

THE STATE OF DIVORCE

"Since the introduction of "no-fault divorce" in Canada 30 years ago, the rate of marital break-up has soared 600%. A third of marriages fail, and over a third of those break-ups involve children. One-fifth of Canadian children have lost a parent to divorce, with an effect that some sociologists now say can be "worse than a parent's death." Divorce is consistently associated with juvenile emotional disorders, crime, suicide, promiscuity and later marital break-up." From "The push for 'high-octane' marriages: An American state rolls back the divorce revolution by re-establishing life-long covenants.

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Marriage and Divorce Statistics

Number of Marriages in Canada:

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Number of Marriages					
Canada	159,959	160,251	156,691	159,350	151,224
Newfoundland	3,318	3,404	3,194	3,235	2,977
Prince Edward Island	850	877	924	960	873
Nova Scotia	5,374	5,329	5,392	5,525	5,103
New Brunswick	4,219	4,252	4,366	4,340	4,085
Quebec	24,985	24,238	23,968	23,875	21,603
Ontario	66,694	67,583	66,208	67,540	64,509
Manitoba	6,585	6,703	6,448	6,620	6,206
Saskatchewan	5,689	5,799	5,671	5,700	5,680
Alberta	18,096	18,044	17,283	17,860	17,628
British Columbia	23,739	23,597	22,834	23,245	22,191
Yukon	169	207	197	240	166
Northwest Territories	241	218	206	210	203
Source: Statistics Canada					

Number of Divorces in Canada:

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Number of Divorces					
Canada	78,226	78,880	77,636	71,528	67,408
Newfoundland	930	933	982	1,060	822
Prince Edward Island	227	249	260	237	243
Nova Scotia	2,376	2,286	2,294	2,228	1,983
New Brunswick	1,606	1,570	1,456	1,450	1,373
Quebec	19,662	18,224	20,133	18,078	17,478
Ontario	28,903	30,718	29,352	25,035	23,629
Manitoba	2,586	2,746	2,677	2,603	2,625
Saskatchewan	2,239	2,354	2,320	2,216	2,198
Alberta	8,612	8,174	7,599	7,509	7,185
British Columbia	10,889	11,437	10,357	10,898	9,692
Yukon	94	97	112	115	101
Northwest Territories	102	92	94	99	79
Statistics Canada					