9	35,690	11.7	9,130	8.4
1988	44,552	10.6	9.7	35,515	11.5	9,037	8.2
1989	43,158	10.2	9.7	34,631	11.1	8,527	7.6
1990	43,050	10.7	9.8	34,861	11.7	8,189	7.7
1991	41,772	10.2	9.4 ²	33,480	11.2	8,292	7.7
1992	41,326	10.2	9.3 ²	32,842	10.9	8,484	7.9
1993	40,156	9.8	9.0 ²	31,746	10.5	8,410	7.8
1994	40,201	9.8	9.1 ²	31,607	10.5	8,594	8.0

¹ Rate is per 1,000 population for specified group. See formula in Technical Notes of Appendix B.
² Provisional data.

FIGURE 2
MARRIAGE RATES BY RACE OF GROOM
ALABAMA, 1940-1994

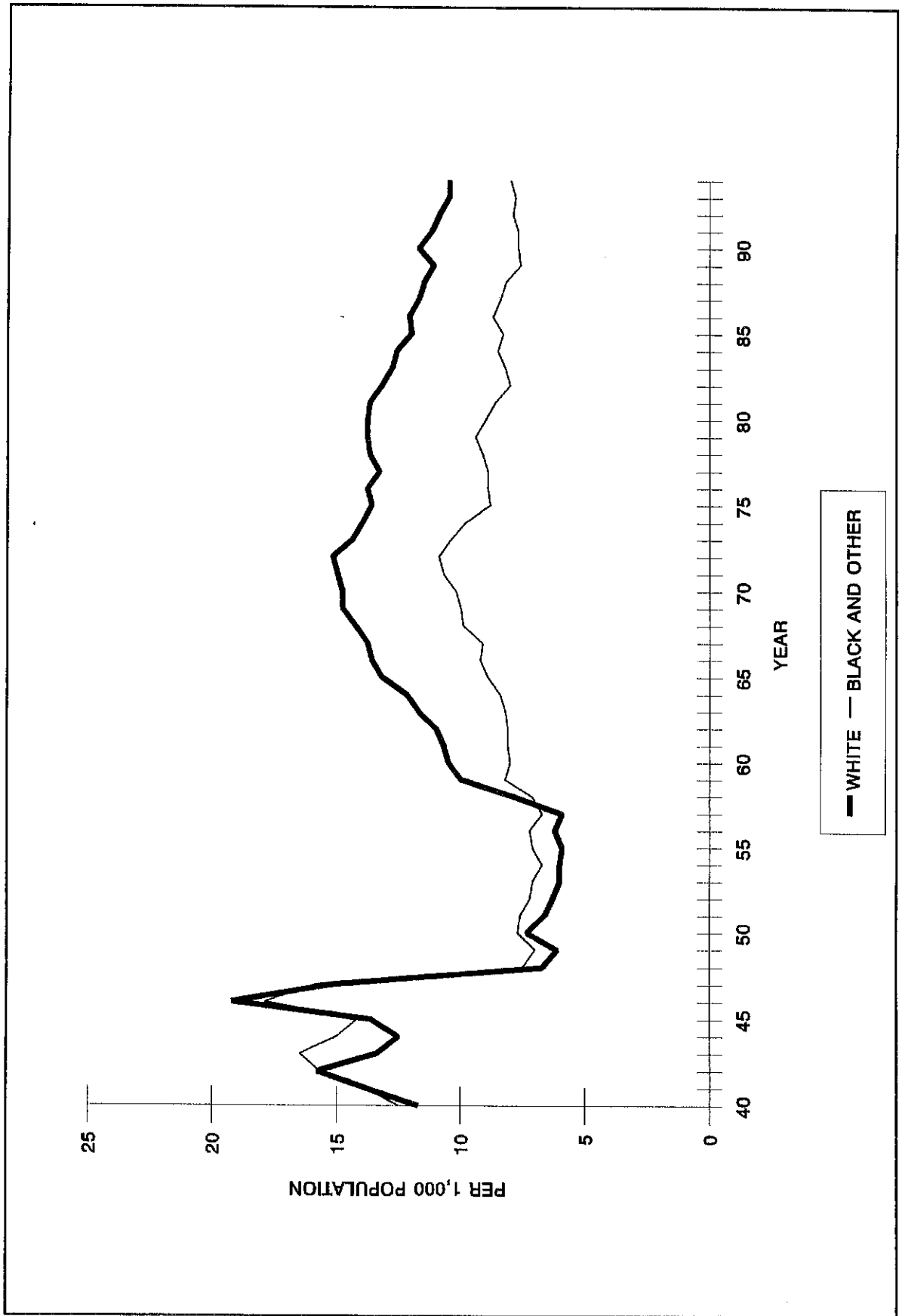
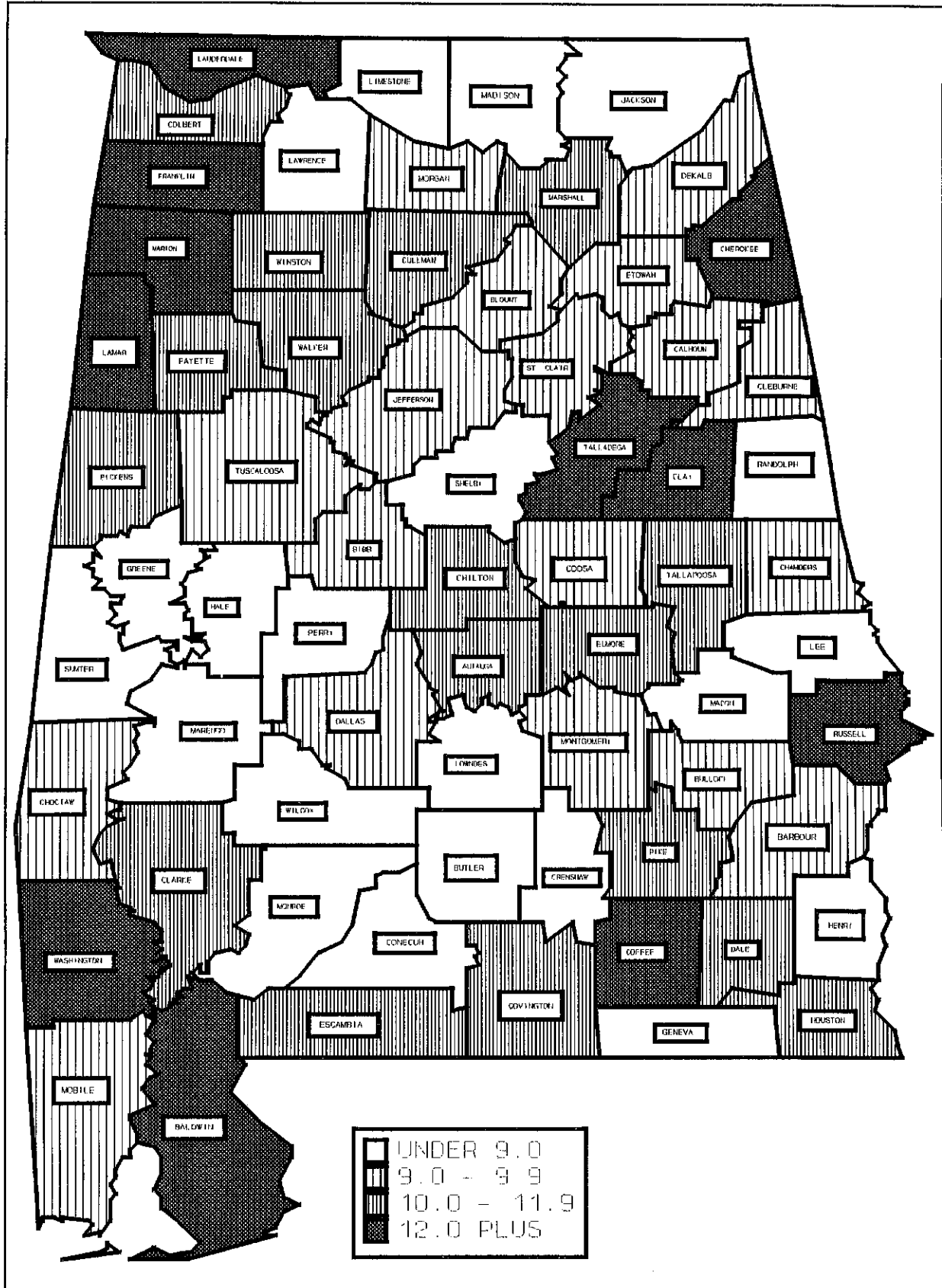


TABLE 2
MARRIAGES AND MARRIAGE RATES¹
BY RACE OF GROOM AND COUNTY
ALABAMA, 1994

COUNTY	TOTAL		WHITE		BLACK AND OTHER	
	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE
TOTAL	40,201	9.8	31,607	10.5	8,594	8.0
Autauga	371	10.6	318	11.3	53	7.7
Baldwin	1,322	12.4	1,200	13.0	122	8.8
Barbour	229	9.0	168	11.8	61	6.4
Bibb	158	9.3	132	9.8	26	7.5
Blount	378	9.4	371	9.4	7	9.9*
Bullock	100	9.0	36	12.6	64	7.8
Butler	177	8.1	132	10.3	45	5.1
Calhoun	1,104	9.6	946	10.3	158	6.8
Chambers	334	9.3	238	10.3	96	7.3
Cherokee	263	13.3	249	13.5	14	10.7
Chilton	348	10.5	326	11.1	22	5.7
Choctaw	141	9.0	102	11.7	39	5.6
Clarke	275	10.1	165	10.7	110	9.4
Clay	263	20.1	217	19.9	46	21.2
Cleburne	123	9.6	121	9.9	2	3.2*
Coffee	502	12.3	416	12.5	86	11.1
Colbert	534	10.6	473	11.3	61	7.0
Conecuh	115	8.5	81	10.6	34	5.8
Coosa	102	9.3	83	11.6	19	5.0
Covington	413	11.4	357	11.4	56	11.5
Crenshaw	106	7.9	96	9.7	10	2.8
Cullman	713	10.2	711	10.3	2	2.4*
Dale	529	10.6	426	10.7	103	10.0
Dallas	444	9.7	233	12.5	211	7.7
DeKalb	541	9.8	537	10.1	4	2.2
Elmore	565	11.0	463	11.7	102	8.8
Escambia	354	10.3	238	10.0	116	10.8
Etowah	917	9.3	806	9.6	111	7.5
Fayette	178	10.1	158	10.2	20	9.2
Franklin	363	13.2	350	13.4	13	9.6
Geneva	209	8.9	186	9.1	23	7.9
Greene	86	8.7	25	13.6	61	7.6
Hale	117	7.6	57	8.9	60	6.6
Henry	138	8.9	108	10.7	30	5.6
Houston	888	10.6	712	11.3	176	8.5
Jackson	316	6.8	306	7.1	10	3.0
Jefferson	6,254	9.7	4,295	10.5	1,959	8.3
Lamar	242	15.7	211	15.6	31	16.4
Lauderdale	988	12.5	908	12.8	80	9.9
Lawrence	272	8.4	245	10.0	27	3.5
Lee	809	8.9	635	9.4	174	7.5
Limestone	448	7.8	391	7.9	57	7.7
Lowndes	104	8.3	26	8.2	78	8.4
Macon	153	6.3	43	13.1	110	5.3
Madison	1,922	7.5	1,459	7.4	463	7.8
Maréngo	198	8.8	114	10.2	84	7.5
Marion	433	14.6	405	14.2	28	24.3
Marshall	732	10.1	722	10.1	10	6.5
Mobile	3,658	9.5	2,729	10.6	929	7.4
Monroe	215	8.8	152	10.2	63	6.6
Montgomery	2,070	9.7	1,256	10.5	814	8.6
Morgan	986	9.5	881	9.5	105	9.0
Perry	89	7.5	36	9.1	53	6.7
Pickens	224	11.0	148	12.5	76	8.9
Pike	276	10.1	192	10.9	84	8.7
Randolph	160	8.1	129	8.5	31	6.6
Russell	736	15.9	511	18.0	225	12.5
St. Clair	529	9.9	490	10.1	39	7.9
Shelby	807	7.1	745	7.1	62	6.7
Sumter	113	7.2	52	11.6	61	5.4
Talladega	898	12.1	679	13.3	219	9.4
Tallapoosa	393	10.1	310	10.8	83	8.0
Tuscaloosa	1,418	9.1	1,076	9.5	342	8.1
Walker	762	11.3	731	11.7	31	6.9
Washington	271	16.2	223	20.5	48	8.3
Wilcox	87	6.7	35	8.7	52	5.8
Winston	238	10.8	235	10.7	3	21.1*

¹Rate is per 1,000 population. See formula in Technical Notes of Appendix B. Caution should be exercised in using rates derived from small figures. Caution should also be exercised in using rates which are based on small populations. Rates which apply to populations of less than 1,000 are denoted by an "*".

**FIGURE 3
MARRIAGE RATES BY COUNTY OF OCCURRENCE
ALABAMA, 1994**



**TABLE 3
MARRIAGES AND MARRIAGE RATES¹
BY MONTH OF OCCURRENCE
ALABAMA, 1994**

MONTH	NUMBER	MONTHLY MARRIAGE RATE
TOTAL	40,201	9.8
January	2,211	6.4
February	2,934	9.3
March	3,247	9.3
April	3,328	9.9
May	3,463	9.9
June	4,206	12.5
July	3,994	11.5
August	3,705	10.6
September	3,647	10.8
October	3,203	9.2
November	2,777	8.2
December	3,486	10.0

¹Rate is per 1,000 population. See formula in Technical notes of Appendix B.

**TABLE 4
MARRIAGES BY OFFICIAL PERFORMING CEREMONY
ALABAMA, 1994**

OFFICIAL	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	40,201	100.0
Minister	28,081	69.9
Judge of Probate	9,741	24.2
Probate Clerk	1,329	3.3
Judge, Other than Probate	1,016	2.5
Other Official	25	0.1
Not Stated	9	0.0

**TABLE 5
MARRIAGES BY RACE OF BRIDE AND GROOM
ALABAMA, 1994**

RACE OF GROOM	RACE OF BRIDE				
	TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK	OTHER	NOT STATED
TOTAL	40,201	31,758	8,120	300	23
White	31,556	31,270	106	170	10
Black	8,291	279	7,988	22	2
Other	303	173	21	107	2
Not Stated	51	36	5	1	9

**TABLE 6
MARRIAGES BY PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS
ALABAMA, 1994**

GROOM	BRIDE				
	TOTAL	NEVER MARRIED	WIDOWED	DIVORCED	NOT STATED
TOTAL	40,201	22,821	1,417	15,557	406
Never Married	23,236	18,617	238	4,273	108
Widowed	1,267	142	524	595	6
Divorced	15,314	3,951	646	10,620	97
Not Stated	384	111	9	69	195

**TABLE 7
MARRIAGES BY AGE AND RACE OF BRIDE AND GROOM
ALABAMA, 1994**

AGE GROUP	BRIDE			GROOM		
	TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK & OTHER	TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK & OTHER
TOTAL	40,201	31,781	8,420	40,201	31,607	8,594
Under 15	89	86	3	3	3	—
15-19	6,088	5,500	588	2,508	2,255	253
20-24	12,120	9,725	2,395	11,677	9,466	2,211
25-29	7,312	5,421	1,891	8,645	6,653	1,992
30-34	5,030	3,675	1,355	5,689	4,253	1,436
35-39	3,598	2,616	982	3,993	2,947	1,046
40-44	2,355	1,773	582	2,670	1,990	680
45-49	1,591	1,284	307	1,911	1,503	408
50-54	799	645	154	1,070	868	202
55-59	423	354	69	677	545	132
60-64	294	254	40	491	409	82
65-69	225	201	24	349	274	75
70-74	141	130	11	248	216	32
75+	96	86	10	236	196	40
Not Stated	40	31	9	34	29	5

**TABLE 8
MARRIAGES BY EDUCATION OF BRIDE AND GROOM
ALABAMA, 1994**

EDUCATION OF GROOM BY GRADE	EDUCATION OF BRIDE BY GRADE							
	TOTAL	0-5	6-8	9-11	12	13-15	16+	NOT STATED
TOTAL	40,201	74	1,042	5,604	13,283	10,585	7,278	2,335
0-5	186	20	38	57	48	18	3	2
6-8	1,215	14	218	462	364	122	25	10
9-11	5,446	11	360	2,066	2,015	821	140	33
12	15,047	19	329	2,292	7,401	3,734	1,178	94
13-15	8,946	7	68	605	2,487	4,002	1,735	42
16+	7,150	2	20	105	939	1,867	4,185	32
Not Stated	2,211	1	9	17	29	21	12	2,122

**TABLE 9
PREVIOUS MARRIAGES BY AGE OF BRIDE
ALABAMA, 1994**

AGE OF BRIDE	NUMBER OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES						
	TOTAL	NONE	1	2	3	4+	NOT STATED
TOTAL	40,201	22,821	11,294	4,170	1,291	422	203
UNDER 15	89	89	—	—	—	—	—
15-19	6,088	5,833	185	6	—	1	63
20-24	12,120	10,094	1,775	169	12	—	70
25-29	7,312	4,131	2,446	593	102	12	28
30-34	5,030	1,581	2,352	811	211	60	15
35-39	3,598	667	1,634	858	332	97	10
40-44	2,355	243	1,084	702	218	101	7
45-49	1,591	93	759	462	199	75	3
50-54	799	28	405	242	86	34	4
55-59	423	23	230	107	41	22	—
60-64	294	13	139	88	41	13	—
65-69	225	4	125	65	28	3	—
70-74	141	2	91	35	11	2	—
75+	96	—	58	28	8	1	1
Not Stated	40	20	11	4	2	1	2

**TABLE 10
PREVIOUS MARRIAGES BY AGE OF GROOM
ALABAMA, 1994**

AGE OF GROOM	NUMBER OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES						
	TOTAL	NONE	1	2	3	4+	NOT STATED
TOTAL	40,201	23,236	11,301	3,960	1,135	361	208
Under 15	3	3	—	—	—	—	—
15-19	2,508	2,456	21	2	—	—	29
20-24	11,677	10,579	961	45	1	—	91
25-29	8,645	6,059	2,195	299	47	5	40
30-34	5,689	2,497	2,380	663	100	24	25
35-39	3,993	987	1,967	760	224	48	7
40-44	2,670	381	1,252	730	222	79	6
45-49	1,911	135	929	569	192	85	1
50-54	1,070	35	505	332	146	49	3
55-59	677	40	325	198	80	31	3
60-64	491	23	255	144	47	21	1
65-69	349	12	196	102	29	10	—
70-74	248	8	148	57	31	4	—
75+	236	3	154	56	16	5	2
Not Stated	34	18	13	3	—	—	—

TABLE 11
MARRIAGES BY AGE AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS
ALABAMA, 1994

AGE GROUP	BRIDE'S PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS					GROOM'S PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS				
	TOTAL	SINGLE	WIDOWED	DIVORCED	NOT STATED	TOTAL	SINGLE	WIDOWED	DIVORCED	NOT STATED
TOTAL	40,201	22,821	1,417	15,557	406	40,201	23,236	1,267	15,314	384
Under 15	89	89	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—
15-19	6,088	5,833	2	185	68	2,508	2,456	—	22	30
20-24	12,120	10,094	44	1,884	98	11,677	10,579	10	982	106
25-29	7,312	4,131	81	3,033	67	8,645	6,059	41	2,476	69
30-34	5,030	1,581	121	3,283	45	5,689	2,497	70	3,061	61
35-39	3,598	667	135	2,745	51	3,993	987	82	2,880	44
40-44	2,355	243	138	1,940	34	2,670	381	78	2,189	22
45-49	1,591	93	163	1,315	20	1,911	135	97	1,662	17
50-54	799	28	126	636	9	1,070	35	103	921	11
55-59	423	23	157	239	4	677	40	121	506	10
60-64	294	13	130	148	3	491	23	160	304	4
65-69	225	4	141	78	2	349	12	179	154	4
70-74	141	2	104	34	1	248	8	147	91	2
75+	96	—	72	23	1	236	3	177	53	3
Not Stated	40	20	3	14	3	34	18	2	13	1

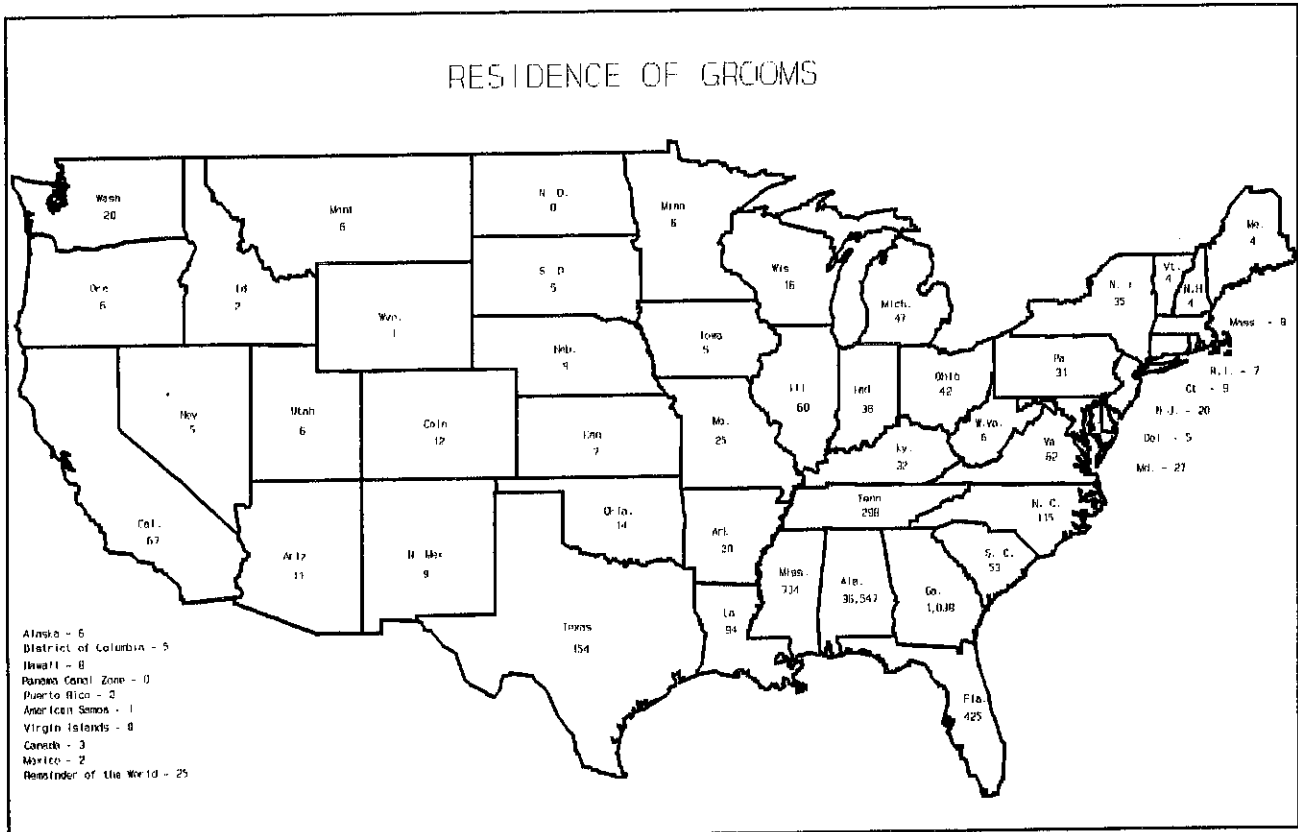
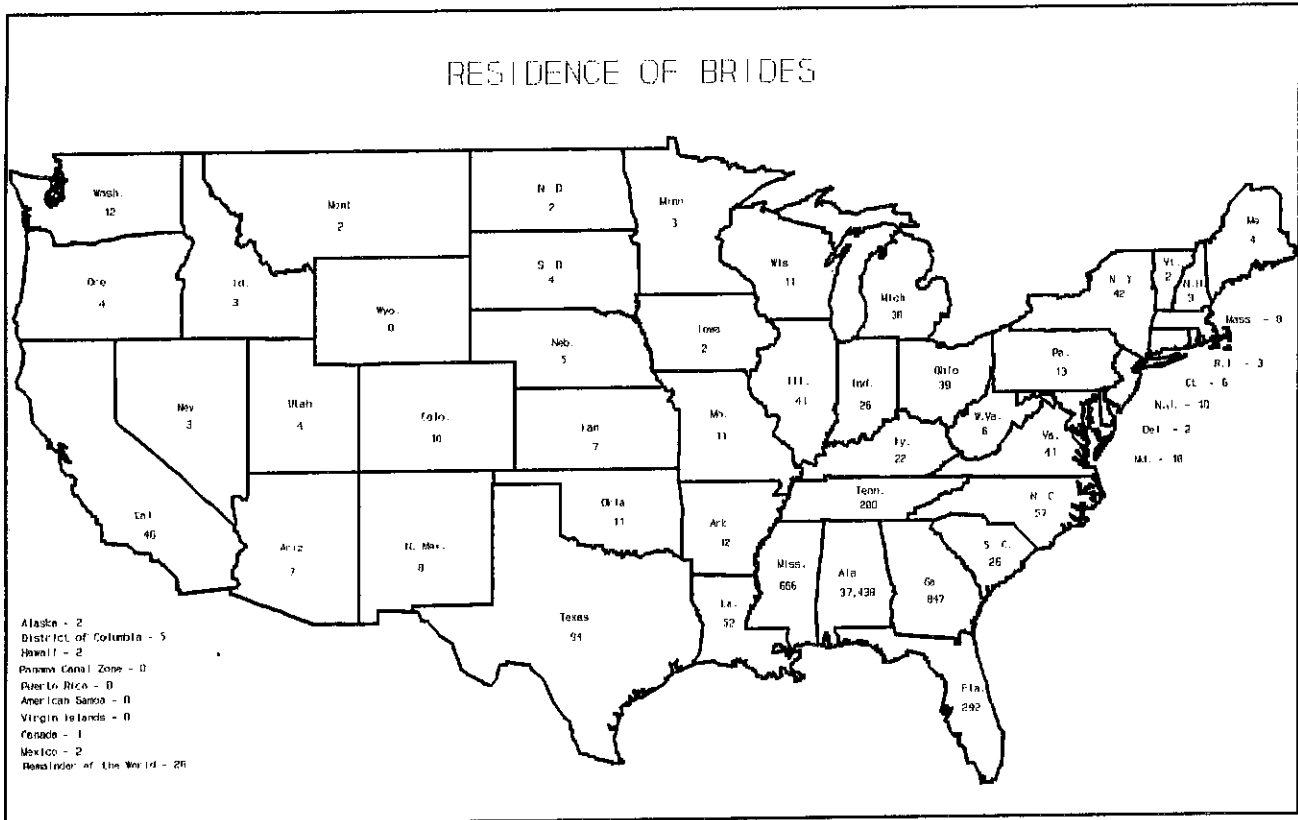
TABLE 12
MARRIAGES BY AGE OF BRIDE BY AGE OF GROOM
ALABAMA, 1994

AGE OF GROOM	AGE OF BRIDE															NOT STATED
	TOTAL	UNDER 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75+	
TOTAL	40,201	89	6,088	12,120	7,312	5,030	3,598	2,355	1,591	799	423	294	225	141	96	40
Under 15	3	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-19	2,508	41	1,885	500	58	15	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
20-24	11,677	31	3,464	6,516	1,245	279	88	28	9	2	—	2	—	—	—	13
25-29	8,645	10	559	3,656	3,028	953	310	88	28	3	2	—	—	1	—	7
30-34	5,689	3	116	992	1,803	1,697	740	248	62	16	4	1	—	—	—	7
35-39	3,993	1	39	310	755	1,173	1,068	450	157	30	2	3	—	—	—	5
40-44	2,670	2	10	82	272	535	732	669	283	60	13	7	1	—	1	3
45-49	1,911	—	5	32	104	244	395	494	470	120	34	8	3	—	—	2
50-54	1,070	—	1	11	21	85	151	211	307	211	46	17	6	1	2	—
55-59	677	—	—	5	15	28	67	101	149	157	117	27	8	3	—	—
60-64	491	—	—	3	6	10	24	34	75	114	96	86	32	8	3	—
65-69	349	—	—	1	—	6	5	19	40	53	65	66	72	20	2	—
70-74	248	—	—	—	2	2	2	5	6	21	31	44	61	55	19	—
75+	236	—	—	2	1	—	5	4	3	11	13	33	42	53	69	—
Not Stated	34	—	7	10	2	3	6	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE 13
MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN ALABAMA
BY STATE, TERRITORY, OR COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE
OF BRIDE AND GROOM
1994.

STATE, TERRITORY OR COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE	BRIDE		GROOM	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	40,201	100.00	40,201	100.00
Alabama	37,438	93.13	36,547	90.91
Alaska	2	0.00	6	0.01
Arizona	7	0.02	11	0.03
Arkansas	12	0.03	20	0.05
California	46	0.11	67	0.17
Colorado	10	0.02	12	0.03
Connecticut	6	0.01	9	0.02
Delaware	2	0.00	5	0.01
District of Columbia	5	0.01	5	0.01
Florida	292	0.73	425	1.06
Georgia	847	2.11	1,038	2.58
Hawaii	2	0.00	8	0.02
Idaho	3	0.01	2	0.00
Illinois	41	0.10	60	0.15
Indiana	26	0.06	36	0.09
Iowa	2	0.00	5	0.01
Kansas	7	0.02	7	0.02
Kentucky	22	0.05	32	0.08
Louisiana	52	0.13	94	0.23
Maine	4	0.01	4	0.01
Maryland	18	0.04	27	0.07
Massachusetts	8	0.02	8	0.02
Michigan	38	0.09	47	0.12
Minnesota	3	0.01	6	0.01
Mississippi	666	1.66	734	1.83
Missouri	11	0.03	25	0.06
Montana	2	0.00	6	0.01
Nebraska	5	0.01	9	0.02
Nevada	3	0.01	5	0.01
New Hampshire	3	0.01	4	0.01
New Jersey	10	0.02	20	0.05
New Mexico	8	0.02	9	0.02
New York	42	0.10	35	0.09
North Carolina	57	0.14	115	0.29
North Dakota	2	0.00	—	—
Ohio	39	0.10	42	0.10
Oklahoma	11	0.03	14	0.03
Oregon	4	0.01	6	0.01
Pennsylvania	13	0.03	31	0.08
Rhode Island	3	0.01	7	0.02
South Carolina	26	0.06	53	0.13
South Dakota	4	0.01	5	0.01
Tennessee	200	0.50	298	0.74
Texas	94	0.23	154	0.38
Utah	4	0.01	6	0.01
Vermont	2	0.00	4	0.01
Virginia	41	0.10	62	0.15
Washington	12	0.03	20	0.05
West Virginia	6	0.01	6	0.01
Wisconsin	11	0.03	16	0.04
Wyoming	—	—	1	0.00
American Samoa	—	—	1	0.00
Puerto Rico	—	—	2	0.00
Canada	1	0.00	3	0.01
Mexico	2	0.00	2	0.00
Remainder of the World	26	0.06	25	0.06

**FIGURE 4
MARRIAGES BY RESIDENCE
OF BRIDE AND GROOM
ALABAMA, 1994**



DIVORCE STATISTICS

DIVORCE

1994 Divorce Highlights:

- The 26,259 divorces during 1994 represented a decrease of 867 from 1993's total of 27,126 which is the highest total ever recorded in Alabama.
- Alabama's 1994 divorce rate of 6.4 remained above the national rate for the 52nd consecutive year.
- In 1994, the median duration of marriages dissolved was 6.1 years. This has changed very little within the past 10 years with the median duration being 5.1 years for 1984.
- During 1994, 30.8 percent of all marriage dissolutions were for marriages of 10 or more years in duration.
- For 1994 marriage dissolutions, 59.3 percent of all divorces were granted jointly to husband and wife. This was up from the 50.7 percent in 1984.
- Divorces jointly granted increased by 2.7 percent over the year, while those granted to the husband or to the wife decreased 14.7 percent and 11.5 percent respectively.
- For divorces granted in 1994, median age of the husband was 35.2 years and median age of the wife was 33.0 years.
- In 1994, 94.8 percent of all divorces were granted on the grounds of incompatibility. Incompatibility as a legal grounds for dissolution was first allowed by Alabama law during 1971 and has virtually replaced all other legal grounds since that time.
- In 1994, 12,945(50.6%) marriage dissolutions involved minor children.
- More than 21,315 minor children were affected by the 1994 marriage dissolutions. This does not include minor children affected by the two and a half percent of all 1994 dissolutions which did not report this information.
- In 1994, the most divorces (2,508) were finalized during the month of March while the least (1,817) were finalized during December.
- Russell County's 1994 divorce rate of 9.9 was the highest among Alabama's counties. For 1994, Marshall County's rate of 9.5 was second and Dale County recorded the third highest rate of 9.2.
- Wilcox County (1.6) had the lowest divorce rate among counties during 1994. Lowndes (2.2), Franklin (2.6), Blount and Limestone (3.0), Perry (3.1), and Bullock (3.2) counties also recorded low divorce rates during 1994.

FIGURE 5
COMPARATIVE DIVORCE RATES
ALABAMA AND UNITED STATES, 1940-1994

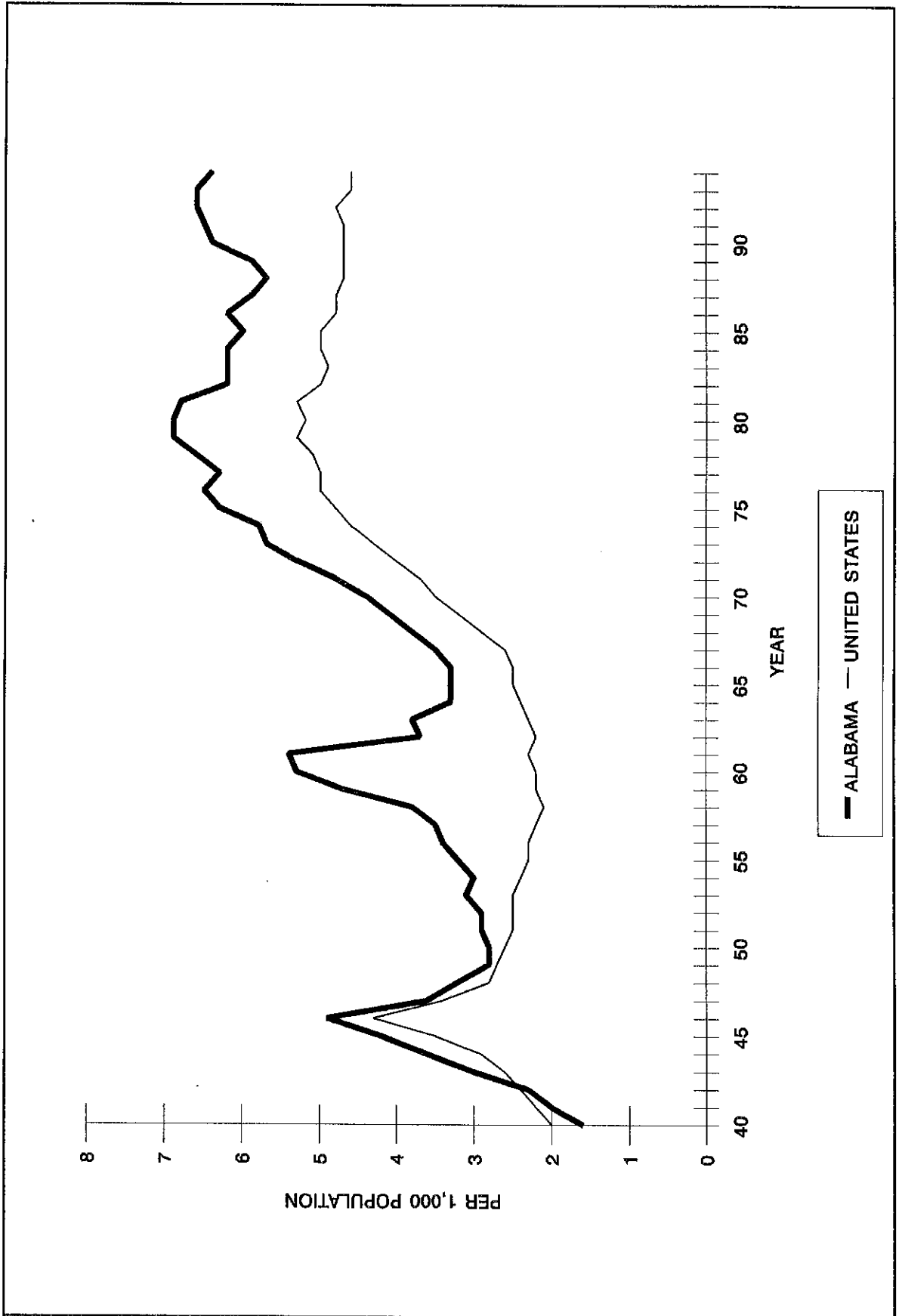


TABLE 14
COMPARATIVE DIVORCE RATES¹
ALABAMA AND UNITED STATES, 1940-1994

YEAR	NUMBER	ALABAMA RATE	U.S. RATE
1940	4,417	1.6	2.0
1941	5,656	2.0	2.2
1942	6,748	2.3	2.4
1943	8,622	3.0	2.6
1944	10,317	3.6	2.9
1945	12,435	4.2	3.5
1946	14,770	4.9	4.3
1947	10,765	3.6	3.4
1948	9,699	3.2	2.8
1949	8,575	2.8	2.7
1950	8,454	2.8	2.6
1951	8,908	2.9	2.5
1952	9,163	2.9	2.5
1953	9,673	3.1	2.5
1954	9,357	3.0	2.4
1955	10,058	3.2	2.3
1956	10,783	3.4	2.3
1957	11,375	3.5	2.2
1958	12,431	3.8	2.1
1959	15,222	4.7	2.2
1960	17,349	5.3	2.2
1961	17,754	5.4	2.3
1962	12,343	3.7	2.2
1963	12,601	3.8	2.3
1964	11,119	3.3	2.4
1965	11,036	3.3	2.5
1966	11,256	3.3	2.5
1967	11,964	3.5	2.6
1968	12,918	3.8	2.9
1969	14,146	4.1	3.2
1970	15,109	4.4	3.5
1971	16,905	4.8	3.7
1972	18,958	5.3	4.0
1973	20,399	5.7	4.3
1974	21,123	5.8	4.6
1975	23,001	6.3	4.8
1976	24,056	6.5	5.0
1977	23,757	6.3	5.0
1978	25,059	6.6	5.1
1979	26,549	6.9	5.3
1980	26,745	6.9	5.2
1981	26,791	6.8	5.3
1982	24,910	6.2	5.0
1983	25,190	6.2	4.9
1984	25,413	6.2	5.0
1985	25,012	6.0	5.0
1986	25,356	6.2	4.8
1987	24,532	5.9	4.8
1988	23,827	5.7	4.7
1989	24,985	5.9	4.7
1990	25,678	6.4	4.7
1991	26,545	6.5	4.7 ²
1992	26,944	6.6	4.8 ²
1993	27,126	6.6	4.6 ²
1994	26,259	6.4	4.6 ²

¹ Rate is per 1,000 population. See formula in Technical Notes of Appendix B.

² Provisional data.

TABLE 15
DIVORCES, ANNULMENTS AND DIVORCE RATES¹
BY COUNTY OF DECREE
ALABAMA, 1994

COUNTY	TOTAL	DIVORCES	ANNULMENTS	RATE
TOTAL	26,259	26,217	42	6.4
Autauga	238	238	—	6.8
Baldwin	694	689	5	6.5
Barbour	126	126	—	4.9
Bibb	77	76	1	4.5
Blount	120	120	—	3.0
Bullock	36	36	—	3.2
Butler	137	137	—	6.3
Calhoun	1,023	1,022	1	8.9
Chambers	197	197	—	5.5
Cherokee	106	106	—	5.4
Chilton	225	225	—	6.8
Choctaw	88	88	—	5.6
Clarke	143	143	—	5.3
Clay	95	95	—	7.3
Cleburne	114	114	—	8.9
Coffee	232	231	1	5.7
Colbert	371	370	1	7.3
Conecuh	67	67	—	5.0
Coosa	47	47	—	4.3
Covington	145	145	—	4.0
Crenshaw	49	49	—	3.7
Cullman	572	572	—	8.2
Dale	460	457	3	9.2
Dallas	263	263	—	5.7
DeKalb	294	293	1	5.3
Elmore	279	279	—	5.4
Escambia	203	203	—	5.9
Etowah	814	811	3	8.3
Fayette	119	119	—	6.7
Franklin	73	73	—	2.6
Geneva	145	144	1	6.2
Greene	37	37	—	3.7
Hale	53	53	—	3.4
Henry	71	71	—	4.6
Houston	755	755	—	9.0
Jackson	341	341	—	7.3
Jefferson	4,360	4,359	1	6.8
Lamar	75	75	—	4.9
Lauderdale	453	453	—	5.7
Lawrence	221	221	—	6.8
Lee	439	439	—	4.8
Limestone	171	171	—	3.0
Lowndes	28	28	—	2.2
Macon	91	91	—	3.8
Madison	1,681	1,681	—	6.5
Marengo	109	109	—	4.9
Marion	216	216	—	7.3
Marshall	690	689	1	9.6
Mobile	2,549	2,542	7	6.7
Monroe	116	116	—	4.7
Montgomery	1,561	1,558	3	7.3
Morgan	643	643	—	6.2
Perry	37	37	—	3.1
Pickens	68	67	1	3.3
Pike	177	176	1	6.5
Randolph	103	103	—	5.2
Russell	458	458	—	9.9
St. Clair	350	349	1	6.6
Shelby	592	590	2	5.2
Sumter	56	56	—	3.6
Talladega	540	537	3	7.3
Tallapoosa	287	287	—	7.3
Tuscaloosa	578	576	2	3.7
Walker	509	507	2	7.6
Washington	72	72	—	4.3
Wilcox	21	21	—	1.6
Winston	199	198	1	9.0

¹Rate is per 1,000 population. See formula in Technical Notes of Appendix B. Caution should be exercised in using rates derived from small numbers.

FIGURE 6
DIVORCE RATES BY COUNTY
ALABAMA, 1994

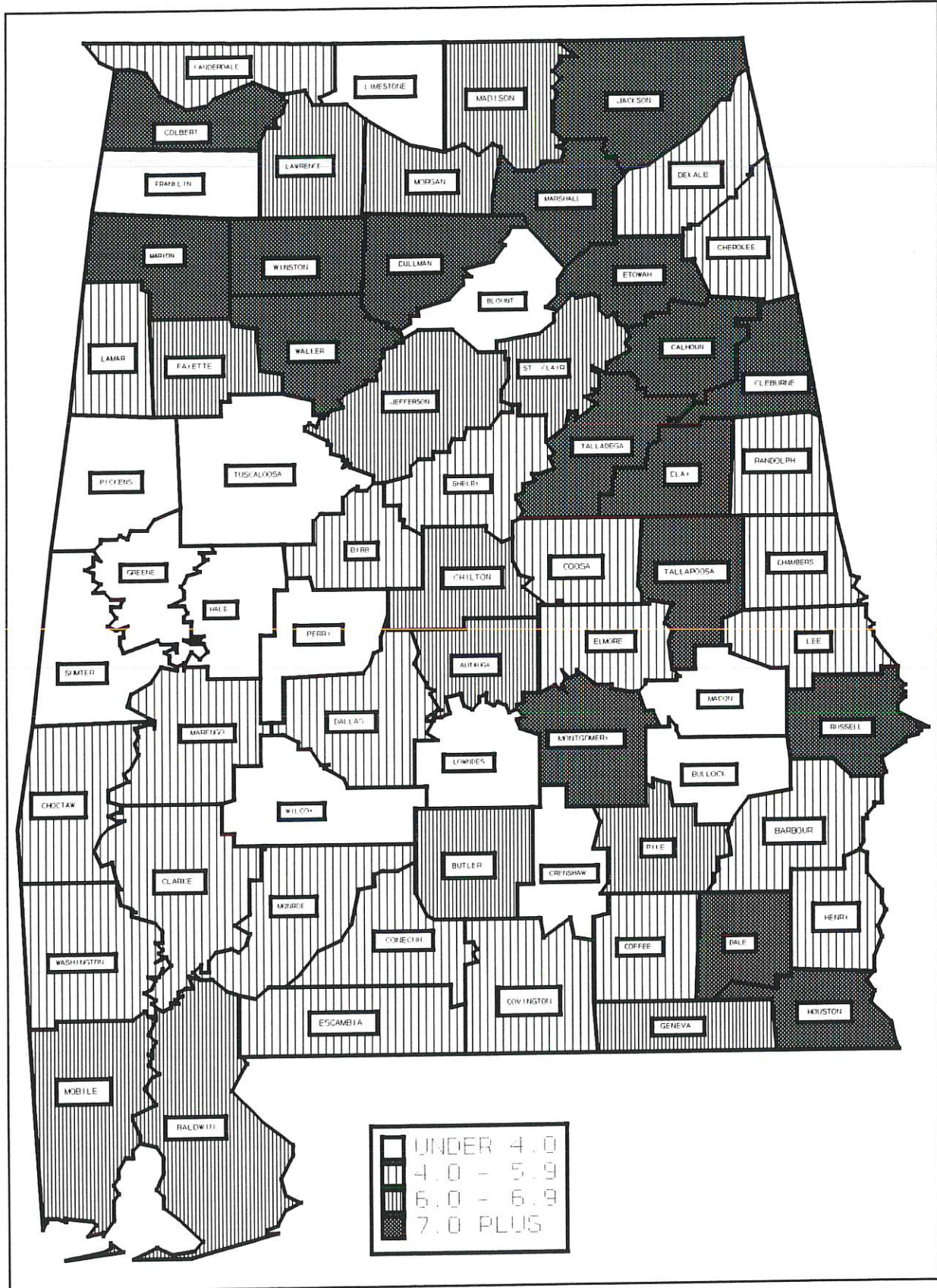


TABLE 16
DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS BY DURATION OF MARRIAGE
AND NUMBER OF MINOR CHILDREN
ALABAMA, 1994

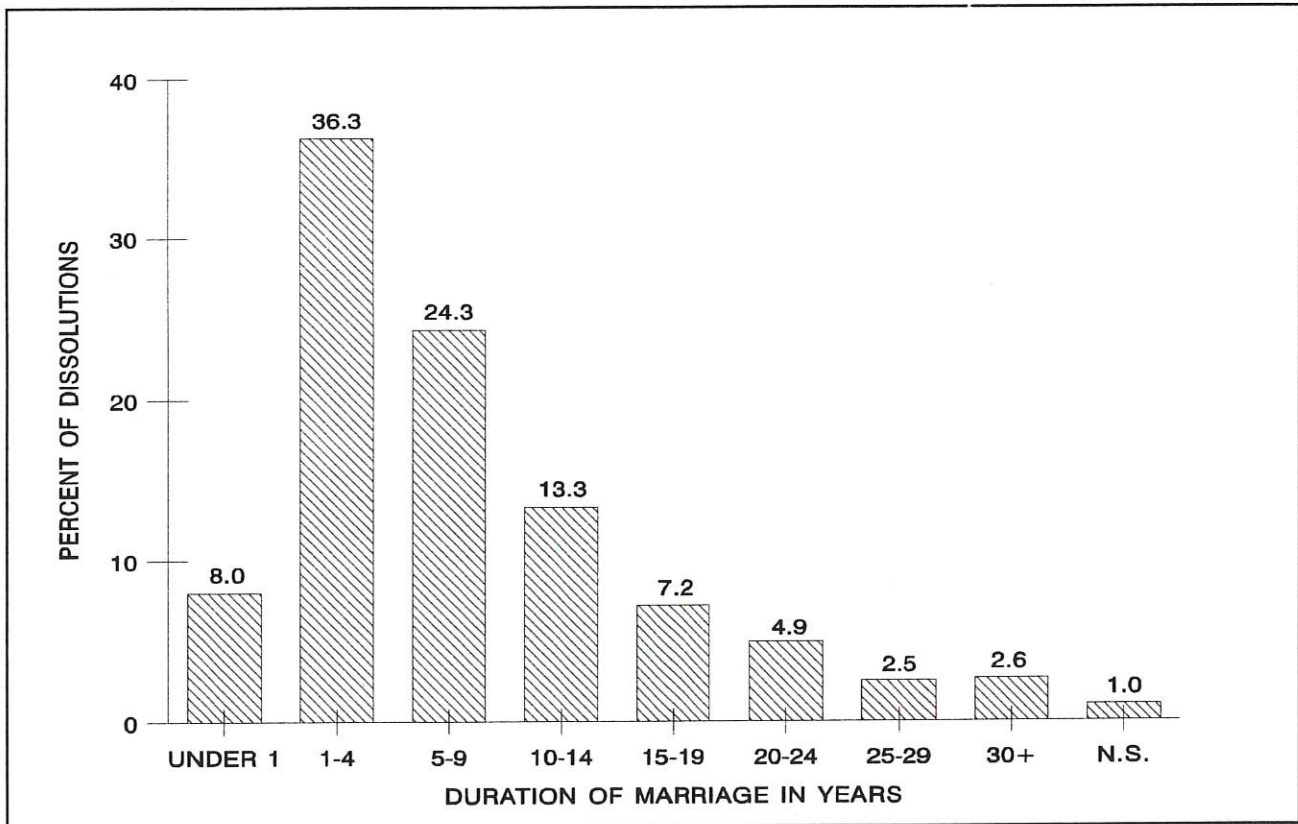
DURATION OF MARRIAGE (IN YEARS)	TOTAL	NUMBER OF MINOR CHILDREN ¹										NOT STATED
		NONE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9+	
TOTAL	26,259	12,657	6,573	4,745	1,346	222	41	12	2	1	3	657
UNDER 1	2,088	1,657	235	103	18	6	—	1	—	—	—	68
1-4	9,535	5,610	2,604	879	171	24	6	—	—	—	—	241
5-9	6,372	2,406	1,778	1,559	417	51	12	4	1	—	1	143
10-14	3,483	991	817	1,141	369	74	13	2	—	—	—	76
15-19	1,882	412	470	651	264	50	6	3	1	—	1	24
20-24	1,295	467	376	318	81	15	1	2	—	1	—	34
25-29	662	411	176	40	11	—	—	—	—	—	1	23
30-34	342	277	39	8	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	14
35-39	170	152	10	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
40+	159	143	7	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
NOT STATED	271	131	61	42	11	2	2	—	—	—	—	22

¹ Children 18 years of age and under are considered minors in Alabama.

**TABLE 17
DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS
BY DURATION OF MARRIAGE
ALABAMA, 1994**

DURATION OF MARRIAGE (IN YEARS)	TOTAL	DIVORCES	ANNULMENTS
TOTAL	26,259	26,217	42
UNDER 1	2,088	2,058	30
1 - 4	9,535	9,526	9
5 - 9	6,372	6,370	2
10 - 14	3,483	3,482	1
15 - 19	1,882	1,882	—
20 - 24	1,295	1,295	—
25 - 29	662	662	—
30 - 34	342	342	—
35 - 39	170	170	—
40+	159	159	—
NOT STATED	271	271	—

**FIGURE 7
DISTRIBUTION OF DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS
BY DURATION OF MARRIAGE
ALABAMA, 1994**

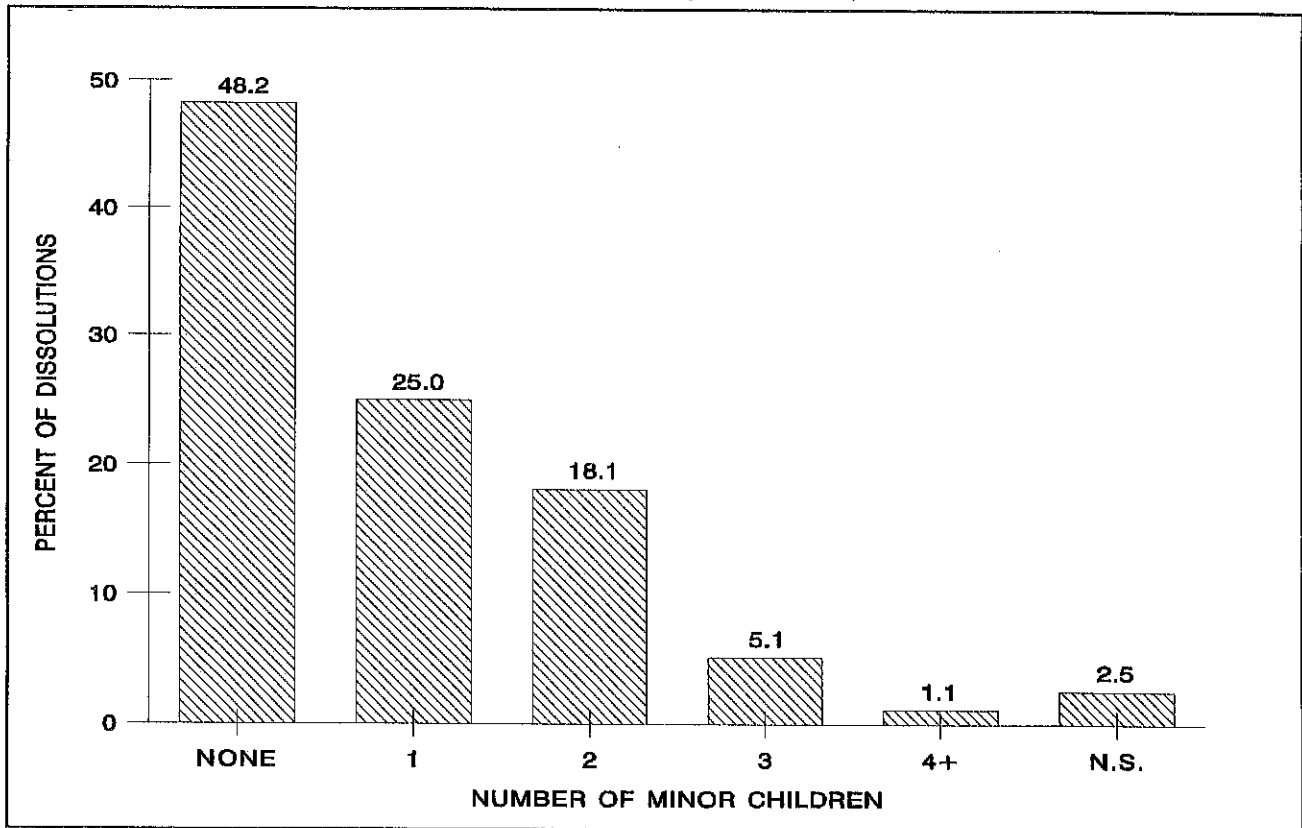


**TABLE 18
DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS
BY NUMBER OF MINOR CHILDREN
ALABAMA, 1994**

NUMBER OF MINOR	TOTAL	DIVORCES	ANNULMENTS
TOTAL	26,259	26,217	42
NONE	12,657	12,623	34
1	6,573	6,570	3
2	4,745	4,744	1
3	1,346	1,346	—
4	222	221	1
5	41	41	—
6	12	12	—
7	2	2	—
8	1	1	—
9+	3	3	—
NOT STATED	657	654	3

¹Children 18 years of age and under are considered minors in Alabama.

**FIGURE 8
DISTRIBUTION OF DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS
BY NUMBER OF MINOR CHILDREN
ALABAMA, 1994**

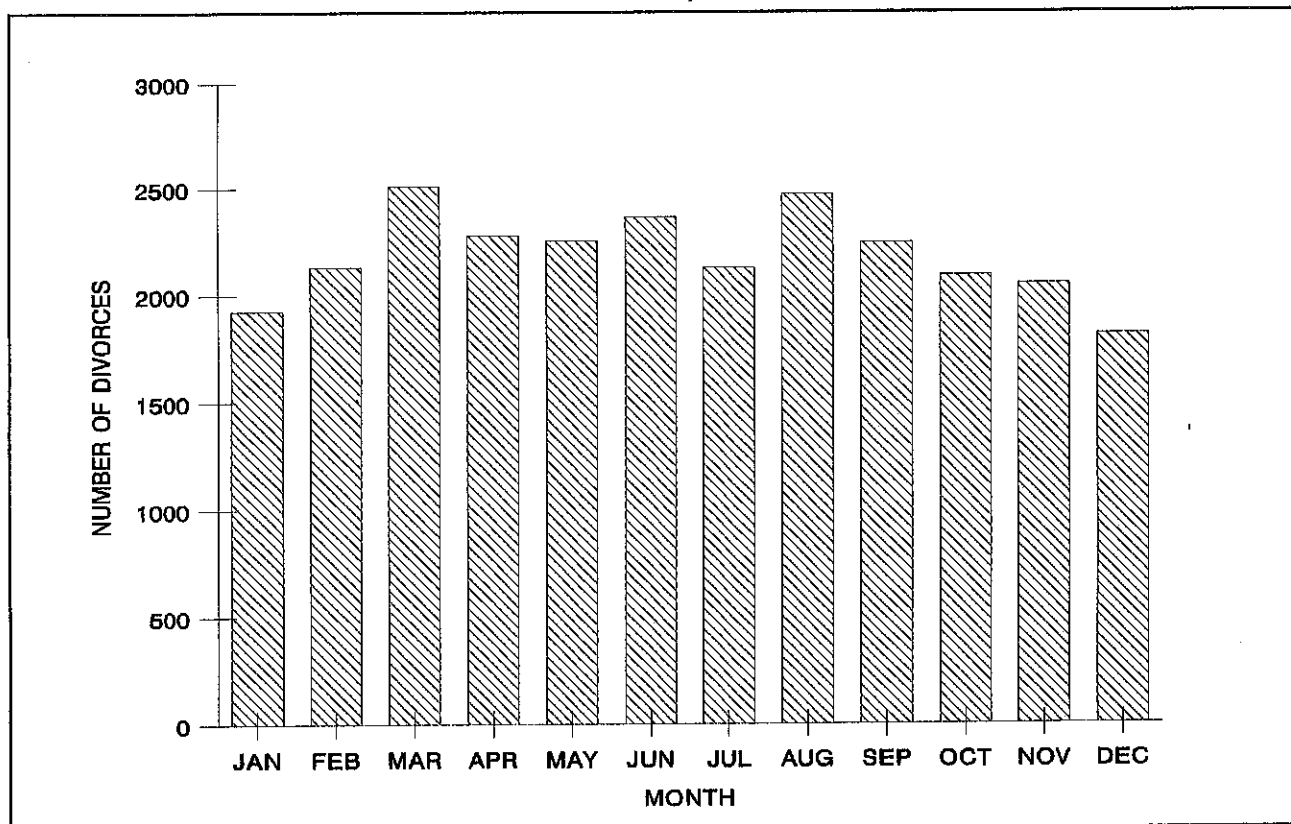


**TABLE 19
DIVORCES AND DIVORCE RATES¹
BY MONTH OF DECREE
ALABAMA, 1994**

MONTH	TOTAL	DIVORCES	ANNULMENTS	MONTHLY DIVORCE RATE
TOTAL	26,259	26,217	42	6.4
JANUARY	1,926	1,924	2	5.5
FEBRUARY	2,129	2,126	3	6.8
MARCH	2,508	2,507	1	7.2
APRIL	2,277	2,276	1	6.8
MAY	2,253	2,251	2	6.5
JUNE	2,365	2,362	3	7.0
JULY	2,128	2,121	7	6.1
AUGUST	2,471	2,469	2	7.1
SEPTEMBER	2,243	2,239	4	6.7
OCTOBER	2,090	2,081	9	6.0
NOVEMBER	2,052	2,048	4	6.1
DECEMBER	1,817	1,813	4	5.2

¹Rate is per 1,000 population. See formula in Technical Notes of Appendix B.

**FIGURE 9
DIVORCES BY MONTH
ALABAMA, 1994**



**TABLE 20
DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS
BY PARTY TO WHOM GRANTED
ALABAMA, 1994**

PARTY TO WHOM DIVORCE GRANTED	TOTAL	DIVORCES	ANNULMENTS
TOTAL	26,259	26,217	42
HUSBAND	3,595	3,590	5
WIFE	6,739	6,727	12
HUSBAND AND WIFE	15,087	15,063	24
NOT STATED	838	837	1

**TABLE 21
DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS
BY NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE
ALABAMA, 1994**

NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE	HUSBAND		WIFE	
	DIVORCES	ANNULMENTS	DIVORCES	ANNULMENTS
TOTAL	26,217	42	26,217	42
1	15,494	11	14,998	14
2	6,713	16	6,903	13
3	2,345	9	2,546	8
4	721	3	813	3
5	225	—	231	1
6	64	—	73	—
7+	50	—	53	—
NOT STATED	605	3	600	3

**TABLE 22
DIVORCES BY RACE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE
ALABAMA, 1994**

RACE OF HUSBAND	TOTAL	RACE OF WIFE	
		WHITE	BLACK & OTHER
TOTAL	26,259	21,614	4,645
WHITE	21,597	21,404	193
BLACK & OTHER	4,662	210	4,452

**TABLE 23
DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS
BY LEGAL GROUNDS FOR DECREE
ALABAMA, 1994**

LEGAL GROUNDS	TOTAL	DIVORCES	ANNULMENTS
TOTAL	26,259	26,217	42
ABANDONMENT	35	35	—
ABANDONMENT AND ADULTERY	6	6	—
ABANDONMENT AND CRUELTY	1	1	—
ABANDONMENT AND DRUNKENNESS	—	—	—
ADULTERY	132	132	—
ADULTERY AND CRUELTY	—	—	—
BIGAMY	6	4	2
CRUELTY AND DRUNKENNESS	1	1	—
CRUELTY AND NON-SUPPORT	—	—	—
CRUELTY OR VIOLENCE	141	141	—
DRUG ADDICTION	1	1	—
DRUNKENNESS	4	4	—
DRUNKENNESS AND ADULTERY	—	—	—
FRAUD	21	13	8
IMPOTENCY	—	—	—
IMPRISONMENT	2	2	—
INCOMPATIBILITY	24,847	24,829	18
IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN	768	768	—
INSANITY	1	1	—
NON-SUPPORT	—	—	—
NON-SUPPORT AND ABANDONMENT	—	—	—
NON-SUPPORT AND DRUNKENNESS	—	—	—
UNDER AGE	—	—	—
ALL OTHER CAUSES	250	238	12
NOT STATED	43	41	2

TABLE 24
DIVORCES BY AGE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE
ALABAMA, 1994

AGE OF HUSBAND	AGE OF WIFE													NOT STATED	
	TOTAL	UNDER 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74		75+
TOTAL	26,259	663	4,012	4,978	4,848	4,020	2,890	1,755	940	418	274	162	97	56	1,146
Under 20	144	82	47	8	2	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
20-24	2,767	451	1,792	359	66	26	12	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	60
25-29	4,671	83	1,571	2,180	482	150	67	18	2	1	—	—	—	—	117
30-34	4,906	22	396	1,649	1,982	506	155	51	17	2	—	—	—	—	126
35-39	4,223	—	87	437	1,419	1,589	409	115	33	8	5	—	1	—	120
40-44	3,202	—	28	156	468	1,064	1,084	251	59	10	3	—	—	—	79
45-49	2,299	1	11	52	191	391	766	619	134	35	10	—	2	2	85
50-54	1,323	—	2	25	67	127	225	427	334	54	14	4	2	—	42
55-59	735	—	1	8	33	56	69	122	216	136	43	4	3	3	41
60-64	426	—	—	7	14	16	30	70	63	99	72	16	7	4	28
65-69	281	—	1	2	1	6	11	21	43	37	79	60	8	4	8
70-74	177	—	—	—	2	7	—	5	12	22	31	51	28	6	13
75+	141	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	6	6	12	22	41	33	16
Not Stated	964	24	76	95	121	80	60	52	20	8	5	5	5	4	409



APPENDIX A

DENOMINATOR POPULATION

The estimated populations used in this volume were produced using data from Population Projections for Alabama counties published by the Alabama State Data Center, Center for Business and Economic Research, University of Alabama. They were derived by using the cohort-survival method.

**POPULATION BY COUNTY AND RACE
ALABAMA, 1994**

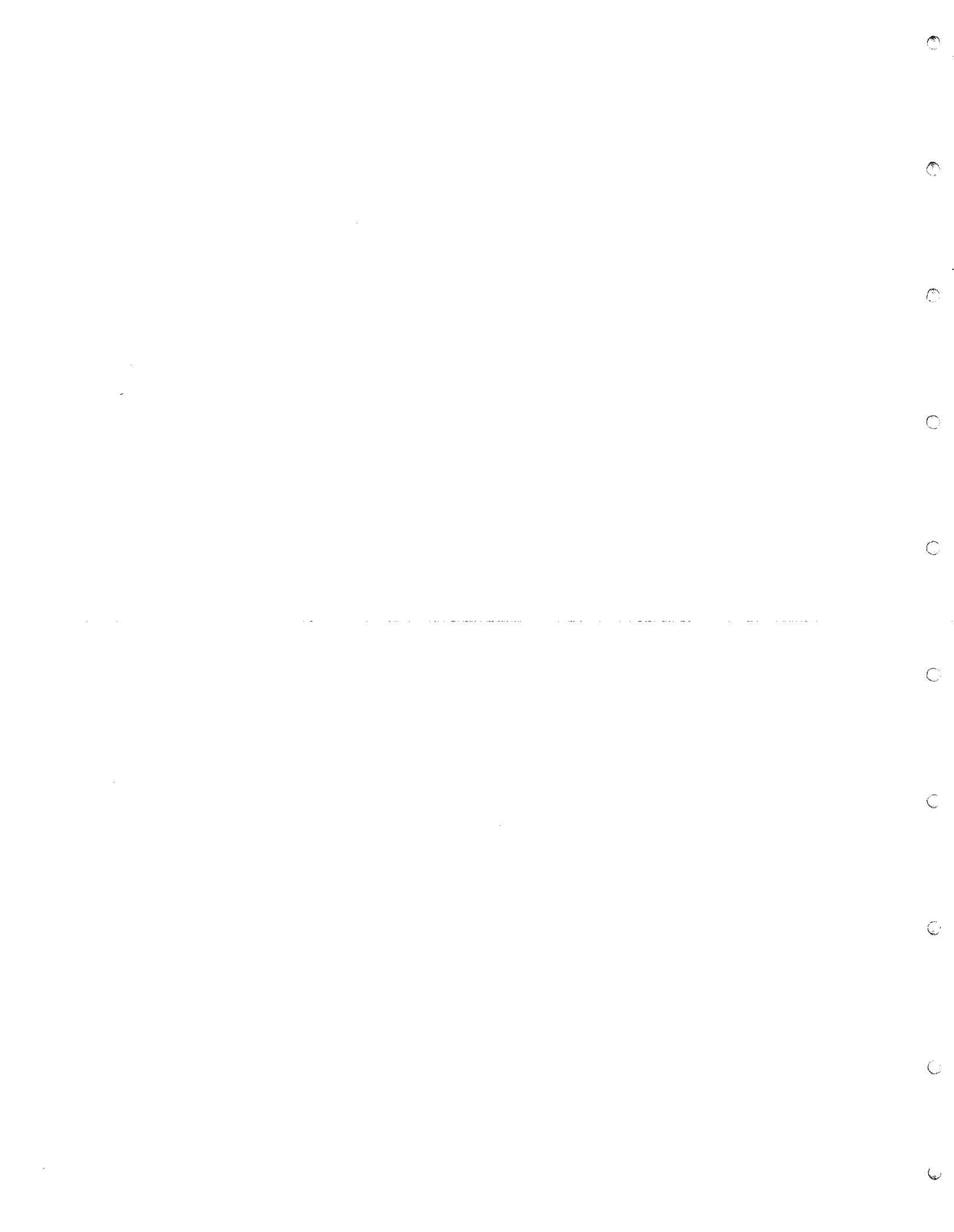
COUNTY/AREA	TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK AND OTHER
STATE	4,099,303	3,019,613	1,079,690
Autauga	35,099	28,194	6,905
Baldwin	106,258	92,370	13,888
Barbour	25,567	14,198	11,369
Bibb	16,930	13,458	3,472
Blount	40,335	39,630	705
Bullock	11,099	2,847	8,252
Butler	21,722	12,819	8,903
Calhoun	115,227	92,013	23,214
Chambers	36,108	22,999	13,109
Cherokee	19,788	18,476	1,312
Chilton	33,264	29,437	3,827
Choctaw	15,703	8,705	6,998
Clarke	27,122	15,461	11,661
Clay	13,090	10,925	2,165
Cleburne	12,789	12,172	617
Coffee	40,973	33,252	7,721
Colbert	50,570	41,916	8,654
Conecuh	13,513	7,651	5,862
Coosa	10,959	7,149	3,810
Covington	36,200	31,311	4,889
Crenshaw	13,421	9,906	3,515
Cullman	69,792	68,942	850
Dale	49,970	39,693	10,277
Dallas	45,989	18,669	27,320
DeKalb	55,178	53,373	1,805
Elmore	51,361	39,741	11,620
Escambia	34,467	23,731	10,736
Etowah	98,275	83,568	14,707
Fayette	17,633	15,455	2,178
Franklin	27,565	26,205	1,360
Geneva	23,387	20,482	2,905
Greene	9,873	1,836	8,037
Hale	15,416	6,384	9,032
Henry	15,422	10,111	5,311
Houston	83,940	63,185	20,755
Jackson	46,565	43,191	3,374
Jefferson	643,471	407,399	236,072
Lamar	15,397	13,512	1,885
Lauderdale	79,034	70,981	8,053
Lawrence	32,294	24,566	7,728
Lee	90,539	67,344	23,195
Limestone	57,205	49,770	7,435
Lowndes	12,459	3,154	9,305
Macon	24,127	3,272	20,855
Madison	257,106	198,031	59,075
Marengo	22,412	11,184	11,228
Marion	29,629	28,477	1,152
Marshall	72,780	71,250	1,530
Mobile	383,188	257,703	125,485
Monroe	24,467	14,896	9,571
Montgomery	214,411	120,156	94,255
Morgan	104,185	92,513	11,672
Perry	11,886	3,974	7,912
Pickens	20,431	11,859	8,572
Pike	27,260	17,641	9,619
Randolph	19,819	15,143	4,676
Russell	46,399	28,406	17,993
St. Clair	53,308	48,401	4,907
Shelby	113,674	104,487	9,187
Sumter	15,764	4,501	11,263
Talladega	74,050	50,872	23,178
Tallapoosa	39,061	28,740	10,321
Tuscaloosa	155,289	113,098	42,191
Walker	67,226	62,736	4,490
Washington	16,690	10,884	5,806
Wilcox	13,040	4,037	9,003
Winston	22,075	21,933	142

NOTE: The midyear population estimates were prepared by the Center for Business and Economic Research, University of Alabama. They were derived using the cohort-survival method.

**ESTIMATED POPULATION
BY RACE, SEX AND AGE GROUP
ALABAMA, 1994**

AGE GROUP	TOTAL POPULATION (ESTIMATED)	WHITE			BLACK AND OTHER		
		TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
TOTAL	4,099,303	3,019,613	1,468,048	1,551,565	1,079,690	496,020	583,670
0-4	304,383	198,249	102,179	96,070	106,134	53,678	52,456
5-9	286,772	193,909	100,106	93,803	92,863	46,972	45,891
10-14	295,230	195,393	100,782	94,611	99,837	50,409	49,428
15-19	304,177	200,569	102,691	97,878	103,608	51,606	52,002
20-24	311,319	217,118	110,133	106,985	94,201	44,621	49,580
25-29	285,234	214,344	107,898	106,446	70,890	31,007	39,883
30-34	309,988	231,434	116,425	115,009	78,554	34,983	43,571
35-39	322,668	238,203	118,730	119,473	84,465	37,124	47,341
40-44	296,756	221,967	110,459	111,508	74,789	33,458	41,331
45-49	265,419	208,875	103,430	105,445	56,544	25,739	30,805
50-54	211,847	171,338	83,708	87,630	40,509	17,969	22,540
55-59	185,523	149,927	71,808	78,119	35,596	15,039	20,557
60-64	173,815	140,818	66,241	74,577	32,997	13,522	19,475
65-69	167,776	135,227	60,933	74,294	32,549	12,752	19,797
70-74	143,847	115,955	48,994	66,961	27,892	10,791	17,101
75-79	105,058	84,470	32,504	51,966	20,588	7,494	13,094
80-84	73,667	58,345	19,425	38,920	15,322	5,216	10,106
85 +	55,824	43,472	11,602	31,870	12,352	3,640	8,712

NOTE: The midyear population estimates were prepared by the Center for Business and Economic Research, University of Alabama. They were derived using the cohort-survival method.



APPENDIX B

TECHNICAL NOTES

DEFINITIONS

FORMULAS

TIPS ON USING VITAL STATISTICS

CONTRIBUTING SOURCES

ALABAMA'S CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

ALABAMA'S CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE

TECHNICAL NOTES

COMPLETENESS OF DATA

At the present time, the registration of marriages within Alabama is believed to be nearly 100 percent complete since Alabama law requires that a marriage certificate be obtained before the wedding ceremony is performed, and then filed with the state registrar of vital statistics.

Registration of divorce is believed to be good in Alabama although no tests of completeness have been done.

Although some certificates were filed too late to be included in the final tabulations, the number is too small to be of significant statistical value.

QUALITY OF DATA

Every precaution is taken to minimize errors in the raw data during its preparation and receipt. Prior to coding, each document is edited for consistency and completeness. Following computer entry, data items are subjected to numerous validity and consistency edits.

CLASSIFICATION OF DATA BY PLACE

Vital events may be classified by "place of occurrence" or by "place of residence." Data classified by "place of occurrence" are statistically counted according to the geographic location where the event occurred regardless of residence. Marriage and divorce data are available only for events that occurred in Alabama. Marriages which were conducted outside of Alabama, but which were filed using an Alabama Certificate of Marriage are not included in marriage tabulations.

RACE

Certificates which include race classifications are generally coded using nine racial categories. However, for reporting purposes, two categories are utilized. White includes Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Cajuns, Creoles and other Caucasians. The "Black and Other" racial group includes Blacks, American Indians, Chinese, Japanese, Hawaiian, Filipino, other Asian or Pacific Islander or mixtures of white and other races.

According to the 1990 Census of Population for Alabama, the "black and other" racial group as presented in this publication can

be assumed to consist of 95.9 percent Black, 1.5 percent American Indian, 0.4 percent Asian Indian, 0.3 percent Korean, 0.4 percent Chinese, 0.2 percent Japanese, 0.2 percent Vietnamese, 0.2 percent Filipino, and 0.9 percent all other non-white races.

HANDLING OF UNKNOWNNS

Items which are reported as "unknown" or for which no response was provided are not statistically distributed into the frequency distribution. Rather, these items are shown as "not stated" in the tables and graphs throughout this publication.

The only exception to this rule is for race. There are very few instances in which a race cannot be determined. However, when this does occur the race is considered "white" for reporting purposes.

STATISTICAL RATE LIMITATIONS

All statistics are subject to chance variation. Such random variation in a large universe of data has little effect on the quality or usefulness of the data. However, such variation occurring where there is a limited number of events or where the population base on which the rate is predicated is small may produce rates which are correct but of limited value for analysis purposes.

In this report rates are given even where there was only a small number of occurrences of a particular vital event. Warnings are issued in table footnotes when the possibility exists that the table may contain rates which are unstable due to the small numbers involved.

A second limitation involves rates calculated using small population bases. In this report such rates are published, but are denoted by an "*" and population base limitations are noted in the table footnotes.

Rates which are subject to these limitations are accurate in describing the time and occurrences for which they apply, but would not be stable for use in certain statistical procedures, especially time analysis.

DEFINITIONS

ANNULMENT — A court decree voiding a marriage from its beginning. Annulments are included with divorces for rate calculation

included with divorces for rate calculation purposes and are available only by place of occurrence.

DIVORCE — A court decree dissolving a marital relationship. A divorce from bed and board is a separation from cohabitation which does not otherwise affect the marriage and is not included in this publication. Divorces include annulments for rate calculation purposes and are available only by place of occurrence.

ESTIMATED POPULATION — Estimated populations are stated as of April 1 of the year for which the estimate is made. The estimated populations used in this volume were produced using data from Population Projections for

Alabama counties published by the Alabama State Data Center, Center for Business and Economic Research, University of Alabama. They were derived by using the cohort-survival method.

MARRIAGE — The legal union of individuals. Marriage data are reported by place of occurrence.

OCCURRENCE DATA — Data compiled as to the geographical place the event occurred without regard to residence of the person(s) involved.

RESIDENT DATA — Data compiled as to the usual place of residence without regard to the geographical place where the event occurred.

FORMULAS

$$\text{MARRIAGE RATE} = \frac{\text{Number of Marriages}}{\text{Estimated Midyear Population}} \times 1,000$$

MONTHLY

$$\text{MARRIAGE RATE} = \frac{\text{Number of Marriages During Month}}{\frac{\text{Number of Days in Month}}{\text{Number of Days in Year}} \times \text{Estimated Midyear Population}} \times 1,000$$

$$\text{DIVORCE RATE} = \frac{\text{Number of Divorces and Annulments}}{\text{Estimated Midyear Population}} \times 1,000$$

MONTHLY

$$\text{DIVORCE RATE} = \frac{\text{Number of Divorces and Annulments During Month}}{\frac{\text{Number of Days in Month}}{\text{Number of Days in Year}} \times \text{Estimated Midyear Population}} \times 1,000$$

TIPS ON USING VITAL STATISTICS

This publication serves as a historical recording of the most requested statistics relating to marriages and divorces occurring in Alabama and is a source of information which can be used in further analysis. While many users of vital statistics have a good working knowledge of this subject, others may not fully understand this application and the data limitations. This section discusses special concerns when working with vital statistics.

INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE BY RESIDENCE OR OCCURRENCE

Information on vital events can be produced by the place where the event occurred or by the residence of individuals involved in these events. Information on marriages and divorces is available only for events that occurred in Alabama.

USING TOTALS OR RATES/RATIOS

Vital events can be reported as totals, rates or ratios. Totals will suffice for users who need to know how many times a certain event occurred and do not want to examine a relationship or make a comparison to other areas or different time periods.

When different areas or time periods are being studied, it may be best to use rates or ratios. Populations vary between areas or over time in the same area. Variations in the occurrence of vital events may result from changes in the population and may not indicate a new trend in vital statistics.

Rates or ratios express the occurrence of selected vital events in relation to a set standard. For example, the marriage rate and the divorce rate are expressed per 1,000 total population. These comparisons remove differences among areas of varying sizes or changes in population over time and allow for analysis of changes in vital event patterns.

VITAL EVENT REPORTING LIMITATIONS

Studies on marriage or divorce are restricted by the reporting of these events. Not all variables required for some studies are

required to be reported by Alabama statute. Studies must include only those vital events which are reported.

VARIATIONS IN DEFINITIONS

Differences in definitions may pose concern when a comparison is being made between Alabama and other states or the nation. While most definitions are consistent nationwide, there are some vital events which vary in definition. To assure consistency, a user should compare definitions when studying different states or the nation.

Another variation in definitions may occur through revisions over time. When analyzing vital events over time, the user should check for changes in definitions when sudden and unexplained data changes are encountered.

SMALL NUMBER LIMITATIONS

There are two limitations involving small numbers. One involves a small number of occurrences for a particular vital event and the other limitation is when rates or ratios are calculated for a small population even though the number of occurrences of that event may not be considered small. Since this publication serves as a historical recording of the occurrences of vital events in Alabama, small numbers and rates or ratios derived by using small numbers or small populations are published. However, caution should be exercised concerning the use of such data in a study. Statistical stability cannot be assured when small numbers are used in some formulas.

If a simple quote is needed with no analysis over time or comparison to other areas being made, then small numbers should pose no threat to a study. However, if small numbers are being used for more than a simple quote, it may be necessary to utilize alternative methods of calculation. One method, which tends to decrease annual variations, would be to calculate a rate or ratio for a period of years. Another technique would be to perform a more detailed statistical analysis to determine whether differences between rates are statistically significant.

Determination of what constitutes a small number must be made by the individual user in consideration of the study being conducted.

However, numbers smaller than 16 are generally considered unstable for use in most statistical computations.

CONTRIBUTING SOURCES

SOURCE OF DATA

Certificates and reports of 1994 marriages and divorces which were filed with the state registrar of vital statistics were the primary source of data for this report. United States data, historical data and data from other states were taken from publications of the National Center for Health Statistics.

Population data for census years were obtained from United States Bureau of Census publications each census year. Population estimates for years other than census years were made available by the Center for Business and Economic Research, University of Alabama. Sources of any other special data are footnoted wherever they appear in this report.

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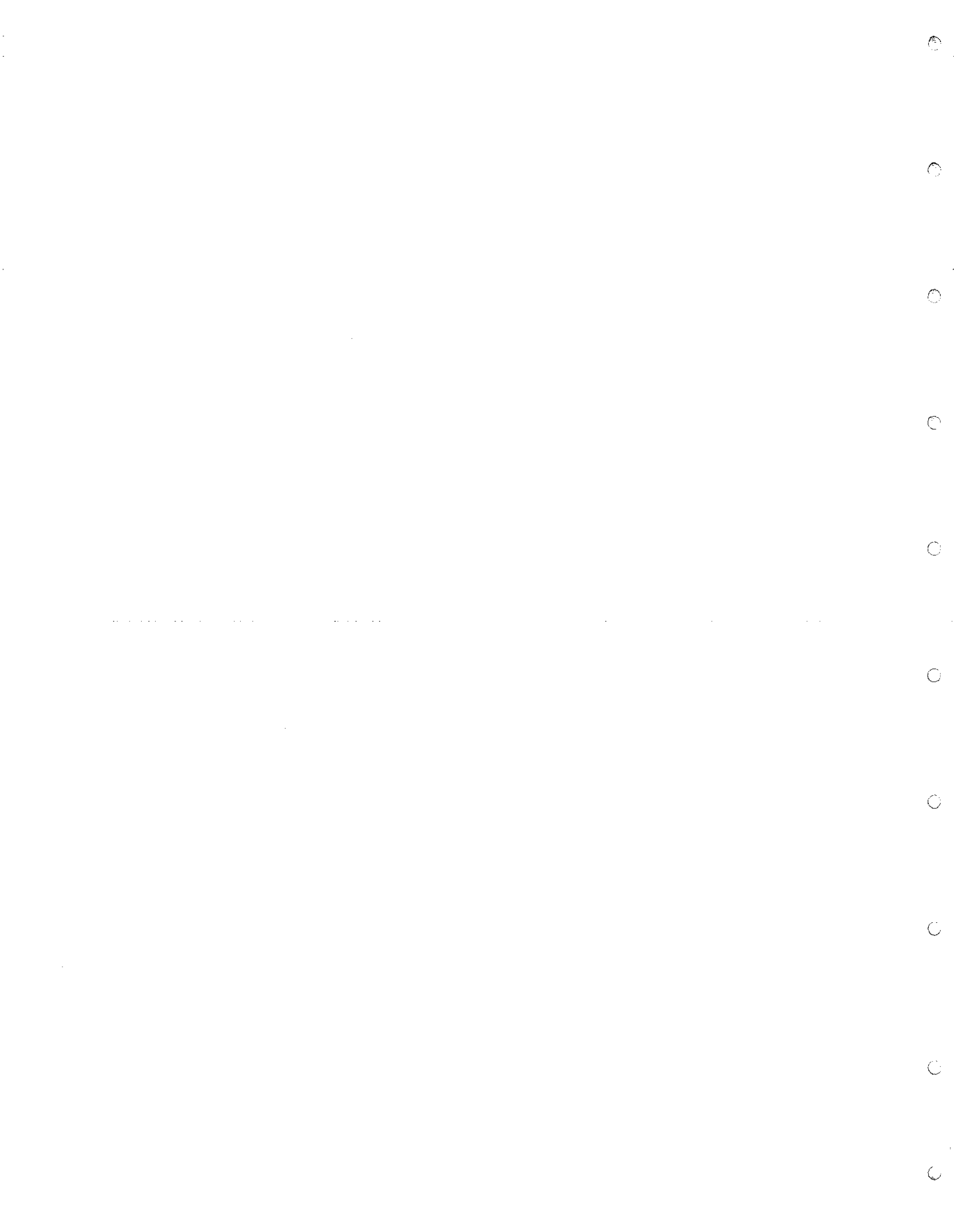
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Alabama

Certificate of Marriage

State File Number **101**

TYPE IN PERMANENT
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LICENSE TO MARRY	To any person lawfully authorized to solemnize marriages within Alabama: You are hereby authorized to celebrate the rite of matrimony for the persons named below, after which you are required by law to return this license, duly certified under your hand, to the Probate Judge of the issuing county within one month.		1. ISSUING COUNTY	
GROOM	2. GROOM'S NAME First Middle Last (Print last name all capitals)	3. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)	4. RACE—(Specify American Indian, Black, White, etc.)	
1.	5. RESIDENCE—City, Town, or Location and Zip Code	6. INSIDE CITY LIMITS (Specify Yes or No)	7. COUNTY	8. STATE
4.	9. NO. OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES		10. IF PREVIOUSLY MARRIED, LAST MARRIAGE ENDED—(Specify, Death, Divorce, Dissolution, Annulment)	
7.	11. EDUCATION (Specify ONLY highest grade completed) Elementary or High School (0-12)		College (1-4 or 5+)	
9.	12. FATHER'S NAME First Middle Last	13. MOTHER'S NAME First Middle Last		Maiden Last Name
10.	14. BRIDE'S NAME First Middle Last (Print last name all capitals)	15. BRIDE'S MAIDEN LAST NAME (if different)		16. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)
11.	17. RACE—(Specify American Indian, Black, White, etc.)		18. RESIDENCE—City, Town, or Location and Zip Code	
BRIDE	19. INSIDE CITY LIMITS (Specify Yes or No)		20. COUNTY	
17.	21. STATE		22. NO. OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES	
20.	23. IF PREVIOUSLY MARRIED, LAST MARRIAGE ENDED—(Specify, Death, Divorce, Dissolution, Annulment)		24. EDUCATION (Specify ONLY highest grade completed) Elementary or High School (0-12)	
22.	25. FATHER'S NAME First Middle Last		26. MOTHER'S NAME First Middle Last	
23.	27. GROOM—SIGNATURE		28. BRIDE—SIGNATURE	
24.	29. JUDGE OF PROBATE—SIGNATURE			
	30. ISSUING DATE (Month, Day, Year)			
SIGNATURES	31. EXPIRATION DATE (Month, Day, Year)			
	32. CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NAMED PERSONS WERE MARRIED ON: (Month, Day, Year)		34. COUNTY	
LOCAL OFFICIAL	35. SIGNATURE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY			
CEREMONY	36. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY			
34.	37. TITLE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY			
37.	38. ADDRESS OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY—Street and Number or PO Box Number, City or Town, State, Zip Code			
LOCAL OFFICIAL	39. DATE CERTIFICATE RETURNED TO JUDGE OF PROBATE— (Month, Day, Year)		40. MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD Book Number	41. JUDGE OF PROBATE—SIGNATURE Page Number

THIS LICENSE IS VOID UNLESS SOLEMNIZED WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM ISSUING DATE.



ALABAMA

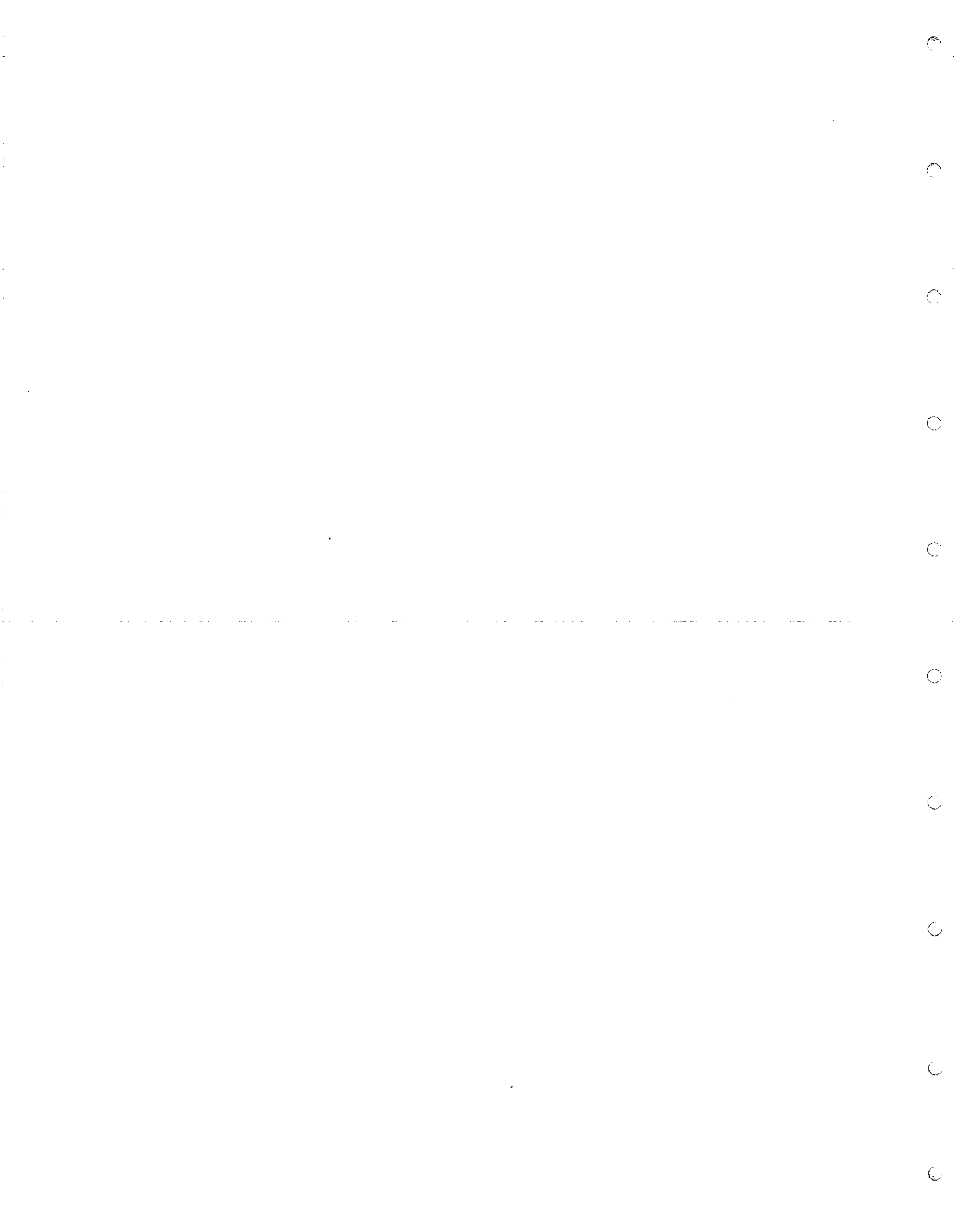
CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE

State File Number **101**

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Petitioner's Representative must file this form with the Circuit Court at the time the petition is filed.		1. COURT OF DECREE	
2. HUSBAND'S NAME		3. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)	
First	Middle	Last (Print last name all capitals)	
4. RACE—(Specify American Indian, Black, White, Etc.)		5. EDUCATION—(Specify ONLY highest grade completed) Elementary or High School (1-12) College (1-4 or 5+)	
6. USUAL RESIDENCE—STATE		7. COUNTY	
8. CITY—TOWN OR LOCATION		Zip Code	
9. INSIDE CITY LIMITS (Specify Yes or No)		10. ADDRESS—Street and Number or RFD Number	
11. NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE (First, Second, Etc.)		12. IF PREVIOUSLY MARRIED, LAST MARRIAGE ENDED BY: (Specify Death, Divorce, Dissolution, Annulment)	
13. WIFE'S NAME		14. WIFE'S MAIDEN LAST NAME	
First	Middle	Last (Print last name all capitals)	
15. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)		17. EDUCATION—(Specify ONLY highest grade completed) Elementary or High School (1-12) College (1-4 or 5+)	
16. RACE—(Specify American Indian, Black, White, Etc.)		18. USUAL RESIDENCE—STATE	
19. COUNTY		20. CITY—TOWN OR LOCATION	
21. INSIDE CITY LIMITS (Specify Yes or No)		22. ADDRESS—Street and Number or RFD Number	
23. NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE (First, Second, Etc.)		24. IF PREVIOUSLY MARRIED, LAST MARRIAGE ENDED—(Specify Death, Divorce, Dissolution, Annulment)	
25. _____		26. NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 IN THIS HOUSEHOLD AS OF THE DATE IN ITEM 27 (Enter "0" if no children)	
26. _____		27. DATE COUPLE SEPARATED (Month, Day, Year)	
27. _____		28. PLACE OF THIS MARRIAGE—(City, County, State)	
28. _____		29. DATE OF THIS MARRIAGE (Month, Day, Year)	
29. _____		30. PETITIONER— <input type="checkbox"/> Husband <input type="checkbox"/> Wife <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify	
30. _____		31. PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY OR REPRESENTATIVE—(Type)	
31. _____		32. ADDRESS—Street and Number or RFD Number—City—State—Zip	
32. _____		33. TYPE OF DECREE—(Specify Divorce, Annulment, etc.)	
33. _____		34. DATE OF FINAL DECREE (Month, Day, Year)	
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37. _____		38. SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL	
37. _____		39. TRIAL DOCKET NUMBER	
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PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM THE CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS

CODE	TITLE/DESCRIPTION OF PUBLICATION	
AVE	Alabama Vital Events (1972-1993)	Cost \$15.00
	<p>This annual publication is available for each year--1972 through 1993--and consists of approximately 275 pages of tables, graphs and charts. Major sections on population, natality, mortality, marriage and divorce present much of the most requested vital events information by race, age, sex, and other demographic variables. Editions since 1986, also contain a section presenting county vital events profiles and sub-sections on low weight births; births to unmarried women; fertility; mortality from major cardiovascular diseases, malignant neoplasms, accidents, suicide, and homicide; infant mortality; fetal mortality; and maternal mortality. Editions prior to 1986 do not contain all of these features. Data presented in this publication are predominantly statewide; however, basic county tabulations are presented in each section and the county profiles should meet most county data needs. Data on larger cities are limited to counts of births and deaths along with populations.</p> <p>NOTE: Hard copies are available for 1976, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993. This publication is available only on microfiche for the years 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1985, and 1989.</p>	
AV1	Alabama Vital Events (1994) - Volume I, Pregnancy Statistics	Cost \$10.00
	<p>This annual publication contains the same information as was presented in the "Natality" section of the <u>Alabama Vital Events</u> publication for the years 1986 through 1993. Additional information on Fetal Deaths and Pregnancies have been included with natality data.</p>	
AV2	Alabama Vital Events (1994) - Volume II, Mortality Statistics	Cost \$10.00
	<p>This annual publication contains the same information as was presented in the "Mortality" section of the <u>Alabama Vital Events</u> publication for the years 1986 through 1993. The sub-section on Fetal Deaths has been moved from this publication into Volume I on Pregnancy Statistics.</p>	
AV3	Alabama Vital Events (1994) - Volume III, Marriage and Divorce Statistics	Cost \$10.00
	<p>This annual publication contains the same information as was presented in the "Marriage" and "Divorce" sections of the <u>Alabama Vital Events</u> publication for the years 1986 through 1993.</p>	
AV4	Alabama Vital Events (1994) - Volume IV, County Profiles	Cost \$10.00
	<p>This annual publication is an enhancement of the "Area Profile" section of the <u>Alabama Vital Events</u> publication for the years 1986 through 1993. Additional information has been included to make profile contents more valuable to the user.</p>	
AV5	Alabama Vital Events - Volume V, Life Expectancy (to be published for 1995)	Not Available
	<p>This publication will contain tables on life expectancy by race, sex, and age group for residents of Alabama. This volume of the <u>Alabama Vital Events</u> publication will be published starting with the data year 1995 and quinquennially thereafter.</p>	
AVX	Alabama Vital Events (1994) - Volumes I-IV	Cost \$40.00
	<p>This code should be given when ordering a complete set of Volumes 1 through IV of the <u>Alabama Vital Events</u> publication. Part V on life expectancy will be included at no additional costs during years for which this part is published.</p>	
DMS	Detailed Mortality Statistics	Cost \$10.00
	<p>This annual publication is available for each year--1978 through 1994--and consists of a listing of causes of death at the four-digit International Classification of Disease Code level with the numbers of Alabama residents dying during the year from each cause by race, sex, and age grouping. This publication contains approximately 150 pages.</p> <p>NOTE: Hard copies are available for all years except 1982, which is available only on microfiche.</p>	
ABR	Alabama Births by Residence and Occurrence	Cost \$10.00
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