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Marital Status, 1996 — Married

In 1996, 41% of Canadians were legally married. The patterns evident on this map indicate a distinctly smaller proportion of married persons in Quebec and the Territories in comparison to the rest of Canada. This is attributed to the relatively high proportion of common-law unions in those areas. In the 1960's, nine out of ten newlyweds were in their first marriage. By 1990, a third of the couples had at least one spouse that had been previously married. Couples choosing to marry for the first time are doing so at an older age. In 1990, women married at an average age of 26 years and men at 27.9 years, as compared to 22.7 years and 25.1 years respectively, in 1970.

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Lambert Conformal Conic Projection. Standard Parallels 49°N and 77°N

Married
- 34% - 39%
- 40% - 47%
- 48% - 52%
- 53% - 57%
- 58% - 67%

Census Division Boundaries
- Census Division Boundaries

Populated Places
- 1 - 4999
- 5 000 - 49 999
- 50 000 - 99 999
- 100 000 and greater
- Provincial and Territorial Capital
- National Capital

Boundaries
- International
- Provincial / Territorial
- Canada / Kalaallit Nunaat dividing line
- EEZ (200 mile)
- Water area
- Regions outside Canada

Source(s):
Married
Married marital status (legally married) as a proportion of the total population based on the data derived from the 1996 Census (100% data). Statistics Canada. 1996 Census of Population.

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