

## **C7: Ever married and currently married population by age at marriage, duration of marriage, work status and occupation-Census of India 2001**

Information on marital status of the individuals has been collected in all the Indian censuses. However, a direct question on age at marriage was introduced for the first time in the 1971 Census when all currently married women were asked to state the age at which they got married. In the 1981 and 1991 Censuses also, the question on age at marriage was included in the Individual Slips and all the ever married women were asked about their age at marriage. The data so collected have been presented in the F-Series tables. In the 2001 Census, the scope of the question has been further expanded by canvassing the age at marriage from all ever-married men in addition to all ever married women.

The marital status composition of the population has broadly been classified into two parts:

- i) Never married persons
- ii) Ever married persons

Never married persons refer to 'single' persons and consist of all persons who have not married i.e., bachelors and spinsters. The second group of ever married persons refer to all those, who have married at least once, although they may or may not be in the category of currently married presently. This group comprises currently married persons, widowed persons and divorced/separated persons.

4. Table C7 presents the distribution of currently married women by duration of marriage, age at marriage, work status and occupation for India, States and Union territories. The Table is useful in deriving the differentials in age at marriage for currently married women by duration of marriage and occupation. It is presented by residence.

5. The work status has been classified as main workers, marginal workers and non-workers. The main workers have been further classified as cultivators, agricultural workers and other main workers- 'manual' or 'non-manual'. Non-manual main workers cover occupational Divisions 1, 2,3 & 4 and Family 9111, 9112,9113,9132 and 9151 from Division 9. Manual main workers cover occupational Divisions 6, 7,8 & 10 and remaining Family codes of Division 5 & 9. The occupational classifications are based on the codes of NCO 1968 and the corresponding codes of NCO 2004 as per the concordance table.

6. For coding and tabulation of manual and non-manual workers (other than cultivators and agricultural workers), sampling procedure has been adopted.