

**Table 2.36-- CHARACTERISTICS OF MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES:
1994 TO 1997**

[Place of occurrence basis]

Subject	1994	1995	1996	1997
MARRIAGES				
Number	18,118	18,669	19,589	19,901
Percent on Oahu	53.0	51.1	49.0	46.5
Percent Hawaii residents:				
Both bride and groom	47.8	46.6	42.4	41.3
One partner only	3.6	3.1	3.5	3.2
Neither bride nor groom	48.6	50.3	54.0	55.5
Median age (years):				
Groom	31	32	32	32
Bride	29	29	30	30
Percent previously married:				
Groom	37.6	38.4	38.8	39.1
Bride	38.5	38.7	38.8	39.8
DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS				
Number	4,993	5,505	4,903	4,877
Divorces	4,981	5,494	4,883	4,858
Annulments	11	9	20	17
Not reported	1	2	-	2
Percent occurring on Oahu	73.4	76.1	73.9	74.3
Percent Hawaii residents:				
Both partners	75.3	75.5	76.0	75.7
One partner only	23.1	23.0	23.0	23.4
Neither partner	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.1
Not reported 1/	1.4	1.4	0.9	0.8
Median age (years):				
Husband	36	36	37	37
Wife	34	34	35	34
Percent interracial 2/	41.6	41.9	41.5	43.2
Percent with children under 18 years	49.3	50.1	50.9	50.1
Median years married	6.4	6.4	6.8	6.7

1/ Couples where the residence of one or more partners is unknown.

2/ For these calculations, divorces where both bride and groom are in the "Part Hawaiian" or "Other races" categories are classified as non-interracial.

Source: Hawaii State Department of Health, *Statistical Report* (annual), and records.