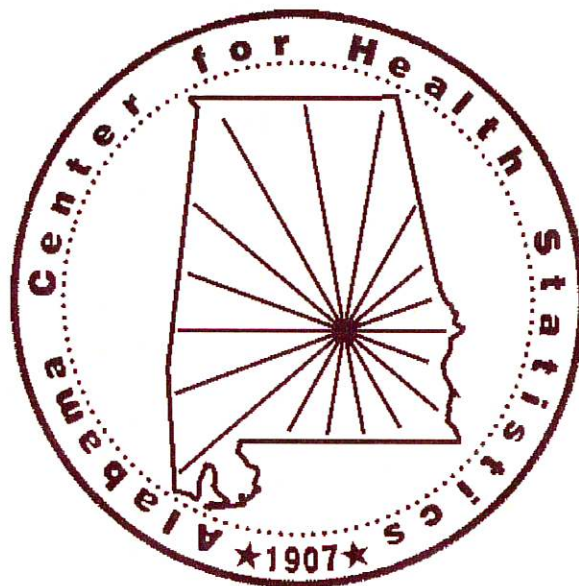


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INTRODUCTION

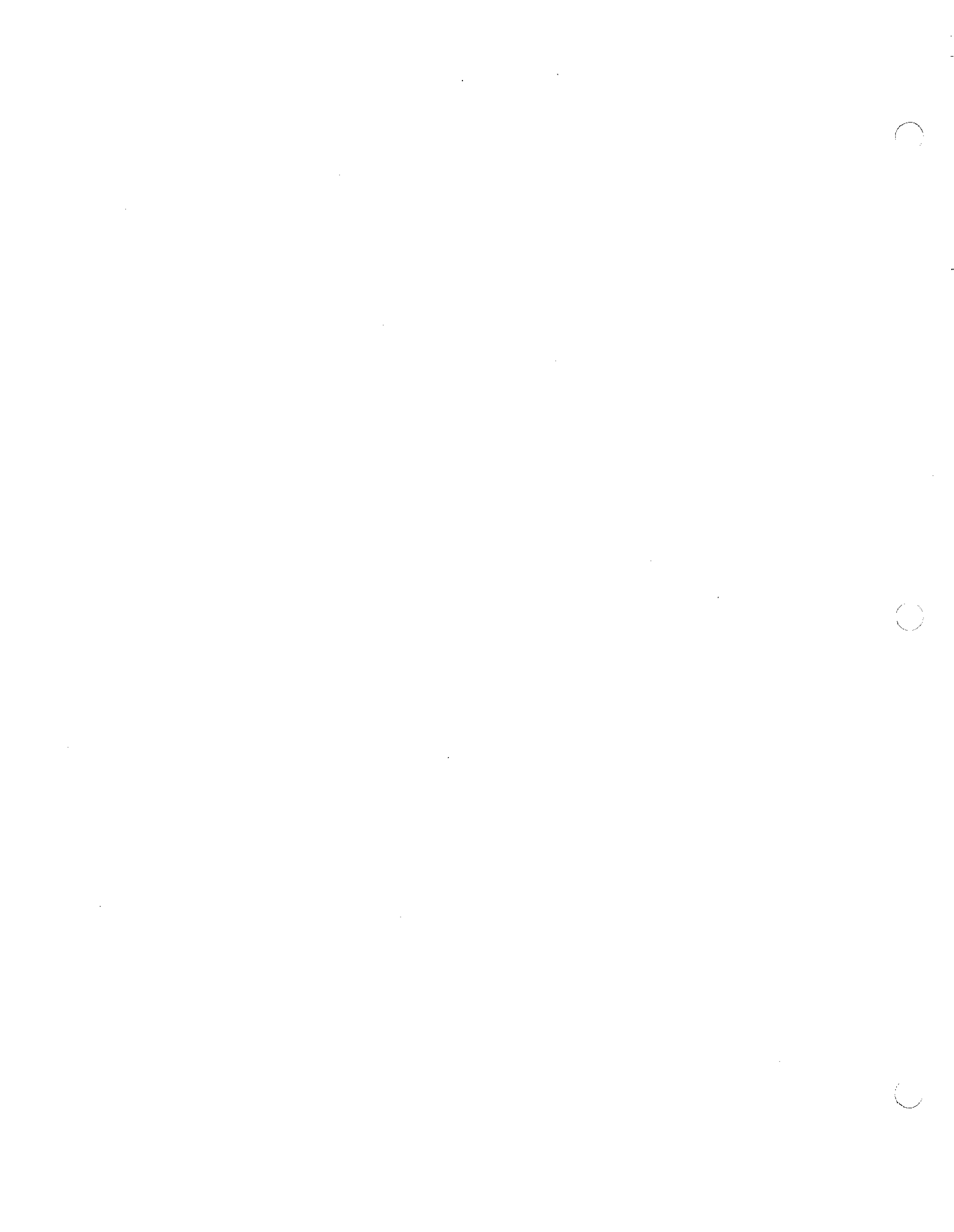
This Marriage and Divorce Statistics publication is Volume III of four volumes of Alabama Vital Events. An annual publication, this volume contains the same information as was presented in the "Marriage" and "Divorce" sections of the Alabama Vital Events publication for the years 1986 through 1993.

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 was divided into four volumes: Volume I, Pregnancy Statistics (the former "Nativity" 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 1995. 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

1995 MARRIAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- There were 42,234 marriages in 1995 for the highest total since 1990.
- The 1995 rate of 10.3 marriages per 1,000 population, the highest rate since 1990, was above the national rate for the 37th consecutive year.
- The number of white marriages increased (from 31,607 in 1994 to 32,707 in 1995) for the first time since 1990. The 1995 rate of 10.8, the second lowest rate in 34 years, increased from 10.5 in 1994.
- Black and other marriages, totaling 9,527, were the highest since 1973.
- The 1995 black and other marriage rate of 8.8 was an increase over the 1994 rate of 8.0 and was the highest since 1980.
- The white rate which was 10.8 in 1995, exceeded the black and other rate for the 38th consecutive year.
- In 1995, the median age for all brides was 26.9 years, up 2.5 years from 1985. For white brides, the median age was 26.2 years and for black and other brides, 28.8.
- The median age, in 1995, for all grooms was 29.0 years, up 2.2 years from 1985. For white grooms, the median age was 28.6 years and for black and other grooms, 30.2.
- In 1995, there were 101 brides and 2 grooms under the age of 15. There were 107 brides and 280 grooms age 75 and older.
- June was the most popular month with 4,489 marriages while January was the least popular with 2,110 marriages.
- Of all 1995 brides and grooms with known previous marital status, approximately 40 percent had been previously divorced.
- In 1995, 92.1 percent of all brides and 90.3 percent of all grooms were residents of Alabama.
- Russell County's 1995 marriage rate of 18.9 was the highest among Alabama counties. Washington County had the second highest rate of 17.8.
- The lowest marriage rate for 1995 was 5.5 for Bullock County; 6.6 for Macon County was the second lowest.

FIGURE 1
MARRIAGE RATES
ALABAMA AND UNITED STATES, 1940-1995

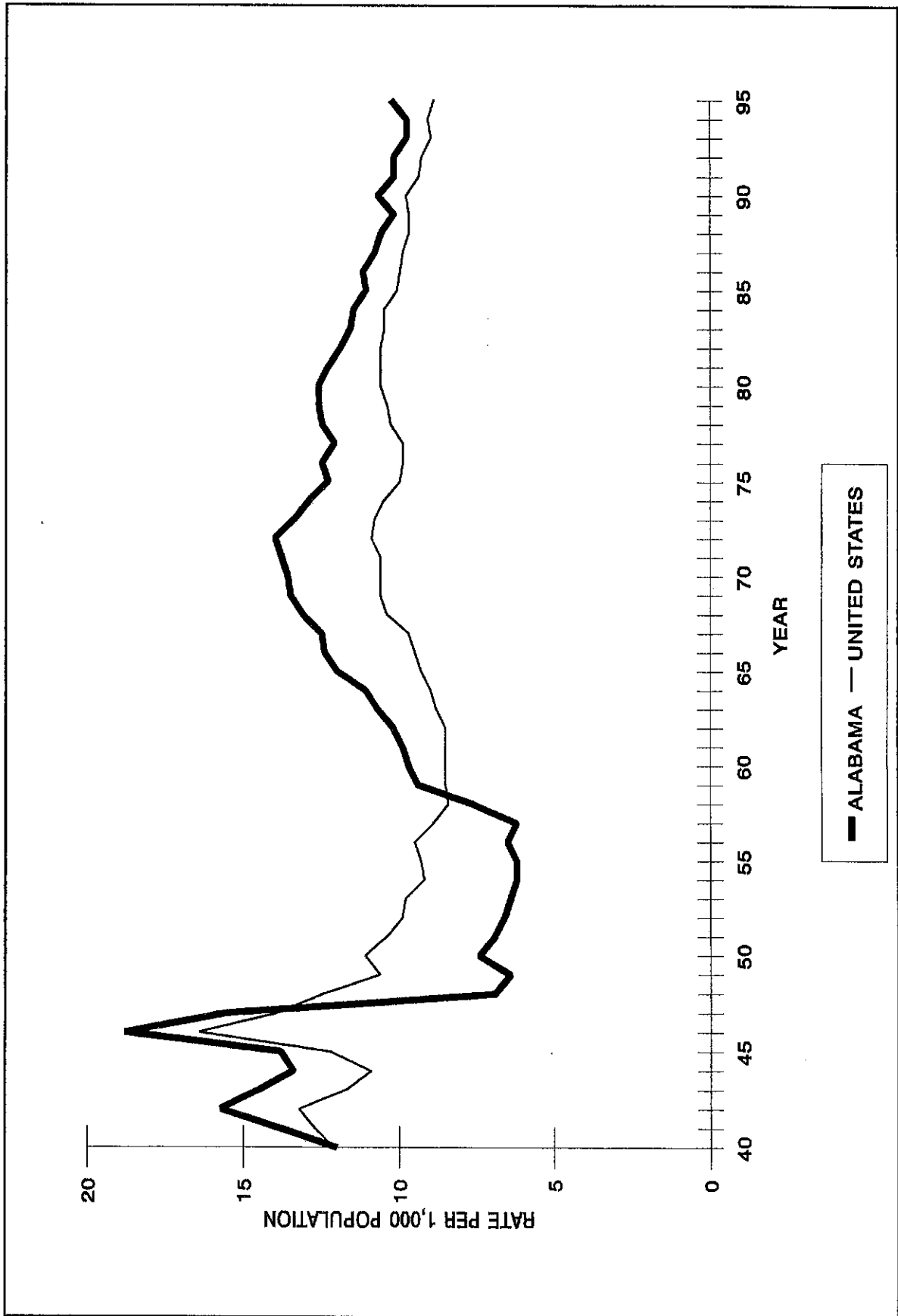


TABLE 1
MARRIAGES AND MARRIAGE RATES¹
BY RACE OF GROOM
ALABAMA AND UNITED STATES, 1940-1995

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	25,822	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	25,489	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	15,226	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	46,515	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
1995	42,234	10.3	8.9 ²	32,707	10.8	9,527	8.8

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, 1940-1995

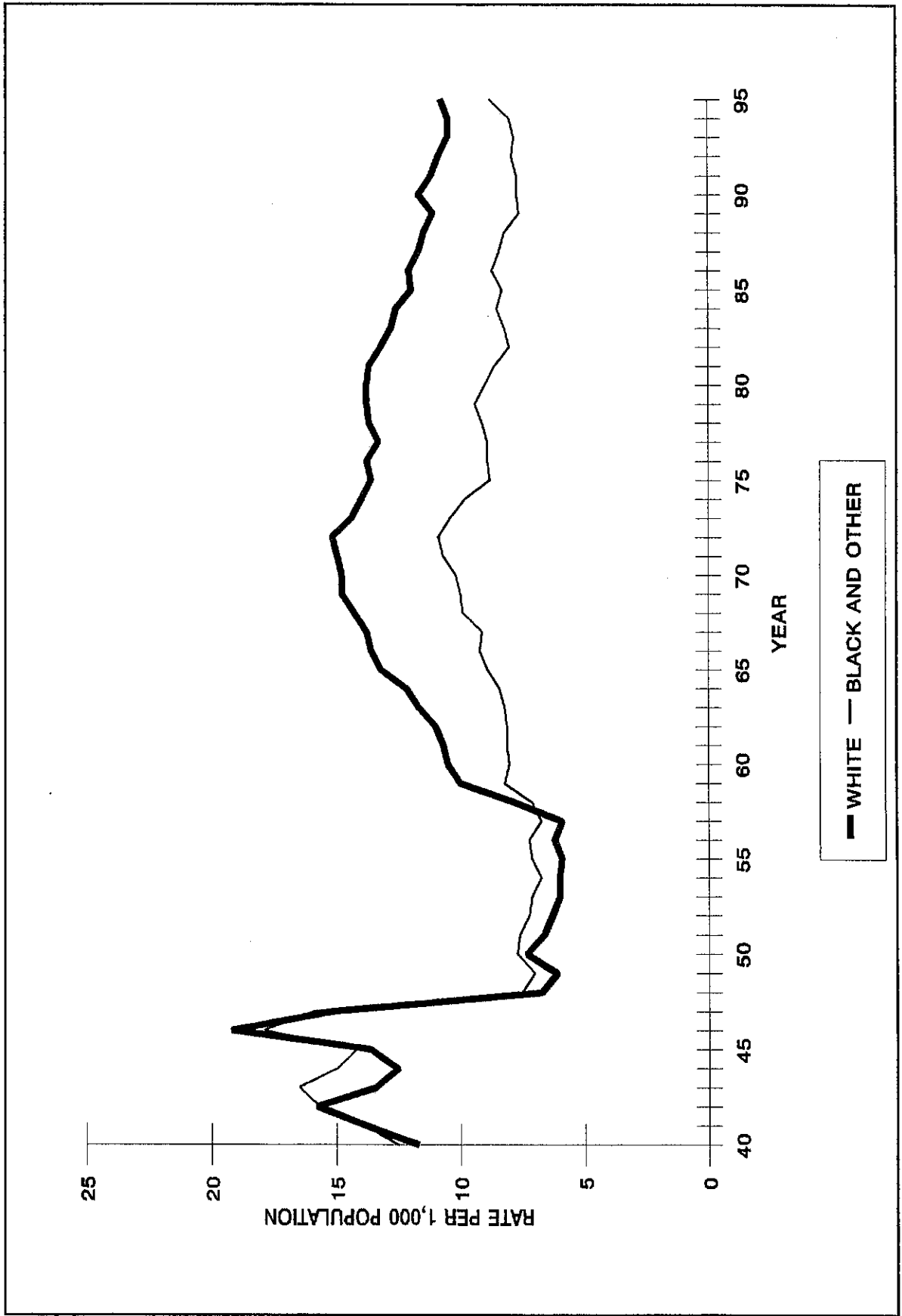
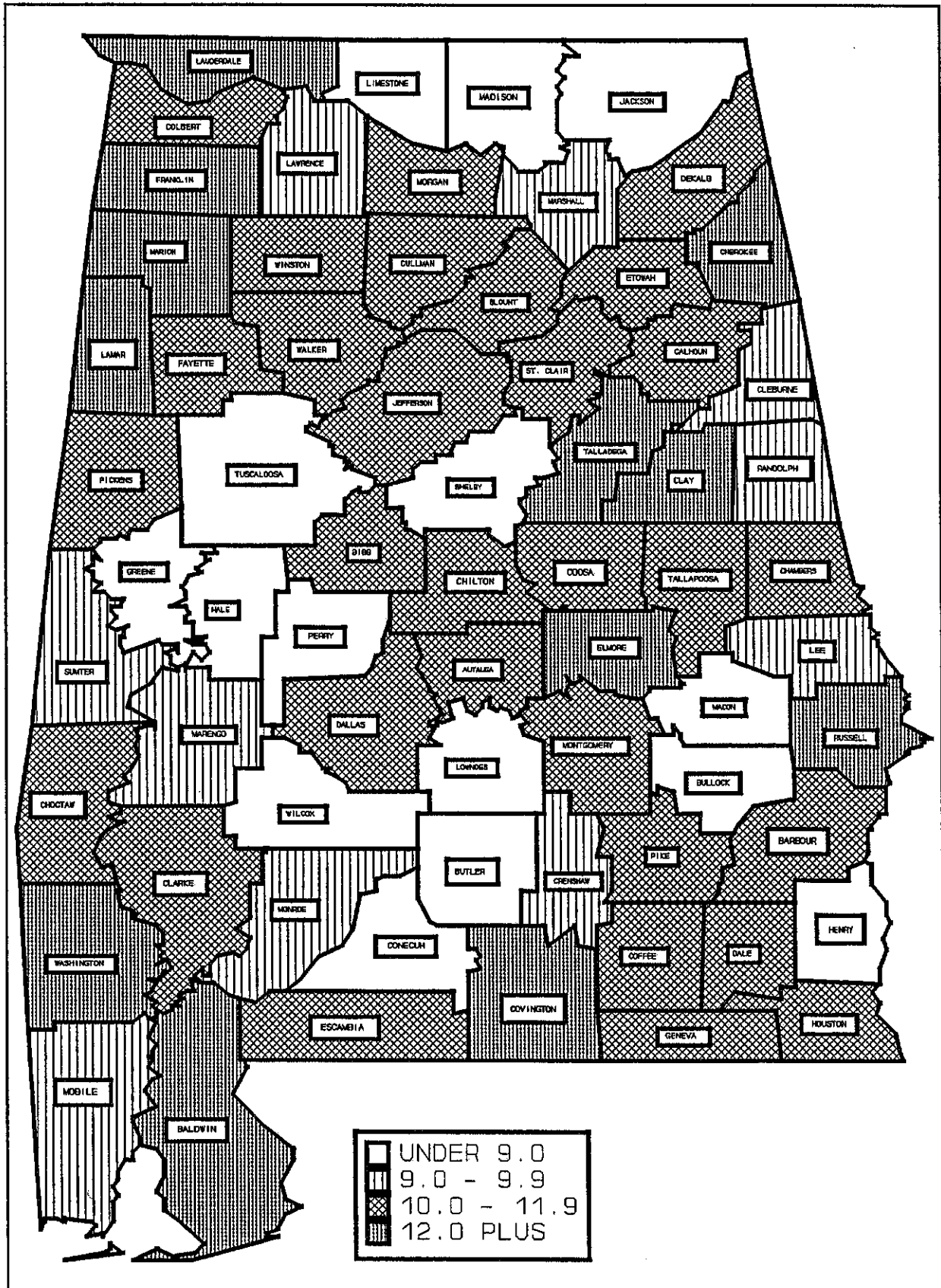


TABLE 2
MARRIAGES AND MARRIAGE RATES¹
BY RACE OF GROOM AND COUNTY
ALABAMA, 1995

COUNTY	TOTAL		WHITE		BLACK AND OTHER	
	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE
TOTAL	42,234	10.3	32,707	10.8	9,527	8.8
Autauga	382	10.8	311	10.9	71	10.3
Baldwin	1,414	13.1	1,273	13.5	141	10.1
Barbour	258	10.1	163	11.5	95	8.3
Bibb	188	11.0	155	11.4	33	9.5
Blount	409	10.1	402	10.1	7	9.9*
Bullock	61	5.5	22	7.8	39	4.7
Butler	193	8.9	142	11.1	51	5.7
Calhoun	1,204	10.5	981	10.7	223	9.6
Chambers	385	10.7	279	12.2	106	8.1
Cherokee	274	13.8	261	14.1	13	10.0
Chilton	383	11.4	352	11.9	31	8.1
Choctaw	162	10.4	106	12.3	56	8.0
Clarke	273	10.1	165	10.7	108	9.3
Clay	212	16.2	178	16.3	34	15.8
Cleburne	124	9.7	121	9.9	3	4.9*
Coffee	482	11.7	390	11.7	92	11.8
Colbert	566	11.1	477	11.4	79	9.2
Conecuh	119	8.9	85	11.3	34	5.8
Coosa	112	10.2	86	12.1	26	6.8
Covington	454	12.6	389	12.4	65	13.3
Crenshaw	126	9.4	105	10.6	21	6.0
Cullman	782	11.1	779	11.2	3	3.5*
Dale	507	10.1	408	10.3	99	9.6
Dallas	472	10.4	216	11.8	256	9.4
DeKalb	574	10.4	567	10.6	7	3.8
Elmore	629	12.1	518	12.9	111	9.5
Escambia	370	10.8	274	11.6	96	9.0
Etowah	1,008	10.3	887	10.7	121	8.2
Fayette	199	11.3	176	11.4	23	10.6
Franklin	393	14.3	381	14.6	12	8.8
Geneva	259	11.1	229	11.2	30	10.3
Greene	71	7.2	24	13.3	47	5.9
Hale	123	8.0	55	8.6	68	7.6
Henry	117	7.6	85	8.4	32	6.1
Houston	1,006	11.9	807	12.7	199	9.5
Jackson	378	8.2	368	8.6	10	2.9
Jefferson	6,523	10.2	4,325	10.7	2,198	9.3
Lamar	262	17.1	235	17.5	27	14.3
Lauderdale	972	12.3	881	12.4	91	11.3
Lawrence	316	9.7	282	11.5	34	4.3
Lee	882	9.7	657	9.7	225	9.6
Limestone	479	8.3	416	8.2	63	8.5
Lowndes	87	7.0	34	10.8	53	5.7
Macon	157	6.6	34	10.5	123	5.9
Madison	1,991	7.6	1,528	7.6	463	7.7
Marengo	215	9.7	114	10.2	101	9.1
Marion	402	13.6	385	13.6	17	14.5
Marshall	710	9.7	695	9.7	15	9.6
Mobile	3,816	9.9	2,747	10.6	1,069	8.5
Monroe	231	9.4	159	10.6	72	7.5
Montgomery	2,148	10.0	1,293	10.8	855	9.0
Morgan	1,057	10.1	946	10.1	111	9.3
Perry	103	8.8	44	11.4	59	7.5
Pickens	220	10.8	141	11.9	79	9.2
Pike	288	10.6	187	10.6	101	10.5
Randolph	193	9.7	162	10.7	31	6.6
Russell	876	18.9	604	21.3	272	15.2
St. Clair	575	10.6	533	10.8	42	8.5
Shelby	794	6.8	726	6.7	68	7.3
Sumter	142	9.1	90	20.3	52	4.6
Talladega	1,012	13.7	745	14.7	267	11.5
Tallapoosa	435	11.1	364	12.6	71	6.9
Tuscaloosa	1,338	8.6	981	8.6	357	8.4
Walker	718	10.7	680	10.9	38	8.5
Washington	297	17.8	225	20.7	72	12.4
Wilcox	97	7.5	40	10.0	57	6.4
Winston	239	10.8	237	10.8	2	14.0*

¹Rate is per 1,000 population. See formula in Technical Notes of Appendix B. Caution should be exercised in using rates derived from small 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, 1995**



**TABLE 3
MARRIAGES AND MARRIAGE RATES¹
BY MONTH OF OCCURRENCE
ALABAMA, 1995**

MONTH	NUMBER	MONTHLY MARRIAGE RATE
TOTAL	42,234	10.3
January	2,110	6.0
February	2,834	9.0
March	3,240	9.3
April	3,171	9.4
May	3,430	9.8
June	4,489	13.3
July	3,818	10.9
August	3,909	11.2
September	4,354	12.9
October	3,399	9.7
November	3,239	9.6
December	4,241	12.1

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

**TABLE 4
MARRIAGES BY OFFICIAL PERFORMING CEREMONY
ALABAMA, 1995**

OFFICIAL	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	42,234	100.0
Minister	27,968	66.2
Judge of Probate	11,405	27.0
Probate Clerk	1,732	4.1
Judge, Other than Probate	841	2.0
Other Official	287	0.7
Not Stated	1	0.0

**TABLE 5
MARRIAGES BY RACE OF BRIDE AND GROOM
ALABAMA, 1995**

RACE OF GROOM	RACE OF BRIDE				NOT STATED
	TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK	OTHER	
TOTAL	42,234	32,909	8,898	390	37
White	32,667	32,247	170	225	25
Black	9,139	413	8,689	33	4
Other	388	226	30	132	—
Not Stated	40	23	9	—	8

**TABLE 6
MARRIAGES BY PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS
ALABAMA, 1995**

GROOM	BRIDE				
	TOTAL	NEVER MARRIED	WIDOWED	DIVORCED	NOT STATED
TOTAL	42,234	23,395	1,638	16,697	504
Never Married	23,941	19,061	217	4,526	137
Widowed	1,382	129	642	602	9
Divorced	16,437	4,080	774	11,479	104
Not Stated	474	125	5	90	254

**TABLE 7
MARRIAGES BY AGE AND RACE OF BRIDE AND GROOM
ALABAMA, 1995**

AGE GROUP	BRIDE			GROOM		
	TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK & OTHER	TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK & OTHER
TOTAL	42,234	32,946	9,288	42,234	32,707	9,527
Under 15	101	97	4	2	1	1
15-19	6,011	5,418	593	2,451	2,215	236
20-24	11,964	9,522	2,442	11,281	9,211	2,070
25-29	7,854	5,746	2,108	9,291	6,901	2,390
30-34	5,410	3,814	1,596	6,083	4,363	1,720
35-39	3,980	2,936	1,044	4,394	3,219	1,175
40-44	2,734	1,995	739	3,000	2,237	763
45-49	1,828	1,450	378	2,132	1,703	429
50-54	940	764	176	1,303	1,030	273
55-59	499	403	96	797	626	171
60-64	334	292	42	518	395	123
65-69	277	243	34	404	323	81
70-74	173	156	17	286	244	42
75+	107	94	13	280	230	50
Not Stated	22	16	6	12	9	3

**TABLE 8
MARRIAGES BY EDUCATION OF BRIDE AND GROOM
ALABAMA, 1995**

EDUCATION OF GROOM BY GRADE	EDUCATION OF BRIDE BY GRADE							
	TOTAL	0-5	6-8	9-11	12	13-15	16+	NOT STATED
TOTAL	42,234	90	1,096	6,345	14,289	11,270	7,359	1,785
0-5	176	23	37	50	46	12	3	5
6-8	1,313	18	230	469	405	155	27	9
9-11	6,068	19	393	2,385	2,169	902	150	50
12	16,233	10	330	2,567	8,011	4,004	1,191	120
13-15	9,455	10	79	712	2,659	4,163	1,776	56
16+	7,411	5	22	140	978	2,017	4,203	46
Not Stated	1,578	5	5	22	21	17	9	1,499

**TABLE 9
PREVIOUS MARRIAGES BY AGE OF BRIDE
ALABAMA, 1995**

AGE OF BRIDE	NUMBER OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES						
	TOTAL	NONE	1	2	3	4+	NOT STATED
TOTAL	42,234	23,395	12,025	4,697	1,409	511	197
UNDER 15	101	99	—	—	—	—	2
15-19	6,011	5,766	180	8	—	—	57
20-24	11,964	9,928	1,781	174	10	2	69
25-29	7,854	4,538	2,573	605	94	15	29
30-34	5,410	1,764	2,386	956	223	64	17
35-39	3,980	791	1,797	936	319	131	6
40-44	2,734	304	1,209	798	293	126	4
45-49	1,828	121	844	549	222	86	6
50-54	940	40	460	269	120	48	3
55-59	499	20	258	150	49	22	—
60-64	334	6	203	86	28	10	1
65-69	277	7	177	64	24	4	1
70-74	173	—	101	57	13	2	—
75+	107	1	52	40	13	1	—
Not Stated	22	10	4	5	1	—	2

**TABLE 10
PREVIOUS MARRIAGES BY AGE OF GROOM
ALABAMA, 1995**

AGE OF GROOM	NUMBER OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES						
	TOTAL	NONE	1	2	3	4+	NOT STATED
TOTAL	42,234	23,941	11,948	4,460	1,255	453	177
Under 15	2	2	—	—	—	—	—
15-19	2,451	2,401	21	1	—	—	28
20-24	11,281	10,268	891	53	2	—	67
25-29	9,291	6,624	2,258	336	23	4	46
30-34	6,083	2,659	2,559	707	126	16	16
35-39	4,394	1,209	2,035	845	236	64	5
40-44	3,000	434	1,391	814	269	86	6
45-49	2,132	175	986	620	229	117	5
50-54	1,303	73	571	420	160	78	1
55-59	797	40	379	246	90	41	1
60-64	518	21	270	153	55	17	2
65-69	404	18	234	108	32	12	—
70-74	286	7	171	77	20	11	—
75+	280	6	177	77	13	7	—
Not Stated	12	4	5	3	—	—	—

TABLE 11
MARRIAGES BY AGE AND PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS
ALABAMA, 1995

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	42,234	23,395	1,638	16,697	504	42,234	23,941	1,382	16,437	474
Under 15	101	99	—	—	2	2	2	—	—	—
15-19	6,011	5,766	9	172	64	2,451	2,401	—	22	28
20-24	11,964	9,928	22	1,906	108	11,281	10,268	7	905	101
25-29	7,854	4,538	53	3,182	81	9,291	6,624	35	2,528	104
30-34	5,410	1,764	123	3,448	75	6,083	2,659	49	3,308	67
35-39	3,980	791	133	3,004	52	4,394	1,209	71	3,068	46
40-44	2,734	304	163	2,222	45	3,000	434	80	2,453	33
45-49	1,828	121	198	1,476	33	2,132	175	90	1,827	40
50-54	940	40	189	692	19	1,303	73	108	1,102	20
55-59	499	20	166	304	9	797	40	156	594	7
60-64	334	6	180	141	7	518	21	175	309	13
65-69	277	7	189	77	4	404	18	208	175	3
70-74	173	—	132	38	3	286	7	188	84	7
75+	107	1	81	25	—	280	6	214	56	4
Not Stated	22	10	—	10	2	12	4	1	6	1

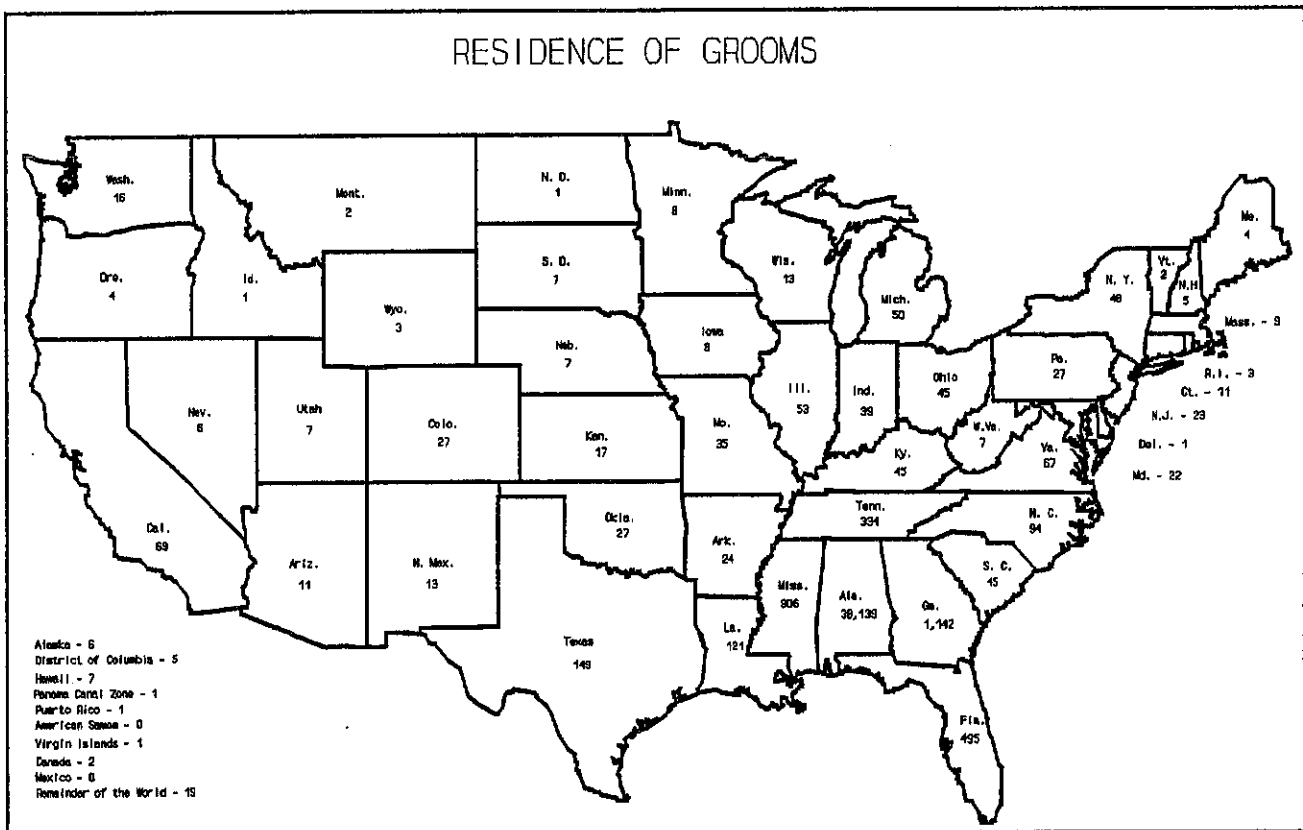
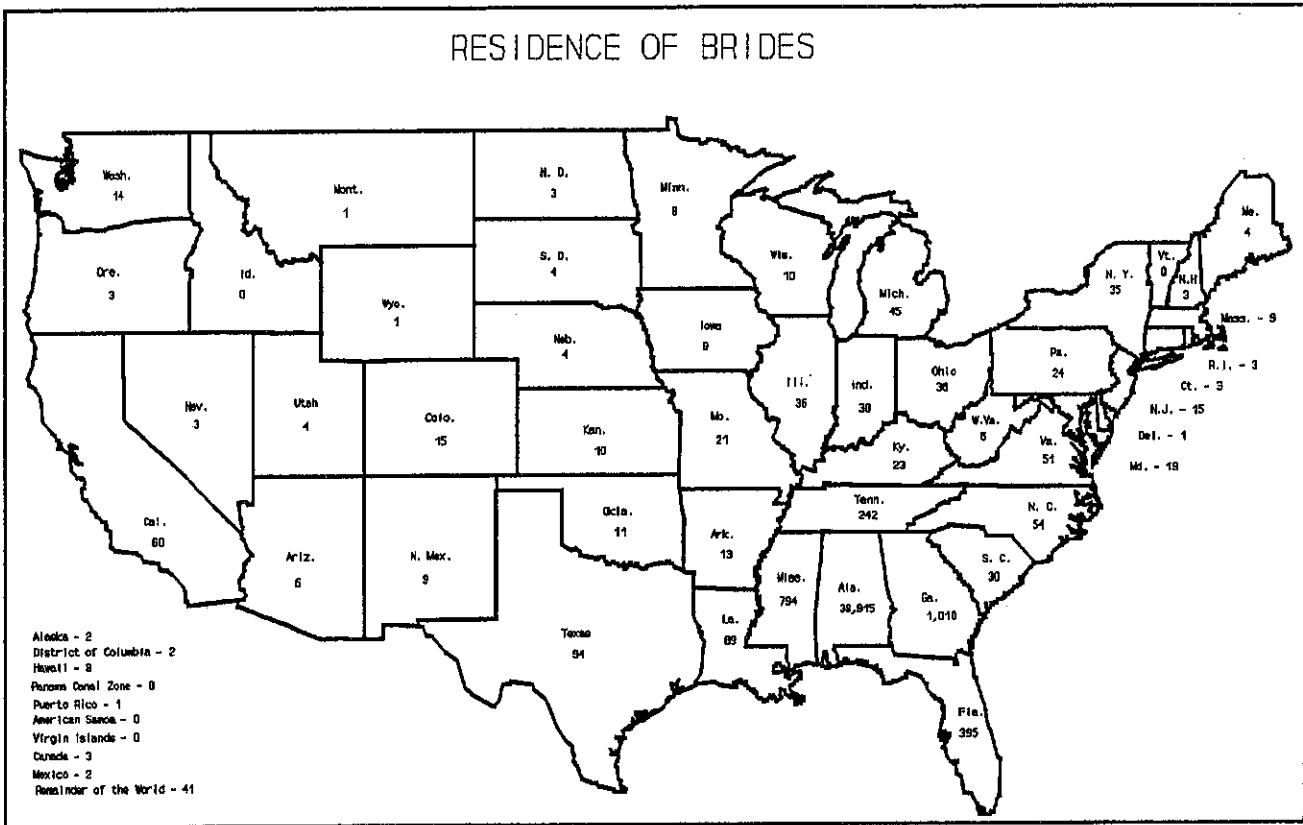
**TABLE 12
MARRIAGES BY AGE OF BRIDE BY AGE OF GROOM
ALABAMA, 1995**

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	42,234	101	6,011	11,964	7,854	5,410	3,980	2,734	1,828	940	499	334	277	173	107	22
Under 15	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-19	2,451	58	1,819	489	61	14	3	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
20-24	11,281	28	3,371	6,172	1,287	314	67	29	5	1	1	—	—	—	—	6
25-29	9,291	12	639	3,883	3,284	1,038	290	103	25	7	5	—	1	—	—	4
30-34	6,083	1	122	1,003	1,949	1,791	802	298	84	18	4	6	2	—	2	1
35-39	4,394	—	32	281	797	1,267	1,229	536	190	47	6	3	3	—	—	3
40-44	3,000	1	15	76	299	573	892	708	330	82	14	3	3	—	1	3
45-49	2,132	—	6	35	114	250	407	591	513	158	39	11	4	2	—	2
50-54	1,303	—	3	12	37	108	171	254	353	256	73	27	4	4	1	—
55-59	797	—	1	7	14	34	70	129	187	190	118	29	14	2	2	—
60-64	518	—	1	3	6	8	23	48	83	96	126	74	31	12	6	1
65-69	404	—	—	1	2	6	13	17	38	58	64	92	84	21	8	—
70-74	286	—	—	—	2	2	6	7	10	16	28	60	77	58	20	—
75+	280	—	—	—	—	3	5	8	9	10	21	29	54	74	67	—
Not Stated	12	—	2	2	2	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE 13
MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN ALABAMA
BY STATE, TERRITORY, OR COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE
OF BRIDE AND GROOM
1995

STATE, TERRITORY OR COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE	BRIDE		GROOM	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	42,234	100.00	42,234	100.00
Alabama	37,438	92.14	38,139	90.30
Alaska	2	0.00	6	0.01
Arizona	6	0.01	11	0.03
Arkansas	13	0.03	24	0.06
California	60	0.14	69	0.16
Colorado	15	0.04	27	0.06
Connecticut	3	0.01	11	0.03
Delaware	1	0.00	1	0.00
District of Columbia	2	0.00	5	0.01
Florida	395	0.94	495	1.17
Georgia	1,010	2.39	1,142	2.70
Hawaii	8	0.02	7	0.02
Idaho	—	—	1	0.00
Illinois	36	0.09	53	0.13
Indiana	30	0.07	39	0.09
Iowa	9	0.02	8	0.02
Kansas	10	0.02	17	0.04
Kentucky	23	0.05	45	0.11
Louisiana	89	0.21	121	0.29
Maine	4	0.01	4	0.01
Maryland	19	0.04	22	0.05
Massachusetts	9	0.02	9	0.02
Michigan	45	0.11	50	0.12
Minnesota	8	0.02	8	0.02
Mississippi	794	1.88	906	2.15
Missouri	21	0.05	35	0.08
Montana	1	0.00	2	0.00
Nebraska	2	0.01	7	0.02
Nevada	3	0.01	6	0.01
New Hampshire	3	0.01	5	0.01
New Jersey	15	0.04	23	0.05
New Mexico	9	0.02	13	0.03
New York	35	0.08	48	0.11
North Carolina	54	0.13	94	0.22
North Dakota	3	0.01	1	0.00
Ohio	36	0.09	45	0.11
Oklahoma	11	0.03	27	0.06
Oregon	3	0.01	4	0.01
Pennsylvania	24	0.06	27	0.06
Rhode Island	3	0.01	3	0.01
South Carolina	30	0.07	45	0.11
South Dakota	4	0.01	7	0.02
Tennessee	242	0.57	334	0.79
Texas	94	0.22	149	0.35
Utah	4	0.01	7	0.02
Vermont	—	—	2	0.00
Virginia	51	0.12	67	0.16
Washington	14	0.03	16	0.04
West Virginia	6	0.01	7	0.02
Wisconsin	10	0.02	13	0.03
Wyoming	1	0.00	3	0.01
Panama	—	—	1	0.00
Puerto Rico	1	0.00	1	0.00
Virgin Islands	—	—	1	0.00
Canada	3	0.01	2	0.00
Mexico	2	0.00	—	—
Remainder of the World	41	0.10	19	0.04

**FIGURE 4
MARRIAGES BY RESIDENCE
OF BRIDE AND GROOM
ALABAMA, 1995**



DIVORCE STATISTICS

1995 Divorce Highlights

- The 25,813 divorces during 1995 represented a decrease of 446 from 1994's total of 26,259.
- Alabama's 1995 divorce rate of 6.3, the lowest rate of the '90s, remained above the national rate for the 53rd consecutive year.
- The median duration of marriages dissolved in 1995 was 6.2 years. Median duration of marriage increased by nearly one year over the past 10 years with the median duration being 5.3 years in 1985.
- Nearly a third (31.1 percent) of all 1995 divorces with known duration of marriage were for marriages of 10 or more years duration; 8.1 percent were granted for marriages that lasted less than one year.
- For 1995, 60.0 percent of all divorces were granted jointly to husband and wife. This was up from 50.5 percent in 1985.
- Divorces granted to the husband increased 1.4 percent, while those granted to the wife decreased 4.9 percent.
- For divorces granted in 1995, the median age of the husband was 35.6 years and the median age of the wife was 33.3 years.
- In 1995, 96.1 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 replaced nearly all other legal grounds as the cause of divorce.
- In 1995, minor children were involved in over half (12,711) of all divorces where the number of children involved was known.
- More than 20,990 minor children were affected by 1995 divorces.
- In 1995, the most divorces (2,513) were finalized during the month of May while the least (1,865) were finalized during December.
- Marshall County's 1995 divorce rate of 9.9 was the highest among Alabama's counties. For 1995, Russell County's rate of 9.1 was second and Dale and Etowah counties tied for the third highest rate of 8.8.
- Perry County (2.1) had the lowest divorce rate among counties during 1995. Blount (2.3); Lowndes, Franklin, and Bullock (2.6); and Macon (2.8) counties also recorded low divorce rates during 1995.

FIGURE 5
DIVORCE RATES
ALABAMA AND UNITED STATES, 1940-1995

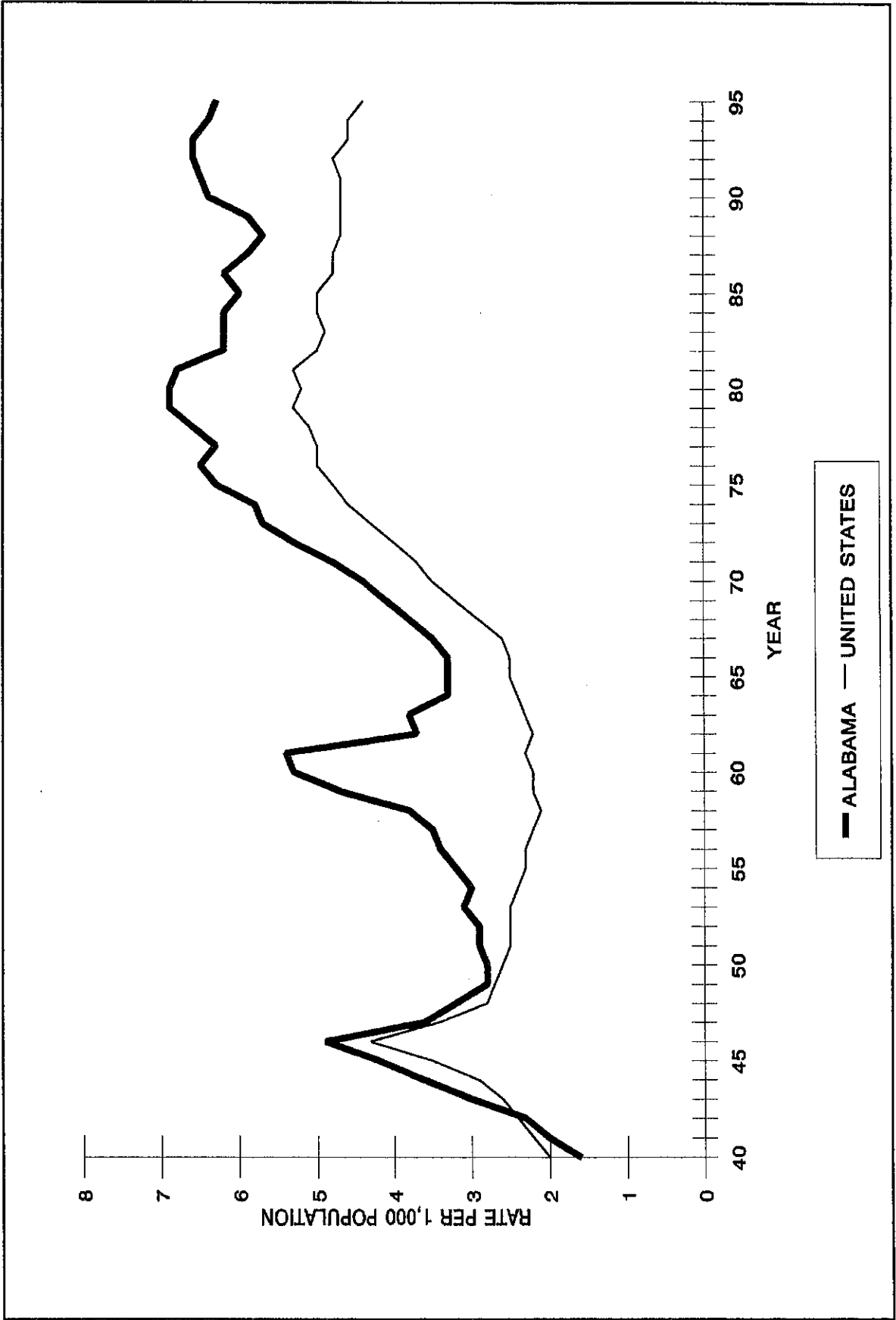


TABLE 14
DIVORCES AND DIVORCE RATES¹
ALABAMA AND UNITED STATES, 1940-1995

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
1995	25,813	6.3	4.4 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, 1995

COUNTY	TOTAL	DIVORCES	ANNULMENTS	RATE
TOTAL	25,813	25,756	57	6.3
Autauga	237	236	1	6.7
Baldwin	712	710	2	6.6
Barbour	150	150	—	5.9
Bibb	70	70	—	4.1
Blount	95	95	—	2.3
Bullock	29	29	—	2.6
Butler	112	112	—	5.2
Calhoun	912	912	—	7.9
Chambers	222	222	—	6.2
Cherokee	139	139	—	7.0
Chilton	243	242	1	7.3
Choctaw	97	97	—	6.2
Clarke	140	140	—	5.2
Clay	101	101	—	7.7
Cleburne	96	96	—	7.5
Coffee	208	207	1	5.1
Colbert	309	309	—	6.1
Conecuh	62	62	—	4.6
Coosa	36	36	—	3.3
Covington	179	179	—	5.0
Crenshaw	62	62	—	4.6
Cullman	523	522	1	7.4
Dale	439	439	—	8.8
Dallas	237	236	1	5.2
DeKalb	300	298	2	5.4
Elmore	328	328	—	6.3
Escambia	176	176	—	5.1
Etowah	864	861	3	8.8
Fayette	128	127	1	7.3
Franklin	72	72	—	2.6
Geneva	134	133	1	5.7
Greene	14 ²	13 ²	1 ²	1.4 ²
Hale	54	54	—	3.5
Henry	66	66	—	4.3
Houston	716	715	1	8.5
Jackson	332	331	1	7.2
Jefferson	4,027	4,018	9	6.3
Lamar	80	80	—	5.2
Lauderdale	481	481	—	6.1
Lawrence	223	223	—	6.9
Lee	424	424	—	4.6
Limestone	231	231	—	4.0
Lowndes	32	32	—	2.6
Macon	67	66	1	2.8
Madison	1,641	1,631	10	6.3
Marengo	115	115	—	5.2
Marion	223	222	1	7.5
Marshall	725	725	—	9.9
Mobile	2,569	2,559	10	6.7
Monroe	91	90	1	3.7
Montgomery	1,398	1,396	2	6.5
Morgan	872	869	3	8.3
Perry	25	25	—	2.1
Pickens	85	85	—	4.2
Pike	170	170	—	6.3
Randolph	126	126	—	6.4
Russell	423	423	—	9.1
St. Clair	334	334	—	6.2
Shelby	589	589	—	5.0
Sumter	53	53	—	3.4
Talladega	532	532	—	7.2
Tallapoosa	326	326	—	8.3
Tuscaloosa	605	605	—	3.9
Walker	465	462	3	6.9
Washington	104	104	—	6.2
Wilcox	5 ²	5 ²	—	0.4 ²
Winston	178	178	—	8.1

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

²Low numbers and rates due to under reporting from the county.

FIGURE 6
DIVORCE RATES BY COUNTY OF OCCURRENCE
ALABAMA, 1995

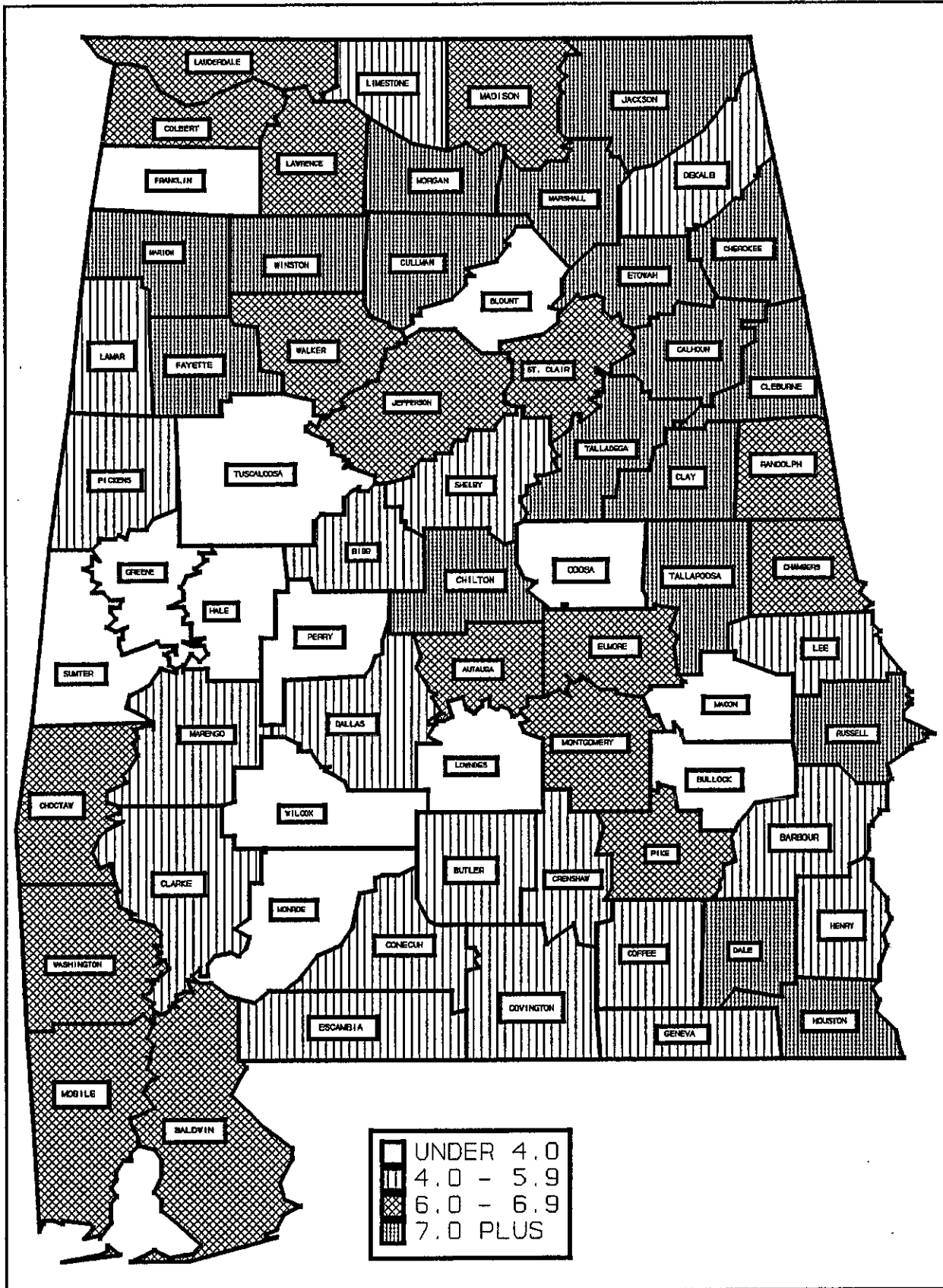


TABLE 16
DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS BY DURATION OF MARRIAGE
AND NUMBER OF MINOR CHILDREN
ALABAMA, 1995

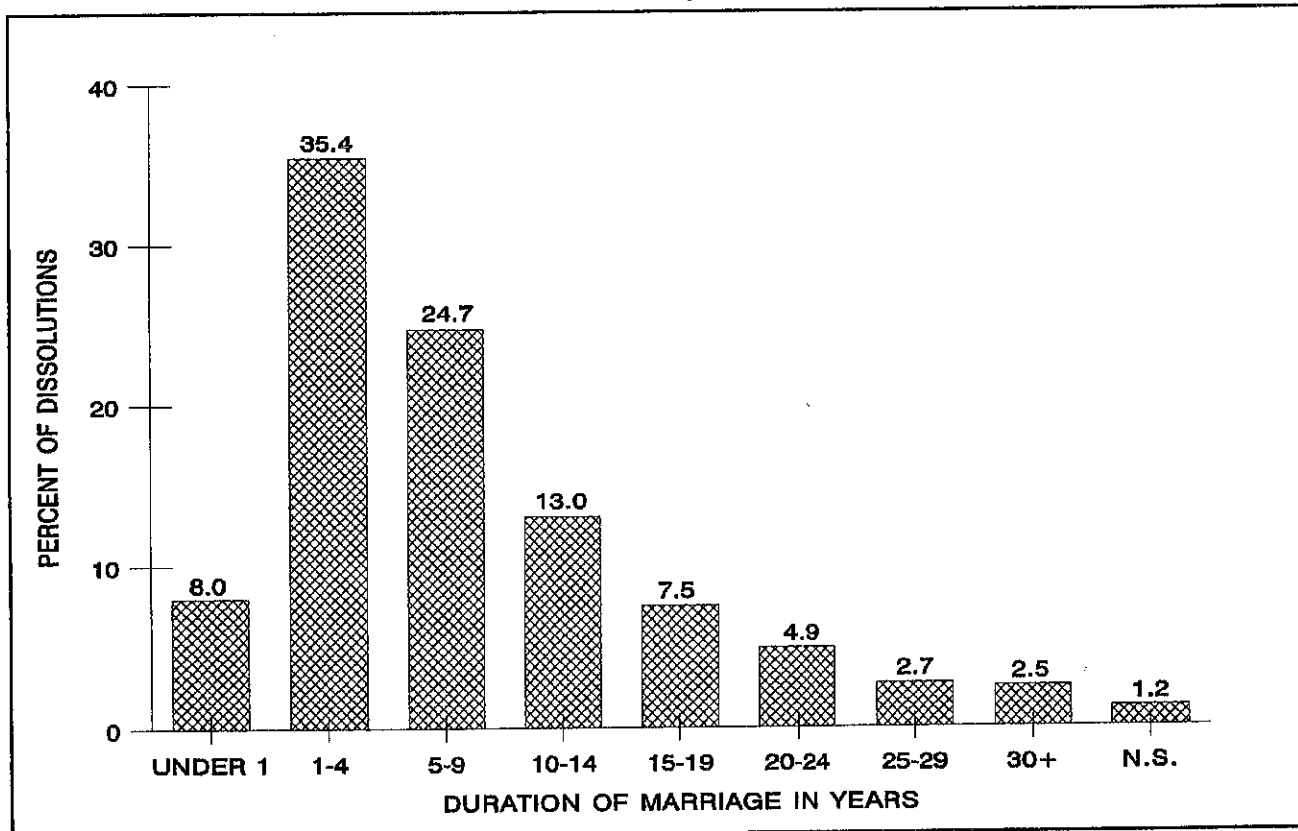
DURATION OF MARRIAGE (IN YEARS)	TOTAL	NUMBER OF MINOR CHILDREN ¹											NOT STATED
		NONE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9+		
TOTAL	25,813	12,513	6,505	4,578	1,282	271	61	7	5	1	1	589	
UNDER 1	2,066	1,670	218	77	21	6	2	—	—	—	—	72	
1-4	9,150	5,340	2,533	846	156	33	10	2	—	—	—	230	
5-9	6,364	2,508	1,796	1,512	355	47	14	—	—	—	—	132	
10-14	3,363	983	805	1,082	341	91	17	3	—	—	—	41	
15-19	1,931	421	436	689	284	66	10	1	3	1	—	20	
20-24	1,275	443	406	274	95	24	5	—	1	—	1	26	
25-29	704	439	178	43	12	3	2	—	1	—	—	26	
30-34	322	275	31	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	
35-39	180	154	13	4	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	7	
40+	150	139	4	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	4	
NOT STATED	308	141	85	43	16	1	—	—	—	—	—	22	

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

**TABLE 17
DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS
BY DURATION OF MARRIAGE
ALABAMA, 1995**

DURATION OF MARRIAGE (IN YEARS)	TOTAL	DIVORCES	ANNULMENTS
TOTAL	25,813	25,756	57
UNDER 1	2,066	2,035	31
1 - 4	9,150	9,131	19
5 - 9	6,364	6,360	4
10 - 14	3,363	3,362	1
15 - 19	1,931	1,930	1
20 - 24	1,275	1,274	1
25 - 29	704	704	—
30 - 34	322	322	—
35 - 39	180	180	—
40+	150	150	—
NOT STATED	308	308	—

**FIGURE 7
DISTRIBUTION OF DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS
BY DURATION OF MARRIAGE
ALABAMA, 1995**

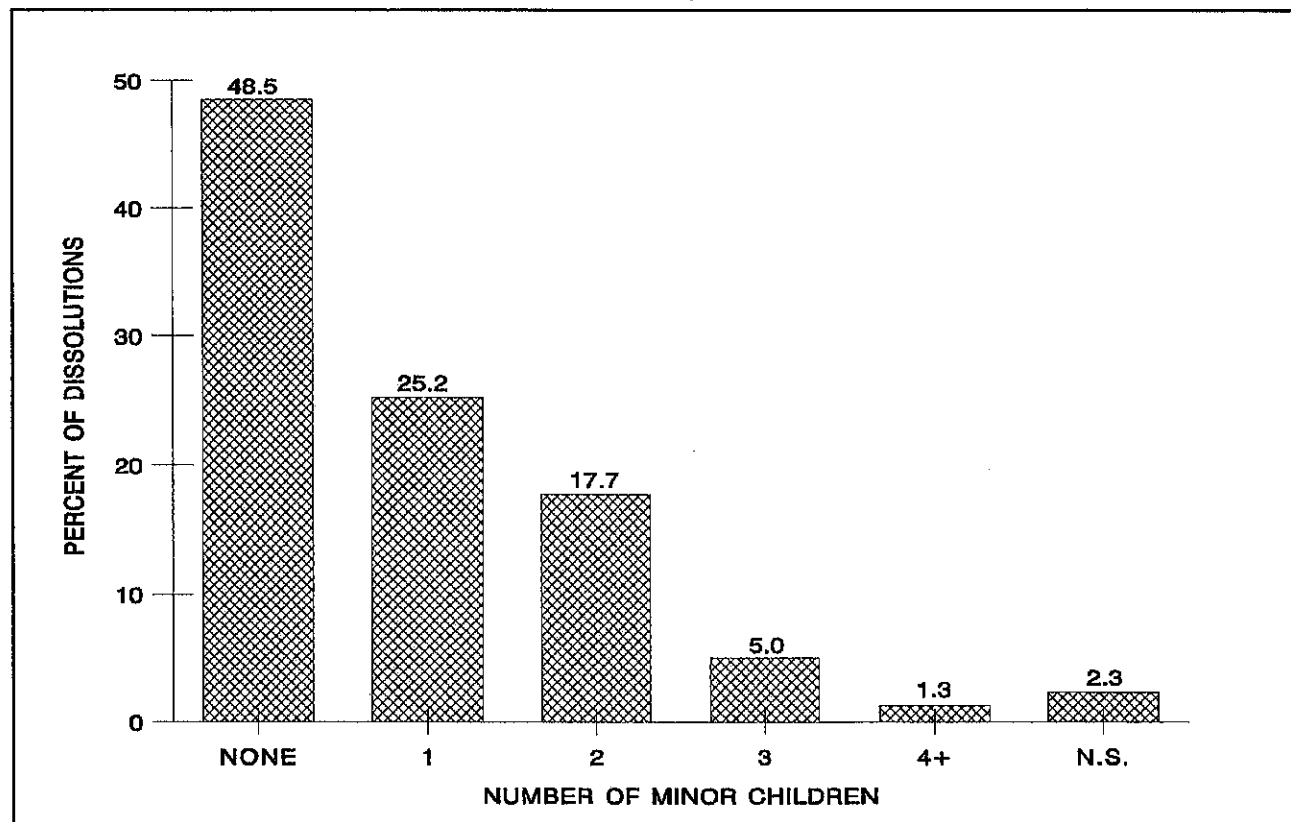


**TABLE 18
DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS
BY NUMBER OF MINOR CHILDREN
ALABAMA, 1995**

NUMBER OF MINOR CHILDREN ¹	TOTAL	DIVORCES	ANNULMENTS
TOTAL	25,813	25,756	57
NONE	12,513	12,467	46
1	6,505	6,501	4
2	4,578	4,577	1
3	1,282	1,282	—
4	271	270	1
5	61	61	—
6	7	7	—
7	5	5	—
8	1	1	—
9+	1	1	—
NOT STATED	589	584	5

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, 1995**

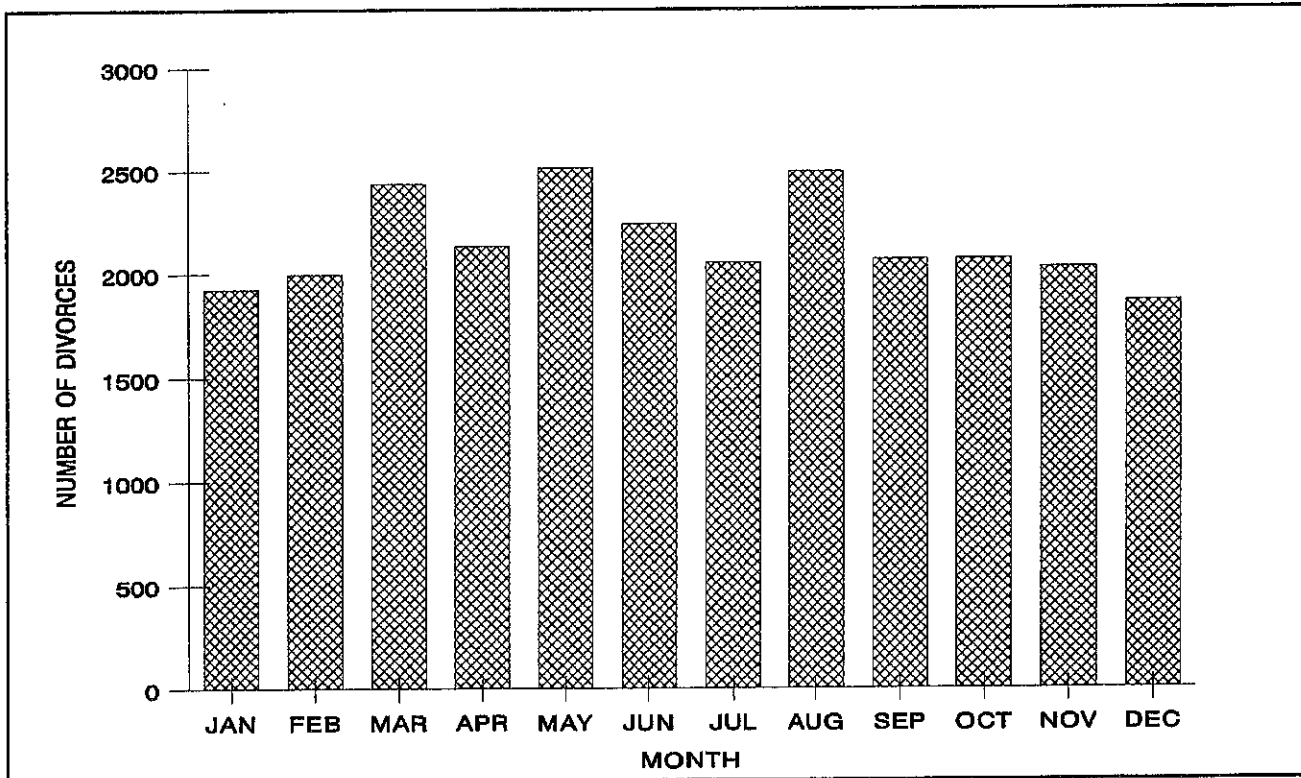


**TABLE 19
DIVORCES AND DIVORCE RATES¹
BY MONTH OF DECREE
ALABAMA, 1995**

MONTH	TOTAL	DIVORCES	ANNULMENTS	MONTHLY DIVORCE RATE
TOTAL	25,813	25,756	57	6.3
JANUARY	1,924	1,922	2	5.5
FEBRUARY	1,995	1,989	6	6.3
MARCH	2,434	2,425	9	7.0
APRIL	2,130	2,124	6	6.3
MAY	2,513	2,509	4	7.2
JUNE	2,239	2,231	8	6.6
JULY	2,053	2,050	3	5.9
AUGUST	2,495	2,493	2	7.1
SEPTEMBER	2,067	2,063	4	6.1
OCTOBER	2,071	2,063	8	5.9
NOVEMBER	2,027	2,024	3	6.0
DECEMBER	1,865	1,863	2	5.3

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

**FIGURE 9
DIVORCES BY MONTH
ALABAMA, 1995**



**TABLE 20
DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS
BY PARTY TO WHOM GRANTED
ALABAMA, 1995**

PARTY TO WHOM DIVORCE GRANTED	TOTAL	DIVORCES	ANNULMENTS
TOTAL	25,813	25,756	57
HUSBAND	3,645	3,634	11
WIFE	6,412	6,395	17
HUSBAND AND WIFE	15,111	15,083	28
NOT STATED	645	644	1

**TABLE 21
DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS
BY NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE
ALABAMA, 1995**

NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE	HUSBAND		WIFE	
	DIVORCES	ANNULMENTS	DIVORCES	ANNULMENTS
TOTAL	25,756	57	25,756	57
1	14,969	14	14,658	17
2	6,643	19	6,728	20
3	2,439	13	2,599	11
4	761	4	831	5
5	213	3	225	1
6	74	—	75	—
7+	49	—	38	—
NOT STATED	608	4	602	3

**TABLE 22
DIVORCES BY RACE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE
ALABAMA, 1995**

RACE OF HUSBAND	TOTAL	RACE OF WIFE	
		WHITE	BLACK & OTHER
TOTAL	25,813	21,380	4,433
WHITE	21,320	21,134	186
BLACK & OTHER	4,493	246	4,247

**TABLE 23
 DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS
 BY LEGAL GROUNDS FOR DECREE
 ALABAMA, 1995**

LEGAL GROUNDS	TOTAL	DIVORCES	ANNULMENTS
TOTAL	25,813	25,756	57
ABANDONMENT	41	41	—
ABANDONMENT AND ADULTERY	2	2	—
ABANDONMENT AND CRUELTY	—	—	—
ABANDONMENT AND DRUNKENNESS	—	—	—
ADULTERY	123	123	—
ADULTERY AND CRUELTY	—	—	—
BIGAMY	6	2	4
CRUELTY AND DRUNKENNESS	1	1	—
CRUELTY AND NON-SUPPORT	—	—	—
CRUELTY OR VIOLENCE	70	70	—
DRUG ADDICTION	1	1	—
DRUNKENNESS	1	1	—
DRUNKENNESS AND ADULTERY	2	2	—
FRAUD	34	13	21
IMPOTENCY	1	1	—
IMPRISONMENT	4	4	—
INCOMPATIBILITY	24,791	24,775	16
IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN	632	632	—
INSANITY	—	—	—
NON-SUPPORT	—	—	—
NON-SUPPORT AND ABANDONMENT	—	—	—
NON-SUPPORT AND DRUNKENNESS	—	—	—
UNDER AGE	1	1	—
ALL OTHER CAUSES	88	72	16
NOT STATED	15	15	—

TABLE 24
DIVORCES BY AGE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE
ALABAMA, 1995

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	25,813	602	3,853	4,805	4,722	3,980	2,927	1,874	949	491	251	134	92	59	1,074	
Under 20	158	95	49	7	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
20-24	2,614	393	1,724	354	75	18	5	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	43
25-29	4,532	85	1,522	2,128	483	129	52	15	8	3	—	—	—	—	—	107
30-34	4,710	16	362	1,534	1,974	495	149	45	12	6	1	1	1	—	—	114
35-39	4,203	2	95	481	1,377	1,530	427	120	32	7	5	—	1	—	—	126
40-44	3,275	1	29	146	476	1,114	1,110	231	53	11	4	1	1	—	—	98
45-49	2,387	—	12	61	150	397	752	752	141	38	7	3	2	1	—	71
50-54	1,374	—	3	22	72	139	240	437	314	62	19	7	1	1	—	57
55-59	711	—	1	5	22	52	67	131	210	153	33	9	3	1	—	24
60-64	454	—	—	—	9	20	34	63	92	112	81	12	6	3	—	22
65-69	273	—	1	—	—	7	17	19	40	60	59	44	11	6	—	9
70-74	149	—	—	—	1	—	10	11	8	17	24	30	30	10	—	8
75 +	138	—	—	—	—	4	—	6	6	10	10	21	33	36	—	12
Not Stated	835	10	55	67	82	74	63	44	31	12	8	6	3	1	—	379



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.

**ESTIMATED POPULATION BY COUNTY AND RACE
ALABAMA, 1995**

COUNTY/AREA	TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK AND OTHER
STATE	4,113,525	3,028,458	1,085,067
Autauga	35,313	28,435	6,878
Baldwin	108,188	94,201	13,987
Barbour	25,606	14,212	11,394
Bibb	17,020	13,556	3,464
Blount	40,600	39,893	707
Bullock	11,120	2,803	8,317
Butler	21,681	12,762	8,919
Calhoun	115,024	91,700	23,324
Chambers	35,925	22,854	13,071
Cherokee	19,837	18,539	1,298
Chilton	33,455	29,618	3,837
Choctaw	15,629	8,650	6,979
Clarke	27,100	15,442	11,658
Clay	13,047	10,890	2,157
Cleburne	12,805	12,190	615
Coffee	41,138	33,345	7,793
Colbert	50,294	41,677	8,617
Conecuh	13,383	7,550	5,833
Coosa	10,938	7,128	3,810
Covington	36,135	31,247	4,888
Crenshaw	13,372	9,869	3,503
Cullman	70,314	69,451	863
Dale	50,117	39,755	10,362
Dallas	45,502	18,327	27,175
DeKalb	55,297	53,439	1,858
Elmore	51,888	40,189	11,699
Escambia	34,220	23,576	10,644
Etowah	97,879	83,114	14,765
Fayette	17,561	15,390	2,171
Franklin	27,505	26,139	1,366
Geneva	23,323	20,422	2,901
Greene	9,809	1,806	8,003
Hale	15,399	6,409	8,990
Henry	15,428	10,149	5,279
Houston	84,546	63,530	21,016
Jackson	46,270	42,825	3,445
Jefferson	641,529	404,560	236,969
Lamar	15,325	13,442	1,883
Lauderdale	78,867	70,809	8,058
Lawrence	32,481	24,556	7,925
Lee	91,360	67,900	23,460
Limestone	57,962	50,526	7,436
Lowndes	12,410	3,142	9,268
Macon	23,944	3,232	20,712
Madison	261,532	201,201	60,331
Marengo	22,260	11,151	11,109
Marion	29,577	28,402	1,175
Marshall	73,232	71,677	1,555
Mobile	384,276	258,215	126,061
Monroe	24,590	15,028	9,562
Montgomery	215,701	120,190	95,511
Morgan	105,174	93,269	11,905
Perry	11,696	3,857	7,839
Pickens	20,367	11,817	8,550
Pike	27,186	17,593	9,593
Randolph	19,802	15,140	4,662
Russell	46,283	28,361	17,922
St. Clair	54,110	49,174	4,936
Shelby	117,192	107,842	9,350
Sumter	15,674	4,437	11,237
Talladega	74,025	50,821	23,204
Tallapoosa	39,114	28,785	10,329
Tuscaloosa	156,409	113,902	42,507
Walker	67,109	62,644	4,465
Washington	16,684	10,855	5,829
Wilcox	12,919	3,998	8,921
Winston	22,070	21,927	143

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, 1995**

AGE GROUP	TOTAL POPULATION (ESTIMATED)	WHITE			BLACK AND OTHER		
		TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
TOTAL	4,113,525	3,028,458	1,472,731	1,555,727	1,085,067	498,221	586,846
0-4	305,762	198,207	102,139	96,068	107,555	54,390	53,165
5-9	287,390	194,201	100,273	93,928	93,189	47,149	46,040
10-14	294,239	195,183	100,760	94,423	99,056	50,051	49,005
15-19	301,415	198,252	101,567	96,685	103,163	51,428	51,735
20-24	310,300	214,951	109,082	105,869	95,349	45,293	50,056
25-29	281,052	211,047	106,208	104,839	70,005	30,532	39,473
30-34	304,247	227,949	114,751	113,198	76,298	33,874	42,424
35-39	322,978	238,668	119,044	119,624	84,310	36,931	47,379
40-44	301,072	223,907	111,434	112,473	77,165	34,359	42,806
45-49	273,297	213,598	105,841	107,757	59,699	27,131	32,568
50-54	218,750	176,515	86,381	90,134	42,235	18,834	23,401
55-59	188,134	152,159	72,930	79,229	35,975	15,270	20,705
60-64	173,379	140,696	66,279	74,417	32,683	13,437	19,246
65-69	167,251	135,053	61,045	74,008	32,198	12,566	19,632
70-74	145,483	117,532	49,817	67,715	27,951	10,763	17,188
75-79	106,063	85,712	33,161	52,551	20,351	7,370	12,981
80-84	74,703	59,430	19,884	39,546	15,273	5,157	10,116
85 +	58,010	45,398	12,135	33,263	12,612	3,686	8,926

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

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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 license be obtained before the wedding ceremony is performed. The license is signed by the person performing the ceremony and returned to the probate judge who forwards it to the state registrar of vital statistics.

Registration of divorce is believed to be good in Alabama although filing varies by county. Greene and Wilcox counties were known to have under-reporting of divorces in 1995.

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 tabulation purposes, two categories are utilized. White includes Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cajun, Creole

and other Caucasian. The "black and other" racial group includes Black, American Indian, 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 when the number of events is limited or when the population base on which the rate is calculated is small may produce rates which are correct but of limited value for analysis purposes.

In this report rates are given even when there were few occurrences of a particular vital event. Warnings are issued in table footnotes when the rates may be unstable.

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, but would not be stable for use in certain statistical procedures, especially time analysis.

DEFINITIONS

ANNULMENT — To nullify, to abolish, to make void by competent authority. An "annulment" differs from a divorce in that a divorce terminates a legal status, whereas an annulment establishes that a marital status never existed. Annulments are included with divorces for rate calculation purposes and are available only by place of occurrence.

DIVORCE — The legal separation of man and wife, effected by the judgment or decree of a court, and either totally dissolving the marriage relation, or suspending its effects so far as concerns the cohabitation of the parties. 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 one man and one woman as husband and wife. 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

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

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

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

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

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 needed for some studies are required

to be reported by Alabama statute. Studies must be restricted to include only those variables 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 1995 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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Alabama

Certificate of Marriage

State File Number **101**

TYPE IN PERMANENT
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LICENSE TO MARRY	1. ISSUING COUNTY You are hereby 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.	
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	8. STATE
4.	6. INSIDE CITY LIMITS (Specify Yes or No)	7. COUNTY
7.	9. NO. OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES	10. IF PREVIOUSLY MARRIED, LAST MARRIAGE ENDED—Specify, Death, Divorce, Dissolution, Annulment
9.	11. EDUCATION (Specify ONLY highest grade completed) Elementary or High School (0-12) College (1-4 or 5+)	12. FATHER'S NAME First Middle Last
10.	13. MOTHER'S NAME First Middle Last	14. BRIDE'S NAME First Middle Last (Print last name all capitals)
11.	15. BRIDE'S MAIDEN LAST NAME (If different)	16. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)
BRIDE	17. RACE—Specify American Indian, Black, White, etc.)	18. RESIDENCE—City, Town, or Location and Zip Code
17.	19. INSIDE CITY LIMITS (Specify Yes or No)	20. COUNTY
20.	21. STATE	22. NO. OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES
22.	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) College (1-4 or 5+)
23.	25. FATHER'S NAME First Middle Last	26. MOTHER'S NAME First Middle Last
24.	27. GROOM—SIGNATURE	28. BRIDE—SIGNATURE
SIGNATURES	We hereby certify that the information provided is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief and we are free to marry under the laws of this state.	
LOCAL OFFICIAL	29. JUDGE OF PROBATE—SIGNATURE	30. ISSUING DATE (Month, Day, Year)
CEREMONY	31. EXPIRATION DATE (Month, Day, Year)	32. WHERE MARRIED—City, Town, or Location and Zip Code
34.	33. SIGNATURE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY	34. COUNTY
37.	35. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY	36. ADDRESS OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY—Street and Number or RFD Number, City or Town, State, Zip Code
LOCAL OFFICIAL	37. DATE CERTIFICATE RETURNED TO JUDGE OF PROBATE—(Month, Day, Year)	38. MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD Book Number Page Number
	39. JUDGE OF PROBATE—SIGNATURE	

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



ALABAMA

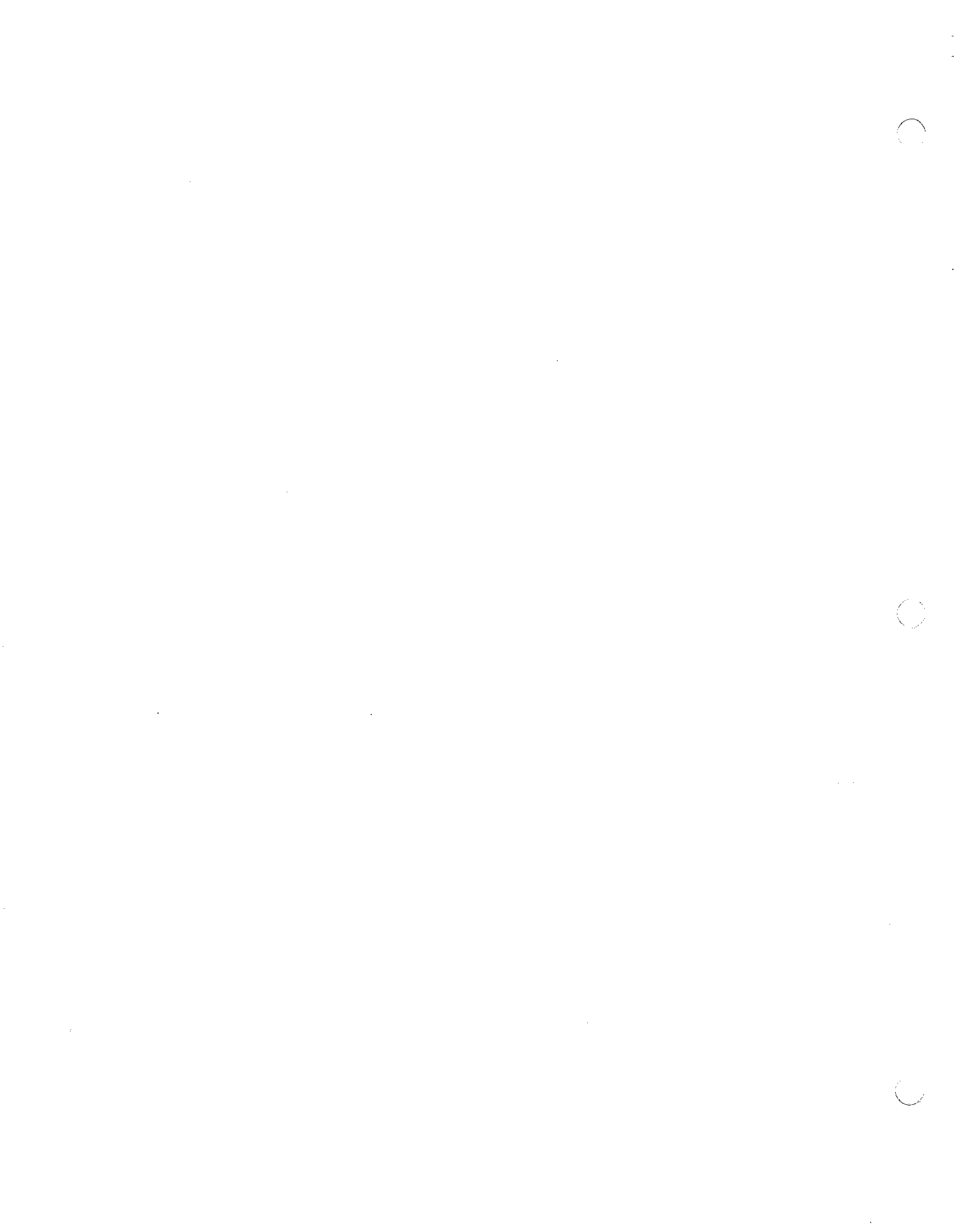
CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE

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State File Number
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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	Last (Print last name all capitals)		
4. RACE—(Specify American Indian, Black, White, Etc.)		6. USUAL RESIDENCE—STATE	
5. EDUCATION—(Specify ONLY highest grade completed) Elementary or High School (9-12) College (1-4 or 5+)			
7. COUNTY		8. CITY—TOWN OR LOCATION	
9. INSIDE CITY LIMITS (Specify Yes or No)		10. ADDRESS—Street and Number or RFD Number	
		Zip Code	
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	Last (Print last name all capitals)		
15. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)		17. EDUCATION—(Specify ONLY highest grade completed) Elementary or High School (9-12) College (1-4 or 5+)	
18. USUAL RESIDENCE—STATE		20. CITY—TOWN OR LOCATION	
21. INSIDE CITY LIMITS (Specify Yes or No)		22. ADDRESS—Street and Number or RFD Number	
		Zip Code	
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)	
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28. HUSBAND, _____, Joint-Husband/Wife, _____, Wife, _____, Other _____ Total Children/Custody was Determined		31. PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY OR REPRESENTATIVE—(Type)	
29. _____		32. ADDRESS—Street and Number or RFD Number—City—State—Zip	
30. _____		33. TYPE OF DECREE—(Specify Divorce, Annulment, etc.)	
31. _____		34. DATE OF FINAL DECREE (Month, Day, Year)	
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34. _____		37. LEGAL GROUNDS FOR DECREE	
35. _____		39. SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL	
36. _____		40. 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) 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. 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.	Cost \$15.00
AV1	Alabama Vital Events (1994-1995) - Volume I, Pregnancy Statistics 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. Included with natality data is additional information on Fetal Deaths and Pregnancies starting in 1994 and Teenage birth information starting in 1995.	Cost \$10.00
AV2	Alabama Vital Events (1994-1995) - Volume II, Mortality Statistics 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.	Cost \$10.00
AV3	Alabama Vital Events (1994-1995) - Volume III, Marriage and Divorce Statistics 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.	Cost \$10.00
AV4	Alabama Vital Events (1994-1995) - Volume IV, County Profiles 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.	Cost \$10.00
AV5	Alabama Vital Events - Volume V, Life Expectancy (1995) This publication contains tables on life expectancy by race, sex, and age group for residents of Alabama. The first edition of this volume of the <u>Alabama Vital Events</u> publication is published for 1995 and quinquennially thereafter.	Cost \$10.00
AVX	Alabama Vital Events (1994-1995) - Volumes I-IV 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.	Cost \$40.00
DMS	Detailed Mortality Statistics This annual publication is available for each year--1978 through 1995--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. NOTE: Hard copies are available for all years except 1982, which is available only on microfiche.	Cost \$10.00
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