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FIG. 1

Divorce rate lowest for 26 years

The provisional divorce rate in England and Wales fell for a third consecutive year, reaching its lowest level since 1981, according to statistics published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

**GRAPH OF DIVORCE RATE IN ENGLAND AND WALES
1971 – 2007**

**Persons divorcing per 1000
married population**

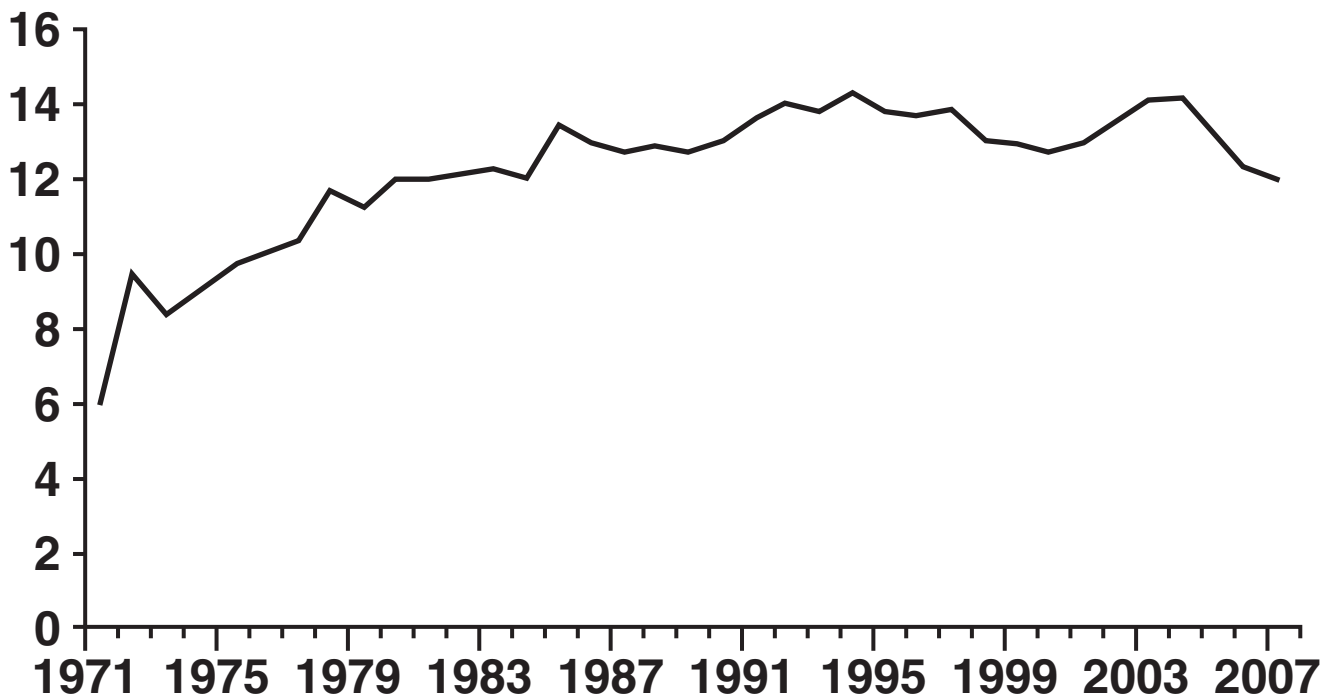
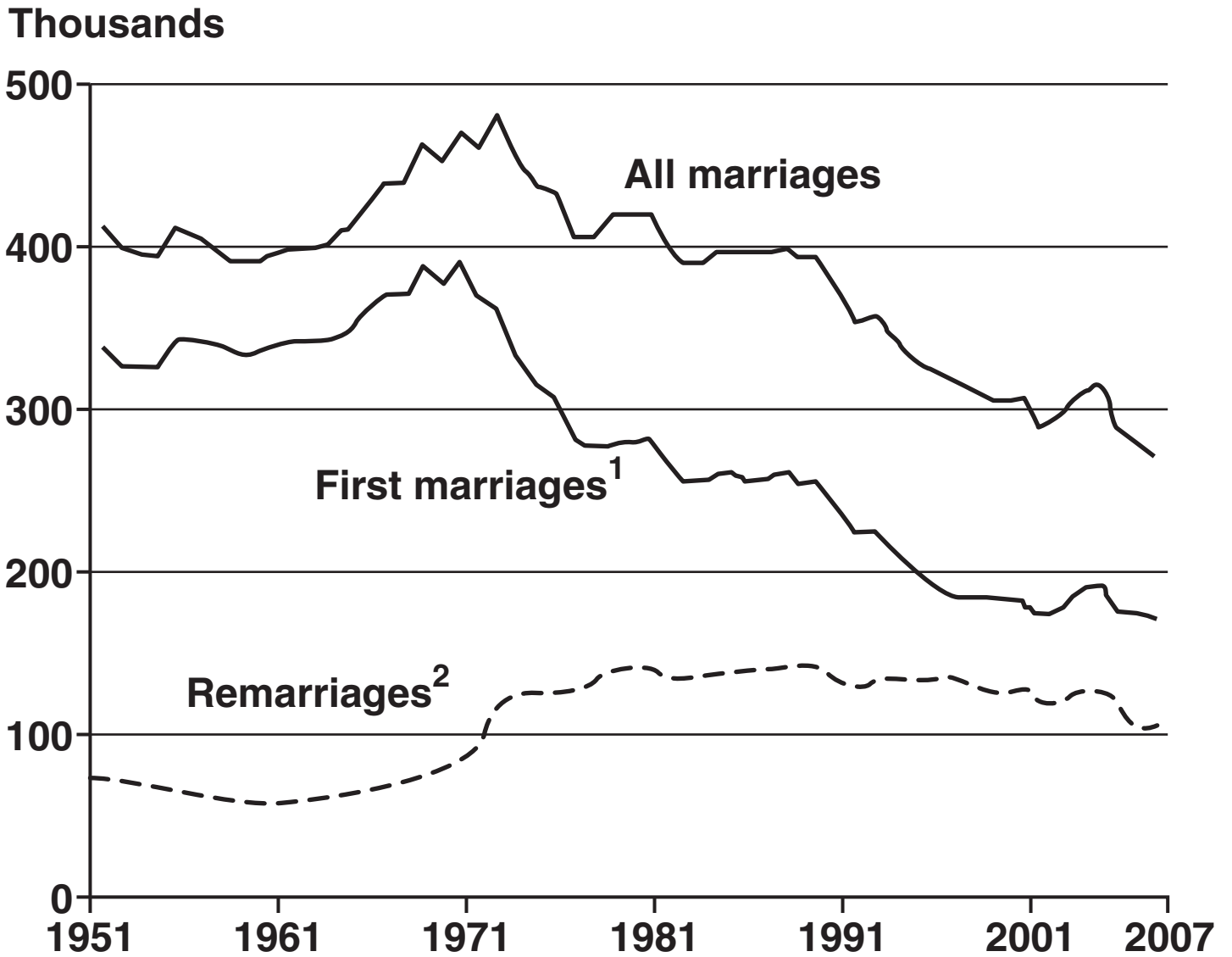


FIG. 2

UK marriages decrease by 2.7%

**GRAPH OF MARRIAGES IN UNITED KINGDOM
1951 – 2007**

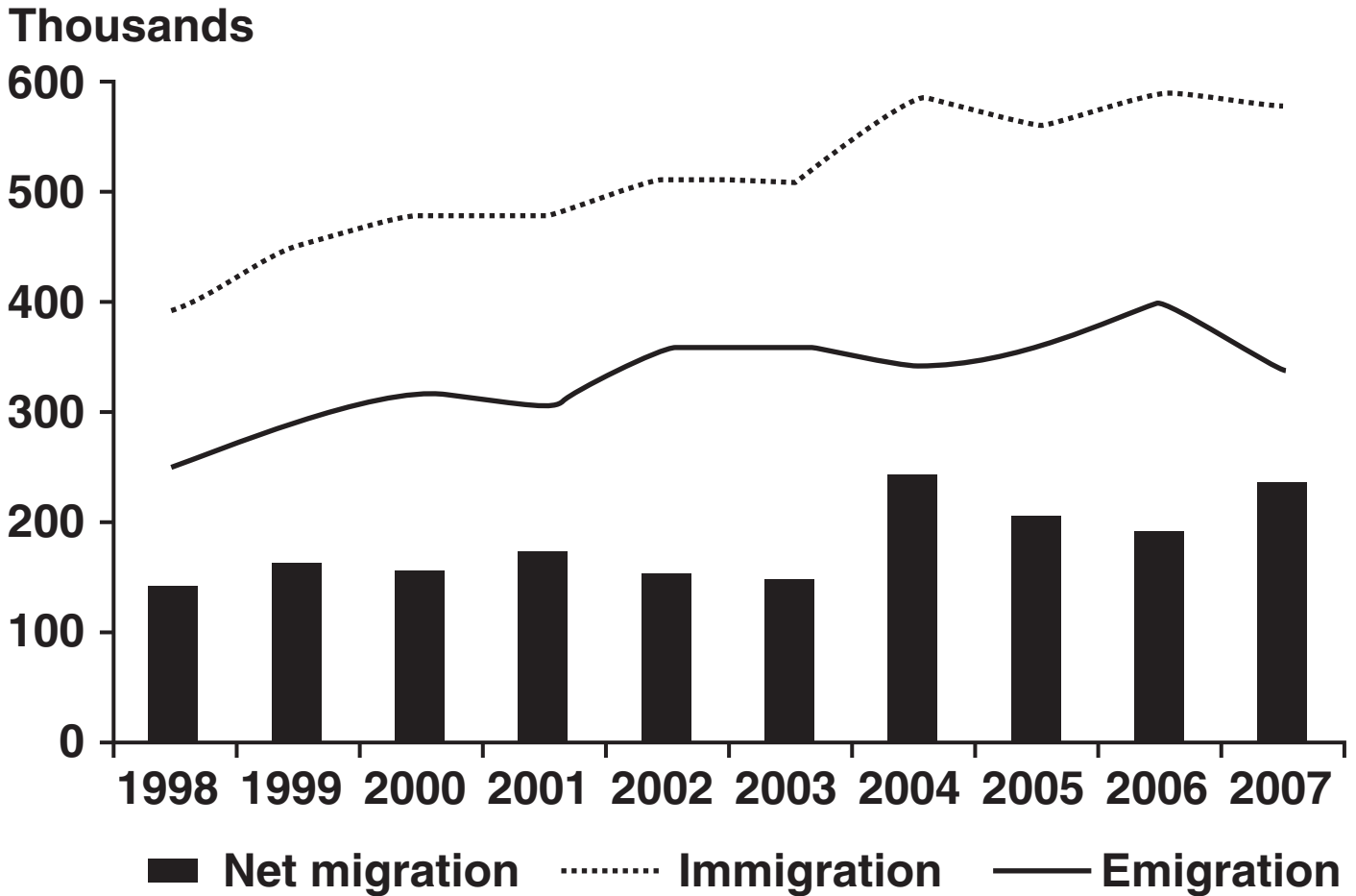


¹for both partners

²for one or both partners

FIG. 3

Total international migration to and from the UK 1998 – 2007



TEXT 1

**FUTURE LOOKS GREY AS PENSIONERS
OUTNUMBER CHILDREN FOR FIRST TIME**

The long term implications for society of the pensioner population rising to 11 561 000 and the number of under 16s falling to 11 509 000 in 2007 are huge. The fastest growing age group in the population are those aged 80 years and over and they currently constitute 4.5% of the population.

Adapted from The Times 22.08.08

TEXT 2

Carers UK is the voice of carers. Carers provide unpaid care looking after an ill, frail or disabled family member, friend or partner. Carers UK campaigns on behalf of informal carers to get them more support and recognition in society.

Adapted from www.carersuk.org

TEXT 3

CARERS PUSHED TO THE LIMIT

Three out of four carers admit that they have felt stretched to their limits by the stress of trying to care for somebody who is ill, frail or disabled.

Adapted from www.express.co.uk 10.06.09

TEXT 4

MEN 'OUT-PERFORMED AT UNIVERSITY'

Female students are ahead of men in almost every measure of UK university achievement according to a report from the Higher Education Policy Institute. Women are more likely to get places in the top universities and go on to get better grades – 49% of young women enter university compared with 38% of young men.

Adapted from the BBC website, www.news.bbc.co.uk 10.06.09



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