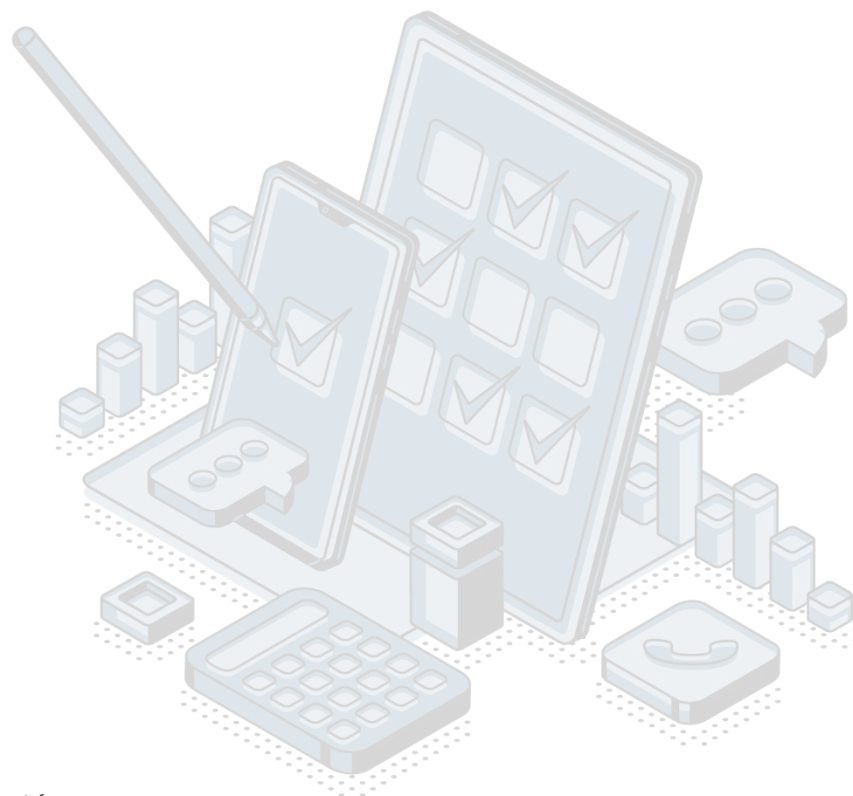


QUALITY REPORT

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 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

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 and municipalities.

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 characteristics 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

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 for marriage statistics is available at the website of Statistical Office at the following link: [Methodological guide](#)

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

The survey uses administrative data source.

1.14 Method of collection data

Statistical Office of Montenegro produced methodological instructions, determines instruments for carrying out surveys, prepares and print forms and distributes it to reporting units, i.e. municipal services. Registry office fills in the statistical form on concluded marriage (wedding) - DEM-3 form and submits them after the end of every month. The forms contain the data on municipality of wedding, data on bride and groom (previous marital status, marriage by ordinal number, place of residence before concluded marriage, activities, citizenship, national attainment, religion, the highest attained school level).

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, at the following link: [User satisfaction survey](#)

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 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: [Revision policy](#)

3.4.2 Data revision practice

A regular revision is used for the survey, since both preliminary and final data processing are envisaged by the Annual Plan. There was no large and unplanned revisions. Preliminary data are monthly published, and final at the annual level.

3.4.3 Data revision - average size

Not available.

4. Timeliness and punctuality

4.1 Timeliness

Final data are published 120 days at the latest 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 following link: [Statistical Release Calendar](#)

The data for 2023 are published on 30th of April 2024

The data are submitted to Eurostat.

Time lag of the first results

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

Time lag of the final results

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

4.2 Punctuality of data publication

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

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: [Statistical Release Calendar](#)

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: [Annual Plan and Statistical Release Calendar](#)

5.4 Publications

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

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. 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 since 1974.

Indicator for comparability over time

Not available.