

Child Brides:
Average age of women
at first marriage is 20
years or younger

Data from 2003



Nujood Ali was ten when she fled her abusive, much older husband to the courthouse in Sanaa, Yemen. The girl's courageous act—and the landmark legal battle that ensued—turned her into an international hero for women's rights. Now divorced, she is back home with her family and attending school.

In Niger, 70% of girls, but only 4% of boys are married by age 19.

In Nepal 7% of girls are married before they're 10 years old.

In the late 1990's in the Indian state of Rajasthan, 56% of girls were married before 15, and of those 17% were married before age 10.

The highest rates of girl-child marriage are found in Bangladesh, the Central African Republic, Chad, Guinea, Mali, and Niger. In these countries, more than 60% of girls aged under 18 are married.

