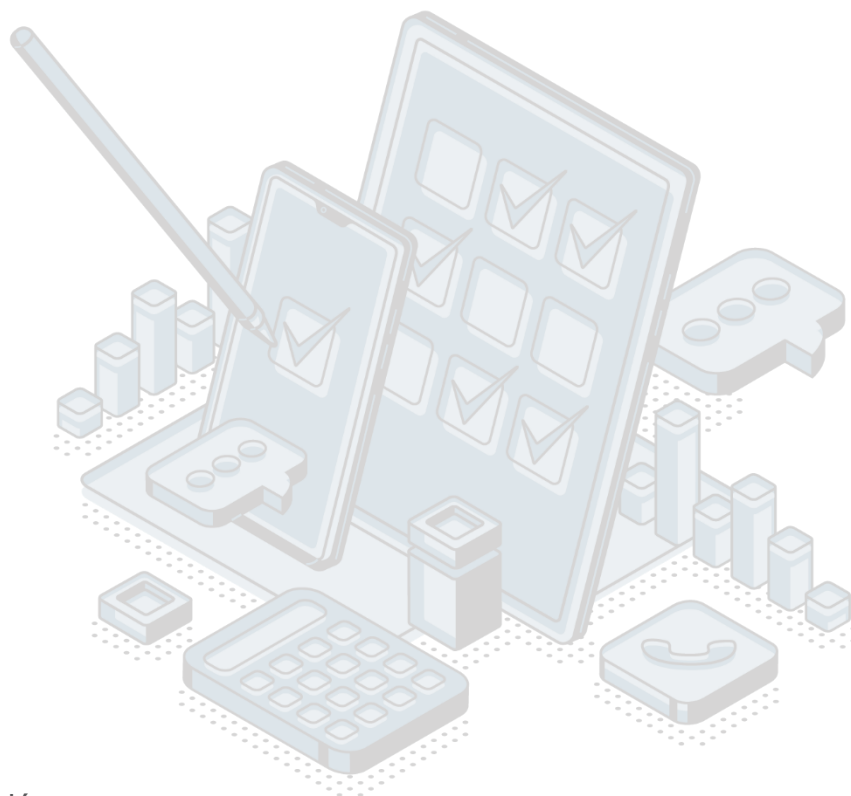


## QUALITY REPORT

# Statistics of divorces 2024



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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 basis

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 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

Municipality.

### 1.8 Frequency of data collection

Monthly (annual service).

### 1.9 Frequency of data dissemination

- Monthly, preliminary data
- Annual, final data
- Annual data is submitted to Eurostat

### 1.10 Methodology

Methodological guide on divorces statistics is available at the website of Statistical Office, link: <http://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 collection data

Statistical Office of Montenegro produces methodological instructions, determines instruments for carrying out surveys, prepares and prints forms and distributes them to reporting units, i.e. basic courts. Filled forms RB-1 is submitted by court after the end of each month, for all cases for which the judgement became valid in related month. If during the month there was no valid judgements, the court is obliged to submit a written report about it after the end of that month. In addition to the data on marriage, this form also comprises data on persons (husband and wife) whose marriage is terminated

## 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 fulfils obligations towards users and within the new quality policy, the Statistical Office conducted User satisfaction survey. The results of the survey are available on the Statistical Office's website, link:

[http://monstat.org/uploads/files/2.%20Izvjestaj%20o%20zadovoljstvu%20korisnika%20ENG%20\(Autosaved\).pdf](http://monstat.org/uploads/files/2.%20Izvjestaj%20o%20zadovoljstvu%20korisnika%20ENG%20(Autosaved).pdf)

### 3. Accuracy and reliability

#### 3.1 Accuracy – Overall remark

Not relevant.

#### 3.2 Error of measurement

Not relevant.

##### 3.2.1 Error of non-response

Not relevant.

#### 3.3 Seasonal adjustment

Not relevant.

#### 3.4 Data revision

##### 3.4.1 Data revision policy

Statistical Office has adopted the revision policy and it is available on the website:

<http://www.monstat.org/eng/page.php?id=1411&pageid=1411>

##### 3.4.2 Data revision practice

A regular revision is used for the surveys because the Annual Plan envisages preliminary and final publication of data. There were no large and unplanned revision. Preliminary data are monthly published, and final data are published once a year.

##### 3.4.3 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. Statistical Release Calendar is available at the link <http://www.monstat.org/cg/page.php?id=12&pageid=12>.

For 2024 the data are published on 30 April 2025. The data are transmitted to Eurostat.

##### *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). For 2016, indicator TP2 is 120

#### 4.2 Punctuality of data publication

The data are published on the day envisaged by the Annual Plan and Statistical Release Calendar.

Indicator TP3=0, i.e. there is no difference between

## 5. Availability and clarity

### 5.1 Statistical Release Calendar

The Law on Official Statistics and the System of Official Statistics (Official Gazette of Montenegro No 18/12 and No 47/19) stipulates that producers of official statistics prepare, update, and publish the Statistical Release Calendar. It is published on the website of the Statistical Office no later than 20 December for the following year, for all producers of official statistics, which includes the dates of publication of statistical data. Any change in the date of publication in the Calendar shall be announced in advance in accordance with the Procedure for Unplanned Audits.

### 5.2 Access the data Release Calendar

Statistical Release Calendar is available on the following link:

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

### 5.3 Releases

Release on marriages and divorces is published on the day envisaged by Annual Plan and Statistical Release Calendar. The Calendar is available at the link: <http://www.monstat.org/cg/page.php?id=1141&pageid=51>.

### 5.4 Publications

All publications published by the Statistical Office are available at the following link:

<https://www.monstat.org/eng/publikacije.php>

### 5.5 Online database

Not available.

### 5.6 Availability of microdata

The Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System (Official Gazette of Montenegro No 018/12 and 047/19) 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 keep a separate record on users and purpose of using the statistical data given to these users.

### 5.7 Metadata completeness

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 since 1974.

#### *Indicator for comparability over time*

Not available.