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14% of Weddings in Moscow Include Foreigner

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Of the 92,255 weddings registered in Moscow last year, about 13,000 included a foreigner, Interfax reported Monday, citing the head of the marriage registration office, known by the acronym ZAGS.

Irina Muravyeva told the news agency that 14.1 percent of Moscow weddings included a foreigner. Most of the grooms were from outside of the Commonwealth of Independent States. The countries represented include Turkey, Germany, Israel, the U.S., Britain, Italy, Afghanistan, France, Egypt and Syria.

Muravyeva said the number of grooms from outside the CIS has typically exceeded the number of brides. The ratio was 8-to-1 last year: 1,781 versus 228, she said.

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