

Russian Women Are Getting Married 8 Years Later On Average, Official Data Says

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The average woman in Russia gets married eight years later than she did earlier this decade, according to official data.

Marriage rates in Russia hit their lowest point since 2000 last year, according to Federal Statistics Service (Rosstat) data, and researchers don't [expect](#) rates to begin rising again until the mid-2020s.

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Most women in Russia get married between ages 25–34, the state-run RIA Novosti news agency [cited](#) Rosstat data as saying Monday. Eight years ago, most Russian women got

married between ages 18–24.

“Young people are putting off marriage,” Yelena Yegorova, a senior researcher at the Plekhanov Russian University of Economics, was quoted as saying.

Yegorova named education, career-building, unemployment, a lack of one’s own housing, instability and a desire to live as one pleases as the leading factors behind delayed marriages.

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“There’s another reason: There are more couples that don’t register their marriage, which is typical for the younger generation,” she said.

Rosstat data also indicated a steady growth of Russian women who get married after the age of 35, according to RIA.

The marriage age among Russian men has remained steady at 25–34 over the past eight years.

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