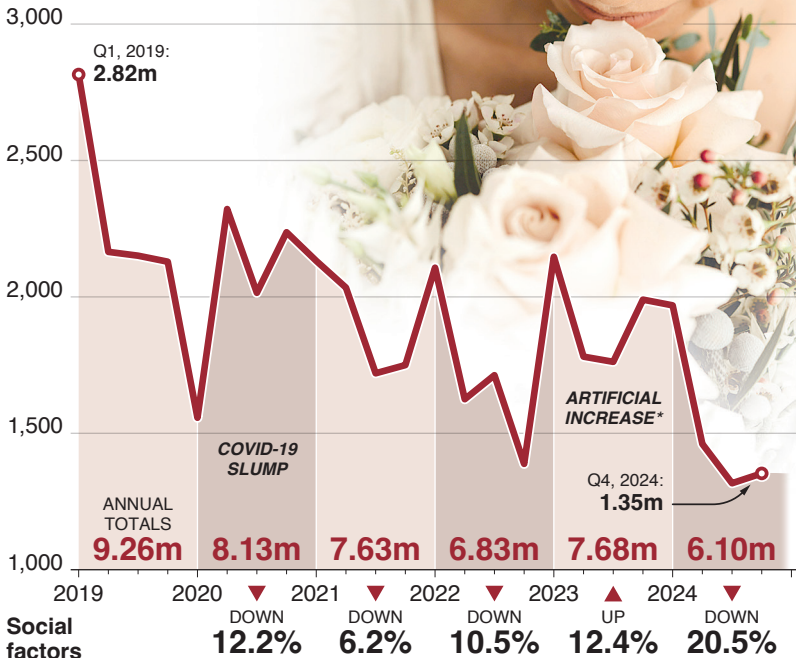


# Wedding crasher

The number of marriages in China dropped to 6.1 million in 2024, a record-breaking fall of 20.5% from the previous year – compounding the country's plight with a declining population

## NUMBER OF REGISTERED WEDDINGS IN CHINA

(quarterly, 1,000s)



**to blame:** Declining population of young adults, darkening economic outlook for recent graduates, changing attitudes towards marriage, and escalating gender polarisation between men and women

\*Many couples accelerate marriage plans into 2023 to ensure their child will be born in 2024 – Year of the Dragon, and lucky for childbirth in Chinese culture. Picture: Karolina Grabowska (Unsplash)

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