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### *Marriages and divorces in Montenegro, 2015*

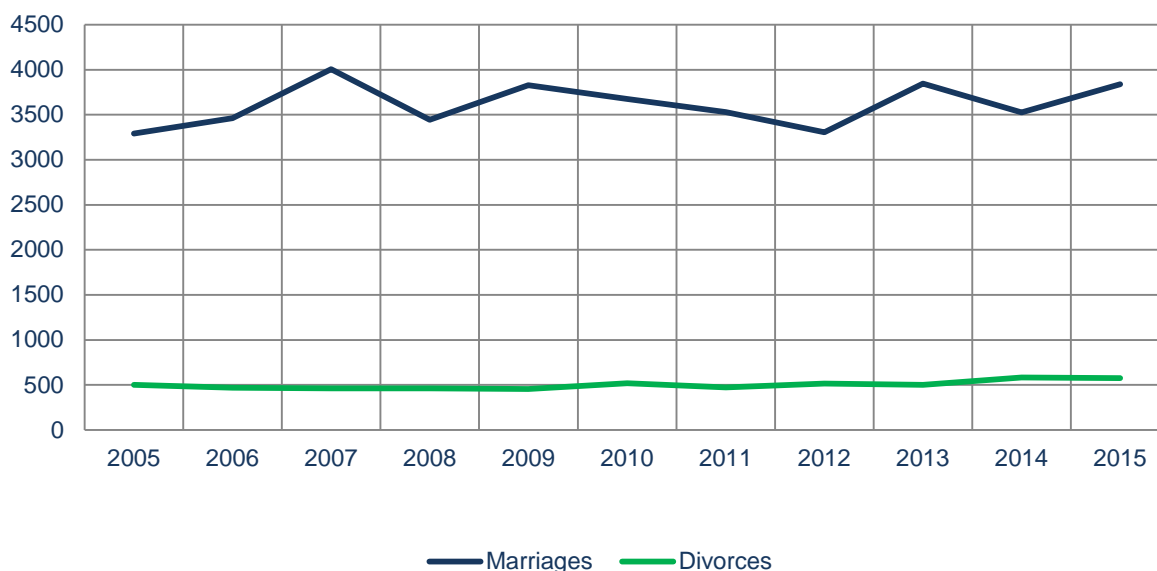
*In 2015 in Montenegro were 3 837 marriages and 577 divorced.*

*The number of marriages in 2015 is 8.8% higher than in the 2014. In 2015 were 577 divorces, which is 1.2% less, compared to 2014. There were 150.4 divorces per 1 000 marriages.*

**Table 1. Marriages and divorces, Montenegro 2015**

	1990	2000	2010	2013	2014	2015
<b>Marriages</b>	3 853	3 866	3 676	3 847	3 527	3 837
<b>Divorces</b>	324	435	520	499	584	577
<b>Number of divorces per 1 000 marriages</b>	84,1	112,5	141,5	129,7	165,6	150,4
<b>Bride</b>	24,1	24,9	26,7	27,6	27,5	27,7
<b>Groom</b>	28,8	29,8	30,8	31,3	30,9	31,3

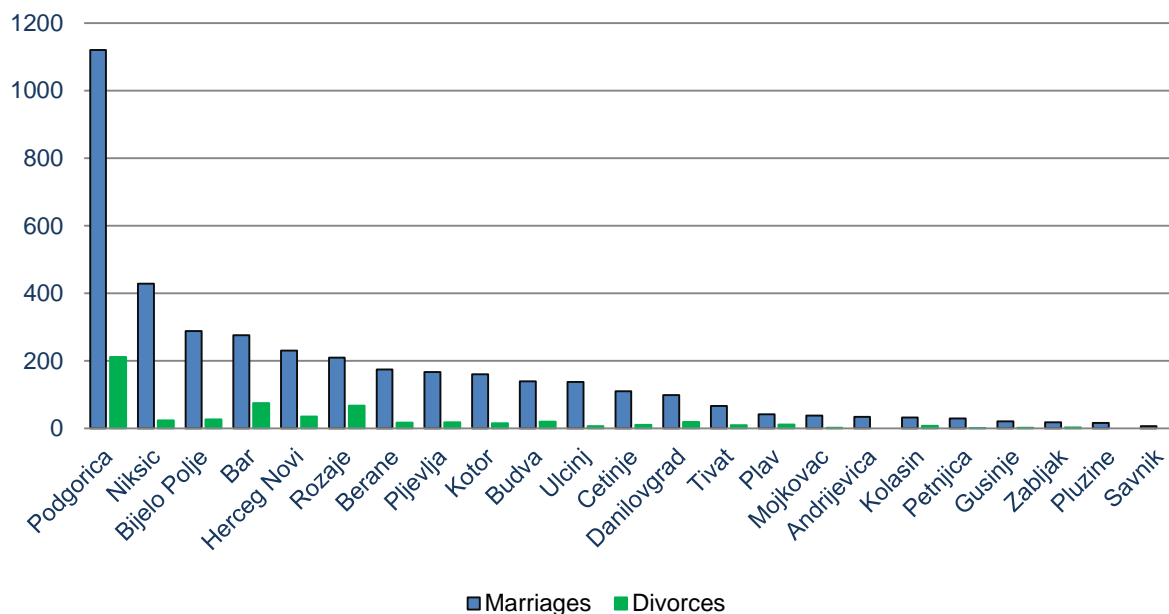
**Chart 1. Marriages and divorces, 2005 - 2015**



*In the period from 2005 to 2015, the highest number of marriages (4 005) was in 2007.*

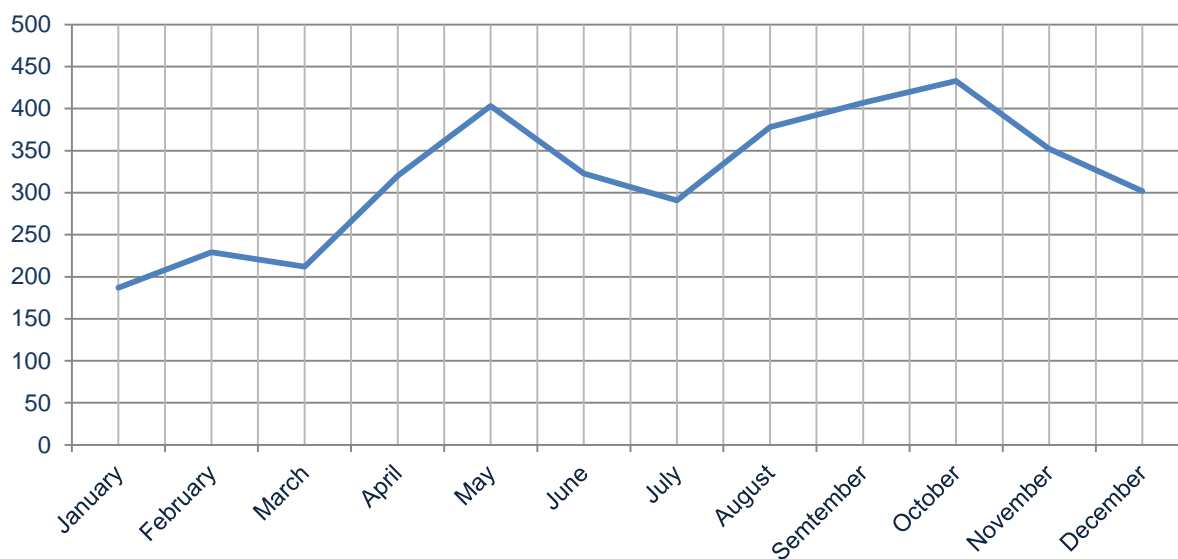
*Number of divorces (584) in 2014 was the highest in the mentioned period.*

**Chart 2. Marriages and divorces by municipalities, 2015**



- *The highest number of marriages (1 120) is in Podgorica, while the smallest (6) is in Savnik*
- *In 2015, in Podgorica it was 211 divorces, and in Pluzine, Savnik and Andrijevica there were no divorces.*

**Chart 3. Marriages by month, 2015**



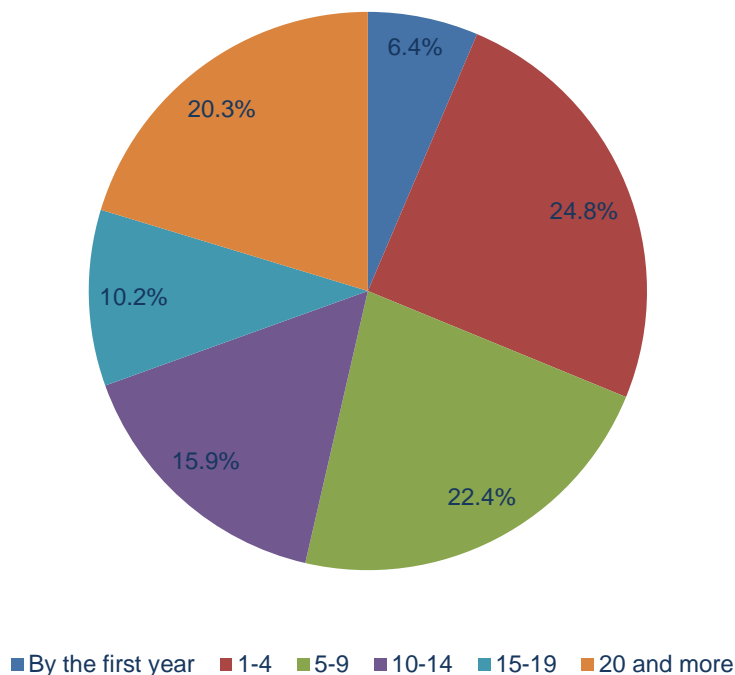
*The highest number of marriages in 2015 was recorded in October and it was 433, which is 11.3% from the total number of marriages.*

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

*Of the total number of marriages:*

- In 2015 first marriage was for 94.1% (3 609) of brides and 92.0% (3 531) of grooms*
- Out of total number of marriages, second marriage was for 5.7% (219) of brides and 7,6% (290) of grooms*
- Third and over marriage was for 0.2% (9) of brides and 0.4% (16) of grooms.*

**Chart 4. Divorces by duration of marriages, 2015**



The average duration of a divorced marriage was 11 years.

- Of the total number of divorces 6.4% of total numbers were divorced in the first year of marriage;
- 47.1% of divorces lasted 1 to 9 years;
- 20.3% were divorced after 20 or more years of duration.

At the moment of divorce average age of husband in 2015 was 41 years and 37 of wife.

In 43.5% of divorces were no dependent children, in 48.0% of divorces was one or two children, and in 8,5% of divorces were three or more dependent children.

Of the total number of divorces with dependent children (326) in 79.8% of cases dependent children were entrusted to wife, while 12.3% to husband. To husband and wife 7.7% of children are entrusted, and to and other persons and institutions 0.3% of children from divorced marriage were entrusted.

## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

**Statistics of 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 units 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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