

## ***Marriages and divorces in Montenegro, 2014***

*In 2014 in Montenegro, 3 527 marriages were concluded and 584 marriages were divorced.*

*The number of marriages in 2014 is 8% less than in the 2013. In 2014 were 584 divorces, which is 17% higher than in the 2013. There were 166 divorces per 1 000 marriages.*

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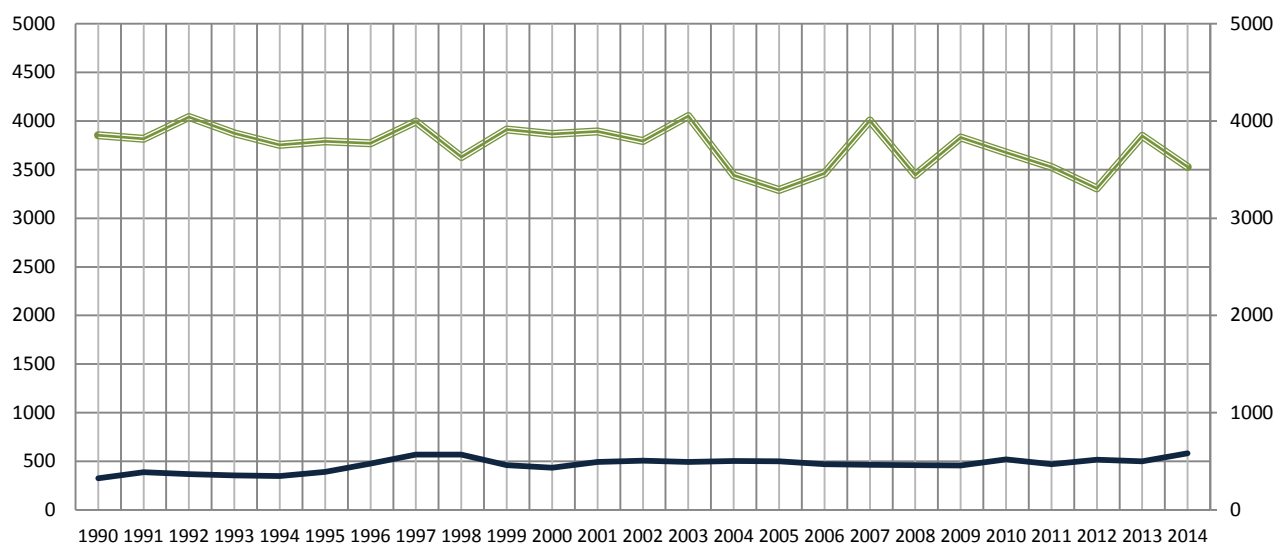
	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Marriages</b>	3853	3866	3676	3305	3847	3527
<b>Divorces</b>	324	435	520	515	499	584
<b>Number of divorces per 1 000 marriages</b>	84.1	112.5	141.5	155.2	129.7	165.6
<b>Average age of first marriages</b>						
<b>Bride</b>	24.1	24.9	26.7	27.4	27.6	27.5
<b>Groom</b>	28.8	29.8	30.8	31.2	31.3	30.9

*The average age of bride at the first marriage was 28 years, and 31 for a groom.*

*Of the total number of marriages:*

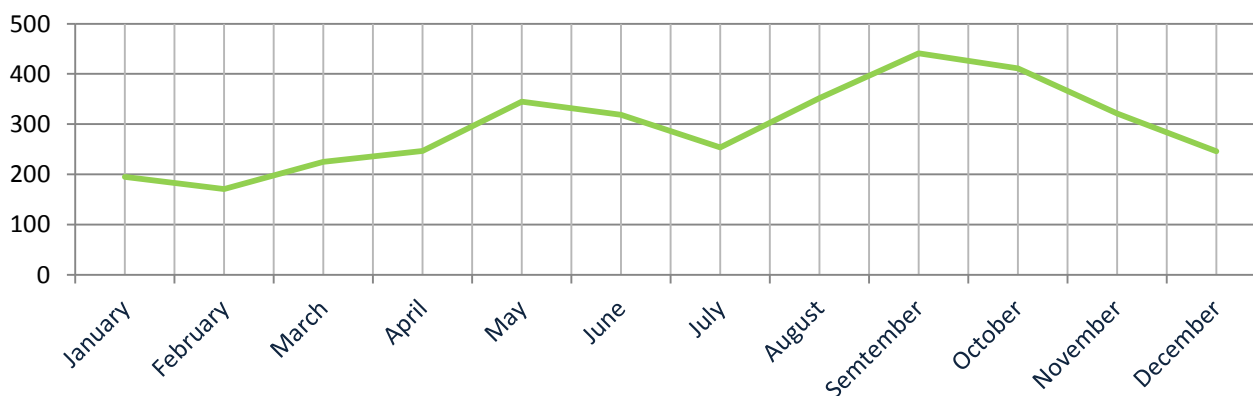
- *93.6% (3300) of brides and 91.1% (3212) of grooms concluded their first marriage*
- *6.0% (212) of brides and 8.5% (300) of grooms concluded second marriage*
- *third and over marriage concluded 0.4% (15) of brides and 0.4% (15) of grooms*

## Marriages and divorces, 1990-2014



*In period from 1990 to 2014 the highest number of marriages (4041) was in 1992. Number of divorces in same period was the highest (584) in 2014.*

## Marriages by month, 2013



*The highest number of marriages in 2014 was recorded in September (441), which is 13% from the total number of marriages.*

*At the moment of divorce average age of husband was 41 years and 37 for wife.*

*The average duration of a divorced marriage was 11 years.*

- 6% of all marriages were divorced in the first year of marriage;
- 47% of divorces lasted 1 to 9 years;
- 18% were divorced after 20 or more years of marriage.

*In 38.9% of divorces were no dependent children, in 50.5% of divorces was one or two children, and in 10.6% of divorces were three or more dependent children.*

*Of the total number of divorces with dependent children (357) in 81.8% of cases dependent children were entrusted to wife, while 11.2 % to husband. To husband and wife 6.4% of children are entrusted, and to and other persons and institutions 0.6% of children from divorced marriage were entrusted.*

## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

**Statistics marriages** aim to produce data that allow basic demographic analysis of the population at the level of Montenegro or municipalities. The survey collects data on marriage, as well as basic demographic, educational, and economic data on persons who get marriage.

**The divorce statistics** aims to produce data that allow basic demographic analysis of the population at the level of Montenegro or municipalities. The survey collects data on marriage, basic demographic, educational, and economic data on persons who are divorcing and the data on their children.

Data are the basis for calculating the number of analytical demographic indicators used for the purpose of making the analysis of any current or future structure of the population.

### **Sources of data**

Data on marriages are collected by municipality local offices. Data on divorces are collected in courts with jurisdiction over the divorce.

### **Coverage and comparability**

Data on marriages and divorces are collected and processed in accordance with the definition of the total population, according to the international (UN, Eurostat). According to this definition, data on marriages and divorces are processed since 2005. In comparisons of data especially rates should take into account the changing definition of the total population.

According to the regulations on keeping registers cases of marriage should be entered in the register of the area in which they occurred, regardless of whether people live in this area or not. In the analysis of statistical point is done regrouping, so the results reported by residence, and divorces in the last place of common residence.

The statistics of marriages each unit of observation is lawful marriage, and the statistics of divorces every marriage is a final judgment of a competent court divorced.

### **Definitions and explanations**

**Marriage** is regulated by the law of husband and wife.

**Divorces** are the final judgment of a competent court terminated marriage.

**Marital status** is characteristic for which is taken into account only the legal marital status. This means the married / married persons who considered only the events in the observed occurrence was in a marriage concluded in accordance with legal provisions, and are considered in the divorced person whose marriage is legally dissolved.

**Age** is expressed in completed years of age. Calculated on the basis of date of birth of persons and the date when the case occurred. In most tables age was reported in the five-year age groups.

**The rate of divorce** is the number of divorces per 1 000 marriages.

### **Legal base**

Data on related statistics are collected in accordance with the Law on Official Statistics and the system of official statistics ("Off. Gazette of Montenegro", no.18/12 of 30.03.2012. ).

Law on official statistics and the system of official statistics reporting units are required to provide data and individual data obtained in the research are protected and used only for statistical purposes.

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