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STUDY DESCRIPTION

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TITLE: Marriages and Divorces, 2015

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KEYWORDS: Marriage, divorce..

SERIES DATA:

Series name:	Principal Investigator:	Currently available:
Marriages and Divorces	Statistics South Africa	2013 - 2015

ABSTRACT:

There are three main sources of marriage and divorce statistics in South Africa; namely, those compiled from population censuses; household sample surveys and administrative data (i.e. those compiled from vital registration systems and administrative records). The data from these sources give different aspects of information on marriages and divorces in the country. Census and survey data are by nature subjective individual information that provides cross-sectional data on individuals' marital status (never married, married, divorced, widowed, etc). Therefore, marriages and divorces in this context cover different types of marriages and associated divorces that took place at different periods in people's lives. However, not all types of marriages and divorces are registered.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: South Africa

IMPORTANT VARIABLES: Marriage, divorce, civil marriage, civil union, customary marriage.

DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES: Age, gender.

UNIVERSE: Households in the nine provinces of South Africa.

METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION: Survey Questionnaire.

SAMPLING: Refer to "Statistical Release".

UNITS OF OBSERVATION: Data consist of civil marriages, customary marriages and civil unions that were recorded for 2014 in the National Population Register by the Department of Home Affairs.
The data on divorce cover civil marriages that were granted divorce in 2014 by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development.

DATE OF DATA COLLECTION: 2015.

EXTENT OF DATA COLLECTION: 4 data file in ASCII and machine-readable documentation.

FILE SPECIFICATIONS:**Part 1: Civil Marriages File**

Number of cases:	138 627
Number of records:	138 627
Number of records per case:	1
Logical Record Length:	18
Number of variables:	9
Number of kilobytes:	2 708 KB

Part 2: Civil Unions File

Number of cases:	1 185
Number of records:	1 185
Number of records per case:	1
Logical Record Length:	13
Number of variables:	6
Number of kilobytes:	18 KB

Part 3: Customary Marriages File

Number of cases:	3 467
Number of records:	3 467
Number of records per case:	1
Logical Record Length:	17
Number of variables:	6
Number of kilobytes:	65 KB

Part 4: Divorces File

Number of cases:	25 260
Number of records:	25 260
Number of records per case:	1
Logical Record Length:	44
Number of variables:	24
Number of kilobytes:	1 135 KB

PUBLICATIONS:

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NOTES:

Most questions in the Labour Force Survey questionnaire are pre-coded, i.e. there is a set number of options from which one or more must be selected. For open-ended (write-in) questions, the description will note that post-coding occurred and explain how this was done. For most variables the coding is apparent from the questionnaire (available elsewhere in the documentation) and is not repeated in the variable description. Where the coding is not apparent, the description either provides the codes or indicates where code lists are to be found.

RESTRICTIONS:

Only available to bona fide researchers.

DATE STUDY ADDED:

31 September, 2017