Marriage patterns in Norway

- Who do immigrants marry?

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Source and definitions

• This paper is prepared on data based on the System of Population Registration within Statistics Norway.

• In this paper, we define **immigrant population** as persons with two foreign-born parents: this involves both **first-generation immigrants** and their **immediate descendants** (born in Norway by two foreign-born parents).

• **Country background** = own or, alternatively, parents' country of birth. Persons who do not have an immigrant background only have Norway as country background. **Non-western countries** = Asia including Turkey, Africa, South and Central America and Eastern Europe.

- Two immigrants: 11%
- Woman without immigrant-background/immigrant man: 7%
- Man without immigrant-background/immigrant woman: 13%
- Two persons without immigrant-background: 69%
Marriages by the partners’ immigrant background. 1990-2004. Absolute figures
Marriages by country background and gender. Percent who entered into a marriage with a person without immigrant background. 2004.
Marriages by Pakistani, Turkish, Moroccan and Indian immigrants, 1996-2004.

- Thailand
  - Women
    - Without immigrant background
    - Same country background
    - Other country background
    - Non-resident

- Philippines
  - Women
    - Without immigrant background
    - Same country background
    - Other country background
    - Non-resident
  - Men
    - Without immigrant background
    - Same country background
    - Other country background
    - Non-resident

- Without immigrant background
- First-generation immigrant
- Immediate descendant
Anchor-persons by country background. 1991-2004. Absolute figures
Married Pakistani first-generation immigrants and their immediate descendants. 1.1.2005. Per cent
Married Turkish first-generation immigrants and their immediate descendants. 1.1.2005. Per cent
Large differences

• wester –non-western
• refugee-background vs. Labour immigrants
• men and women
• first-generation and their immediate descendants