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Divorced couples

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1. Introduction – Basic information about the survey

1.1 Purpose, goal and subject of the survey

Divorce is a marital unity terminated by the competent court. Divorce statistics cover marriages divorced by the judgment of competent court. Statistics of divorces aims to produce the data by which the main demographic analyses of population in Montenegro are possible at the level of Montenegro and municipalities. The data represent a basis for the calculation of number of analytical demographic indicators used for the purpose of producing analysis, both current and future population structure.

1.2 Legal basics

The Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System (Official Gazette of Montenegro No 18/12 and 47/19) defines provisions for collection, processing, and dissemination of data. The Law provides to the Statistical Office clear and wide legal powers to collect and access the data necessary for the implementation of Programme and Annual Plan. The Law gives a priority to the use of administrative data and right of access to individual data that are a result of survey of other official statistical producers. As an annex to legal provisions, Statistical Office has signed several memoranda on cooperation with administrative data providers.

1.3 Statistical units

In divorce statistics, observation unit is every legally terminated marriage.

1.4 Coverage and scope of survey

1.4.1 Sectors

Not relevant

1.4.2 Statistical population

Divorced persons aged 15 years and over in the observed period.

1.5 Referent geographical area

Montenegro and municipalities.

1.6 Concepts and definitions

Divorce is a marital union terminated by binding judgement of competent court.

1.7 Classifications

Municipalities

1.8 Frequency of data collection

Monthly.

1.9 Frequency of data dissemination

Preliminary data are monthly published, and final data are published at the annual level. Annual data are transmitted to Eurostat.

1.10 Methodology

Methodological guide on divorces statistics is available at the website of Statistical Office, link: <https://www.monstat.org/userfiles/file/demografija/brakovi/Divorces.%20methodology.pdf>

1.11 Base period

Not relevant

1.12 Unit of measure

Unit in which data values are measured is the number of divorced persons and number of divorces.

1.13 Source of data

The survey used an administrative data source. The administrative data source is basic courts.

1.14 Method of data collection

Administrative source

2. Relevance – Data users

2.1 User needs

International users:

- Eurostat;
- World Bank;
- UN organizations;
- International Monetary Fund .

National users:

- Ministries and other public administration bodies;
- Local government and other local government bodies;
- Central bank;
- Non-governmental organizations;
- Students;

- Researchers;
- Media.

2.2 User satisfaction

The Statistical Office has adopted the Quality Management Strategy, the Guidebook to the Implementation of the Quality Management Strategy, as well as the Plan for the Implementation of the Quality Policy. In order to measure the degree to which fulfills obligations towards users and within the new quality policy, the Statistical Office conducted User satisfaction survey. Data collection was carried out through a web survey, in the period from 1 September to 20 October, 2017.

The results of the survey are available on the Statistical Office website, at the following link:

<http://www.monstat.org/userfiles/file/KVALITET/Izvjestaj%20o%20zadovoljstvu%20korisnika%20eng.pdf>

3. Accuracy and reliability

3.1 Accuracy – Overall remark

Not relevant.

3.2 Measurement error

Not relevant.

3.3 Non-response error

Not relevant.

Unit non-response rate

Not relevant.

3.4 Seasonal adjustment

Not relevant.

3.5 Data revision

3.5.1 Data revision policy

Statistical Office has adopted the revision policy and it is available at the following link: [Revision policy](#)

3.5.2 Data revision practice

Annual Plan forces preliminary and final announcement of data. According to this, a regular revision is applied for this survey. There is no significant and unplanned revision.

3.5.3 Data revision - average size

Not available.

4. Timeliness and punctuality

4.1 Timeliness

Final data are published at the latest 120 days after the last day of reference period (T+120). Final data are published in the release on marriages and divorces. The data for 2019 are published on 30 April 2020. The data are submitted to Eurostat on 31 December of current year for the previous year.

Time lag of the first results

Preliminary data are published at the latest 60 days after the last day of reference period T+60.

Time lag of the final results

Final data are at the latest published 120 days after the last day of reference period (T+120).

4.2 Punctuality

Data are published on the day defined by the Annual Plan and Statistical Releases Calendar. Indicator TP3 is 0, i.e. there is no difference between planned and actual announcement.

5. Availability and clarity

5.1 Data Release Calendar

The Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System (Official Gazette of Montenegro No 18/12) stipulates that official statistical producers prepare, update, and publish Statistical Release Calendar. It is published on the website of Statistical Office not later than 20 December for the next year, for all official statistical producers that includes date of releasing statistical data. Any change in date of releasing in the Calendar is published in advance in accordance with the Procedure on Unplanned Revisions.

5.2 Access to data release calendar

<http://www.monstat.org/eng/page.php?id=12&pageid=12>

5.3 Releases

Releases are published annually and are available at the following link:

<https://www.monstat.org/eng/page.php?id=1125&pageid=51>

5.4 Publications

Statistical Office publishes the following regular publications:

- Monthly Statistical Review;
- Statistical Yearbook;
- Montenegro in Numbers.

All publications published by Statistical Office are available at the following link: [Publications](#)

5.5 Online database

On MONSTAT website can find database, link:

<https://www.monstat.org/eng/page.php?id=51&pageid=51>

5.6 Access to microdata

The Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System (Official Gazette of Montenegro No 18/12) regulates rules under which external users can obtain an access to individual data for needs of research. Article 58 defines types of scientific and research organizations that can obtain such data. Providing individual data without identifier is possible only upon a written request of scientific and research institutions, with purpose of performing scientific and research activities as well as international statistical organizations and statistical producers from other countries. Research entity signs the agreement with Statistical Office, and it signs the statement on respecting the confidentiality principle. Official statistical producers keeps a separate records on users and purpose of using the statistical data given to these users.

5.7 Metadata completeness rate

Not available.

6. Comparability

6.1 Comparability - geographical

The data are collected in accordance with the UN recommendations - UN Principles and Recommendations for a Vital Statistics System Revision 2. Accordingly, the comparability with all countries that use the same methodology is ensured.

6.2 Comparability - over time

A comparable time series of data is available from 1974.

Time comparability indicator

Not available.