



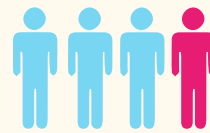
The London Mint Office: A 2017 Study of British Marriage



Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip celebrate their platinum wedding anniversary this year. To celebrate, The London Mint Office has released a special commemorative coin and has carried out extensive research into the changing face of marriage over the past 70 years.



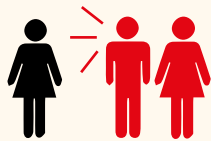
Only **36%** of people believe in monogamy within a successful marriage



1/4 of people have witnessed **extreme drunkenness at weddings**



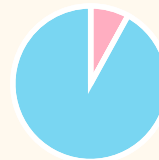
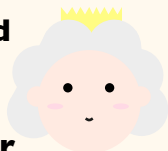
1 in 10 say **interference from parents** caused pre-wedding **arguments**



Liverpool is the kissing capital, while Sheffield couples kiss the least



On her wedding day, **The Queen applied her own makeup**, whereas **37%** of people today **hire hair and makeup artists**



8% of people in the UK have seen **wedding brawls**

Couples over 55 years invited an average of 48 attendees vs an average 98 guests with younger couples



42% of younger men propose on bended knee vs just **19%** of the older generation

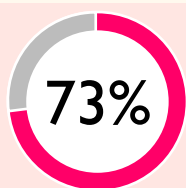


Manchester couples say **"I Love You"** the most, Sheffield says it the least

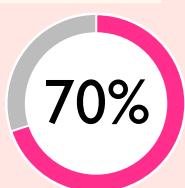
Welsh couples are the least likely to pay for their entire wedding whereas North-West England couples are most likely to cover all costs



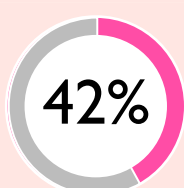
Secrets to marriage success



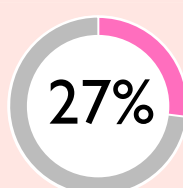
Respect



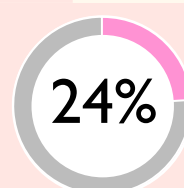
Sense of Humour



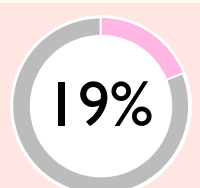
Good Sex Life



A Kiss a Day



Saying, "I Love You", Each Day



Regular 'Date Nights'