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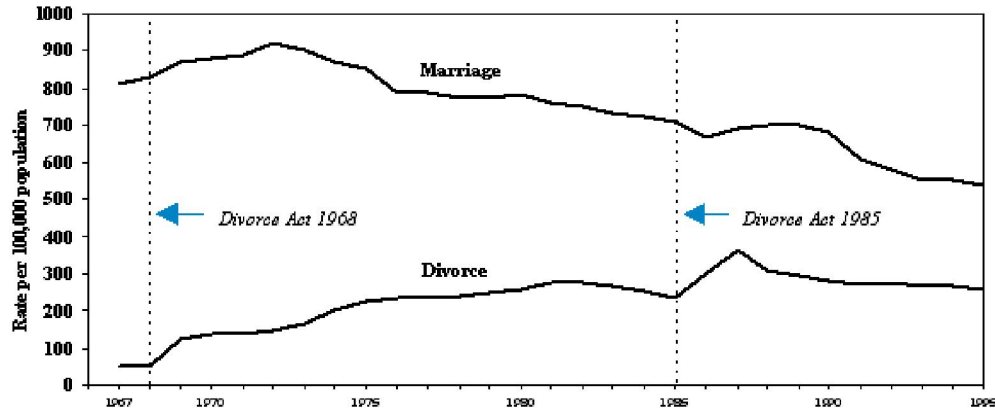
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Divorce Rates in Canada



Source: Marriage and Conjugal Life in Canada

According to The Department of Justice, Child Support Initiative, Evaluation Report, August 1997, divorce rate in Canada is about 48%. What it means is, one marriage out of every two marriages end up to divorce. But remember that for many, divorces and marriages are repetitions.

Some facts about the divorce rates in Canada

Almost 75% of Canadian divorces are being initiated by women.

One year after separation or divorce, 50% of children of divorced or separated families never see their fathers again.

First marriages have about a 50% chance of ending in divorce, that risk becomes greater with each successive marriage (about 72% for second, and about 85% for third marriages).

Are divorce rates in Canada is going up or down?

Statistics Canada presents us with the following rates of divorce throughout the years:

Years	No. of divorces	Rates per 100,000 population.	Rates per 100,000 Married Couples
1921	558	6.4	N/A
1941	2,462	21.4	N/A
1961	6,563	36.0	N/A
1968*	11,343	54.8	N/A
1969	26,093	124.2	N/A
1981	67,671	271.8	1,174.4
1985**	61,980	253.6	1,103.3

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1986	78,304	298.8	1,301.6
1987***	96,200	362.3	1,585.5
1990	80,998	295.8	1,311.5
1994	78,880	269.7	1,246.3
1995	77,636	262.2	1,221.9
* Reform of Divorce Laws ** Divorce Act ("no fault") *** Peak year			

How common is remarriage in Canada?

About 75 and 65%, respectively, of divorced men and women remarry. The probability of remarriage between the years of 35-50 for women is 48% compared to 61% for men. For younger women between 25 and 35, the probability is 66% and closer to 80% among men. Therefore, it is obvious that age discriminates against women: the older they are, the lower their chances of remarrying. But this is not the case for men. Such is the double standard. One has to consider that an unknown proportion of this 25 to 35% of men and women who do not remarry do cohabit. But this is more likely to happen for younger divorced persons than older ones, and more likely for men than women. Nevertheless, older cohabitants after a divorce are also becoming more numerous.

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