

The background image shows a church service in progress. A man is standing at a podium on the right, gesturing while speaking. The audience is seated in the foreground, seen from behind. A large red rectangular overlay covers the right two-thirds of the image, containing the main text. In the background, a screen displays the words "COMPLETE in Christ" in a stylized font.

Be Complete In Christ

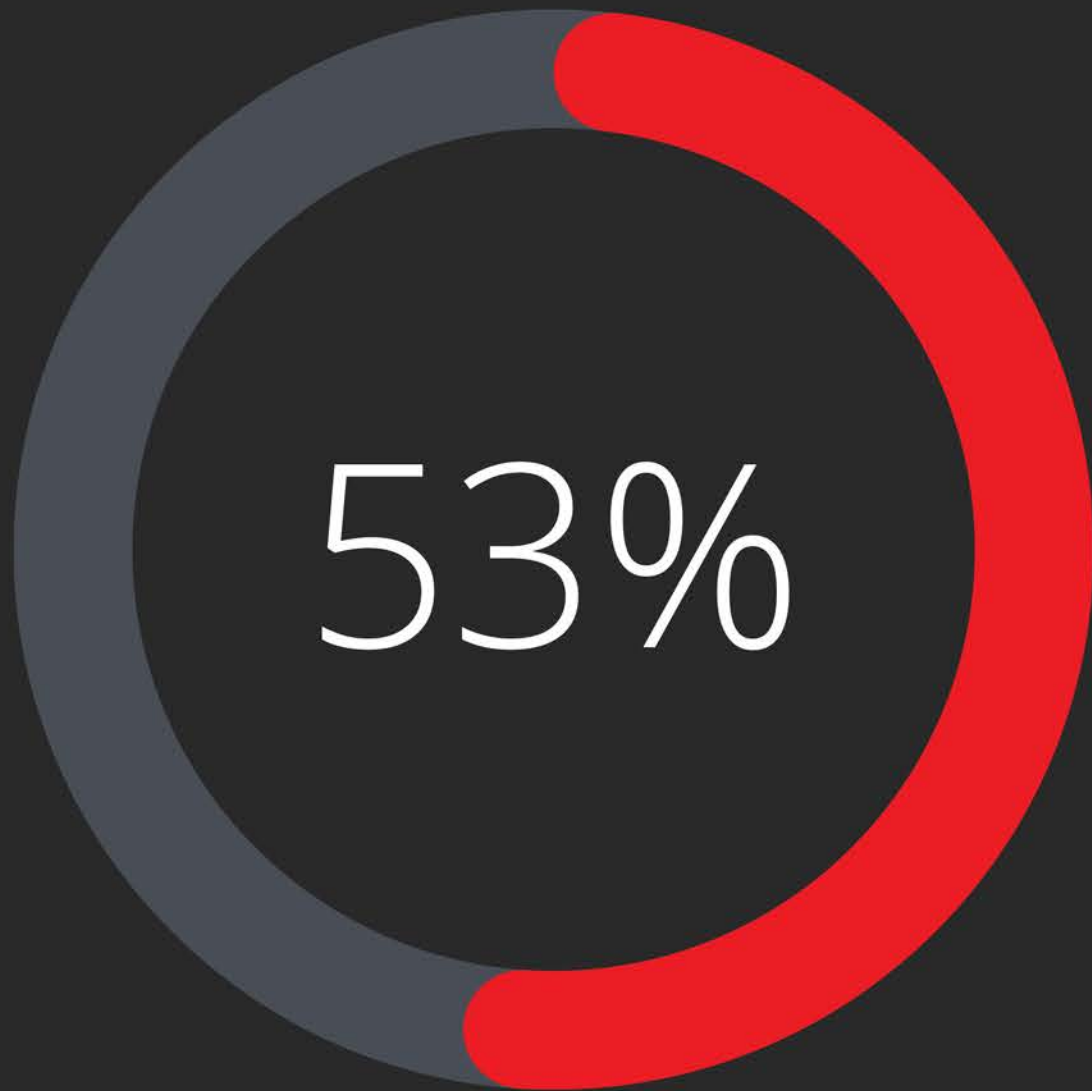
Trust | Know | Reflect

Dr. PJ Dunn | tfoministries.org/complete

A couple is shown in an art studio, both focused on painting. The man on the left is wearing a dark shirt and is looking down at his canvas. The woman on the right is wearing a dark tank top and has her hair in a bun; she is also looking down at her canvas. The background is filled with various art supplies, including easels and canvases. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter.

**MARRIAGE ISN'T THE
FINISH LINE**

The Single Majority



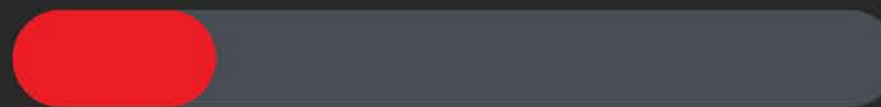
Single Adults in the US



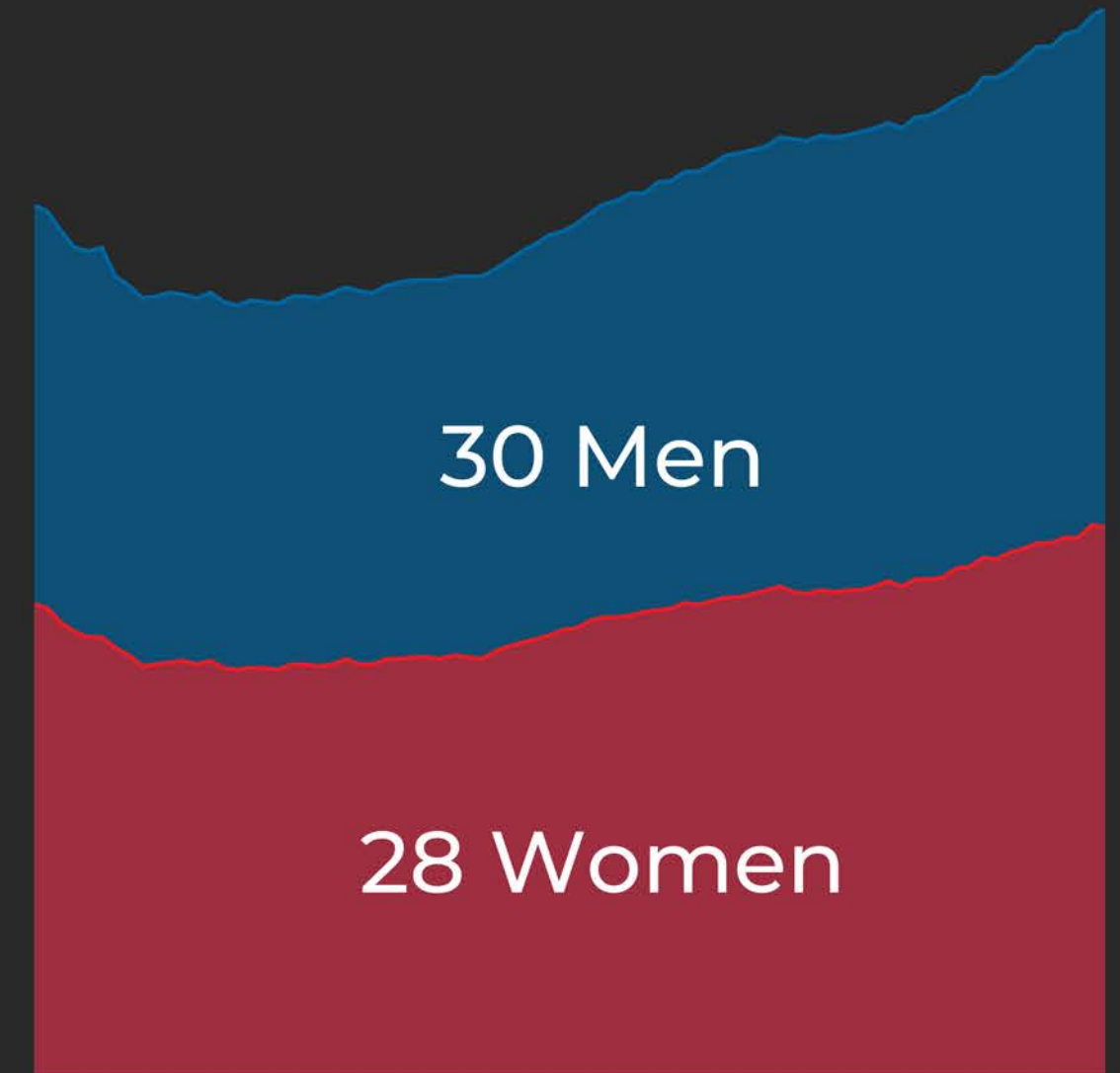
62% of Singles have never been married



40% of all families are single-parent households



Only 23% of churchgoers are single

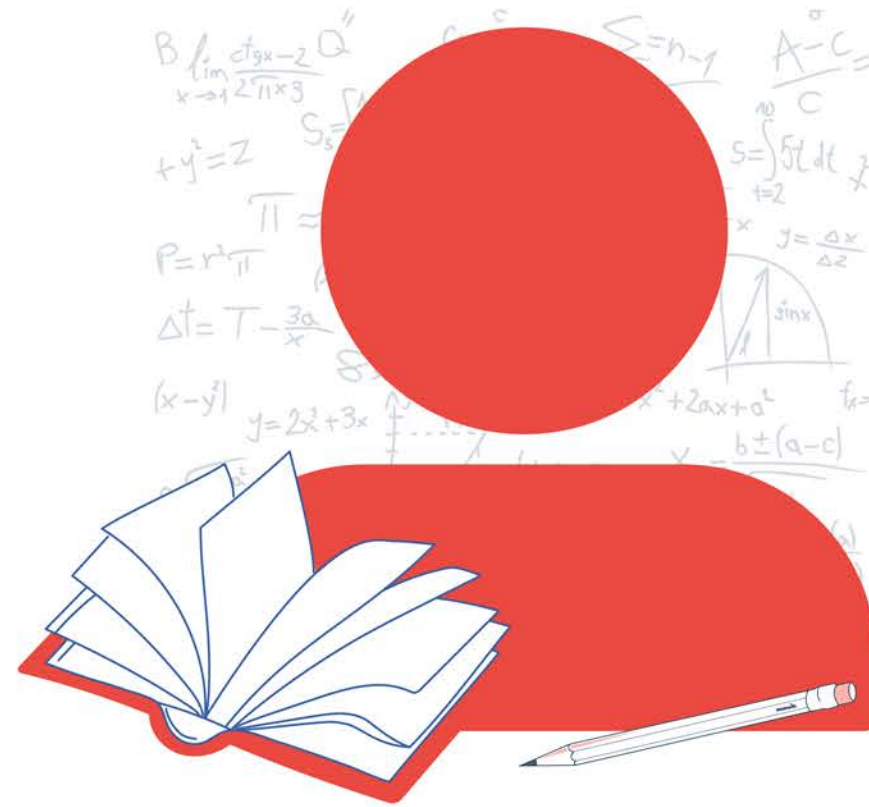


Average age for first marriage 1890-2022

COLLEGIATE SINGLES

Adults ages 18-22 who are single





25
Years Old

The average age of college students is
now 25 years old.

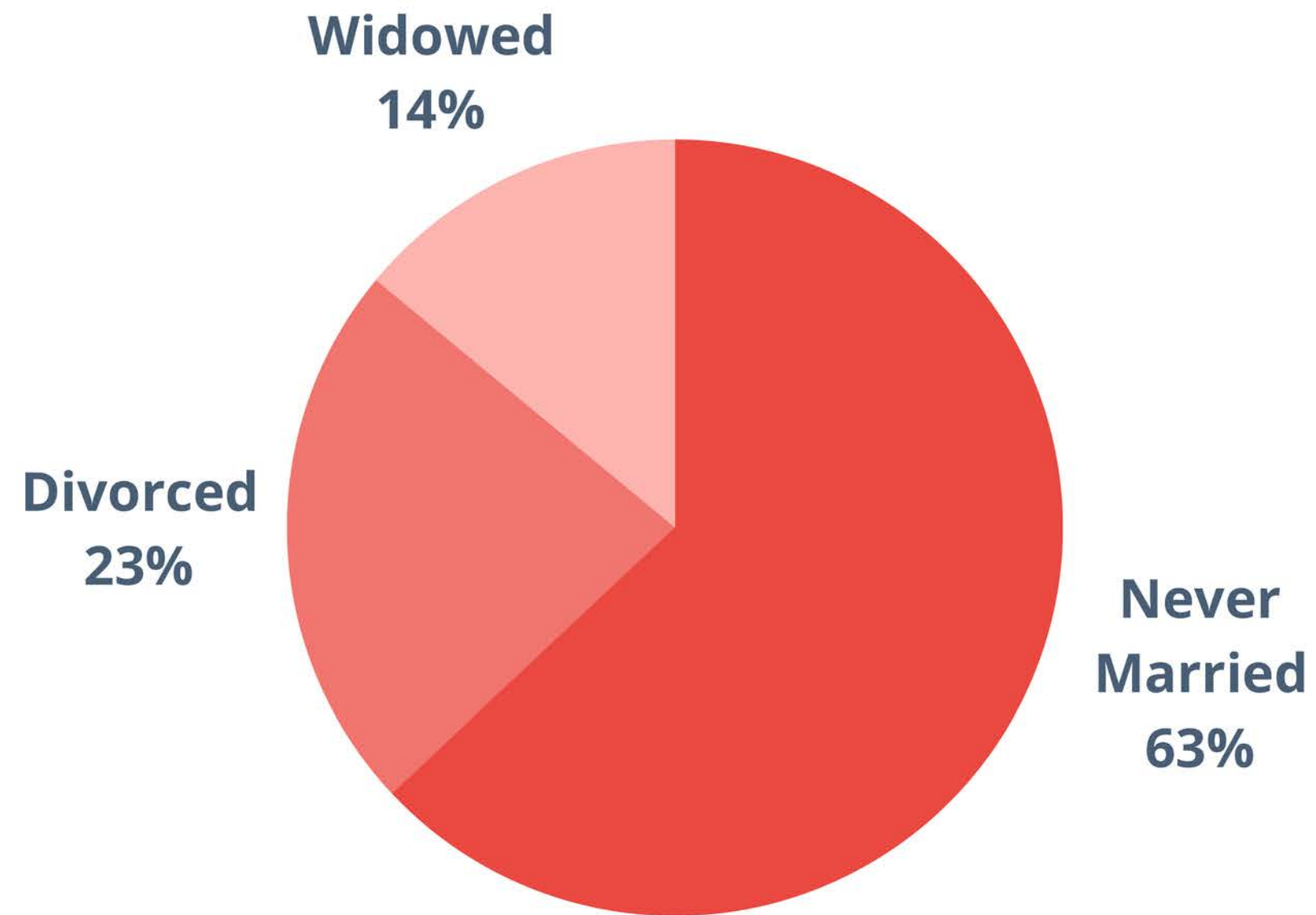
Source:

Student Loan Hero 2021

SINGLES NEVER MARRIED

Never married adults 22+





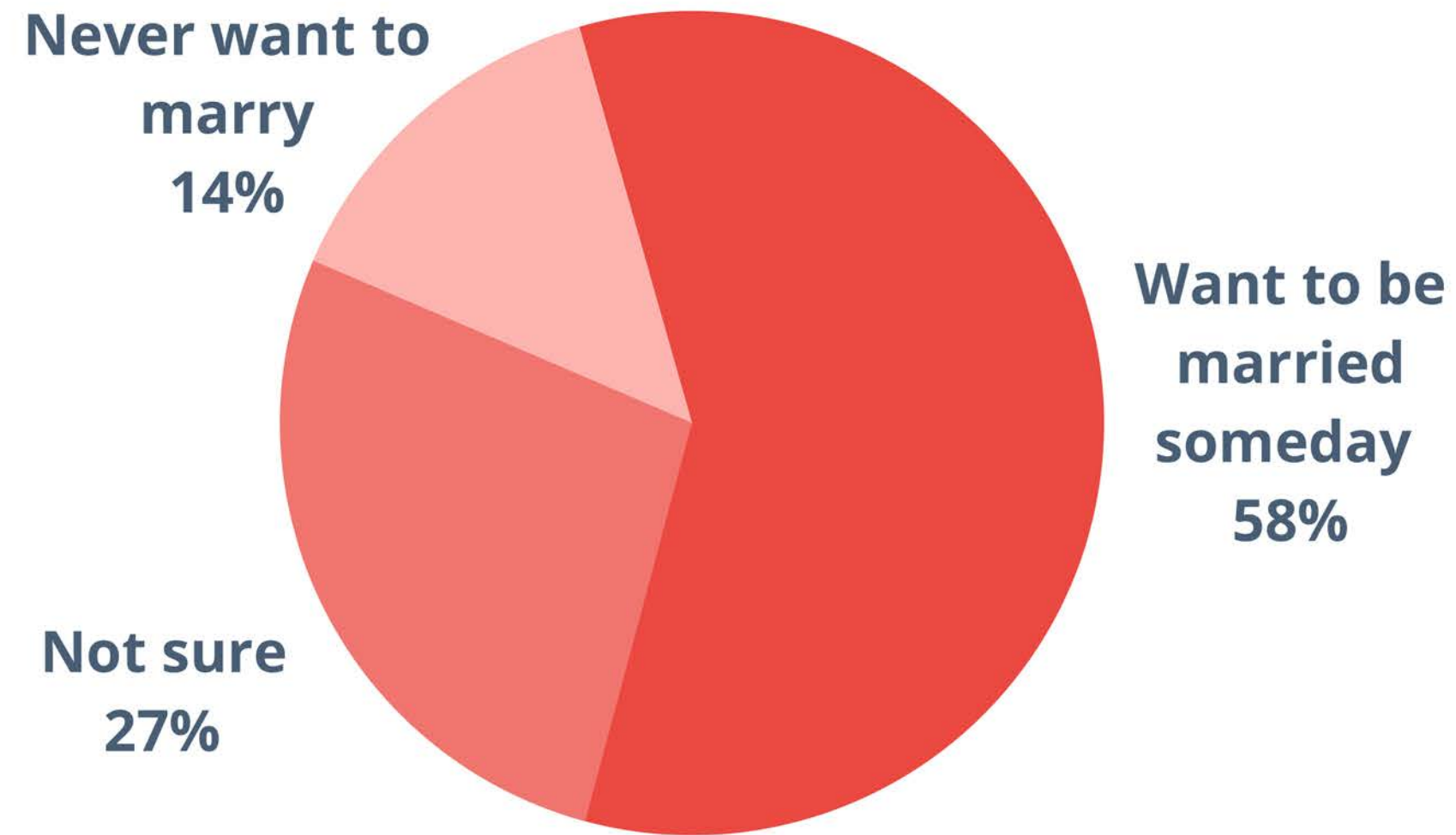
Percentage of unmarried U.S. residents 18 and older in 2022 at different stages of singleness.

DATING SINGLES

Singles who are actively seeking to find a relationship with another single adult



Never-married singles were asked if they want to ever marry.



Among adults who have never been married, 58% say they would like to get married someday and 94 percent of respondents stated they believe in true love.

Source:

Pew Research Center Survey 2017

ENGAGED SINGLES

Ring is on the finger!





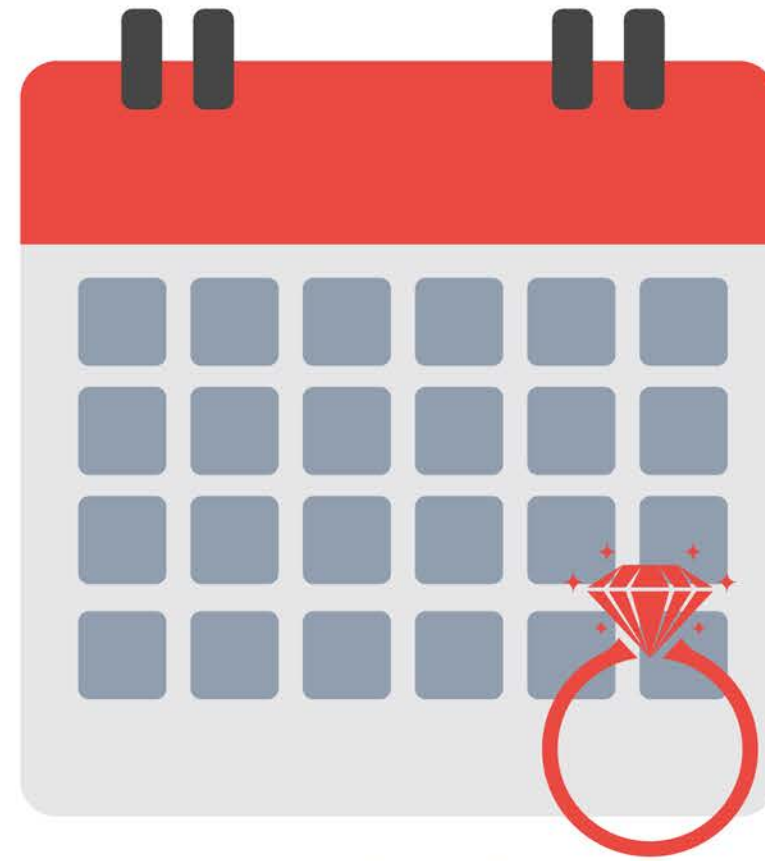
59%

Have Cohabited at Least Once

While the share who are currently cohabiting remains far smaller than the share who are married, the share of adults 18-44 who have ever lived with an unmarried partner (59%) has surpassed the share of those who have ever been married (50%).

Source:

Pewresearch.org 2017



~14
Months

The average length of an engagement in the U.S. is 12-18 months. 2 in 3 women want their man to ask their father for permission to marry them, and 69% of couples have known each other for 3 or more years.

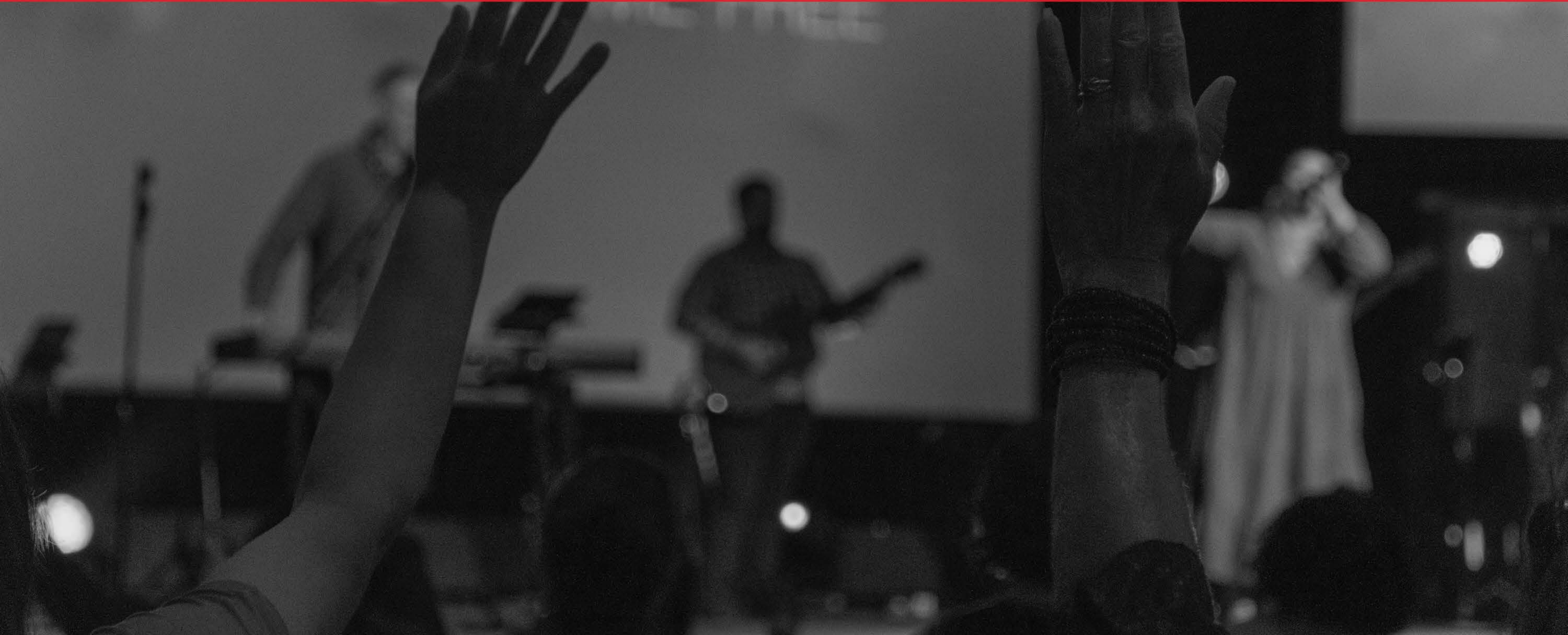
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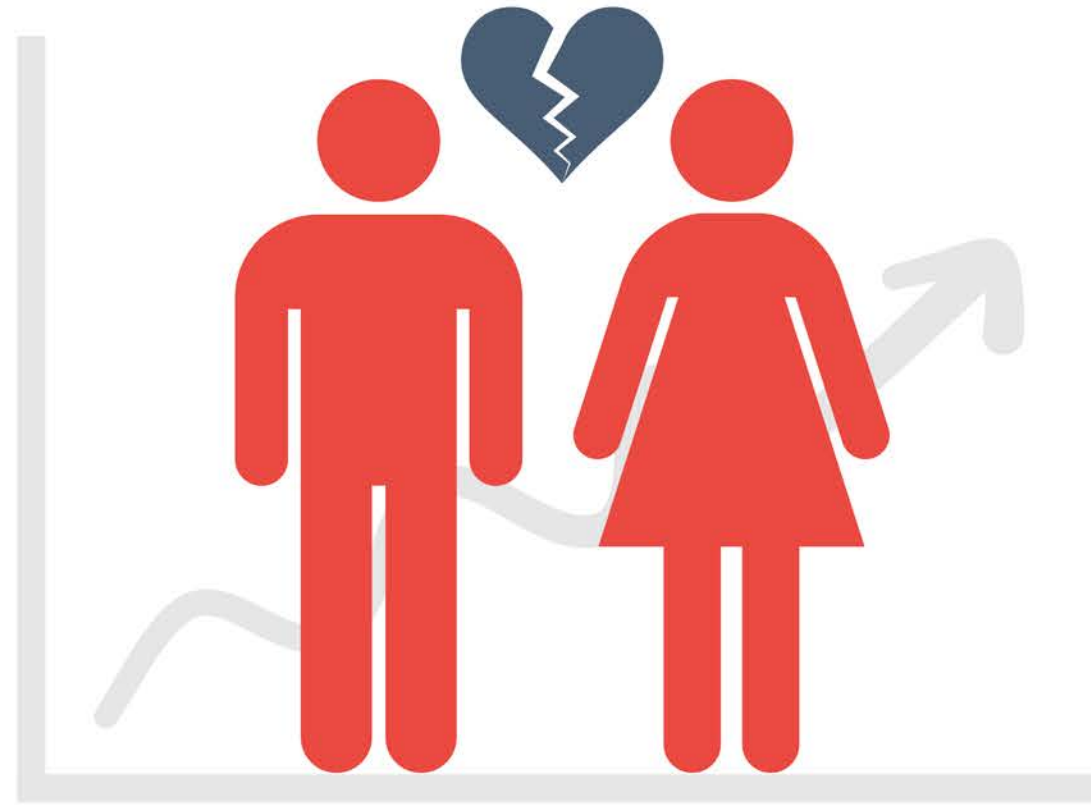
Wedding Industry Stats

TO NOT REACH SINGLES IS
TO NOT REACH **YOUR**
COMMUNITY.

DIVORCED SINGLES

Singles who have been married before
and are currently not married or recently separated





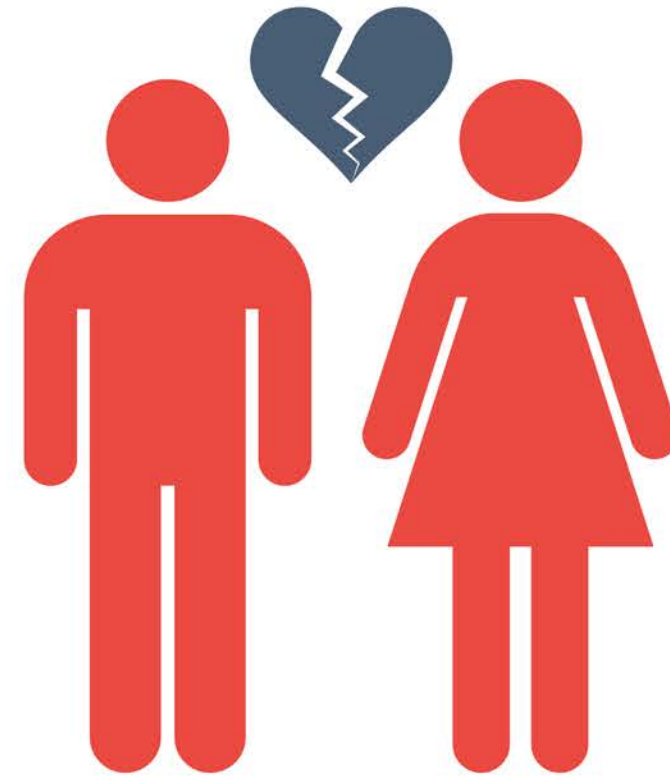
45%

of First-Time Marriages End in Divorce

45-50% of first-marriages end in divorce,
and that percentage only rises with each
remarriage.

Source:

Census.gov, DivorceStatistics.org



30
Years Old

The median age of first-marriage divorcees in America is 30 years old. Single adults who are divorced remarry just over 3 years after their last divorce, on average.

Source:

Census.gov, DivorceStatistics.org

SINGLE PARENTING

Single parents can come from divorce, widowed, adoption or never being married





of all parents are single parents.

In 1980, 18 percent of all women in the United States who gave birth were unmarried. As of 2020, the percentage of births to unmarried women has increased to 40.5 percent.

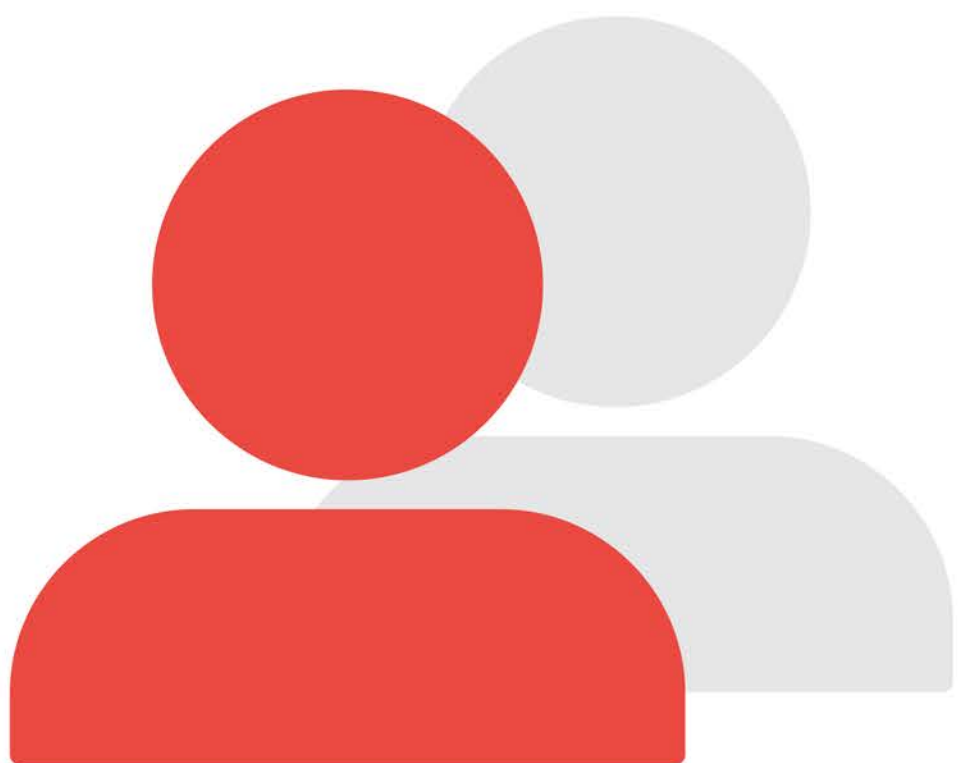
Source:

America's Families and Living Arrangements: 2020

WIDOWS

Singles who were married and while married their spouse passed away





57
Years Old

The average age of a widow is 57 years old, and it is 14 years of being single, on average, if they choose to remarry.

Source:

Census.gov, Widows Bridge

SAME-SEX ATTRACTION SINGLES

A Biblical relationship classification of those who struggle with same-sex attraction is that they are single adults.





8-11%

Struggle With Same-Sex Attraction

7% of America is LGBTQ+ and those who say they are religious, 77% identify as Christian, including 28% who are Protestant.

Source:

Williams Institute 2011



~20%
of Gen Z is LGBTQ+

Almost 1 in 5 adult Generation Z members (those born between 1997 and 2004) identified as LGBTQ+ (19.7%), with the overwhelming majority claiming to be bisexual (13.1%).

Source:

Gallop Survey 2022

TO NOT REACH SINGLES IS
TO NOT REACH YOUR
COMMUNITY.

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*I wish that all were as **I myself am**.
But each has his own gift from God,
one of one kind and one of another.*

The Apostle Paul
- 1 Corinthians 7:7

A black and white photograph of a social gathering, possibly a church event or a community meeting. The scene is dimly lit, with warm string lights hanging from the ceiling. In the foreground, a woman with her back to the camera is wearing a dark dress with white polka dots. Other people are visible in the background, some standing and some sitting at tables. A large red rectangular overlay covers the right half of the image, containing the title text in white.

TRUST IN MAN

Be Complete in Christ

*Cursed is the one who **trusts in man**,
who draws strength from mere flesh and
whose heart turns away from the Lord.*

Jeremiah 17:5-6

*That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they **will not see prosperity** when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.*

Jeremiah 17:5-6

INCOMPLETE: TRUST IN MAN

LACK OF PURPOSE

**DISCONTENT IN
RELATIONSHIPS**

ANGER WITH GOD

PERVASIVE LONELINESS



LONELINESS IS NOW A **EPIDEMIC** IN AMERICA

US Surgeon General 2023



THE EFFECT OF LONELINESS IS
"SIMILAR TO THAT CAUSED
BY SMOKING UP TO
15 CIGARETTES A DAY"

US Surgeon General 2023



50% OF ALL ADULTS ARE AFFECTED BY LONELINESS IN AMERICA

US Surgeon General 2023



1 IN 3 YOUNG ADULTS FEELS COMPLETELY ALONE

Springtide Research 2022

*But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose **confidence is in him**. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.*

Jeremiah 17:7-8

*It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green. It has
no worries in a year of drought and
never fails to bear fruit.”*

Jeremiah 17:7-8

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TRUST IN CHRIST

Be Complete in Christ

COMPLETE: TRUST IN CHRIST

PEACE

**RELATIONSHIPS
REFLECT CHRIST**

**EVERY DAY HAS
PURPOSE**

**CONVICTION TO BE
LIKE CHRIST**

The heart is deceitful
above all things and beyond cure.
Who can understand it?

Jeremiah 17:9-10

***I the Lord search the heart** and
examine the mind, to reward each
person according to their conduct,
according to what their deeds deserve.*

Jeremiah 17:9-10

TRUST IN THE HEART?

THE HEART IS SELFISH

**DANGER OF LEADING
WITH YOUR HEART**

**THE HEART IS ALWAYS
CHANGING**

**THE HEART VALUES
FEELINGS OVER TRUTH**

**THE WORLD VALUES
THE HEART**



KNOW

Be Complete in Christ

*And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says “**I know him**” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him*

1 John 2:3-6

*but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is **perfected**. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.*

1 John 2:3-6

HOW DO WE KNOW SOMETHING?

COMMITMENT

SHARE

TIME

SEEK



REFLECT

Be Complete in Christ

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, **SELF-CONTROL.***

Galatians 5:22-23

REFLECT CHRIST

**SANCTIFICATION IS
ON GOING**

**REFLECT THE SPIRIT,
REFLECT CHRIST**

**PROGRESS OVER
PERFECTION**

**TO BE COMPLETE IS TO
EXHIBIT ALL FRUIT**

A grayscale photograph of three women in a social setting, overlaid with a large red rectangle containing white text. The woman on the left has blonde hair and is wearing a patterned dress. The woman in the center has dark hair and is wearing a patterned dress. The woman on the right has dark hair and is wearing a dark top. The red rectangle is centered over the women, and the text is written in a white, sans-serif font.

What are we **NOT**
complete in...

**BEING COMPLETE IN
CHRIST IS A LIFE CHOICE.**

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*To the unmarried and the widows,
I say that it is good for them to
remain single, **as I am.***

The Apostle Paul
- 1 Corinthians 7:8

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*But if they cannot exercise
SELF-CONTROL, they should marry.
For it is better to marry
than to burn with passion.*

The Apostle Paul
- 1 Corinthians 7:9

PAUL: BE COMPLETE IN CHRIST NOT OTHERS

TRUST CHRIST FIRST IN EVERYTHING

KNOW CHRIST TO KNOW HIS WILL FOR YOUR LIFE

REFLECT CHRIST THROUGH THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



BE IN COMMUNITY