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## *The 2023 Census of Population, Households, and Dwellings*

# Population of Montenegro by Marital Status

The data in this release refer to number and structure of population by legal marital status, partnership of the same sex and consensual union with partner.

The marital status is presented for the population aged 15 and over, comprising 511 189 inhabitants, of which 262 653 are women, and men are 248 536.

Of the total number of population aged 15 and over, married are 52.72%, never married are 32.67%, 9.55% are widowed while 4.54% population is divorced.

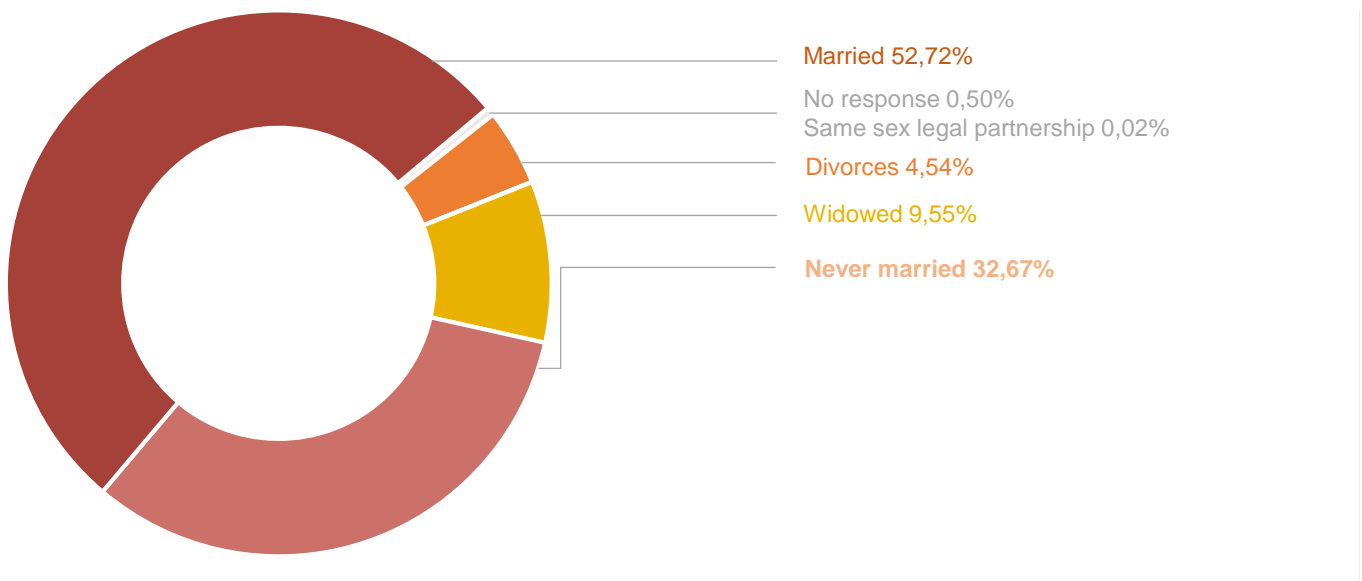
When observing by municipalities the highest percentage of population is married in Ulcinj – 61.89% while the lowest is in Andrijevica – 42.52%.

The highest number of divorced are in Budva where 6.42% population is divorced. Municipalities with less than 2% divorced are Pluzine and Tuzi.

Of the total number of population aged 15 and over, 3.25% live in consensual union with partner.

In the legal partnership with a person of the same sex there are 96 persons. Of these, 16 persons have citizenship of Montenegro while 80 persons are foreign citizens.

**Graph 1.** Population of Montenegro aged 15 and over by legal marital status/partnership



**Table 1.** Population of Montenegro aged 15 and over by legal marital status/partnership, by municipalities

Municipalities	Total	in %	Never married	in %	Married	in %	Same sex legal partnership	in %	Divorced	in %	Widowed	in %	No response	in %
<b>Montenegro</b>	<b>511 189</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>167 028</b>	<b>32.67</b>	<b>269 488</b>	<b>52.72</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>23 224</b>	<b>4.54</b>	<b>48 811</b>	<b>9.55</b>	<b>2 542</b>	<b>0.50</b>
Andrijevica	3 316	100.00	1 377	41.53	1 410	42.52	z	z	114	3.44	410	12.36	z	z
Bar	37 446	100.00	10 649	28.44	21 165	56.52	10	0.03	1 898	5.07	3 458	9.23	266	0.71
Berane	20 269	100.00	7 253	35.78	9 901	48.85	-	-	877	4.33	2 199	10.85	39	0.19
Bijelo Polje	31 923	100.00	10 411	32.61	17 052	53.42	-	-	1 022	3.20	3 282	10.28	156	0.49
Budva	21 647	100.00	6 654	30.74	11 976	55.32	20	0.09	1 389	6.42	1 502	6.94	106	0.49
Cetinje	12 342	100.00	4 186	33.92	5 960	48.29	z	z	652	5.28	1 477	11.97	z	z
Danilovgrad	15 543	100.00	5 133	33.02	7 990	51.41	-	-	773	4.97	1 573	10.12	74	0.48
Gusinje	3 410	100.00	1 121	32.87	1 864	54.66	z	z	108	3.17	309	9.06	z	z
Herceg Novi	25 815	100.00	7 689	29.79	13 811	53.50	12	0.05	1 500	5.81	2 646	10.25	157	0.61
Kolasin	5 750	100.00	2 247	39.08	2 556	44.45	z	z	273	4.75	666	11.58	z	z
Kotor	18 852	100.00	6 134	32.54	9 614	51.00	z	z	1 042	5.53	1 933	10.25	z	z
Mojkovac	5 826	100.00	2 194	37.66	2 731	46.88	-	-	196	3.36	689	11.83	16	0.27
Niksic	54 796	100.00	19 302	35.23	27 185	49.61	-	-	1 988	3.63	6 028	11.00	293	0.53
Petnjica	4 111	100.00	1 199	29.17	2 422	58.92	-	-	123	2.99	356	8.66	11	0.27
Plav	7 378	100.00	2 349	31.84	4 128	55.95	-	-	184	2.49	668	9.05	49	0.66
Pljevlja	21 232	100.00	6 505	30.64	11 194	52.72	-	-	715	3.37	2 726	12.84	92	0.43
Pluzine	1 937	100.00	754	38.93	942	48.63	z	z	19	0.98	215	11.10	z	z
Podgorica	144 001	100.00	48 790	33.88	74 208	51.53	40	0.03	8 107	5.63	12 165	8.45	691	0.48
Rozaje	18 047	100.00	5 723	31.71	10 530	58.35	-	-	418	2.32	1 299	7.20	77	0.43
Savnik	1 374	100.00	551	40.10	638	46.43	z	z	42	3.06	139	10.12	z	z
Tivat	13 112	100.00	3 984	30.38	7 165	54.64	z	z	765	5.83	1 161	8.85	z	z
Tuzi	10 210	100.00	3 245	31.78	5 928	58.06	-	-	161	1.58	806	7.89	70	0.69
Ulcinj	17 049	100.00	4 500	26.39	10 552	61.89	z	z	351	2.06	1 521	8.92	z	z
Zabljak	2 551	100.00	913	35.79	1 248	48.92	-	-	94	3.68	267	10.47	29	1.14
Zeta	13 252	100.00	4 165	31.43	7 318	55.22	-	-	413	3.12	1 316	9.93	40	0.30

**Table 2.** Female population of Montenegro aged 15 and over by legal marital status/partnership, by municipalities

Municipalities	Total	in %	Never married	in %	Married	in %	Same sex legal partnership	in %	Divorced	in %	Widowed	in %	No response	in %
<b>Montenegro</b>	<b>262 653</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>72 176</b>	<b>27.48</b>	<b>134 465</b>	<b>51.19</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>13 856</b>	<b>5.28</b>	<b>40 848</b>	<b>15.55</b>	<b>1 253</b>	<b>0.48</b>
Andrijevica	1 562	100.00	480	30.73	702	44.94	z	z	43	2.75	335	21.45	z	z
Bar	19 524	100.00	4 683	23.99	10 594	54.26	z	z	1 198	6.14	2 923	14.97	z	z
Berane	10 194	100.00	2 902	28.47	4 939	48.45	-	-	494	4.85	1 843	18.08	16	0.16
Bijelo Polje	15 988	100.00	4 190	26.21	8 535	53.38	-	-	538	3.37	2 654	16.60	71	0.44
Budva	11 503	100.00	3 219	27.98	5 996	52.13	10	0.09	920	8.00	1 309	11.38	49	0.43
Cetinje	6 493	100.00	1 850	28.49	2 970	45.74	z	z	382	5.88	1 249	19.24	z	z
Danilovgrad	7 409	100.00	1 976	26.67	3 803	51.33	-	-	319	4.31	1 274	17.20	37	0.50
Gusinje	1 588	100.00	423	26.64	864	54.41	z	z	55	3.46	241	15.18	z	z
Herceg Novi	13 606	100.00	3 378	24.83	6 973	51.25	10	0.07	921	6.77	2 247	16.51	77	0.57
Kolasin	2 845	100.00	886	31.14	1 262	44.36	z	z	136	4.78	559	19.65	z	z
Kotor	9 865	100.00	2 779	28.17	4 741	48.06	z	z	636	6.45	1 645	16.68	z	z
Mojkovac	2 858	100.00	829	29.01	1 362	47.66	z	z	96	3.36	563	19.70	z	z
Nikšić	28 126	100.00	8 138	28.93	13 614	48.40	-	-	1 171	4.16	5 065	18.01	138	0.49
Petnjica	1 941	100.00	434	22.36	1 153	59.40	z	z	66	3.40	283	14.58	z	z
Plav	3 489	100.00	856	24.53	1 995	57.18	-	-	83	2.38	530	15.19	25	0.72
Pljevlja	10 710	100.00	2 493	23.28	5 571	52.02	-	-	382	3.57	2 219	20.72	45	0.42
Pluzine	902	100.00	261	28.94	456	50.55	-	-	z	z	177	19.62	z	z
Podgorica	76 582	100.00	23 251	30.36	37 414	48.85	23	0.03	5 188	6.77	10 338	13.50	368	0.48
Rozaje	8 889	100.00	2 271	25.55	5 288	59.49	-	-	237	2.67	1 060	11.92	33	0.37
Savnik	618	100.00	185	29.94	306	49.51	-	-	z	z	109	17.64	z	z
Tivat	6 777	100.00	1 721	25.39	3 591	52.99	z	z	476	7.02	968	14.28	z	z
Tuzi	4 899	100.00	1 182	24.13	2 925	59.71	-	-	75	1.53	683	13.94	34	0.69
Ulcinj	8 458	100.00	1 768	20.90	5 173	61.16	z	z	200	2.36	1 249	14.77	z	z
Zabljak	1 244	100.00	366	29.42	606	48.71	-	-	50	4.02	211	16.96	11	0.88
Zeta	6 583	100.00	1 655	25.14	3 632	55.17	-	-	167	2.54	1 114	16.92	15	0.23

**Table 3. Male population of Montenegro aged 15 and over by legal marital status/partnership, by municipalities**

Municipalities	Total	in %	Never married	in %	Married	in %	Same sex legal partnership	in %	Divorced	in %	Widowed	in %	No response	in %
<b>Montenegro</b>	<b>248 536</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>94 852</b>	<b>38.16</b>	<b>135 023</b>	<b>54.33</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>9 368</b>	<b>3.77</b>	<b>7 963</b>	<b>3.20</b>	<b>1 289</b>	<b>0.52</b>
Andrijevisa	1 754	100.00	897	51.14	708	40.36	z	z	71	4.05	75	4.28	z	z
Bar	17 922	100.00	5 966	33.29	10 571	58.98	z	z	700	3.91	535	2.99	z	z
Berane	10 075	100.00	4 351	43.19	4 962	49.25	-	-	383	3.80	356	3.53	23	0.23
Bijelo Polje	15 935	100.00	6 221	39.04	8 517	53.45	-	-	484	3.04	628	3.94	85	0.53
Budva	10 144	100.00	3 435	33.86	5 980	58.95	10	0.10	469	4.62	193	1.90	57	0.56
Cetinje	5 849	100.00	2 336	39.94	2 990	51.12	-	-	270	4.62	228	3.90	25	0.43
Danilovgrad	8 134	100.00	3 157	38.81	4 187	51.48	-	-	454	5.58	299	3.68	37	0.45
Gusinje	1 822	100.00	698	38.31	1 000	54.88	z	z	53	2.91	68	3.73	z	z
Herceg Novi	12 209	100.00	4 311	35.31	6 838	56.01	z	z	579	4.74	399	3.27	z	z
Kolasin	2 905	100.00	1 361	46.85	1 294	44.54	z	z	137	4.72	107	3.68	z	z
Kotor	8 987	100.00	3 355	37.33	4 873	54.22	z	z	406	4.52	288	3.20	z	z
Mojkovac	2 968	100.00	1 365	45.99	1 369	46.13	z	z	100	3.37	126	4.25	z	z
Nikšić	26 670	100.00	11 164	41.86	13 571	50.88	-	-	817	3.06	963	3.61	155	0.58
Petnjica	2 170	100.00	765	35.25	1 269	58.48	z	z	57	2.63	73	3.36	z	z
Plav	3 889	100.00	1 493	38.39	2 133	54.85	-	-	101	2.60	138	3.55	24	0.62
Pljevlja	10 522	100.00	4 012	38.13	5 623	53.44	-	-	333	3.16	507	4.82	47	0.45
Pluzine	1 035	100.00	493	47.63	486	46.96	z	z	13	1.26	38	3.67	z	z
Podgorica	67 419	100.00	25 539	37.88	36 794	54.58	17	0.03	2 919	4.33	1 827	2.71	323	0.48
Rozaje	9 158	100.00	3 452	37.69	5 242	57.24	-	-	181	1.98	239	2.61	44	0.48
Savnik	756	100.00	366	48.41	332	43.92	z	z	25	3.31	30	3.97	z	z
Tivat	6 335	100.00	2 263	35.72	3 574	56.42	z	z	289	4.56	193	3.05	z	z
Tuzi	5 311	100.00	2 063	38.84	3 003	56.54	-	-	86	1.62	123	2.32	36	0.68
Ulcinj	8 591	100.00	2 732	31.80	5 379	62.61	-	-	151	1.76	272	3.17	57	0.66
Zabljak	1 307	100.00	547	41.85	642	49.12	-	-	44	3.37	56	4.28	18	1.38
Zeta	6 669	100.00	2 510	37.64	3 686	55.27	-	-	246	3.69	202	3.03	25	0.37

**Table 4.** Female population of Montenegro aged 15 and over by legal marital status/partnership, by age

Age	Total	in %	Never married	in %	Married	in %	Same sex legal partnership	in %	Divorced	in %	Widowed	in %	No response	in %
<b>Montenegro</b>	<b>262 653</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>72 176</b>	<b>27.48</b>	<b>134 465</b>	<b>51.19</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>13 856</b>	<b>5.28</b>	<b>40 848</b>	<b>15.55</b>	<b>1 253</b>	<b>0.48</b>
15 - 19	16 818	100.00	16 191	96.27	264	1.57	z	z	10	0.06	z	z	351	2.09
20 - 29	35 945	100.00	24 687	68.68	10 533	29.30	z	z	462	1.29	z	z	222	0.62
30 - 39	44 565	100.00	12 271	27.54	29 439	66.06	31	0.07	2 303	5.17	290	0.65	231	0.52
40 - 49	44 816	100.00	7 826	17.46	31 716	70.77	11	0.02	3 742	8.35	1 350	3.01	171	0.38
50 - 59	40 730	100.00	5 265	12.93	27 726	68.07	z	z	3 473	8.53	4 149	10.19	z	z
60 - 69	40 193	100.00	3 438	8.55	23 396	58.21	z	z	2 489	6.19	10 789	26.84	z	z
70 - 79	26 855	100.00	1 717	6.39	9 752	36.31	-	-	1 053	3.92	14 281	53.18	52	0.19
80 and over	12 731	100.00	781	6.13	1 639	12.87	-	-	324	2.54	9 955	78.19	32	0.25

**Table 5.** Male population of Montenegro aged 15 and over by legal marital status/partnership, by age

Age	Total	in %	Never married	in %	Married	in %	Same sex legal partnership	in %	Divorced	in %	Widowed	in %	No response	in %
<b>Montenegro</b>	<b>248 536</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>94 852</b>	<b>38.16</b>	<b>135 023</b>	<b>54.33</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>9 368</b>	<b>3.77</b>	<b>7 963</b>	<b>3.20</b>	<b>1 289</b>	<b>0.52</b>
15 - 19	18 432	100.00	17 968	97.48	85	0.46	-	-	z	z	z	z	377	2.05
20 - 29	37 563	100.00	31 844	84.77	5 294	14.09	z	z	180	0.48	z	z	222	0.59
30 - 39	44 228	100.00	19 536	44.17	23 182	52.41	15	0.03	1 248	2.82	48	0.11	199	0.45
40 - 49	43 404	100.00	11 642	26.82	28 837	66.44	z	z	2 517	5.80	199	0.46	z	z
50 - 59	39 334	100.00	7 658	19.47	28 269	71.87	z	z	2 629	6.68	635	1.61	z	z
60 - 69	37 384	100.00	4 537	12.14	28 788	77.01	z	z	1 992	5.33	1 965	5.26	z	z
70 - 79	20 531	100.00	1 401	6.82	15 716	76.55	-	-	680	3.31	2 700	13.15	34	0.17
80 and over	7 660	100.00	266	3.47	4 852	63.34	-	-	z	z	2 410	31.46	z	z

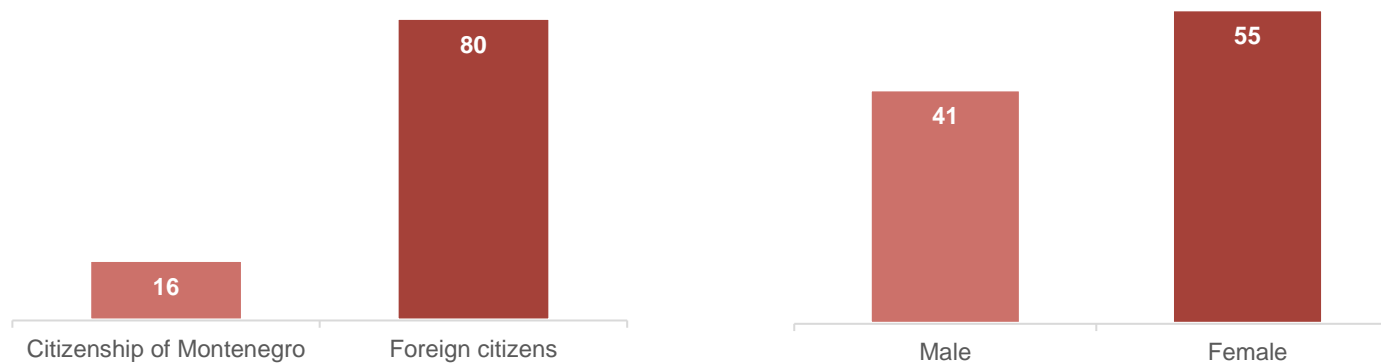
**Table 6.** Population of Montenegro aged 15 and over who live in consensual union with partner, by municipalities

Municipalities	Population aged 15 and over			Live in consensual union with partner					
	Total	Female	Male	Total	in %	Female	in %	Male	in %
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5) = (4) / (1)	(6)	(7) = (6) / (2)	(8)	(9) = (8) / (3)
<b>Montenegro</b>	<b>511 189</b>	<b>262 653</b>	<b>248 536</b>	<b>16 592</b>	<b>3.25</b>	<b>8 304</b>	<b>3.16</b>	<b>8 288</b>	<b>3.33</b>
Andrijevisa	3 316	1 562	1 754	193	5.82	88	5.63	105	5.99
Bar	37 446	19 524	17 922	1 054	2.81	522	2.67	532	2.97
Berane	20 269	10 194	10 075	953	4.70	475	4.66	478	4.74
Bijelo Polje	31 923	15 988	15 935	915	2.87	457	2.86	458	2.87
Budva	21 647	11 503	10 144	1 209	5.59	616	5.36	593	5.85
Cetinje	12 342	6 493	5 849	292	2.37	141	2.17	151	2.58
Danilovgrad	15 543	7 409	8 134	414	2.66	169	2.28	245	3.01
Gusinje	3 410	1 588	1 822	33	0.97	z	z	z	z
Herceg Novi	25 815	13 606	12 209	1 091	4.23	557	4.09	534	4.37
Kolasin	5 750	2 845	2 905	280	4.87	131	4.60	149	5.13
Kotor	18 852	9 865	8 987	872	4.63	434	4.40	438	4.87
Mojkovac	5 826	2 858	2 968	207	3.55	104	3.64	103	3.47
Niksic	54 796	28 126	26 670	1 096	2.00	555	1.97	541	2.03
Petnjica	4 111	1 941	2 170	79	1.92	42	2.16	37	1.71
Plav	7 378	3 489	3 889	166	2.25	85	2.44	81	2.08
Pljevlja	21 232	10 710	10 522	469	2.21	230	2.15	239	2.27
Pluzine	1 937	902	1 035	15	0.77	z	z	z	z
Podgorica	144 001	76 582	67 419	5 718	3.97	2 932	3.83	2 786	4.13
Rozaje	18 047	8 889	9 158	255	1.41	121	1.36	134	1.46
Savnik	1 374	618	756	50	3.64	24	3.88	26	3.44
Tivat	13 112	6 777	6 335	636	4.85	325	4.80	311	4.91
Tuzi	10 210	4 899	5 311	105	1.03	47	0.96	58	1.09
Ulcinj	17 049	8 458	8 591	168	0.99	82	0.97	86	1.00
Zabljak	2 551	1 244	1 307	65	2.55	29	2.33	36	2.75
Zeta	13 252	6 583	6 669	257	1.94	117	1.78	140	2.10

**Table 7.** Population of Montenegro aged 15 and over who live in consensual union with partner, by age

Age	Population aged 15 and over			Live in consensual union with partner					
	Total	Female	Male	Total	<i>in %</i>	Female	<i>in %</i>	Male	<i>in %</i>
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5) = (4) / (1)	(6)	(7) = (6) / (2)	(8)	(9) = (8) / (3)
<b>Montenegro</b>	<b>511 189</b>	<b>262 653</b>	<b>248 536</b>	<b>16 592</b>	<b>3.25</b>	<b>8 304</b>	<b>3.16</b>	<b>8 288</b>	<b>3.33</b>
15 - 19	35 250	16 818	18 432	230	0.65	146	0.87	84	0.46
20 - 29	73 508	35 945	37 563	3 491	4.75	2 055	5.72	1 436	3.82
30 - 39	88 793	44 565	44 228	5 311	5.98	2 743	6.16	2 568	5.81
40 - 49	88 220	44 816	43 404	4 009	4.54	1 965	4.38	2 044	4.71
50 - 59	80 064	40 730	39 334	2 218	2.77	930	2.28	1 288	3.27
60 - 69	77 577	40 193	37 384	1 005	1.30	351	0.87	654	1.75
70 - 79	47 386	26 855	20 531	279	0.59	103	0.38	176	0.86
80 and over	20 391	12 731	7 660	49	0.24	11	0.09	38	0.50

**Graph 2.** Population of Montenegro aged 15 and over in the same sex legal partnership, by citizenship and sex



## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The Census of Population, Households, and Dwellings was implemented in period from 3 to 30 December 2023, in line with the Methodology for Preparation, Organization, and Implementation of the Census. The 2023 Census Methodology is in line with the international standards which determine common rules for collecting the data on population, out which the most important are:

- Conference of European Statisticians Recommendations for the 2020 Censuses of Population and Housing prepared by UNECE;
- Regulation No 763/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 on population and housing censuses, as well as other implementation regulations with the respect of the European Statistics Code of Practice.

The census was implemented according to the situation as on 31 October 2023, at midnight, which is considered to be the reference moment of the census.

The census was done in the traditional manner, by the interview method, using paper questionnaires, 'door-to-door' approach.

The release of the census results is defined by Article 30 of the Law on Census.

**Population** shall include persons with their usual place of residence in Montenegro.

**Usual place of residence** shall mean a place where a person usually spends the day, regardless of temporary absence due to recreation, vacation, visiting friends or relatives, business absence, as well as absence due to treatment or religious pilgrimage, as well as a place where the person stays uninterruptedly, at least one year before the Census reference moment or who has arrived at the usual place of residence in the course of 12 months prior the Census reference moment with the intention of staying there for at least one year.

The data on **marital status** are received based on the statement of person on legal marital status, without checking the documentation and regardless of the "de facto" state. Marital status is presented for population aged 15 and over.

Data on **consensual union** are obtained based on person's declaration of "de facto" state that is defined as the status of each individual in terms of its actual living arrangement in the household regardless of the legal marital status of that person.

Article 2, Law on **Life Partnership of Persons of the Same Sex** (Official Gazette of Montenegro No.67/2020), defines: "A partnership is a legally regulated union of the life between two persons of the same sex concluded before the competent authority in accordance with this law."

Common term 'Municipality' is used in this release for 25 local self-government units, for the capital Podgorica, royal capital Cetinje, and the remained 23 local self-government units with the status of municipality.

Pursuant to the Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System, Article 54-61 (Official Gazette of Montenegro No 018/12 of 30 March 2012, 047/19 of 12 August 2019), and internal rule of Statistical Office, the data with frequency of occurrence less than 10 are protected (primary protection) and they are marked with "z". Additionally, other data are marked and protected with same sign to prevent an indirect recognition of census units (secondary protection).

When using the data, state: "Data source: Statistical Office of Montenegro - MONSTAT"

### Symbols:

"\_" No occurrence

"z" Protected data

*More data, as well as detailed methodological explanations can be found under section: [The census of population 2023](#)*