



Marriage Matters Jackson

2006 Marriage Survey

Survey

Overall Opinion

Marriage

Divorce

Awareness





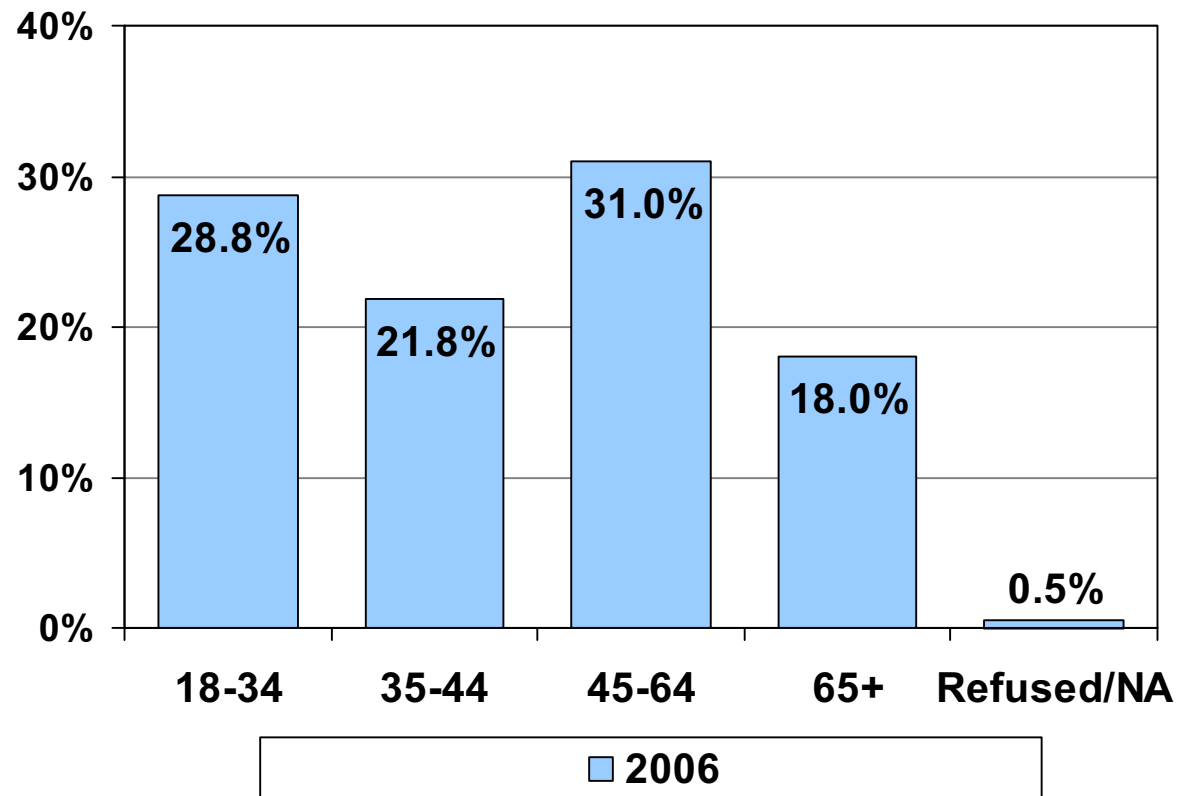
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Questions

400
Interviews

October
2006

50.3% Male
49.7% Female

49.5%
Household
Income
\$50,000
or less



What is your
primary
ethnic
background?

Ethnic Background	% Respondents
White/Caucasian	82.5%
African American/Black	12.5%
Hispanic	1.7%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.5%
American Indian/Native American	0.8%
Multicultural	0.3%
Unsure/NA	1.7%

38.0%
attend church
at least once
a week

28.0%
attend several
times a year

23.3%
never attend





97.3%
Agree or
strongly
agree that
family is the
main building
block of a
healthy
community

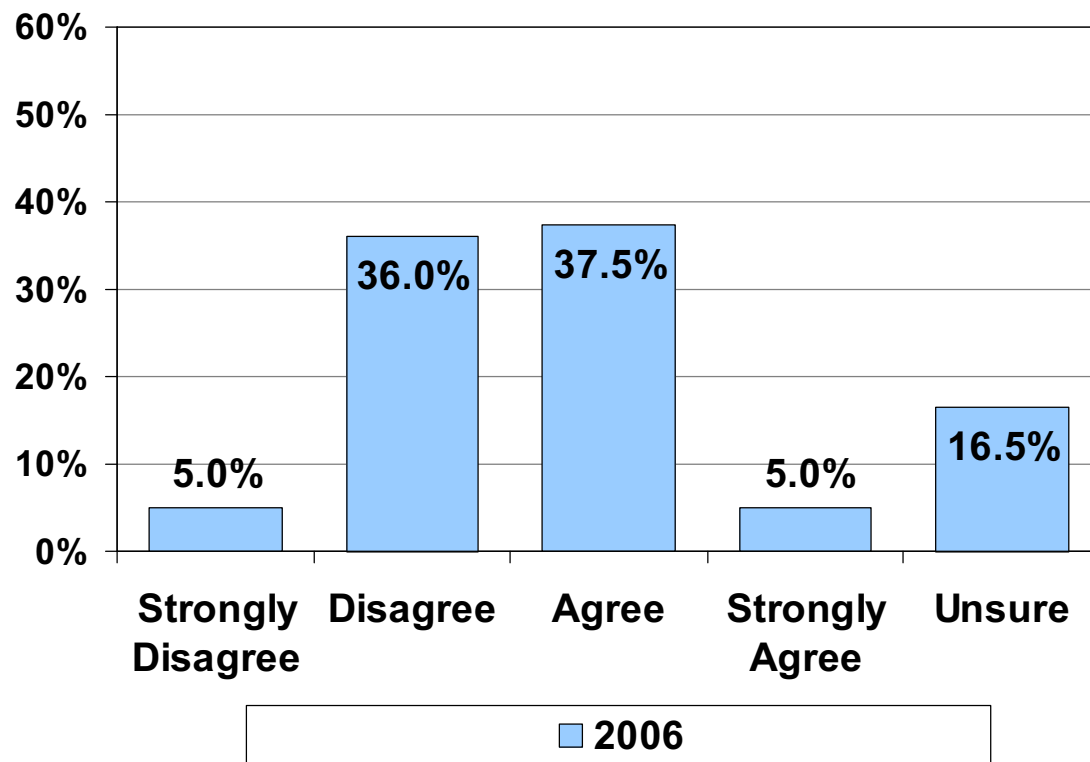


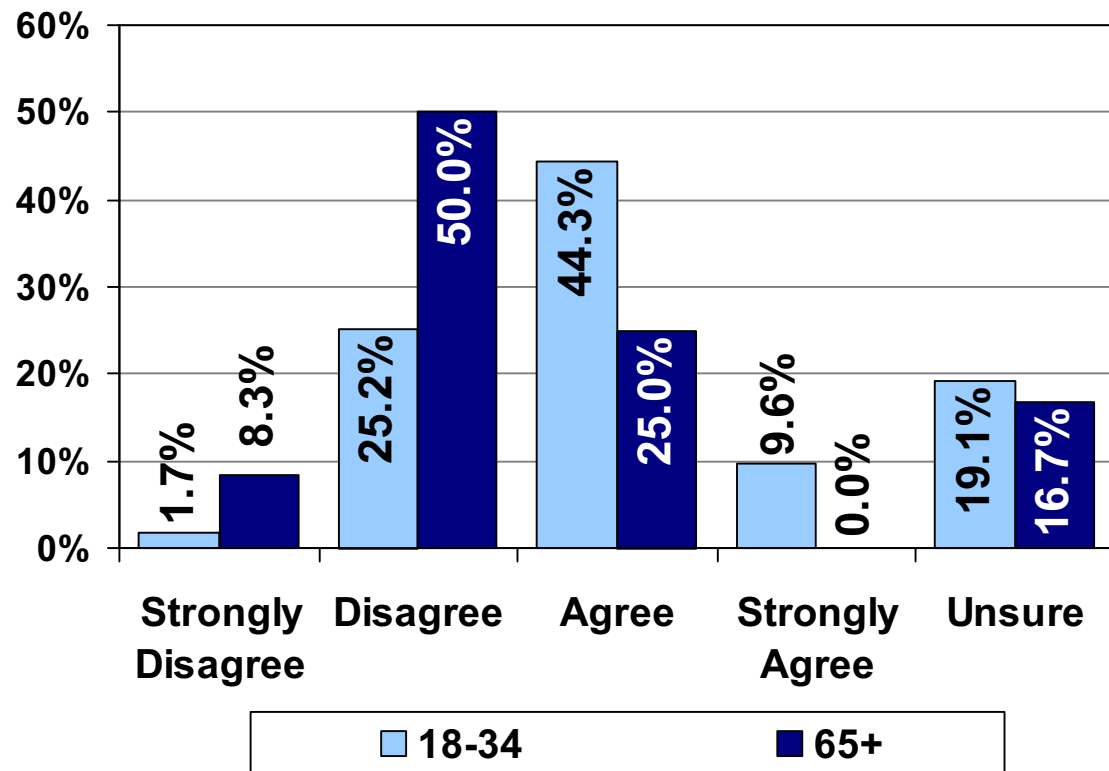
73.3%
agree or
strongly
agree that
people with
children
together
ought to be
married



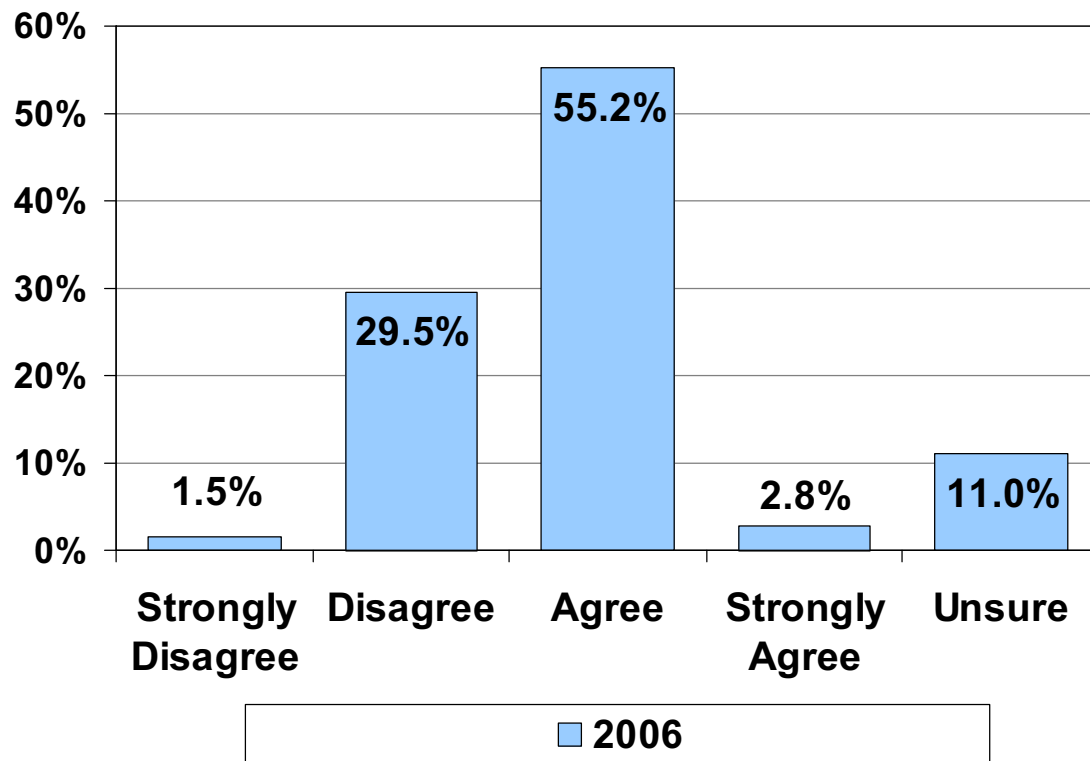
52.5%
agree it is
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for couples
to prepare
for marriage

Living together before marriage improves chances for a good marriage

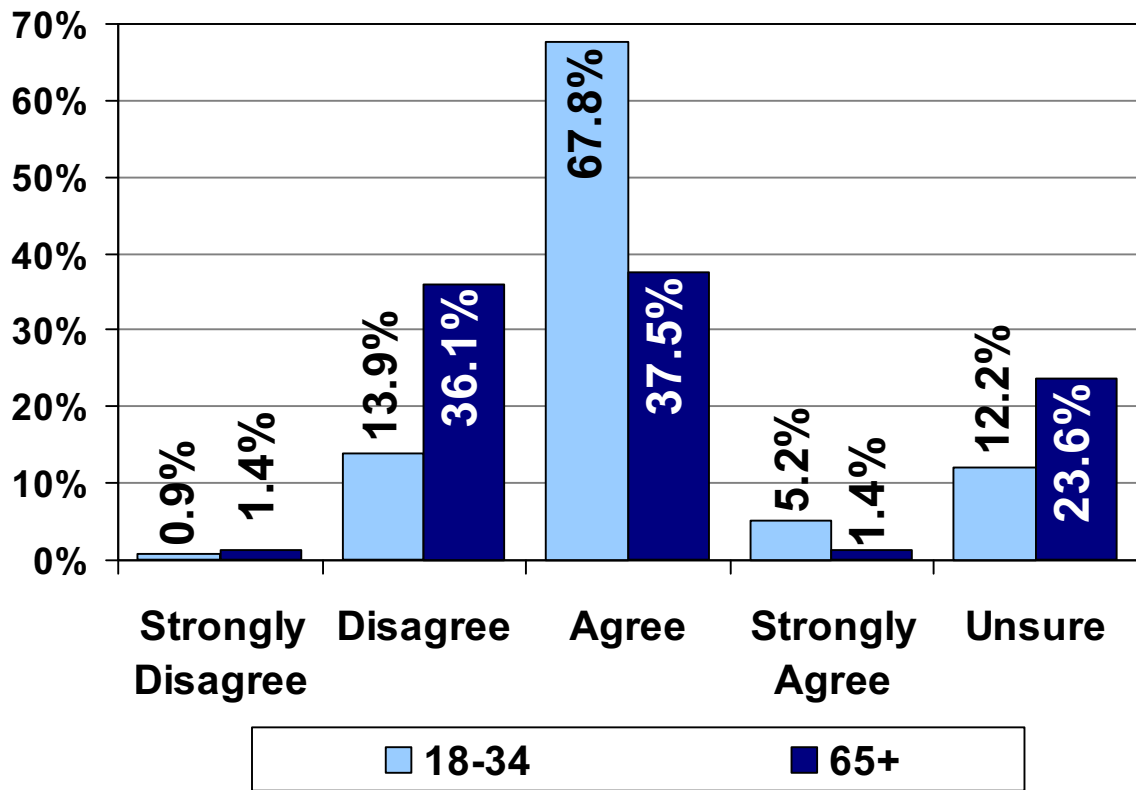




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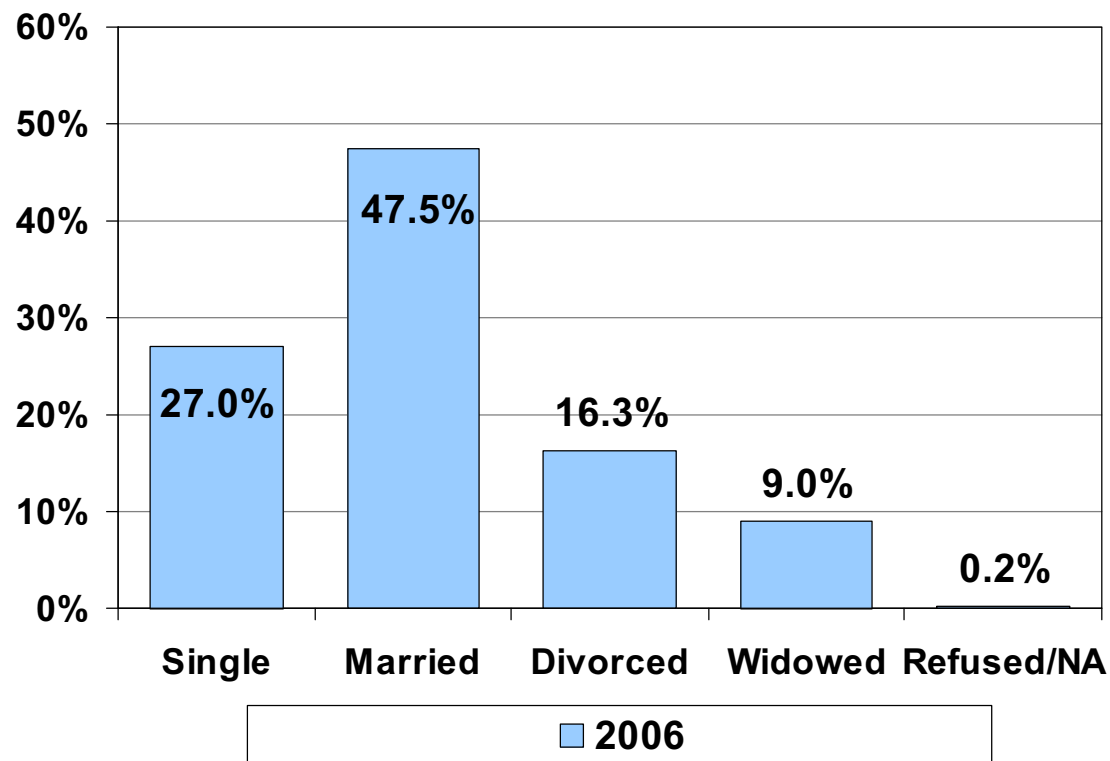


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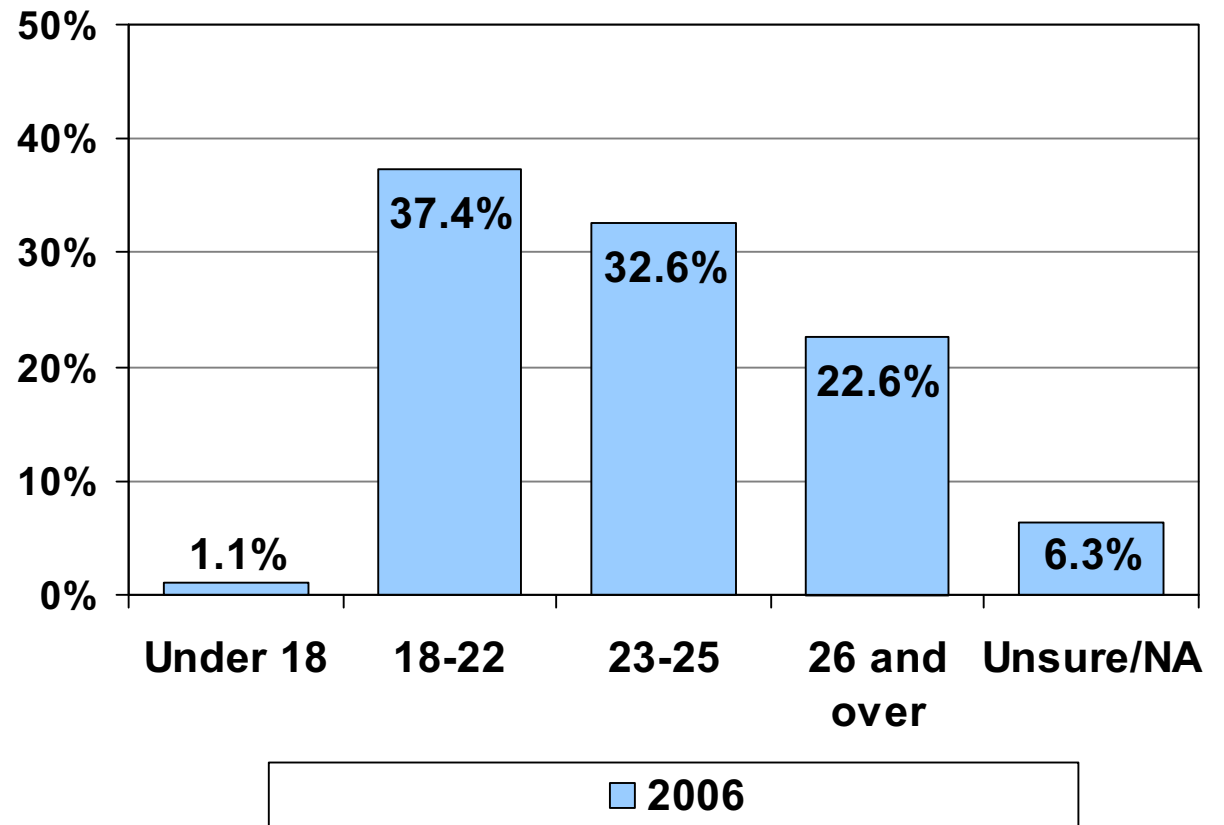


53.5%
agree
married
people
should get
divorced if
they no
longer love
each other

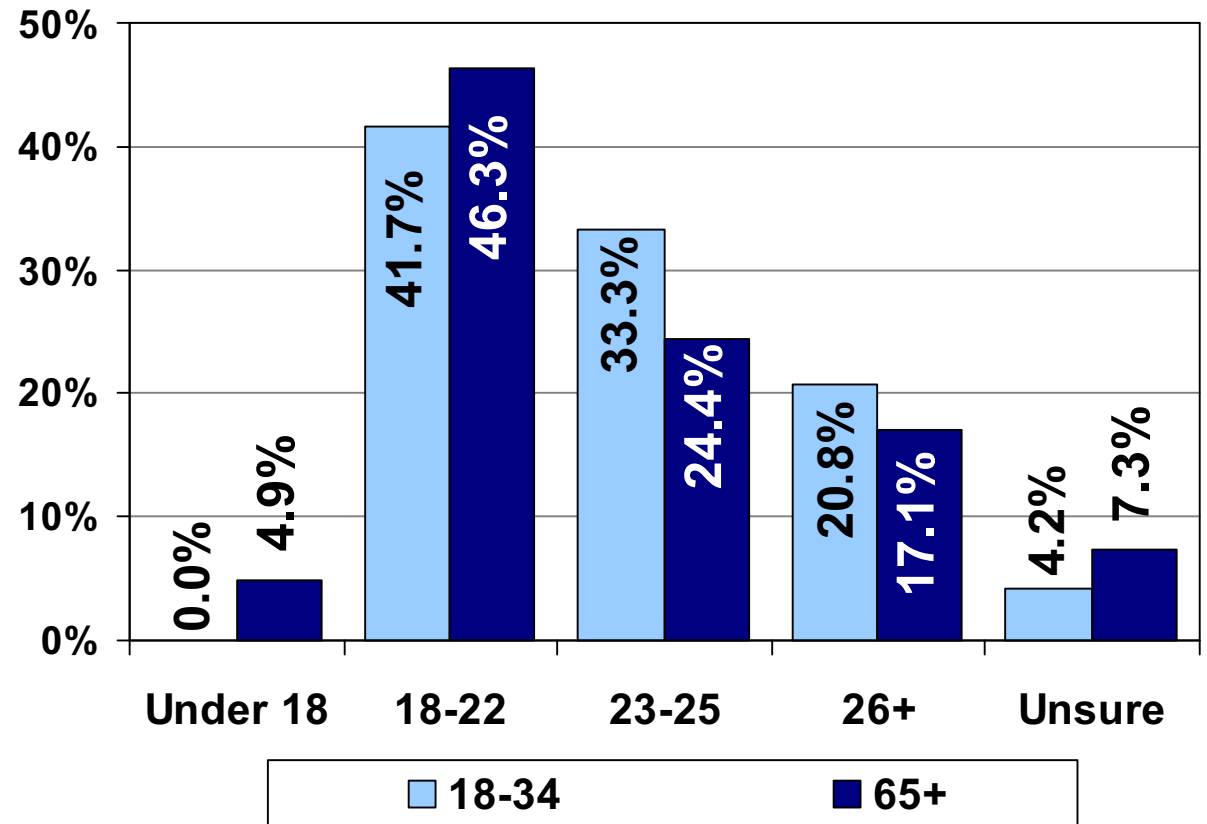
**Are you
currently
single,
married,
divorced,
or
widowed?**



Age at marriage



Age at marriage





63.9%
of single or
widowed
respondents
are not
currently
living with
someone with
whom they
are having a
romantic
relationship

Healthiness of Marriage	% Respondents
Not very healthy	1.6%
Two	0.5%
Three	4.7%
Four	28.4%
Healthy	64.3%
Refused/NA	0.5%

**How
would you
classify
your
marriage?**



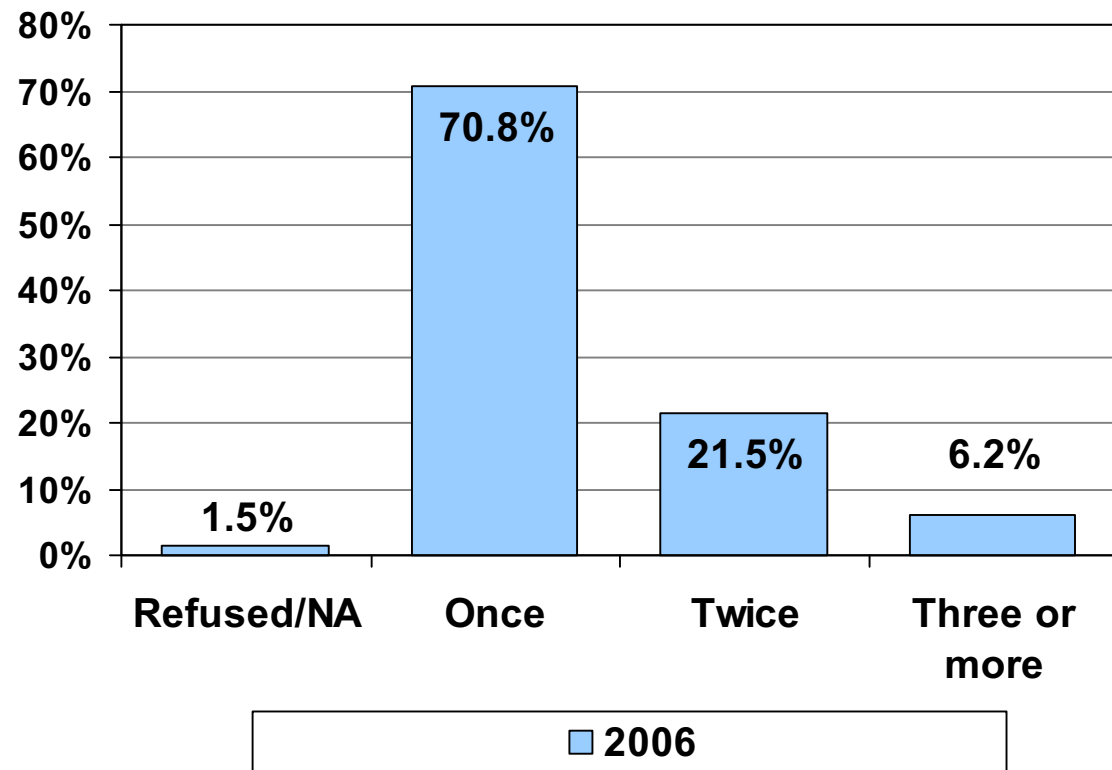
56.8%
said their
marriage is
"extremely
important"

37.4%
said "very
important"



94.7%
married
respondents
have not
sought
counseling
in the past
year

Number of marriages for divorced respondents



61.5%
divorced
respondents
are not
living with
someone
with whom
they are
having a
romantic
relationship



Circumstances leading to divorce

46.2%

Lack of commitment to make it work

38.5%

Too much conflict and arguing

36.8%

Infidelity or extra-marital affairs

Circumstances leading to divorce

24.6%

Getting married too young

21.5%

Financial problems or economic hardship

15.4%

Domestic violence

Circumstances leading to divorce

9.2%

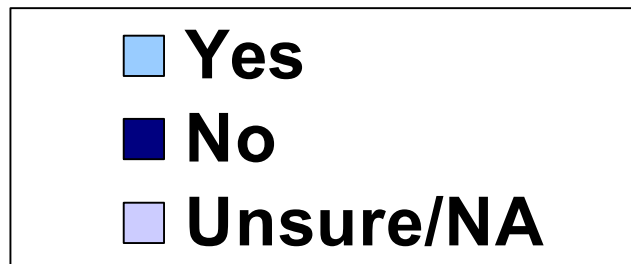
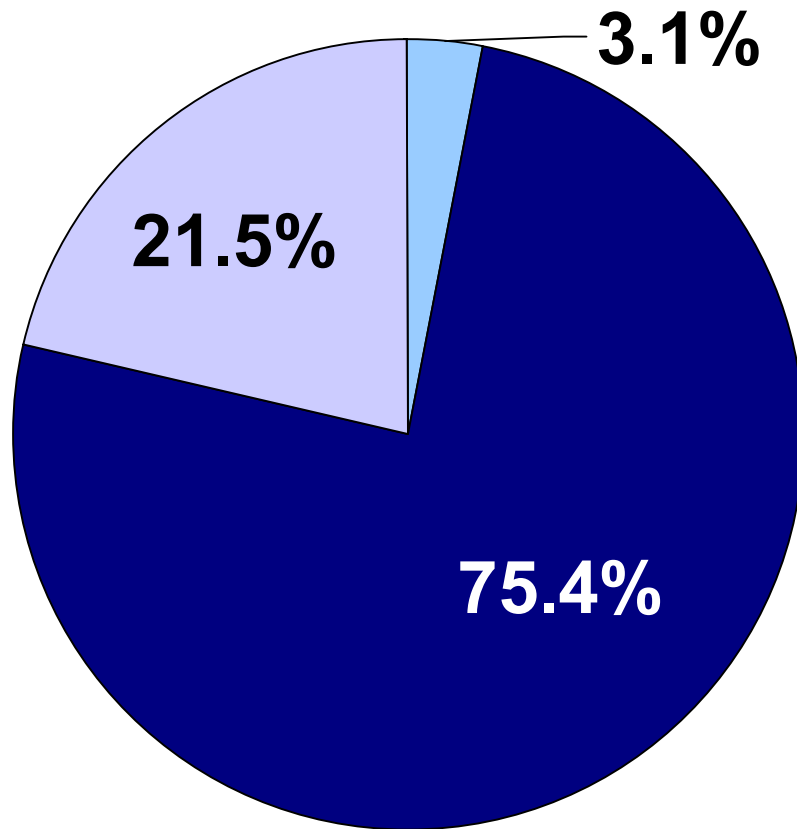
Little or no helpful pre-marital preparation

6.2%

Lack of support from family members

0.0%

Religious differences



Programs offered that could have helped respondents remain married



9.7%
named
churches as
the local
organization
that
provides
marriage
assistance

Help for Marital Issues

42.0%

Turn to counseling

37.0%

Turn to religious organizations/clergy



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