

## Historical Trends in Marriage and Divorce

### 1870:

Only 3% of all U.S. marriages end divorce

### 1900:

U.S. Divorce rate stands at 8%

### 1920:

American women get the right to vote

### 1925:

The divorce rate is 25%

### 1946:

Only ten states had never passed anti-miscegenation laws – Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Vermont, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Alaska, Hawaii, and District of Columbia

### 1947:

California Supreme Court lifts the ban on interracial marriage

### 1959:

Nevada lifted its ban on interracial marriage, which was approved in 1861

### 1960:

Divorce rate stands at 26%

### 1967:

U.S. Supreme Court overturns all state laws prohibiting interracial marriage

### 1969:

Ronald Reagan, California governor, signs the first no-fault divorce law in the nation

### 1980:

Divorce rate hits 50%

### 2015:

The U.S. Supreme Court struck down all state laws against same-sex marriage on June 26, 2015. In Nevada same-sex marriage is legal since October 7, 2014.

### 2015:

17% of newlyweds had an interracial background in 2015, compared to 8.4% in 2010 and 2% in 1970.

### 2017:

The share of adults approving interracial marriage has risen from 24% in 2010 to 39% in 2017

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