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**System requirements**

A PC with Windows operating system (version 95 or higher), 32 MB RAM (minimum) and a monitor with resolution of at least 600 x 800 pixels are required. For optimal viewing, a screen resolution of 1024 x 768 pixels is recommended. In order to retrieve the data in Excel files, Microsoft Excel version 97 or higher is necessary. To copy the data contained on this CD-ROM to the PC, a minimum of 2 MB of free space on the hard disk is necessary.

**Contents of the CDROM**

The CDROM contains data on marriage for 192 countries. The indicators are selected in such a way as to present a concise picture of marital behaviour from both period and cohort perspectives. The data are compiled from civil registration, population censuses and nationally representative sample surveys. The basic criterion for inclusion of data is its reliability. No attempts were made to estimate missing data.

For each country, marital statuses and period indicators are presented for 2 dates. An earlier date was centered on 1970 and the most recent on 2000 or later. In cases where data for 1970 are not available, the closest date is selected from within the 1960-1985 period. For the later date, the most recent available estimate since 1986 is selected. Reference dates were chosen on the basis of two criteria: the database should contain most recent available data and the benchmark data that should correspond to the beginning of sustained fertility decline in most parts of the world.

More specifically, the CDROM includes two MS Excel files.

1. The file ***Marriage\_Pattern.xls*** contains worksheets with data on percentages of never married, currently married or in consensual union, divorced or separated, widowed, and ever married. These percentages are presented for both men and women, and for age groups 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, and 45-49. This file also contains a worksheet with data on singulate mean age at first marriage for both men and women.

2. The file ***Marriage\_Period\_Indicator.xls*** contains worksheets with data on number of marriages, number of divorces, crude marriage rate, crude divorce rate, and the mean age at first marriage.

Each of the worksheets in the two files contains the sources of data. The worksheet NOTE, in each file, explains the codes used for the sources of data.

In addition, the CDROM includes three MS Word files: ***DEFINITIONS.doc*** contains the glossary of terms and indicators used in the data files; ***DATABASE\_DOCUMENTATION.doc*** contains this file while ***UNITED\_NATIONS\_SOFTWARE\_LICENCE\_AGREEMENT.doc*** contains the product licensing agreement.

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