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Married couples

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1. Introduction – Basic information about the survey

1.1 Purpose, goal and subject of the survey

Marriages statistics collects the data on total registered marriages done in accordance with valid legal regulations on marriages. Statistics on marriages aim to produce the data that enable main demographic analyses of population at the level of Montenegro or municipalities. The survey collects the data on marriages as well as main demographic, education and economic data on persons entering in marriage. The data represent a basis for the calculation of a number of analytical demographic indicators used for purpose of analysis draft, both present 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

Observation unit in marriage statistics is every legally concluded marriage.

1.4 Coverage and scope of survey

1.4.1 Sectors

Not relevant

1.4.2 Statistical population

Population aged 15 years and over.

1.5 Referent geographical area

Montenegro.

1.6 Concepts and definitions

Marriage concluded Marriage concluded is a living community between woman and man regulated by law Marital status Marital status - for classifying by this characteristic only legal marital status is considered. It means that only persons married in accordance with the legal provisions during the observed phenomena are considered to be married persons.

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 for marriage statistics is available at the website of Statistical Office, link: <http://monstat.org/userfiles/file/demografija/brakovi/Marriages,%20methodology.pdf>

1.11 Base period

Not relevant

1.12 Unit of measure

Unit within which data values are measured is concluded marriage and persons entered in marriage.

1.13 Source of data

Administrative data source.

1.14 Method of data collection

Administrative data 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

The coverage is full considering that the coverage source is administrative. The data accuracy by variables is not measured.

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.

important additional publications are as it follows:

- Women and Men in Montenegro,
- Children in Montenegro,
- The most often used statistical data

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. Thus, the comparability with the countries using the same methodology has been ensured.

6.2 Comparability - over time

A comparable time series of data is available from 1974.

Time comparability indicator

Not available.