

The bar chart illustrates the number of American people who were married and divorced over a 30-year period from 1970 to the year 2000. The Second Bar chart shows the percentages of the Marital status of Americans in four categories in two separate years.

As can be seen, The majority of americans were legally married over the period shown. Overall, the primary status of people in the US in 1970 and 2000 was by far that of living as couples bound by marriage.

It is noticeable that there was a steady fall of marriages from 2.5 million to 2 million between 1980 and 2000. Nevertheless, divorces increased over the first decade and then slightly decreased ending in 2000 at approximately 1 million. Moreover, for each decade, the figure of marriages was around double that of divorces.

In the two of the years, there were two marital-status trends of Americans; upward and downward. With regards to the former, the proportion of divorced people rose approximately threefold from 1990 to 2000. Likewise, the trend for the never married people was upward. By contrast, the proportions of the married and widowed individuals marginally dropped by around 10% and 2% respectively.