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COMMENTS FROM THE REGISTRAR GENERAL



I have the pleasure of presenting the Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2021 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 excess number of deaths over live births for each year since 2018 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 2021 and hereby submit my Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2021.

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, 2021 the total number of live births recorded in respect of residents was 494; a decrease of 47 or 8.7% from the 541 births recorded in 2020.

The live birth rate of the population decreased by 0.7 point per thousand from 8.5 points recorded in 2020 to 7.8 points in 2021.

The number of births that occurred out of wedlock in 2021 decreased by 12.3% 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 2017 to 2021 ranged from a high of 49.7% 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 730 deaths were recorded for the year ended 31st December, 2021. This figure consists of 727 deaths of residents and 3 deaths of non-residents. There were no stillbirths recorded in 2021.

A death rate of 11.4 per thousand of the population for 2021 reflects an increase of 2.5 points per thousand from 8.9 recorded in 2020.

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 313 marriages performed in Bermuda for the year ended 31st December, 2021, a 26.2% increase from the 248 marriages recorded in 2020. Out of the 313 marriages, 66 or 21.1% of the marriages took place between parties who were both non-residents; 211 or 67.4% of the marriages between parties who were both residents and 36 or 11.5% of the marriages between a resident party and a non-resident party. There was a 60% decrease in maritime marriages recorded in 2021 when comparing 28 marriages to 70 maritime marriages recorded in 2020. The decrease was due to the Covid-19 pandemic that brought the cruise line industry to a halt in March 2020, and did not resume operation until October 2021.

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 six domestic partnership ceremonies performed in Bermuda for the year ended 31st December, 2021. This represents a 25% decrease from the eight domestic partnerships recorded in 2020. Three ceremonies took place between parties who were both residents and three ceremonies took place between parties where one was a resident and the other a non-resident. No ceremonies took place between parties who were both non-resident.

Table 1.0 contains a summary of the statistics of births, deaths and population estimates as of 31st December, 2021.

Table 1.0
Summary Statistics

	Male	Female	Total	
Population Estimates ¹ at 31 December 2020	30,694	33,187	63,881	
Live Births During 2021				Live Births 7.8 per 1,000 of the population
In Wedlock	134	124	258	
Out of Wedlock	121	115	236	
Total	255	239	494	
Deaths During 2021				Deaths 11.4 per 1000 of the population
Resident Deaths ²	359	368	727	
Total	359	368	727	
Natural Increase in Population				
Excess of Births over Deaths	-104	-129	-233	
Population Estimates ² at 31 December 2020	30,590	33,058	63,648	

¹ Population estimates were re-based in 2016 and there has been a continues decline since 2018

² Excludes three non-resident deaths

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



Of the 494 births recorded in 2021, 239 were female and 255 were male.

POPULATION

Resident Population

There was a decrease of 233 in the estimated resident population at the end of 2021 at 63,648 as opposed to the 63,881 in resident population estimate in 2020. At the end of 2021 there were 2,468 more females than males in the population figures. (See Table 1.0)

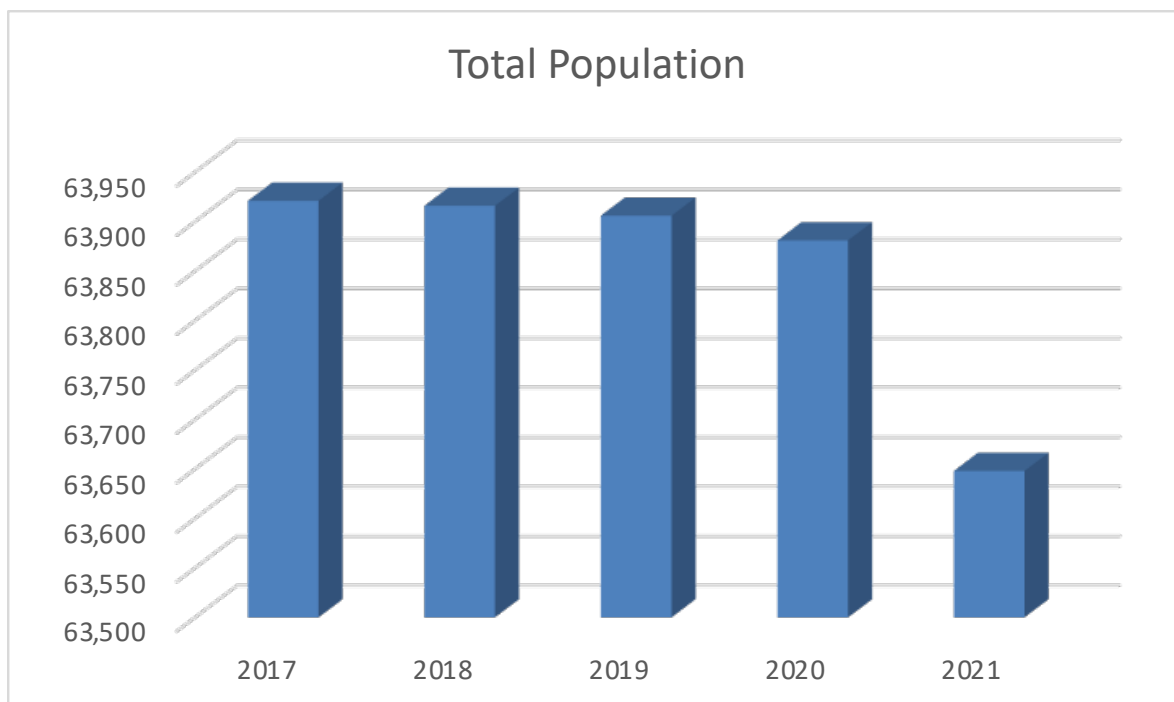
From the report given and statistics recorded in 2017, it would appear that there has been a significant drop in the population. The population estimates were re-based in 2016 after the conduct of the 2016 Population and Housing Census. The population estimates in the table below and Figure 1.0 show a decline in population over the past four years.

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total Population	63,921	63,916	63,906	63,881	63,648

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 – 2017 to 2021



BIRTHS

Distribution of Live Births by Sex and Natal Status – 2017 to 2021

In 2021 the total number of live births of 494 births reflects a decrease of 47 or 8.7% over the previous year. The live births in respect of residents recorded in 2020 were 541. Out of the total number of live births recorded in 2021, 239 were female and 255 were male. In 2020, 269 male and 272 female live births were recorded.

There was one baby born at the parent's homes in Smith's parish. This was the same number of babies born at home in 2020.

The total number of births for the year 2021 born out of wedlock was 236, a decrease of 33 from the previous year. A cumulative total of 2,666 live births were recorded for the five-year period from 2017 to 2021. The overall percentage of live births occurring out of wedlock was 47.1% over the same five-year period.

Table 2.0 shows the distribution of births by sex and natal status for the years 2017 to 2021.

Table 2.0

Distribution of Live Births by Sex and Natal Status – 2017 to 2021

Year	In Wedlock			Out of Wedlock			Live Births			% Out of Wedlock
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
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	134 r	272 r	131	138	269	269	272 r	541 r	49.7 r
2021	134	124	258	121	115	236	255	239	494	47.8
Total	712	699	1,411	642	613	1,255	1,354	1,312	2,666	47.1

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 494 was recorded among the residents of Pembroke parish who were responsible for 84 or 17.0% followed by the residents of Warwick parish who were responsible for 65 or 13.2% 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 – 2021

Parish	In Wedlock			Out of Wedlock			Grand Total	% Out of Wedlock
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total		
St. George's	7	10	17	11	10	21	38	55.3%
Hamilton	12	6	18	10	8	18	36	50.0%
Smith's	15	19	34	14	7	21	55	38.2%
Devonshire	16	8	24	18	10	28	52	53.8%
Pembroke	22	25	47	16	21	37	84	44.0%
Paget	23	19	42	9	11	20	62	32.3%
Warwick	17	16	33	18	14	32	65	49.2%
Southampton	12	15	27	7	12	19	46	41.3%
Sandys	10	6	16	18	22	40	56	71.4%
Total	134	124	258	121	115	236	494	47.8%

Multiple Births

The record number of sets of twins born in a single year continues to stand at 19 for the year 2013. In 2021 four multiple births were recorded, which was the same number of births recorded in 2020. One set consisted of both male children, one set consist of both female children, and two sets of one male child and one female child out of the four sets of twins born in 2021.

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 – 2017 to 2021

Year	Both Male	Both Female	Male & Female	Annual Total
2017	3	4	6	13
2018	4	3	4	11
2019	1	4	5	10
2020	2	0	2	4
2021	1	1	2	4
Total	11	12	19	42

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 2021 at 180 or 36.4%. This remains consistent with the figures over the past five years. For the period 2017 to 2021 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 66% of the 2021 births. There were zero babies born to mothers under the age of 16 in 2020, and there was one baby born to a mother 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, 2021. 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 – 2021

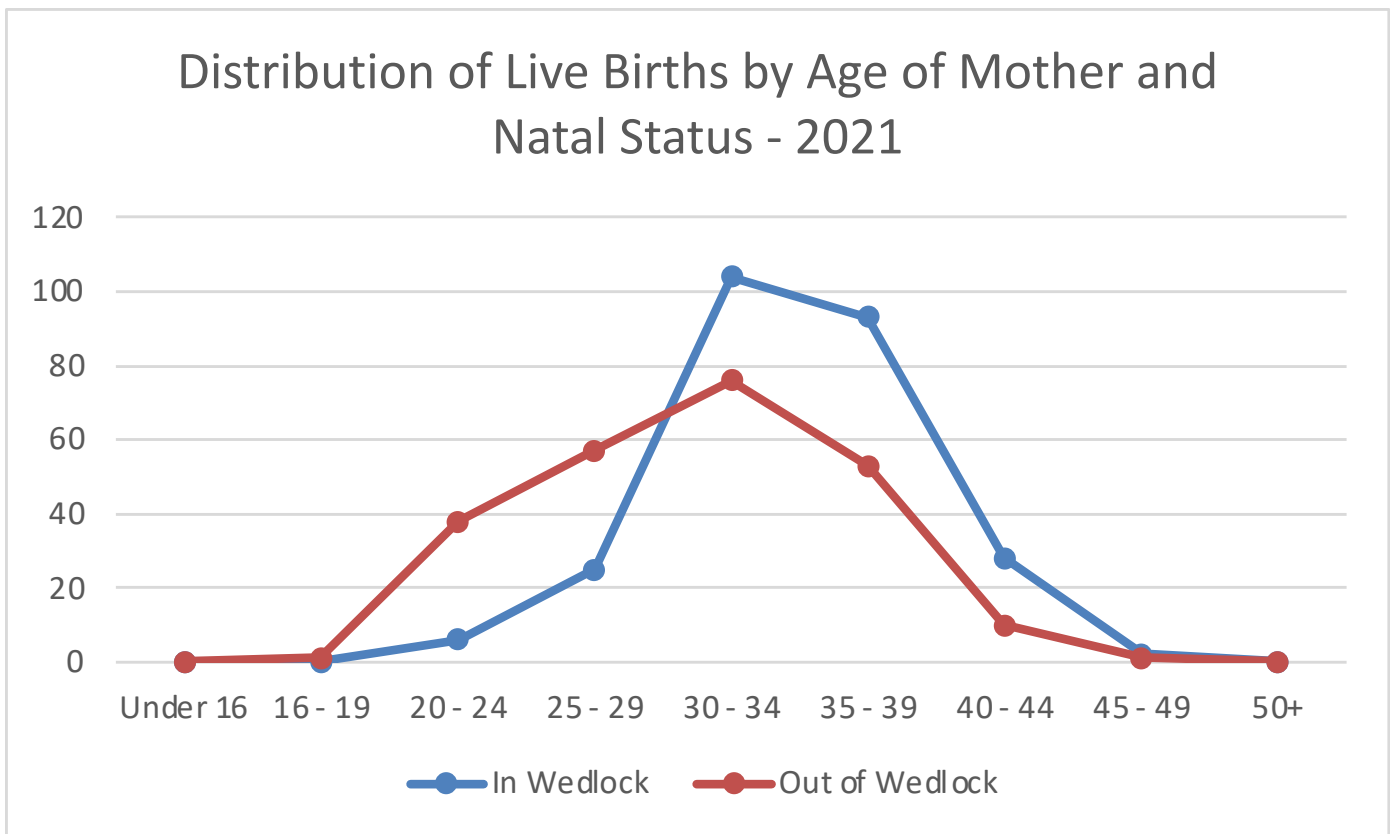


Table 2.3 shows the distribution of live births according to the age group of the mother for the five-year period 2017 to 2021. The peak in out of wedlock births occurs with respect to mothers in the 30 – 34 year old bracket and in wedlock births occurs also in respect of mothers in the 30 – 34 years old bracket for 2021.

Table 2.3

Distribution of Live Births by Age of Mother of Children Born In Wedlock - 2017 to 2021

Year	Under 16	16 – 19	20 – 24	25 – 29	30 – 34	35 – 39	40 – 44	45 – 49	50+	Total
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	101 r	29	2	0	272 r
2021	0	0	6	25	104	93	28	2	0	258
Total	0	0	25	166	548	519	139	13	1	1,411

Table 2.3 continued

Distribution of Live Births by Age of Mother of Children Born Out of Wedlock – 2017 to 2021

Year	Under 16	16 – 19	20 – 24	25 – 29	30 – 34	35 – 39	40 – 44	45 – 49	50+	Total
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
2021	0	1	38	57	76	53	10	1	0	236
Total	1	24	228	315	352	254	77	4	0	1,255

Table 2.3 continued

Distribution of All Live Births by Age of Mother – 2017 to 2021

Year	Under 16	16 – 19	20 – 24	25 – 29	30 – 34	35 – 39	40 – 44	45 – 49	50+	Total
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	160 r	46	3	0	541 r
2021	0	1	44	82	180	146	38	3	0	494
Total	1	24	253	481	900	773	216	17	1	2,666

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 258 babies born in wedlock in 2021. Sixty-four babies or 24.8% were born of parents who are both Bermudian; 97 or 37.6% were born of parents who are both non- Bermudian; and 97 or 37.6% were born where one of the parents is Bermudian and the other a non-Bermudian.

There were 236 babies born out of wedlock in 2021. One hundred and ninety-two babies or 81.4% have parents who are both Bermudian; 17 or 7.2% have parents who are both non Bermudian; and 27 or 11.4% have one Bermudian parent and the other a non-Bermudian parent.

Children with two non-Bermudian parents account for 114 or 23.1% of the total number of births in 2021, as compared to the 108 or 19.9% of the total births in 2020.

Over the five year period, 2017 to 2021, the percentage of children born to parents who were both Bermudian ranged from 51.8% in 2021 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 23.2% to 25.9%.

Table 2.4 reflects the distribution of these births for the years 2017 to 2021.

The nationalities of the non-Bermudian parents, gathered for statistical purposes, represent over 44 different countries. The most frequently identified countries are Great Britain, United States of America, Canada, Philippines, Jamaica, 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 2021, there were 13 re-registrations conducted in the Registry General.

Adoptions

In 2021 there were no adoption recorded, as oppose to one adoption recorded in 2020.

Table 2.4
Distribution of Live Births by Nationality

Year	In Wedlock				% In Wedlock				% of Total Births						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Both Bermudian Parents	109	94	76	83 r	64	31.1%	34.7%	28.1%	30.5% r	24.8%	17.9%	17.7%	14.5%	15.3% r	13.0%
"One Bermudian and One Non Bermudian Parent"	110	101	93	98	97	37.8%	35.3%	30.7%	36.0% r	37.6%	21.8%	19.1%	17.7%	18.1%	19.6%
At Least One Bermudian Parent	235	219	195	181 r	161	68.9%	76.6%	64.4%	66.5% r	62.4%	39.8%	41.3%	37.1%	33.5% r	32.6%
Both Non Bermudian Parents	121	76	101	91	97	31.1%	26.6%	33.3%	33.5% r	37.6%	17.9%	14.3%	19.2%	16.8% r	19.6%
Total In Wedlock Births	340	271	270	272 r	258	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	57.7%	54.0%	57.7%	50.3%	52.2%
	Out of Wedlock					% Out of Wedlock					% of Total Births				
Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Both Bermudian Parents	183	213	208	221	192	85.6%	82.2%	81.6%	82.2%	81.4%	36.2%	40.2%	39.6%	40.9%	38.9%
"One Bermudian and One Non Bermudian Parent"	38	36	29	31	27	9.6%	13.9%	11.4%	11.5%	11.4%	4.1%	6.8%	5.5%	5.7%	5.5%
At Least One Bermudian Parent	238	221	249	252	219	95.2%	85.3%	97.6%	93.7%	92.8%	40.3%	41.7%	47.4%	46.6% r	44.3%
Both Non Bermudian Parents	15	10	18	17	17	4.8%	3.9%	7.1%	6.3%	7.2%	2.0%	1.9%	3.4%	3.1%	3.4%
Total Out of Wedlock Births	236	259	255	269	236	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	42.3%	48.9%	48.6%	49.7% r	47.8%
	Total					% Total					% of Total Births				
Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Both Bermudian Parents	292	307	284	304 r	256	54.1%	57.9%	54.1%	56.2% r	51.8%	54.1%	57.9%	54.1%	56.2% r	51.8%
"One Bermudian and One Non Bermudian Parent"	148	137	122	129	124	25.9%	25.8%	23.2%	23.8% r	25.1%	25.9%	25.8%	23.2%	23.8% r	25.1%
At Least One Bermudian Parent	473	440	444	433 r	380	80.0%	83.0%	84.6%	80.0%	76.9%	80.0%	83.0%	84.6%	80.0%	76.9%
Both Non Bermudian Parents	136	86	119	108	114	20.0%	16.2%	22.7%	20.0%	23.1%	20.0%	16.2%	22.7%	20.0%	23.1%
Total Live Births	576	530	525	541 r	494	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 – 2017 to 2021

Marriage statistics include all marriages that took place in Bermuda irrespective of the country of residence of the parties. There were a total of 313 marriages recorded for the year ending December 31, 2021, representing an increase of 65 or 26.2% from the 2020 figure of 248. This increase can be attributed to the relaxation of social gathering and international travel restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which appealed to couples wanting to marry that year.

The number of civil ceremonies performed by the Registrar General totalled 549 or 29.5% of the total of 1,860 marriages recorded over the past five years. The remaining 1,311 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 – 2017 to 2021

Year	Religious/Denominational Marriages	Civil Marriages	Total
2017	316	124	440
2018	382	91	473
2019	278	108	386
2020	134	114	248
2021	201	112	313
Total	1,311	549	1,860



In 2021 there were 313 marriages recorded in Bermuda, of that number 66 marriages were performed between parties who were both non-residents, 211 marriages were performed between parties who were both residents, and 36 marriages were performed between a resident party and a non-resident party.

Distribution of Marriages by Religion/Denomination

In 2021 there were 201 religious marriages that were held at places of worship or venues other than church buildings. This was an increase of 50% from the figure recorded in 2020.

Table 3.1 gives a breakdown of marriages by religion/denomination for the period 2017 to 2021.

Table 3.1

Distribution of Marriages by Religion/Denomination – 2017 to 2021

Year	Anglican	African Methodist Episcopal	Baptist	Methodist	Presbyterian	Roman Catholic	Seventh-day Adventist	Other Religions/Denominations ¹	Total Religious Marriages
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
2021	25	2	1	1	2	5	2	163	201
Total	150	35	4	3	15	34	13	1,057	1,311

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 112 civil marriage ceremonies or 35.8% of all marriages taking place in 2021. Of the 112 civil marriage ceremonies performed, 15 ceremonies were conducted at alternative approved locations provided for under the Marriage (Alternative Approved Locations) Regulations 2016. There were 44 marriages celebrated at places of worship identified in Table 3.2 below. Also, there were 157 marriages that were performed at other venues, of which 75 took place in hotels, restaurants, guest houses or clubs; and a further 84 marriages were performed in homes, gardens, parks, or on beaches and boats. Additionally, 50.2% of the marriages performed in 2021 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. St. George's, Warwick and Hamilton 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 – 2021

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	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	2	33
Hamilton	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	1	27
Smith's	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	20
Devonshire	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	6
Pembroke	1	1	1	0	1	4	2	5	16	97	128
Paget	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	19	0	21
Warwick	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	20	8	29
Southampton	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	25
Sandys	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	19	3	24
Total	25	2	1	1	2	5	2	6	157	112	313

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 2021 and 2020 is represented by the age group of 30 – 34 year olds. One hundred and fifty-seven, or 25.1%, of the total of 626 persons who married during 2021 were between 30 and 34 years of age.

Table 3.3 shows the comparative distribution of age and sex of persons married in 2021 and 2020.

Table 3.3
Distribution of Persons Marrying by Sex and Age of Partners – 2021 and 2020

Age	2021			2020		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
16-19	0	0	0	0	0	0
20-24	5	13	18	7	16	23
25-29	41	53	94	42	60	102
30-34	69	88	157	66	60	126
35-39	63	45	108	38	39	77
40-44	44	45	89	29	24	53
45-49	25	13	38	19	10	29
50-54	23	23	46	18	15	33
55-59	14	16	30	18	13	31
60-64	13	7	20	6	7	13
65-69	8	6	14	3	2	5
70-74	5	1	6	2	0	2
75-79	1	0	1	2	0	2
80-89	3	2	5	0	0	0
90 & over	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	314	312	626	250	246	496

Distribution of Marriages by Residential Status of Partners

During 2021 non-residents accounted for 66 or 21.1% of the total of 313 marriages taking place. This figure, representing an increase of 37.5 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 2017 to 2021 by residential status of the parties to the marriage.

Table 3.4
Distribution of Marriages by Residential Status – 2017 to 2021

Year	Residents ¹	Non-Residents ²	Residents & Non-Residents ³	Total
2017	164	234	42	440
2018	167	266	40	473
2019	153	195	38	386
2020	172	48	28	248
2021	211	66	36	313
Total	867	809	184	1,860

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 three same-sex marriages recorded for the year ending December 31, 2021, representing a decrease of 7 or 70% from the 2020 figure of 10.

All three same-sex marriages were civil ceremonies performed at the Registry General Office.

Table 3.5
Distribution of Same-Sex Marriages by Residential Status – 2021

Year	Religious/Denominational Marriages ¹	Civil Marriages	Total
2018	0	6	6
2019	1	3	4
2020	1	9	10
2021	0	3	3
Total	2	21	23

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



During 2021 non-residents accounted for 66 or 21.1% of the total of 313 marriages taking place.

Same-Sex Marriage Venues

The Registry General conducted all three same-sex civil marriage ceremonies or 100% of the same-sex marriages taking place in 2021. None of the ceremonies were conducted at alternative approved locations provided for under the Marriage (Alternative Approved Locations) Regulations 2016.

Table 3.6 shows the distribution of same-sex marriages by parish and venue. All of the same-sex marriage ceremony performed in 2021 were conducted in Pembroke.

Table 3.6
Distribution of Same-Sex Marriages by Parish and Venue – 2021

Parish	Civil	Home	Hotel	Total Same-Sex Marriages
St. George's	0	0	0	0
Hamilton	0	0	0	0
Smith's	0	0	0	0
Devonshire	0	0	0	0
Pembroke	3	0	0	3
Paget	0	0	0	0
Warwick	0	0	0	0
Southampton	0	0	0	0
Sandys	0	0	0	0
Total	3	0	0	3

Same-Sex Persons Marrying by Age Group of Partners

The largest number of same-sex persons who married in 2021 is represented by the age groups of 25 – 29 and 30 – 34 year olds. Both age groups had a number of 2 persons. The combined number of 4, or 66.7%, of the total of 6 same-sex persons who married during 2021 were between 25 – 29 and 30 – 34 age groups.

Table 3.7 shows the comparative distribution of age and sex of persons married in 2021 and 2020.

Table 3.7
Distribution of Persons Marrying by Sex and Age of Partners – 2021 and 2020

Age	2021			2020		
	Male	Female	Total Persons	Male	Female	Total Persons
16-19	0	0	0	0	0	0
20-24	0	0	0	2	2	4
25-29	2	0	2	0	0	0
30-34	2	0	2	2	2	4
35-39	0	0	0	2	0	2
40-44	0	1	1	1	0	1
45-49	0	1	1	2	0	2
50-54	0	0	0	2	2	4
55-59	0	0	0	1	1	2
60-64	0	0	0	0	1	1
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	4	2	6	12	8	20

Distribution of Same-Sex Marriages by Residential Status of Partners

During 2021 residents accounted for two or 66.7% of the total of three same-sex marriages taking place. One or 33.3% accounted for the number of same-sex marriages between a resident and non-residents. There were no same-sex marriages between non-residents couples in 2021.

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 – 2021

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
2021	2	0	1	3
Total	9	10	4	23

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 28 marriages performed on board 28 Bermuda registered ships between October and March 2021. This total represents a decrease of 42 or 60% from the 2020 total of 70. The decrease was due to the Covid-19 pandemic that brought the cruise line industry to a halt in March 2020, and did not resume operation until October 2021. There were no maritime marriages registered between April and September 2021.

Of the 28 maritime marriages performed, one was a same-sex ceremonies.

Domestic Partnerships

The Domestic Partnership Act 2018 allows for the formalization of unions between partners. There were six domestic partnership unions recorded for the year ending December 31, 2021.

Five of the domestic partnership ceremonies were performed at the Registry General Office and remaining ceremony was performed at a home.

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 – 2021 and 2020

Parish	2021				2020			
	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	1	0	6	5	0	0	5
Paget	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warwick	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Southampton	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Sandys	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5	1	0	6	8	0	0	8

Distribution of Domestic Partnerships by Parish and Venue

All six of the domestic partnership unions performed in 2021 were recorded in Pembroke parish. Five of the unions were formalized at the Registry General Office and one was formalized at a home in Pembroke.

Table 4.1 gives a breakdown of the month domestic partnership ceremonies were performed for the period 2021 and 2020.

Table 4.1
Distribution of Domestic Partnerships by Month – 2021 and 2020

	2021				2020			
	Male/ Male	Female/ Female	Male/ Female	Total Domestic Partnerships	Male/ Male	Female/ Female	Male/ Female	Total Domestic Partnerships
January	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	2
June	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
July	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
November	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
December	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	6	6	8	0	0	8

Distribution of Domestic Partnerships Unions by Month

During 2021, two of the six domestic partnership unions recorded that year were performed in the month of January, and one union was performed in each of the months of March, May, June and December.

Table 4.2 shows the comparative distribution of age and sex of persons who formalized their union in 2021 and 2020.

Table 4.2
Distribution of Domestic Partnerships by Sex and Age of Partners – 2021 and 2020

Age	2020			2019		
	Male	Female	Total Persons	Male	Female	Total Persons
20-24	0	0	0	0	0	0
25-29	0	0	0	0	0	0
30-34	1	1	2	0	1	1
35-39	0	2	2	2	3	5
40-44	1	2	3	1	0	1
45-49	1	0	1	2	1	3
50-54	1	0	1	0	1	1
55-59	0	0	0	1	1	2
60-64	1	1	2	0	0	0
65-69	0	0	0	0	0	0
70-74	0	0	0	0	0	0
75-79	0	0	0	1	0	1
80-89	1	0	1	0	1	1
90 & over	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	6	6	12	8	8	16

Domestic Partnerships by Sex and Age of Partners

The largest number of persons who entered into a domestic partnership in 2021 are represented by the age group of 40 – 44 year olds. Three or 25% of the total 12 persons who entered a domestic partnership during 2021 were between 40 – 44 years of age. One was male and two were females. Of the remaining nine person who entered into a domestic partnership one was male and one was female in the age group 30 – 34, two were female in the age group 35 – 39, one was male in the age group 45 – 49, one was male in the age group 50 – 54, one was male in the age group 60 – 64 and the other was a male in the age group 80 - 89.

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 – 2018 to 2021

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
2021	3 couples	0 couples	3 couples	6 couples
Total	11 couples	2 couples	7 couples	20 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 2021 domestic partnership ceremonies between residents accounted for three or 50% of the total number of ceremonies taking place. There were three domestic partnership ceremonies between a resident and non-resident which accounted for the remaining 50% of the total number of domestic partnerships formalized that year.

All of the domestic partnerships formalized in 2021 were between male and female couples.

Maritime Domestic Partnerships

There were no domestic partnership ceremonies performed on board any of 28 Bermuda registered ships in 2021.

DEATHS

Death Statistics Including Stillbirths – 2017 to 2021

The number of deaths of residents recorded in 2021 was 727; an increase of 161 or 28.4% from 566 deaths recorded in 2020. There were no stillbirths recorded in 2021, as oppose to one stillbirth recorded in 2020.

Table 5.0 contains a breakdown of deaths over the period 2017 to 2021 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 1.2 over the five year span.

Table 5.0
Distribution of Deaths by Sex and Stillbirths – 2017 to 2021

Year	Male	Female	Total	Stillbirths
2017	244	237	481	0
2018	267	268	535	5
2019	272	263	535	0
2020	328	238	566	1
2021	359	368	727	0
Total	1,470	1,374	2,844	6



In 2021, the average age at death was 72.9 years for males , 79.5 years for females and 76.2 years for all persons.

Deaths by Age and Sex – 2017 to 2021 (Excluding stillbirths and non-resident deaths)

Table 5.1 shows a breakdown of deaths, by age groups, occurring between 2017 and 2021.

The average age at death was 72.9 years for males, 79.5 years for females and 76.2 years for all persons in 2021.

Table 5.1
Distribution of Deaths by Age and Sex – 2017 to 2021

Age	2017			2018			2019			2020			2021		
Group	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
0 - 4	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 - 9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 - 14	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 - 19	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	2	2
20 - 24	4	1	5	1	0	1	2	0	2	2	0	2	4	0	4
25 - 29	2	1	3	2	1	3	0	0	0	3	0	3	4	3	7
30 - 34	6	0	6	5	0	5	1	0	1	1	2	3	4	3	7
35 - 39	2	1	3	1	1	2	1	3	4	0	2	2	3	0	3
40 - 44	2	3	5	2	1	3	3	2	5	1	0	1	3	0	3
45 - 49	7	4	11	8	7	15	3	1	4	8	4	12	8	5	13
50 - 54	6	9	15	14	4	18	8	7	15	9	6	15	17	8	25
55 - 59	19	8	27	15	10	25	18	4	22	18	8	26	30	14	44
60 - 64	30	8	38	20	18	38	16	23	39	19	15	34	29	19	48
65 - 69	28	13	41	22	15	37	31	15	46	49	12	61	30	28	58
70 - 74	20	20	40	34	27	61	36	21	57	33	20	53	31	35	66
75 - 79	25	27	52	24	22	46	41	18	59	47	18	65	46	34	80
80 - 84	35	22	57	37	48	85	45	47	92	42	25	67	58	57	115
85 - 89	36	47	83	43	42	85	34	50	84	54	54	108	50	53	103
90 - 94	20	47	67	27	36	63	22	42	64	33	48	81	30	63	93
95 - 99	2	22	24	9	27	36	9	24	33	7	18	25	10	30	40
100 & Over	0	4	4	2	7	9	0	5	5	0	6	6	2	14	16
Total ¹	244	237	481	267	268	535	272	263	535	328	238	566	359	368	727

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

¹ Excludes non-resident deaths

Distribution of Deaths by Age and Sex – 2021 (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 2021 among the resident population.

Within the 80 – 84 year-old age group 115 or 15.8% of deaths occurred, followed by 103 or 14.2% in the 85 – 89, 93 or 12.8 % in the 90 – 94, and 80 or 11.0% in the 75 – 79 year-old age groups out of a total of 727 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 15 – 19, 70 – 74, 85 – 89, 90 - 94, 95 - 99 and over 100+.

Table 5.2
Distribution of Deaths by Age and Sex – 2021

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	0	2	2	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%
20 - 24	4	0	4	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%
25 - 29	4	3	7	0.6%	0.4%	1.0%
30 - 34	4	3	7	0.6%	0.4%	1.0%
35 - 39	3	0	3	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%
40 - 44	3	0	3	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%
45 - 49	8	5	13	1.1%	0.7%	1.8%
50 - 54	17	8	25	2.3%	1.1%	3.4%
55 - 59	30	14	44	4.1%	1.9%	6.1%
60 - 64	29	19	48	4.0%	2.6%	6.6%
65 - 69	30	28	58	4.1%	3.9%	8.0%
70 - 74	31	35	66	4.3%	4.8%	9.1%
75 - 79	46	34	80	6.3%	4.7%	11.0%
80 - 84	58	57	115	8.0%	7.8%	15.8%
85 - 89	50	53	103	6.9%	7.3%	14.2%
90 - 94	30	63	93	4.1%	8.7%	12.8%
95 - 99	10	30	40	1.4%	4.1%	5.5%
100 & Over	2	14	16	0.3%	1.9%	2.2%
Total	359	368	727	49.4%	50.6%	100%

¹ Excludes nine non-resident deaths

Distribution of Deaths by Age and Parish of Residence of the Deceased - 2021 (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 119 or 16.4% of deaths in 2021. This figure which represents the largest number of deaths in a single parish for the total number of deaths recorded for the year.

Sixteen deaths were recorded in 2021 among centenarians. Eight of these decedents were resident in Pembroke, three were resident in Devonshire, both Warwick and Southampton had two decedents each, and the remaining one decedent was resident in Paget.

Table 5.3
Distribution of Deaths by Age and Parish of Residence of the Deceased – 2021

% 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	1	0	1	0	2	0.3%
20 - 24	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	4	0.6%
25 - 29	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	2	7	1.0%
30 - 34	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	7	1.0%
35 - 39	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0.4%
40 - 44	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	0.4%
45 - 49	2	3	0	1	4	0	1	2	0	13	1.8%
50 - 54	4	2	4	2	2	1	3	2	5	25	3.4%
55 - 59	6	2	3	5	5	1	9	5	8	44	6.1%
60 - 64	8	7	4	5	8	4	3	1	8	48	6.6%
65 - 69	6	3	0	8	13	4	8	5	11	58	8.0%
70 - 74	3	2	2	8	12	7	14	5	13	66	9.1%
75 - 79	10	6	10	8	14	8	7	7	10	80	11.0%
80 - 84	9	13	13	6	16	9	19	13	17	115	15.8%
85 - 89	9	6	15	16	13	6	17	11	10	103	14.2%
90 - 94	11	9	6	8	15	7	9	11	17	93	12.8%
95 - 99	5	0	0	7	6	5	5	4	8	40	5.5%
100 & Over	0	0	0	3	8	1	2	2	0	16	2.2%
Total	75	54	60	78	119	54	105	70	112	727	100%

¹ Excludes three non-residents.

Infant Mortality Rates

In 2021 there were zero infant deaths recorded. Table 5.4 shows the number of infant deaths and the infant mortality rate per thousand live births for the period 2017 to 2021.

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Table 5.4
Infant Mortality – 2017 to 2021

Year	Infant Deaths	Rate per 1000
2017	0	0
2018	1	1.9
2019	1	1.9
2020	0	0
2021	0	0



In 2021, sixteen deaths were recorded among centenarians. Eight of these decedents were resident in Pembroke, there were resident in Devonshire, both Warwick and Southampton had two decedents each, and the remaining one decedent was resident in Paget.

Deaths of Non-Residents – 2021

There were three deaths recorded amongst non-residents in 2021, all three deaths were in respect of male visitors. Two of the visitors died from natural causes and one died from injuries to a road traffic accident.

Table 5.5 shows the total number of deaths of non-residents by sex for the years 2017 to 2021.

Table 5.5
Deaths of Non-Residents – 2017 to 2021

Year	Male	Female	Total
2017	10	3	13
2018	7	4	11
2019	4	5	9
2020	2	4	6
2021	3	0	3
Total	26	16	42

Coroners' Cases

There were 145 deaths investigated by the Coroner's Office in 2021 of which three related to visitors to the Island.



There were no infant deaths recorded in 2021.

APPENDIX

Table A – Births, Marriages, Domestic Partnerships, Deaths and Population Estimates – 2017 to 2021

Year	Births	Marriages	Domestic Partnership	Deaths	Population Estimates ¹
2017	576	440	0	481	63,921
2018	530	473	2	535	63,916
2019	525	386	4	535	63,906
2020	541 r	248	8	566	63,881 r
2021	494	313	6	727	63,648

¹ Population estimates were re-based in 2016 and there has been a continuous decrease since 2018

Figure A – Births, Marriages and Deaths – 2017 to 2021

