

Minimum age for marriage in Latin American and the Caribbean

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Countries	Minimum age for marriage	Exceptions to minimum age for girls	Exceptions to minimum age for boys	Authorization required for an exception: Parental (P) / Judicial (J)
Antigua and Barbuda	18	15	15	P - J
Argentina	18	16	16	P - J
Bahamas	18	13	13	P - J
Barbados	18	16	16	P - J
Belize	18	16	16	P- J
Bolivia	18	16	16	P - J
Brazil	18	16	16	P - J
Canada	18	16	16	P - J
Chile	18	16	16	P - J
Colombia	18	14	14	P
Costa Rica	18	no	no	no
Dominica	18	16	16	P - J
Ecuador	18	no	no	no
El Salvador	18	no	no	P - J
United States of America	Defined by each state.	Defined by each state.	Defined by each state.	Defined by each state.
Grenada	18	16	16	P - J
Guatemala	18	16	16	J
Guyana	18	16	16	P - J
Haiti	18	15	18	P – The president of the republic

Honduras	18	no	no	no
Jamaica	18	16	16	P - J
Mexico	18	no	no	no
Nicaragua	18	16	16	P
Panama	18	no	no	
Paraguay	18	16	16	P - J
Peru	18	16	16	P - J
Dominican Republic	18	15	16	P
St. Kitt & Nevis	18	16	16	P - J
St. Lucia	18	16	16	P - J
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	18	15	16	P - J
Suriname	18	Not available	Not available	Ministry of Justice
Trinidad and Tobago	18	There is not a minimum age for exceptions.	There is not a minimum age for exceptions.	P - J
Uruguay	18	16	16	P - J
Venezuela	18	16	16	P