

Did you know?

According to CDC's National Center for Health Statistics, approximately:

3,000 couples in the U.S. get divorced each day - well over 1 million per year.

20-25% of these people are divorcing for the second or third time.

50% of all divorcing couples have children under the age of 18.

12 million U.S. families were headed by a single parent during 2000.

1 out of 3 U.S. children do not live with both parents.

17% of all children in the U.S. will suffer a divorce this year.

Second marriages will end 23% sooner than first marriages.

Third marriages will end 43% sooner than first marriages.

And it's scientifically supported that children of divorced parents suffer a higher than average divorce rate as adults - divorce is a legacy that's passed down from one generation to the next.

These public divorce statistics are alarming, but most people don't have access to follow-up statistics concerning a divorce after the affair of one partner:

80% of couples who divorce as the result of an affair later regret their decision to divorce.*

The statistics for affair-born relationships are even more extreme:

Fewer than 10% of all extramarital affair relationships will actually result in a marriage between the two affair partners.*

If an affair-born relationship does result in a marriage, 3 out of 4 of those couples can expect their new marriage to also end in divorce.*

What does this mean?

It means that for every 100 extramarital relationships - less than 10 of the unfaithful spouses will actually marry his or her affair partner. If the affair partners do marry, 75% of those marriages will also end in divorce - which means that at best, less than 3 out of every 100 affair born relationships will result in a marriage that does not end in divorce! (And this doesn't take into account marital separation, only legal divorce, which brings the success rate down from the already generous but alarmingly low 2.5%!)

*Staheli, Lana, [Affair-Proof Your Marriage: Understanding, Preventing and Surviving An Affair](#). New York, NY: HarperCollins, 1995. & Vaughan, Peggy, [The Monogamy Myth](#). New York, NY: Newmarket Press, 1989.