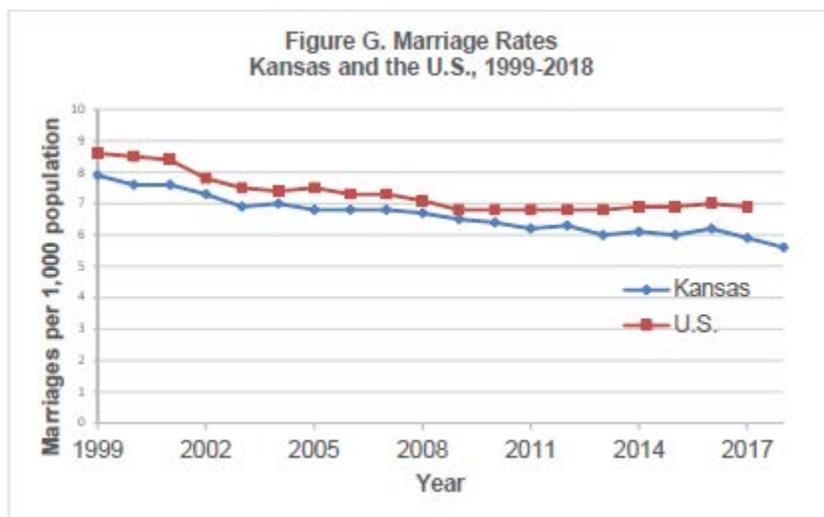


## Marriages

In 2018, 16,362 marriages occurred in Kansas, a decrease of 5.3 percent from the 2017 total of 17,274 marriages (Table F1).



The Kansas marriage rate in 2018 was 5.6 marriages per 1,000 population. This rate was 5.1 percent lower than the 5.9 percent rate recorded in 2017, and was the lowest rate recorded for the state of Kansas in the last twenty years (1999–2018) (Figure G). For the entire period, Kansas marriage rates have been lower than U.S. marriage rates (Table F1, Figure F1).

### ***Marriage Characteristics***

First-time marriages have made up more than half of the marriages in Kansas in every year beginning with 1999. In 2018, 58.7 percent of all marriages involved first-time partners (Table F4).

More marriages occurred in October (11.8%) than any other month in 2018. June and September were the second and third most popular months (Figure F3).

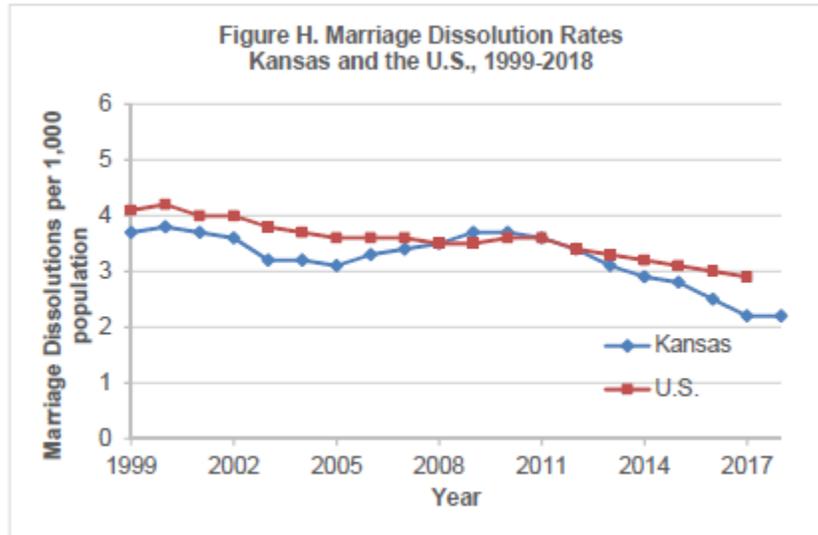
### ***Age at Marriage***

Kansas couples are delaying marriage. In 1999, 11.0 percent of the brides and 4.2 percent of the grooms were under 20 years of age. In 2018, however, only 4.5 percent of the brides and 2.0 percent of the grooms were under 20 (Table F5).

The average age of all brides in 2018 was 31.7 years and that of grooms was 33.7 years. Women marrying for the first time averaged 26.7 years while first time grooms averaged 28.3 years. Of those persons who remarried in 2018, women were, on average, 42.7 years old and men were 45.3 years of age (Figure F4).

## Marriage Dissolutions

In 2018, 6,538 marriage dissolutions (6,457 divorces and 81 annulments) occurred in Kansas, an increase of 0.7 percent from the 2017 total of 6,494 (Table F1, Table F7).



The Kansas marriage dissolution rate in 2018 was 2.2 per 1,000 population, which was 40.5 percent lower than the 1999 rate of 3.7 (Figure H). Since 2013, the state rate has been consistently lower than the national rate. U.S. rates for 2018 have not been released at the time this summary was written (Table F1, Figure F2).

The ratio of marriages to marriage dissolutions in Kansas in 2018 was 2.5:1 (Table F1).

### ***Age at Marriage Dissolution***

The most common age-group of husbands involved in marriage dissolutions in 2018 was 35-39; the most common age-group of wives involved in marriage dissolutions was 30-34. For couples of the same age-group, the most common age-group was 30-34 (Table F6).

The average age at marriage dissolution in 2018 was 38.9 years for wives and 41.1 years for husbands, as compared to 35.5 years for wives and 37.8 years for husbands in 1999 (Figure F5).

### ***Marriage Dissolution Characteristics***

In 2018, 33.4 percent of marriages ending in divorce or annulment lasted four years or less (Table F7).

There were 5,724 minor children affected as a result of marriage dissolutions in 2018. At least one minor child was reported to be involved in almost half (46.9%) of the marriage dissolutions (Table F8, Figure F6).