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COMMENTS FROM THE REGISTRAR GENERAL



I have the pleasure of presenting the Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2020 which has been diligently prepared in accordance with Section 19 of the Registration (Births and Deaths) Act 1949. In full recognition of the role of the Registrar General in the compilation of vital statistical information and the important role that it plays in planning for the provision of services in areas such as education, health and tourism to name a few, I have taken the necessary steps to ensure that the highest quality is maintained in the recording, collating and presenting of the data to be included in the Annual Report.

This Annual Report is concerned and focuses principally on vital statistics in respect of the resident population of Bermuda. The Annual Report seeks to provide an illustrative statistical digest of vital events such as live births, deaths, foetal deaths (stillbirths), marriages, domestic partnerships, adoptions and re-registrations of births.

In the preparation of this report, I have relied on information received from the Records Office of the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital relating to births; from the local funeral directors and medical practitioners in relation to deaths; from local residents and visitors in relation to domestic partnerships; and from local marriage officers and Masters of Bermuda registered ships in relation to local and maritime marriages respectively. The occurrence of sudden deaths is reported to the Registrar General by the Coroners' Office and Officers of the Magistrates' Court are responsible for informing the Registrar General of adoptions that take place on the Island.

The population estimates for the year ended December 31, 2020 are based on the 2016 Census figures. The excess number of live births over deaths for each year since then has been added to the base figures to compute the population statistics. No consideration has been given to the effect of emigration or immigration on the population.

I am grateful and acknowledge the expertise and commitments demonstrated by my staff in the provision of vital registration services to local and overseas residents in 2020 and hereby submit my Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Aubrey Pennyman
Registrar General

GENERAL INFORMATION

Births

The Registrar General is notified by the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital Medical Records Department of the births of children born there on a weekly basis. When a child is born at a location other than the hospital, notification is made by the person or persons who attended the birth.

For the year ended 31st December, 2020 the total number of live births recorded in respect of residents was 540; an increase of 15 or 2.9% from the 525 births recorded in 2019.

The live birth rate of the population increased by 0.3 point per thousand from 8.2 points recorded in 2019 to 8.5 points in 2020.

The number of births that occurred out of wedlock in 2020 increased by 5.5% from the number of out of wedlock births for the previous year. The out of wedlock distribution of births occurring during the five-year period 2016 to 2020 ranged from a high of 49.8% in 2020 to a low of 41.0% in 2017.

Deaths

The Registrar General receives notices of deaths occurring on the Island and within Bermuda's territorial waters from local funeral directors. The notices of deaths are sent to the Registrar General by the Coroners' Office in cases where inquests have been held into the causes of deaths.

A total of 572 deaths were recorded for the year ended 31st December, 2020. This figure consists of 566 deaths of residents and 6 deaths of non-residents. One stillbirth was recorded in 2020.

A death rate of 8.9 per thousand of the population for 2020 reflects an increase 0.5 points per thousand from 8.4 recorded in 2019.

Marriages

The Registrar General received information pertaining to marriages celebrated on the Island from local marriage officers. Information in respect of marriages that take place on the high seas aboard Bermuda registered ships is provided by the Masters of these ships.

There were 248 marriages performed in Bermuda for the year ended 31st December, 2020, a 35.8% decrease from the 386 marriages recorded in 2019. Out of the 284 marriages, 48 or 19.4% of the marriages took place between parties who were both non-residents; 172 or 69.4% of the marriages between parties who were both residents and 28 or 11.3% of the marriages between a resident party and a non-resident party. There was an 84.2% decrease in maritime marriages recorded in 2020 when comparing 70 marriages to 442 maritime marriages recorded in 2019. The decrease was due to the Covid-19 pandemic that brought the cruise line industry to a halt in March 2020.

Domestic Partnerships

The Registrar General received information pertaining to domestic partnership ceremonies performed on the Island from applications received from local residence. Information in respect of domestic partnership ceremonies that take place on the high seas aboard Bermuda registered ships is provided by the Masters of these ships.

There were eight domestic partnership ceremonies performed in Bermuda for the year ended 31st December, 2020. This represents a 100% increase from the four domestic partnerships recorded in 2019. Four ceremonies took place between parties who were both residents, two ceremonies took place between parties that were non-residents, and two ceremonies between parties where one was a resident and the other a non-resident.

Table 1.0 contains a summary of the statistics of births, deaths and population estimates as of 31st December, 2020.

Table 1.0
Summary Statistics

	Male	Female	Total	
Population Estimates ¹ at 31 December 2019	30,753 r	33,176	63,906 r	
Live Births During 2020				Live Births 8.5 per 1,000 of the population
In Wedlock	138	133	271	
Out of Wedlock	131	138	269	
Total	269	271	540	
Deaths During 2020				Deaths 8.9 per 1000 of the population
Resident Deaths ²	328	238	566	
Total	328	238	566	
Natural Increase in Population				
Excess of Births over Deaths	-59	33	-26	
Population Estimates ² at 31 December 2020	30,694	33,186	63,880	

¹ Population estimates are based on 2016 census figures and subsequent natural increases from May 21, 2016

² Excludes six non-resident deaths 2016

Table Symbols: **r** revised figures **N/A** not available/applicable



Of the 540 births recorded in 2020,
one was a residential birth of a baby
at the home of the parents.

POPULATION

Resident Population

There was a decrease of 26 in the estimated resident population at the end of 2020 at 63,880 as opposed to the 63,906 in resident population estimate in 2019. At the end of 2020 there were 2,492 more females than males in the population figures. (See Table 1.0)

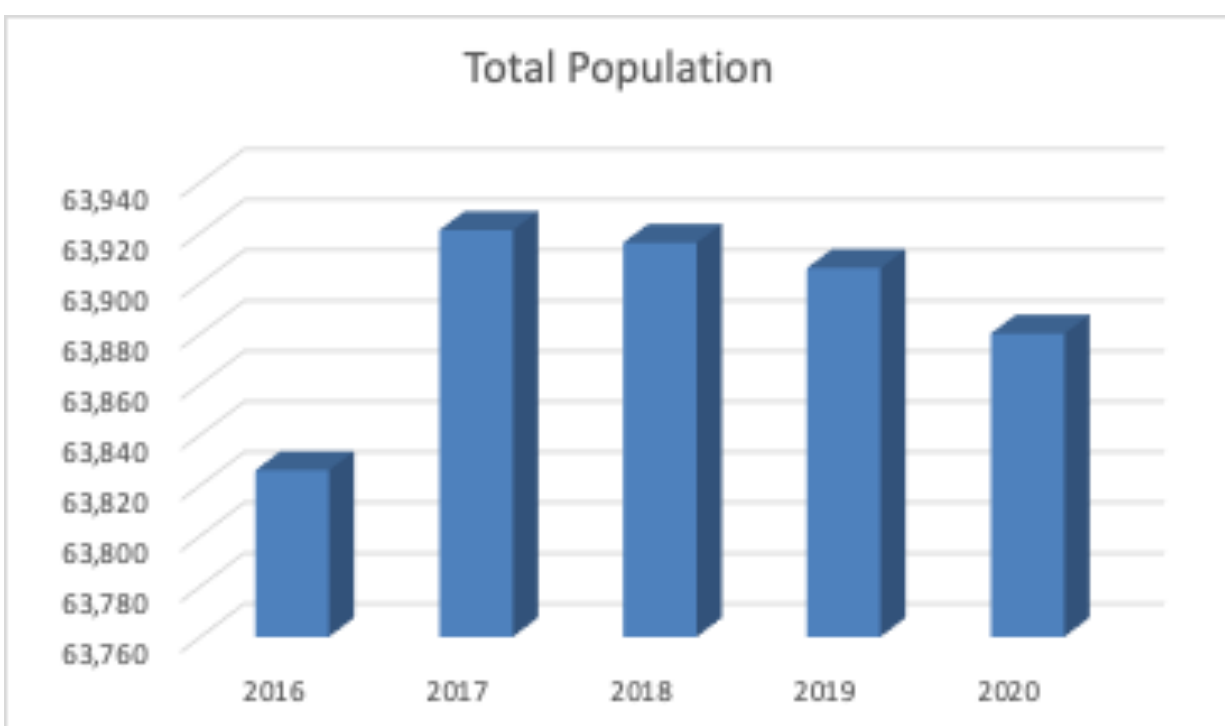
From the report given and statistics recorded in 2016, it would appear that there has been a significant drop in the population. However, the population estimates were re-based in 2016 after the 2016 Population and Housing Census. The re-base of the data is the reason why the population estimates are lower from 2016 forward.

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total Population	63,826	63,921	63,916 r	63,906 r	63,880

The statistics compiled by the Registry General do not take into consideration any effects on the population due to emigration or immigration

Figure 1.0 shows the growth of the population over the past five years.

Figure 1.0
Population Estimates 2016 to 2020



Note: The population estimates were re-based in 2016 after the 2016 Population and Housing Census.

BIRTHS

Distribution of Live Births by Sex and Natal Status – 2016 to 2020

In 2020 the total number of live births of 540 births reflects an increase of 15 or 2.9% over the previous year. The live births in respect of residents recorded in 2019 were 525. Out of the total number of live births recorded in 2020, 271 were female and 269 were male. In 2019, 285 male and 240 female live births were recorded.

There was one baby born at the parent's homes in Pembroke parish. This is a decrease of one from the two babies born at home in 2019.

The total number of births for the year 2020 born out of wedlock was 269, an increase of 14 from the previous year. A cumulative total of 2,762 live births were recorded for the five-year period from 2016 to 2020. The overall percentage of live births occurring out of wedlock was 45.9% over the same five-year period.

Table 2.0 shows the distribution of births by sex and natal status for the years 2016 to 2020.

Table 2.0

Distribution of Live Births by Sex and Natal Status – 2016 to 2020

	In Wedlock			Out of Wedlock			Live Births			% Out of Wedlock
Year	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
2016	168	173	341	135	115	250	303	288	591	42.3
2017	162	178	340	127	109	236	289	287	576	41.0
2018	132	139	271	124	135	259	256	274	530	48.9
2019	146	124	270	139	116	255	285	240	525	48.6
2020	138	133	271	131	138	269	269	271	540	49.8
Total	746	747	1,493	656	613	1,269	1,402	1,360	2,762	45.9

Distribution of Live Births by Parish

The majority of babies are born at the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital in Paget parish. However, for the purpose of this Report, the statistics shown in Table 2.1 below, relate to the parishes of residence of the mothers of the newborns at the time of birth and not to the parishes where the babies were actually born. The highest number of births by parish out of an island-wide total of 540 was recorded among the residents of Warwick parish who were responsible for 102 or 18.9% followed by the residents of Pembroke parish who were responsible for 76 or 14.1% of the total number of births recorded.

Table 2.1 shows the distribution of births by sex, natal status and parish.

Table 2.1

Distribution of Live Births by Sex, Natal Status and Parish – 2020

	In Wedlock			Out of Wedlock			Grand Total	% Out of Wedlock
Parish	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total		
St. George's	7	5	12	20	15	35	47	69.2%
Hamilton	8	11	19	21	8	29	48	60.4%
Smith's	20	10	30	9	7	16	46	34.8%
Devonshire	17	15	32	8	15	23	55	41.8%
Pembroke	17	10	27	23	26	49	76	64.5%
Paget	15	22	37	3	7	10	47	21.3%
Warwick	24	31	55	23	24	47	102	46.1%
Southampton	22	16	38	8	18	26	64	40.6%
Sandys	8	13	21	24	18	42	63	66.7%
Total	138	133	271	131	138	269	540	49.8%

Multiple Births

The record number of sets of twins born in a single year continues to stand at 19 for the year 2013. In 2020 four multiple births were recorded, a decrease from the ten recorded in 2019. Two sets consisted of both male children and two sets of one male child and one female child out of the four sets of twins born in 2020.

Table 2.2 shows the distribution of multiple births by sex over the past five years.

Table 2.2

Distribution of Multiple Births by Sex – 2016 to 2020

Year	Both Male	Both Female	Male & Female	Annual Total
2016	2	6	3	13
2017	3	4	6	13
2018	4	3	4	11
2019	1	4	5	10
2020	2	0	2	4
Total	12	17	20	51

Distribution of Live Births by Age of Mother

Women between the ages of 30 and 34 years continue to account for the highest number of the babies born in 2020 at 186 or 34.4%. This remains consistent with the figures over the past five years. For the period 2016 to 2020 women in the age group 35 to 39 years accounted for the second highest number of babies, and women in the age group 25 to 29 years account for the third highest number of babies. The two age groups (30 – 34 year olds and 35 to 39 year olds) were responsible 63.9% of the 2020 births. There were zero babies born to mothers under the age of 16 in 2020, and there were six babies born to mothers in the age group 16 to 19.

Figure 2.0 shows the distribution of births by age of mother and natal status for the year ended 31st December, 2020. It can be seen from Figure 2.0 that married women between the ages of 30 and 34 years comprised the group responsible for the largest number of babies born.

Figure 2.0
Distribution of Live Births by Age of Mother and Natal Status – 2020

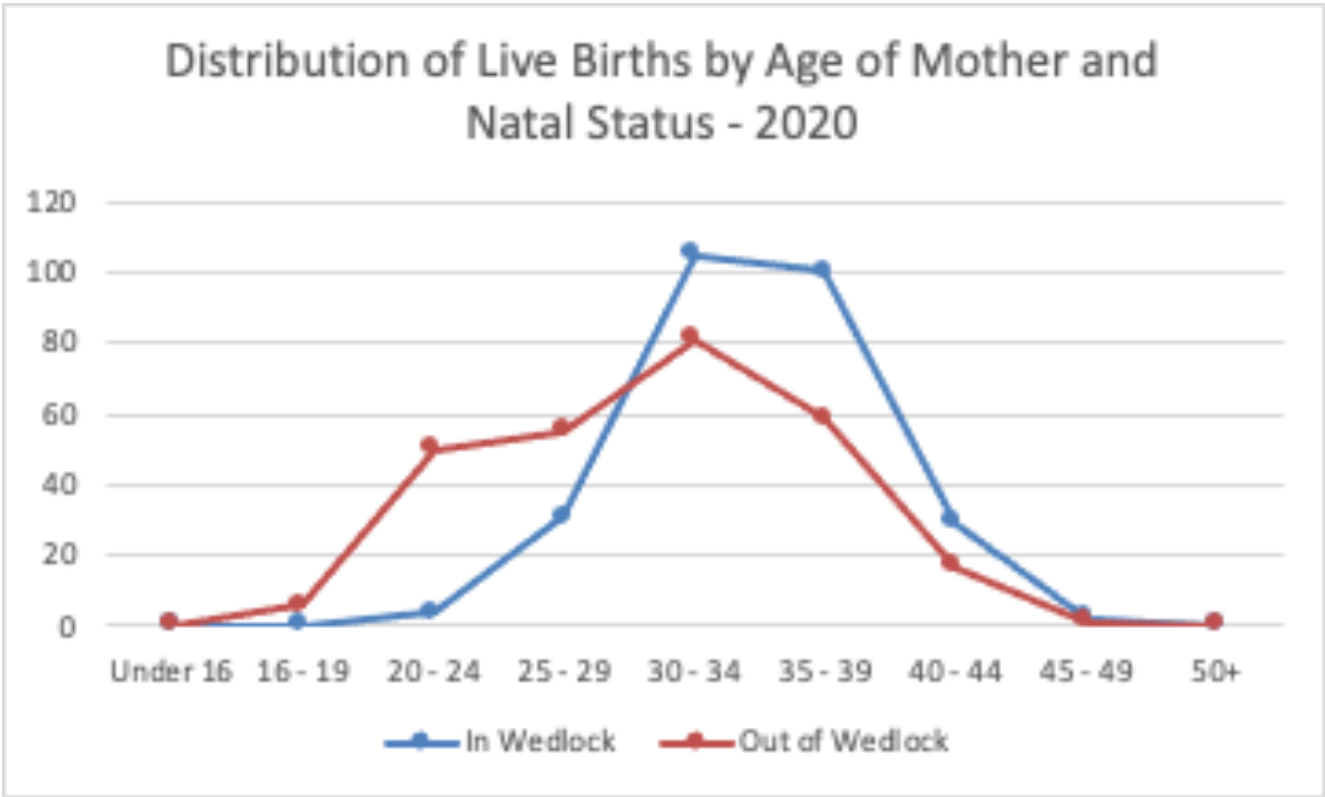


Table 2.3 shows the distribution of live births according to the age group of the mother for the five-year period 2016 to 2020. The peak in out of wedlock births occurs with respect to mothers in the 30 – 34 year old bracket and in wedlock births occurs also in respect of mothers in the 30 – 34 years old bracket for 2020.

Table 2.3

Distribution of Live Births by Age of Mother of Children

Born In Wedlock – 2016 to 2020

Year	Under 16	16 – 19	20 – 24	25 – 29	30 – 34	35 – 39	40 – 44	45 – 49	50+	Total
2016	0	1	7	49	138	117	27	2	0	341
2017	0	0	4	41	136	129	28	2	0	340
2018	0	0	5	36	112	91	22	4	1	271
2019	0	0	6	33	91	105	32	3	0	270
2020	0	0	4	31	105	100	29	2	0	271
Total	0	1	26	190	582	542	138	13	1	1,493

Table 2.3 continued

Distribution of Live Births by Age of Mother of Children

Born Out of Wedlock – 2016 to 2020

Year	Under 16	16 – 19	20 – 24	25 – 29	30 – 34	35 – 39	40 – 44	45 – 49	50+	Total
2016	1	10	50	82	55	32	19	1	0	250
2017	0	5	42	64	65	40	20	0	0	236
2018	0	7	51	73	58	55	14	1	0	259
2019	1	5	47	66	72	47	16	1	0	255
2020	0	6	50	55	81	59	17	1	0	269
Total	2	33	240	340	331	233	86	4	0	1,269

Table 2.3 continued

Distribution of All Live Births by Age of Mother – 2016 to 2020

Year	Under 16	16 – 19	20 – 24	25 – 29	30 – 34	35 – 39	40 – 44	45 – 49	50+	Total
2016	1	11	57	131	193	149	46	3	0	591
2017	0	5	46	105	201	169	48	2	0	576
2018	0	7	56	109	170	146	36	5	1	530
2019	1	5	53	99	163	152	48	4	0	525
2020	0	6	54	86	186	159	46	3	0	540
Total	2	34	266	530	913	775	224	17	1	2,762

Distribution of Live Births by Nationality

It is important to note that the following statistics on the nationality of new-borns are compiled based on information provided by parents at the time of registration of their children’s births.

There were 271 babies born in wedlock in 2020. Eighty-two babies or 30.3% were born of parents who are both Bermudian; 91 or 33.6% were born of parents who are both non- Bermudian; and 98 or 36.2% were born where one of the parents is Bermudian and the other a non-Bermudian.

There were 269 babies born out of wedlock in 2020, Two hundred and twenty-one babies or 82.2% have parents who are both Bermudian; 17 or 6.3% have parents who are both non Bermudian; and 31 or 11.5% have one Bermudian parent and the other a non-Bermudian parent.

Children with two non-Bermudian parents account for 119 or 22.7% of the total number of births in 2020, as compared to the 86 or 16.2% of the total births in 2019.

Over the five year period, 2016 to 2020, the percentage of children born to parents who were both Bermudian ranged from 53.3% in 2016 to 57.9% in 2018. For this same period, the percentage of children born to one Bermudian parent and one non Bermudian parent ranged from 21.6% to 25.9%.

Table 2.4 reflects the distribution of these births for the years 2016 to 2020.

The nationalities of the non-Bermudian parents, gathered for statistical purposes, represent over 49 different countries. The most frequently identified countries are the United States of America, Great Britain, Canada, Philippines, Jamaica, Ireland, and Portugal.

ADDITIONAL VITAL EVENTS

Re-registrations

Re-registration is the process by which the births of children born out of wedlock are registered as if born in wedlock on the marriage of their biological parents. In 2020, there were 3 re-registrations conducted in the Registry General.

Adoptions

In 2020 there was one adoption of a female recorded, as oppose to zero or no adoptions recorded in 2019.

Table 2.4
Distribution of Live Births by Nationality

Year	In Wedlock					% In Wedlock					% of Total Births				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Both Bermudian Parents	106	109	94	76	82	28.7%	31.1%	34.7%	28.1%	30.3%	15.6%	17.9%	17.7%	14.5%	15.2%
"One Bermudian and One Non Bermudian Parent"	129	110	101	93	98	32.2%	37.8%	37.3%	34.4%	36.2%	17.5%	21.8%	19.1%	17.7%	18.1%
At Least One Bermudian Parent	193	235	219	195	180	60.9%	68.9%	80.8%	72.2%	66.4%	33.1%	39.8%	41.3%	37.1%	33.3%
Both Non Bermudian Parents	106	121	76	101	91	39.1%	31.1%	28.0%	37.4%	33.6%	21.3%	17.9%	14.3%	19.2%	16.9%
Total In Wedlock Births	341	340	271	270	271	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	54.4%	57.7%	51.1%	51.4%	50.2%
Year	Out of Wedlock					% Out of Wedlock					% of Total Births				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Both Bermudian Parents	214	183	213	208	221	82.7%	85.6%	82.2%	81.6%	82.2%	37.7%	36.2%	40.2%	39.6%	40.9%
"One Bermudian and One Non Bermudian Parent"	24	38	36	29	31	9.0%	9.6%	13.9%	11.4%	11.5%	4.1%	4.1%	6.8%	5.5%	5.7%
At Least One Bermudian Parent	244	238	221	249	252	91.7%	95.2%	85.3%	97.6%	93.7%	41.9%	40.3%	41.7%	47.4%	46.7%
Both Non Bermudian Parents	12	15	10	18	17	8.3%	4.8%	3.9%	7.1%	6.3%	3.8%	2.0%	1.9%	3.4%	3.1%
Total Out of Wedlock Births	250	236	259	255	269	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	45.6%	42.3%	48.9%	48.6%	49.8%
Year	Total					% Total					% of Total Births				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Both Bermudian Parents	320	292	307	284	303	53.3%	54.1%	57.9%	54.1%	56.1%	53.3%	54.1%	57.9%	54.1%	56.1%
"One Bermudian and One Non Bermudian Parent"	153	148	137	122	129	21.6%	25.9%	25.8%	23.2%	23.9%	21.6%	25.9%	25.8%	23.2%	23.9%
At Least One Bermudian Parent	437	473	440	444	432	75.0%	80.0%	83.0%	84.6%	80.0%	75.0%	80.0%	83.0%	84.6%	80.0%
Both Non Bermudian Parents	118	136	86	119	108	25.0%	20.0%	16.2%	22.7%	20.0%	25.0%	20.0%	16.2%	22.7%	20.0%
Total Live Births	591	576	530	525	540	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

MARRIAGES

Statistics Relating to Marriages – 2016 to 2020

Marriage statistics include all marriages that took place in Bermuda irrespective of the country of residence of the parties. There were a total of 248 marriages recorded for the year ending December 31, 2020, representing a decrease of 138 or 35.8% from the 2019 figure of 386. This is a significant decrease which is attributed to the Covid-19 pandemic which hit Bermuda in March 2020, and the shelter in place order and required restrictions that were imposed as a result.

The number of civil ceremonies performed by the Registrar General totalled 536 or 26.8% of the total of 1,998 marriages recorded over the past five years. The remaining 1,426 marriages were religious ceremonies held at places of worship throughout the Island and other venues.

Table 3.0 provides a distribution of marriages by type of ceremony.

Table 3.0
Distribution of Marriages by Type of Ceremony – 2016 to 2020

Year	Religious/Denominational Marriages	Civil Marriages	Total
2016	352	99	451
2017	316	124	440
2018	382	91	473
2019	278	108	386
2020	134	114	248
Total	1,426	536	1,998



In 2020 there were 35 marriages performed in places of worship, 114 were conducted by the Registry General Office, and 99 marriages took place at other venues.

Distribution of Marriages by Religion/Denomination

In 2020 there were 134 religious marriages that were held at places of worship or venues other than church buildings. This was a decrease of 51.8% from the figure recorded in 2019.

Table 3.1 gives a breakdown of marriages by religion/denomination for the period 2016 to 2020.

Table 3.1

Distribution of Marriages by Religion/Denomination – 2016 to 2020

Year	Anglican	African Methodist Episcopal	Baptist	Methodist	Presbyterian	Roman Catholic	Seventh-day Adventist	Other Religions/Denominations ¹	Total Religious Marriages
2016	23	12	0	3	5	8	5	296	352
2017	36	9	0	2	4	9	3	253	316
2018	47	10	1	0	5	9	3	307	382
2019	27	9	2	0	3	5	4	228	278
2020	15	5	0	0	1	6	1	106	134
Total	148	45	3	5	18	37	16	1,190	1,462

¹ Includes religious ceremonies held at places of worship of other religions/denominations and religious ceremonies held at venues other than church buildings.

Marriage Venues

The Registry General conducted 114 civil marriage ceremonies or 46.0% of all marriages taking place in 2020. Of the 114 civil marriage ceremonies performed, ten ceremonies were conducted at alternative approved locations provided for under the Marriage (Alternative Approved Locations) Regulations 2016. There were 35 marriages celebrated at places of worship identified in Table 3.2 below. Also, there were 99 marriages that were performed at other venues, of which 48 took place in hotels, restaurants, guest houses or clubs; and a further 51 marriages were performed in homes, gardens, parks, or on beaches and boats. Additionally, 39.9% of the marriages performed in 2020 took place at locations other than places of worship or the Registry General.

Table 3.2 shows the distribution of marriages by parish and venue. Pembroke parish continues to record the highest number of marriages, primarily due to the high incidence of civil marriage ceremonies. Warwick, Sandys and St. George's parishes also accounted for a relatively large number of marriage ceremonies due to the number of ceremonies conducted within their boundaries at venues other than places of worship.

Table 3.2
Distribution of Marriages by Parish and Venue – 2020

Parish	Anglican	African Methodist Episcopal	Baptist	Methodist	Presbyterian	Roman Catholic	Seventh-day Adventist	Other Places of Worship	Venues Other than Church Buildings ¹	Civil Marriages	Total
St. George's	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	1	21
Hamilton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	12
Smith's	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	6	1	11
Devonshire	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	7
Pembroke	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	11	105	123
Paget	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	9
Warwick	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	19	4	24
Southampton	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	15	0	20
Sandys	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	17	0	21
Total	15	5	0	0	1	6	1	7	99	114	248

¹ Religious ceremonies held outside of places of worship – on beaches, boats, in hotels, guest houses, restaurants, clubs, homes, gardens, parks, etc.

Persons Marrying by Age Group of Partners

The largest number of persons who married in 2020 and 2019 is represented by the age group of 30 – 34 year olds. One hundred and twenty-six, or 25.4%, of the total of 496 persons who married during 2020 were between 30 and 34 years of age.

Table 3.3 shows the comparative distribution of age and sex of persons married in 2020 and 2019.

Table 3.3
Distribution of Persons Marrying by Sex and Age of Partners – 2020 and 2019

	2020			2019		
Age	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
16-19	0	0	0	0	1	1
20-24	7	16	23	10	29	39
25-29	42	60	102	57	81	138
30-34	66	60	126	85	93	178
35-39	38	39	77	62	53	115
40-44	29	24	53	34	24	58
45-49	19	10	29	39	31	70
50-54	18	15	33	30	28	58
55-59	18	13	31	38	23	61
60-64	6	7	13	15	17	32
65-69	3	2	5	8	3	11
70-74	2	0	2	2	3	5
75-79	2	0	2	3	2	5
80-89	0	0	0	0	0	0
90 & over	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	250	246	496	384	388	772

Distribution of Marriages by Residential Status of Partners

During 2020 non-residents accounted for 48 or 19.4% of the total of 248 marriages taking place. This figure, representing a decrease of 75.4 percentage points over the previous year's figure, diverges from the trend over the past five years for marriages between non-residents to exceed the total number of marriages between residents and marriages between a resident and non-resident.

Table 3.4 shows the distribution of marriages from 2016 to 2020 by residential status of the parties to the marriage.

Table 3.4
Distribution of Marriages by Residential Status – 2016 to 2020

Year	Residents ¹	Non-Residents ²	Residents & Non-Residents ³	Total
2016	178	231	42	451
2017	164	234	42	440
2018	167	266	40	473
2019	153	195	38	386
2020	172	48	28	248
Total	834	974	190	1,998

¹ Marriages between parties who were both residents

² Marriages between parties who were both non-residents

³ Marriages between a party who was a resident and a non-resident party

Same-Sex Marriages

There were a total of 10 same-sex marriages recorded for the year ending December 31, 2020, representing an increase of 6 or 150% from the 2019 figure of 4.

Nine of the same-sex marriages were civil ceremonies and were performed at the Registry General Office.

Table 3.5
Distribution of Same-Sex Marriages by Residential Status – 2020

Year	Religious/Denominational Marriages ¹	Civil Marriages	Total
2018	0	6	6
2019	0	4	4
2020	1	9	10
Total	2	18	20

¹ Religious ceremonies held at places of worship of other religions/denominations and religious ceremonies held at venues other than church buildings.



During 2020 non-residents accounted for 48 or 19.4% of the total of 248 marriages that took place.

Same-Sex Marriage Venues

The Registry General conducted nine same-sex civil marriage ceremonies or 90% of the same-sex marriages taking place in 2020. Six of which were conducted at the Registry General Office and three were conducted at alternative approved locations provided for under the Marriage (Alternative Approved Locations) Regulations 2016. The remaining same-sex marriage was a religious ceremony conducted by a local marriage officer at an outside venue.

Table 3.6 shows the distribution of same-sex marriages by parish and venue. Hamilton, Pembroke, Paget and Warwick parishes all had one same-sex marriage ceremony conducted in 2020.

Table 3.6
Distribution of Same-Sex Marriages by Parish and Venue – 2020

Parish	Civil	Home	Hotel	Total Same-Sex Marriages
St. George's	1	0	0	1
Hamilton	0	0	0	0
Smith's	0	0	0	0
Devonshire	1	0	0	1
Pembroke	6	0	0	6
Paget	0	0	0	0
Warwick	1	1	0	2
Southampton	0	0	0	0
Sandys	0	0	0	0
Total	9	1	0	10

Same-Sex Persons Marrying by Age Group of Partners

The largest number of same-sex persons who married in 2020 is represented by the age groups of 20 – 24, 30 – 34 and 50 – 54 year olds. All three age groups had a number of 4 persons. The combined number of 12, or 60%, of the total of 20 same-sex persons who married during 2020 were between 20 – 24, 30 - 34 and 50 – 54 age groups.

Table 3.7 shows the comparative distribution of age and sex of persons married in 2019 and 2018.

Table 3.7
Distribution of Persons Marrying by Sex and Age of Partners – 2020 and 2019

Age	2020			2019		
	Male	Female	Total Persons	Male	Female	Total Persons
16-19	0	0	0	0	0	0
20-24	2	2	4	0	3	3
25-29	0	0	0	0	0	0
30-34	2	2	4	2	2	4
35-39	2	0	2	0	1	1
40-44	1	0	1	0	0	0
45-49	2	0	2	0	0	0
50-54	2	2	4	0	0	0
55-59	1	1	2	0	0	0
60-64	0	1	1	0	0	0
65-69	0	0	0	0	0	0
70-74	0	0	0	0	0	0
75-79	0	0	0	0	0	0
80-89	0	0	0	0	0	0
90 & over	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	12	8	20	2	6	8

Distribution of Same-Sex Marriages by Residential Status of Partners

During 2020 residents accounted for three or 30% of the total of 10 same-sex marriages taking place. Six or 60% accounted for the number of same-sex marriages between non-residents, and one or 10% accounted for the number of same-sex marriages between a resident and non-residents.

Table 3.8 shows the distribution of same-sex marriages by residential status of the parties to the marriage.

Table 3.8

Distribution of Same-Sex Marriages by Residential Status – 2020

Year	Residents ¹	Non-Residents ²	Residents & Non-Residents ³	Total
2018	3	1	2	6
2019	1	3	0	4
2020	3	6	1	10
Total	7	10	3	20

¹ Marriages between parties who were both residents.

² Marriages between parties who were both non-residents.

³ Marriages between a party who was a resident and a non-resident party.

Maritime Marriages

There were a total of 70 marriages performed on board 28 Bermuda registered ships between January and March 2020. This total represents a decrease of 372 or 84.2% from the 2019 total of 442. The decrease was due to the Covid-19 pandemic that brought the cruise line industry to a halt in March 2020. There were no maritime marriages registered between April and December 2020.

Of the 70 maritime marriages performed, none were same-sex ceremonies.

Domestic Partnerships

The Domestic Partnership Act 2018 allows for the formalization of unions between partners. There were eight domestic partnership unions recorded for the year ending December 31, 2020.

Five of domestic partnership ceremonies were performed at the Registry General Office and the remaining three ceremonies were performed at an alternative approved location as allowed for under the Domestic Partnership Act 2018.

Table 4.0 shows the distribution of domestic partnership unions by parish and venue. Pembroke parish recorded the highest number of domestic partnership unions, primarily because majority of the ceremonies were conducted at the Registry General Office.

Table 4.0

Distribution of Domestic Partnerships by Parish and Venue – 2020 and 2019

Parish	2020				2019			
	Civil	Home	Hotel	Total Domestic Partnerships	Civil	Home	Hotel	Total Domestic Partnerships
St. George's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hamilton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Devonshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pembroke	5	0	0	5	4	0	0	4
Paget	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warwick	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Southampton	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sandys	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8	0	0	8	4	0	0	4

Distribution of Domestic Partnerships by Parish and Venue

Five of the domestic partnership unions performed in 2020 were recorded in Pembroke Parish, primarily because the unions were formalized at the Registry General Office. Three of the ceremonies were formalized at an alternative approved locations. All three ceremonies were performed at a beach, one in Southampton Parish and two in Warwick Parish.

Table 4.1 gives a breakdown of the month domestic partnership ceremonies were performed for the period 2020 and 2019.

Table 4.1
Distribution of Domestic Partnerships by Month – 2020 and 2019

	2020				2019			
	Male/ Male	Female/ Female	Male/ Female	Total Domestic Partnerships	Male/ Male	Female/ Female	Male/ Female	Total Domestic Partnerships
January	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
June	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	2
July	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
October	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
November	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8	0	0	8	1	0	3	4

Distribution of Domestic Partnerships Unions by Month

During 2020, two of the eight domestic partnership unions recorded that year were performed in the month of May, one union was performed in both the months of June and July, and two unions were performed in both the months of October and November.

Table 4.2 shows the comparative distribution of age and sex of persons who formalized their union in 2020 and 2019.

Table 4.2
Distribution of Domestic Partnerships by Sex and Age of Partners – 2020 and 2019

Age	2020			2019		
	Male	Female	Total Persons	Male	Female	Total Persons
20-24	0	0	0	0	0	0
25-29	0	0	0	2	0	2
30-34	0	1	1	0	0	0
35-39	2	3	5	1	1	2
40-44	1	0	1	1	1	2
45-49	2	1	3	0	0	0
50-54	0	1	1	0	1	1
55-59	1	1	2	1	0	1
60-64	0	0	0	0	0	0
65-69	0	0	0	0	0	0
70-74	0	0	0	0	0	0
75-79	1	0	1	0	0	0
80-89	0	1	1	0	0	0
90 & over	1	0	1	0	0	0
Total	8	8	16	5	3	8

Domestic Partnerships by Sex and Age of Partners

The largest number of persons who entered into a domestic partnership in 2020 are represented by the age group of 35 – 39 year olds. Five or 31.3%, of the total of 16 persons who entered a domestic partnership during 2019 were between 35 – 39 years of age. Two were males and three were females. Of the remaining 11 persons who entered into a domestic partnership one was female in the age group 30 – 44, one was male in the age group 40 – 44, two males and one female in the age group 45 – 49, one female in the age group 50 – 54, one male and one female in the age group 55 – 59, one male in the age group 75 – 79, one female in the age group 80 - 89 and the other was a male in the age group 90 & over.

Table 4.3 shows the distribution of domestic partnerships by residential status of the parties to the union.

Table 4.3

Distribution of Domestic Partnerships by residential status – 2020 and 2019

Year	Residents ¹	Non-Residents ²	Residents & Non-Residents ³	Total Couples
2018	1 couple	0 couples	1 couple	2 couples
2019	3 couples	0 couples	1 couple	4 couples
2020	4 couples	2 couples	2 couples	8 couples
Total	8 couples	2 couples	4 couples	14 couples

¹ Domestic Partnerships between parties who were both residents

² Domestic Partnerships between parties who were both non-residents

³ Domestic Partnerships between a party who was a resident and a non-resident party

Distribution of Domestic Partnerships by Residential Status of Partners

During 2020 domestic partnership ceremonies between residents accounted for four or 50% of the total number of ceremonies taking place. There were two domestic partnership ceremonies between non-residents accounting for 25% of the total number and two ceremonies between a resident and non-resident which accounted for the remaining 25% of the total number of domestic partnerships formalized that year.

The domestic partnership ceremonies between couples who were both residents, all four ceremonies were between a male and female. The two domestic partnership ceremonies between on-residents were both between a male and female, and the two ceremonies between a resident and non-resident, were both male and female couples.

Maritime Domestic Partnerships

There were no domestic partnership ceremonies performed on board any of 28 Bermuda registered ships in 2020.

DEATHS

Death Statistics Including Stillbirths – 2016 to 2020

The number of deaths of residents recorded in 2020 was 566; an increase of 31 or 5.8% from 535 deaths recorded in 2019. There was one stillbirth recorded in 2020 as oppose to zero stillbirths recorded in 2019.

Table 5.0 contains a breakdown of deaths over the period 2016 to 2020 by sex and stillbirths. The figures show that the total number of deaths among males exceeded that among females for the period. The number of stillbirths recorded for the period ranged between 0 and 5 per year with an average of 1.4 over the five year span.

Table 5.0

Distribution of Deaths by Sex and Stillbirths – 2016 to 2020

Year	Male	Female	Total	Stillbirths
2016	266	226	492	1
2017	244	237	481	0
2018	267 r	268	535 r	5
2019	272	263	535	0
2020	328	238	566	1
Total	1,377	1,232	2,609	7



In 2020, 566 deaths of residents were recorded; an increase of 31 or 5.8% from that recorded in 2019.

Deaths by Age and Sex – 2016 to 2020 (Excluding stillbirths and non-resident deaths)

Table 5.1 shows a breakdown of deaths, by age groups, occurring between 2016 and 2020.

The average age at death was 74.4 years for males, 80.7 years for females and 77.1 years for all persons in 2020.

Table 5.1
Distribution of Deaths by Age and Sex – 2016 to 2020

Age	2016			2017			2018			2019			2020		
Group	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
0 - 4	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
5 - 9	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 - 14	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 - 19	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	0	2
20 - 24	4	0	4	4	1	5	1	0	1	2	0	2	2	0	2
25 - 29	2	2	4	2	1	3	2	1	3	0	0	0	3	0	3
30 - 34	4	2	6	6	0	6	5	0	5	1	0	1	1	2	3
35 - 39	6	1	7	2	1	3	1	1	2	1	3	4	0	2	2
40 - 44	4	3	7	2	3	5	2	1	3	3	2	5	1	0	1
45 - 49	4	2	6	7	4	11	8	7	15	3	1	4	8	4	12
50 - 54	14	4	18	6	9	15	14	4	18	8	7	15	9	6	15
55 - 59	15	16	31	19	8	27	15	10	25	18	4	22	18	8	26
60 - 64	33	8	41	30	8	38	20	18	38	16	23	39	19	15	34
65 - 69	25	14	39	28	13	41	22	15	37	31	15	46	49	12	61
70 - 74	33	17	50	20	20	40	34	27	61	36	21	57	33	20	53
75 - 79	36	22	58	25	27	52	24	22	46	41	18	59	47	18	65
80 - 84	30	32	62	35	22	57	37	48	85	45	47	92	42	25	67
85 - 89	30	32	62	36	47	83	43	42	85	34	50	84	54	54	108
90 - 94	19	45	64	20	47	67	27	36	63	22	42	64	33	48	81
95 - 99	3	19	22	2	22	24	9	27	36	9	24	33	7	18	25
100 & Over	0	4	4	0	4	4	2	7	9	0	5	5	0	6	6
Total ¹	266	226	492	244	237	481	267	268	535	272	263	535	328	238	566

M = Male, F = Female, T = Total.

¹ Excludes non-resident deaths

Distribution of Deaths by Age and Sex – 2020 (Excluding stillbirths and non-resident deaths)

Table 5.2 shows the distribution of deaths within various age groups as a percentage of the total number of deaths occurring in 2020 among the resident population.

Within the 85 – 89 year-old age group 108 or 19.1% of deaths occurred, followed by 81 or 14.3% in the 90 – 94, 67 or 11.8 % in the 80 – 84, and 65 or 11.5% in the 75 – 79 year-old age groups out of a total of 566 deaths recorded. The number of males exceeded the number of females in the distribution of deaths between the sexes in all age groups except age groups 30-34, 85-89, 90-94, 95-99 and over 100+.

Table 5.2
Distribution of Deaths by Age and Sex – 2020

Age	Male	Female	Total ¹	Per cent		
				Male	Female	Total
0 - 4	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
5 - 9	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
10 - 14	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
15 - 19	2	0	2	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%
20 - 24	2	0	2	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%
25 - 29	3	0	3	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%
30 - 34	1	2	3	0.2%	0.4%	0.5%
35 - 39	0	2	2	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%
40 - 44	1	0	1	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
45 - 49	8	4	12	1.4%	0.7%	2.1%
50 - 54	9	6	15	1.6%	1.1%	2.7%
55 - 59	18	8	26	3.2%	1.4%	4.6%
60 - 64	19	15	34	3.4%	2.7%	6.0%
65 - 69	49	12	61	8.7%	2.1%	10.8%
70 - 74	33	20	53	5.8%	3.5%	9.4%
75 - 79	47	18	65	8.3%	3.2%	11.5%
80 - 84	42	25	67	7.4%	4.4%	11.8%
85 - 89	54	54	108	9.5%	9.5%	19.1%
90 - 94	33	48	81	5.8%	8.5%	14.3%
95 - 99	7	18	25	1.2%	3.2%	4.4%
100 & Over	0	6	6	0.0%	1.1%	1.1%
Total	328	238	566	58.0%	42.0%	100%

¹ Excludes nine non-resident deaths

Distribution of Deaths by Age and Parish of Residence of the Deceased - 2020 (Excluding stillbirths and non-resident deaths)

Table 5.3 contains a breakdown of deaths by parish of residence of the deceased within specific age groups. Pembroke Parish resident's recorded 97 or 17.1% of deaths in 2020. This figure which represents the largest number of deaths in a single parish for the total number of deaths recorded for the year.

Six deaths were recorded in 2020 among centenarians. Two of these decedents were resident in St. George's, two were resident in Devonshire, and the remaining two decedents were resident in Southampton.

Table 5.3
Distribution of Deaths by Age and Parish of Residence of the Deceased – 2020

% Overall											
Age	St. George's	Hamilton	Smith's	Devonshire	Pembroke	Paget	Warwick	Southampton	Sandy's	Total ¹	Total
0 - 11 m	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
12 - 23 m	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
2 - 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
5 - 9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
10 - 14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
15 - 19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.4%
20 - 24	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0.4%
25 - 29	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	0.5%
30 - 34	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	0.5%
35 - 39	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.4%
40 - 44	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.2%
45 - 49	0	0	1	4	2	1	2	1	1	12	2.1%
50 - 54	2	2	1	1	2	0	1	2	4	15	2.7%
55 - 59	1	4	0	3	7	2	1	5	3	26	4.6%
60 - 64	3	1	1	5	12	3	3	2	4	34	6.0%
65 - 69	4	6	8	6	10	4	8	7	8	61	10.8%
70 - 74	7	5	2	7	14	3	4	7	4	53	9.4%
75 - 79	11	4	5	6	7	5	5	5	17	65	11.5%
80 - 84	6	4	6	6	13	3	11	8	10	67	11.8%
85 - 89	9	8	11	14	15	7	18	12	14	108	19.1%
90 - 94	9	9	5	9	8	10	13	7	11	81	14.3%
95 - 99	2	3	1	4	2	0	4	7	2	25	4.4%
100 & Over	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	6	1.1%
Total	57	46	42	67	97	40	71	66	80	566	100%

¹ Excludes nine non-residents.

Infant Mortality Rates

In 2020 there were zero infant deaths recorded. Table 4.4 shows the number of infant deaths and the infant mortality rate per thousand live births for the period 2016 to 2020.

Table 5.4 shows the number of infant deaths and the infant mortality rate per thousand live births for the period 2016 to 2020.

Table 5.4
Infant Mortality – 2016 to 2020

Year	Infant Deaths	Rate per 1000
2016	2	3.4
2017	0	0
2018	1	1.9
2019	1	1.9
2020	0	0



The average age of death was 74.4 years for makes, 80.7 years for females and 77.1 years for all persons in 2020.

Deaths of Non-Residents – 2020

There were six deaths recorded amongst non-residents in 2020, four deaths in respect of female visitors and two of the deaths were in respect of male visitors. All six of the visitors died from natural causes.

Table 5.5 shows the total number of deaths of non-residents by sex for the years 2016 to 2020.

Table 5.5

Deaths of Non-Residents – 2016 to 2020

Year	Male	Female	Total
2016	7	4	11
2017	10	3	13
2018	7	4	11
2019	4	5	9
2020	2	4	6
Total	30	20	50

Coroners' Cases

There were 81 deaths investigated by the Coroner's Office in 2020 of which six related to visitors to the Island.



The total number of deaths among males exceeded that among females for the year 2020.

APPENDIX

**Table A – Births, Marriages, Domestic Partnerships, Deaths and Population Estimates
– 2016 to 2020**

Year	Births	Marriages	Domestic Partnership	Deaths	Population Estimates ¹
2016	591	451	0	492	63,826
2017	576	440	0	481	63,921
2018	530	473	2	535 r	63,916 r
2019	525	386	4	535	63,906 r
2020	540	248	8	566	63,880

¹ Population estimates are based on 2016 census figures and subsequent natural increases from 21 May 2016.

Figure A – Births, Marriages and Deaths – 2016 to 2020

