

Marriage contracts by country of citizenship of spouses (2012)

Country of citizenship of spouse	Saudi spouse			The qadi (judge) represents the female's guardian*		Non-Saudi spouse	Total
	Saudi spouse	Non-Saudi groom	Non-Saudi bride	Non-Saudi bride	Saudi bride		
Saudi Arabia	142.132						142.132
UAE		112	6	0	0	38	156
Kuwait		375	25	2	1	18	421
Bahrain		20	8	0	0	15	43
Oman		11	3	0	0	5	19
Qatar		307	13	0	0	4	324
Egypt		62	111	1	0	516	690
Sudan		12	23	0	0	241	276
Palestine		65	133	1	0	776	975
Yemen		544	1.182	12	2	3.582	5.322
Jordan		53	88	1	0	504	646
Lebanon		10	16	1	0	66	93
Syria		120	199	3	1	1.164	1.487
Iraq		9	23	0	0	12	44
Morocco		6	77	3	0	57	143
Algeria		2	2	0	0	5	9
Tunisia		2	3	0	0	5	10
Mauritania		6	19	0	0	63	88
Djibouti		0	3	0	0	15	18
India		7	9	8	0	264	288
Sri Lanka		0	0	6	0	12	18
Philippines		1	9	218	11	222	461
Thailand		3	4	0	0	43	50
Bangladesh		17	27	2	0	457	503
Turkey		3	11	3	1	43	61
Afghanistan		17	55	3	0	631	706
Indonesia		3	23	2	0	51	79
Malaysia		0	0	0	0	4	4
Burma		15	23	2	0	1.368	1.408
Turkestan		13	4	0	0	29	46
Pakistan		72	135	6	0	1.560	1.773
Mali		12	12	0	0	105	129
Erythrea		3	3	4	1	244	255
Ethiopia		2	14	8	0	146	170
Kenya		0	0	1	0	7	8
Nigeria		28	47	0	0	249	324
Burkina Faso		2	0	0	0	3	5
Chad		3	5	1	0	93	102
Europe		1	2	0	0	17	20
U.K.		3	4	1	0	39	47
USA		5	6	7	0	35	53
Others		149	256	4	47	409	865
Total	142.132	2.075	2.583	300	64	13.117	160.271

Source: Ministry of Justice

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Definition

In an Islamic marriage, the formal consent of the bride's male guardian is mandatory.

In the absence of the guardian, the judge (qâdi) takes responsibility.

2. Institution which provides data

Ministry of Justice (MoJ)

3. Data availability

As of mid-2013, MoJ has issued 37 Annual statistical abstracts.

Years 1431, 1432 and 1433 (H) (circa 2010; 2011; 2012 (AD)) are available online in Pdf format and can be downloaded from:

<https://www.moj.gov.sa/>

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