

## 2. Marriages

<b>1. Official name of the source and its English translation</b>	Kirkebøger eller ministerialbøger (Parish register or Ministerial books).
<b>2. Purpose of the source:</b>	
2.a. Why was this source created?	The primary intention was to facilitate the control of the church's decree: That those living together as husband and wife were rightfully married. In addition to the sacral need, the registration filled secular needs, as well. By the aid of church books, the priest was able to give other civil servants information concerning inheritance, proceedings, soldier conscription, and for the purpose of tax.
2.b. Who created it?	Denmark-Norway Church ritual ("Danmarks og Norgis Kirkeritual") (resol. 25/7), authorised in 1685, and The Norwegian Code, given by Christian V of Denmark-Norway on April 15th 1687, entered into force on September 29th 1688.
<b>3. Scope:</b> What group of the population was documented in this source?	Marriages.
<b>4. Time period:</b> When the information of the sources was recorded? Please indicate the start and the end date.	The oldest preserved Norwegian church book is from Andebu in Vestfold province, dated back to 1623. Church books dated back to about 1700 exist for almost all parishes.
<b>5. Geographical area:</b> What territory is covered by the source?	All parishes in Norway.
<b>6. Content:</b> What was recorded?	The oldest preserved registers did not have any schematic nor thematic order, thus all acts were registered continuous in the books.  From 1812 we find printed registers with separated columns with defined headlines, and the parish register was separated by type of act, with baptisms, burials, marriages, vaccination, confirmation, migration, all in their respective books. An extended revision of the register was introduced in 1877. The royal resolution from 1877 is, with minor changes, still the applicable.
<b>7. Language of written material:</b> original sources and documentation	Danish developing into Norwegian.
<b>8. Preservation and storage:</b>	
8.a. Completely preserved	
8.b. Partially destroyed by personnel according to systematic criteria	
8.c. Partially destroyed or damaged for other reasons	There are several lacunas from the earliest period. For the 19th century there may also be lacunas in different parishes, as it was the priests that personally was responsible to deliver the registers to the archives (circular April 26th 1838), and it is believed that the recognition of preserved value was in general rather limited amongst the priests. However, a greater understanding of the parish registers values increased over time, and from the late 19th century more complete continuous registers are preserved.

8.d. Reorganized by producer of the source	
8.e. Reorganized by record linkage procedures	
8.f. Where the original records are stored (name of the archive or institution)?	The Regional State Archives of Norway
<b>9. Documentation:</b>	
9.a. Completely documented and accessible by:	Nearly all delivered parish registers has been scanned, and are available at: <a href="http://arkivverket.no/eng/content/view/full/629">http://arkivverket.no/eng/content/view/full/629</a>  A great amount of parish registers has been transcribed and digitized, and are available at: <a href="http://digitalarkivet.arkivverket.no/en-gb/finn_kilde">http://digitalarkivet.arkivverket.no/en-gb/finn_kilde</a>  <a href="http://www.rhd.uit.no/kirkebok/kirkebok_sok_e.aspx">http://www.rhd.uit.no/kirkebok/kirkebok_sok_e.aspx</a>
9.b. Partially documented and accessible by:	
9.c. No documentation, but accessible by:	

**Table : The development of contents in the marriage registers**

<b>1812</b>	<b>1820</b>	<b>1877</b>
Date of marriage	Date of marriage	Date of marriage
Bridegroom: First and last name, age, occupation, place of residence	Bridegroom: First and last name, age, occupation, place of residence, place of birth	Bridegroom: First and last name, year of birth, occupation, place of residence, place of birth
Bride: First and last name, age, occupation	Bride: First and last name, age, place of birth	Bride: First and last name, year of birth, place of birth
Witness(es): First and last name	Witness(es): First and last name, place of residence	Witness(es): First and last name, name of residence
Whether church or home wedding	Bridegrooms father: First and last name	Bridegrooms father: First and last name, occupation
Comments	Bride's father: First and last name	Bride's father: First and last name, occupation
	Banns' period	Banns' period
	Vaccination certificate or had natural smallpox	Marriage number for bride and bridegroom
	Information about any previous marriage and probate case	Information about any previous marriage and probate case
		Comments