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Divorce statistics

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Divorce statistic

LEGAL BASIS

The legal basis for the implementation of Statistics of divorces is the Law on Official Statistics and the system of official statistics ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", no. 18/12) and the Annual plan of official statistics which is developed for each calendar year.

According to Law on Official Statistics and the system of official statistics, reporting units are obliged to give information, and individual data obtained in the survey are protected and used only for statistical purposes.

METHODOLOGICAL BASIS

Data sources

Source of data on divorces are municipal courts competent for divorce of marriage.

The aim of the statistical survey

Statistics of marriages aims to manufacturing data that allow basic demographic analysis of the population at the national level or municipality.

Data represent the basis for calculating a set of analytical demographic indicators used for the purpose of assessing whether present or future structure of the population.

The content of the statistical survey

The divorce statistics collects data on the competent court for a divorce, data on husband and wife (before marital status, marriage in a row, the last joint residence, activity of husband and wife, nationality, ethnicity, religion, highest completed education, number of children born in this marriage and number of dependent children who were not born in this marriage, to whom are assigned children after divorce).

Coverage and comparability

Data on divorces are collected and processed in accordance with the definition of total population, according to the international recommendations (UN, Eurostat). According to this definition, data on marriages and divorces are processed since 2005. When comparing data it is necessary to take account the change in the definition of the total population.

The records of divorces lead municipal courts regardless of whether divorcing spouses' have permanent residence in the area or not. A judge who administers fills form, by making a judgment based on the submitted documentation. In the processing of statistical surveys regrouping is done, so the results are displayed according to the last common place of residence.

In statistics of divorces unit of observation is every marriage that is divorced by the final judgment of the competent court.

Definitions and explanations

Divorce is final dissolution of marriage by a valid decision of a competent court.

Marital status - for sort by this characteristic only legal marital status is taken into account. This means that as married were considered only persons who were in a marriage concluded in accordance with the statutory provisions during the observed phenomenon.

Age - in all tables in this release, age is expressed in completed years of life. It is calculated on the basis of the date of birth of the person and the date when the incident happened. In most of the tables age is expressed in five-year age groups.

The rate of divorces represents the number of divorces per 1,000 marriages.

Divorce rate is the ratio of divorces and estimated number of mid-year population. It is expressed in per mille (per 1000 inhabitants).

Compliance with international recommendations, standards and practice

Survey on marriages and divorces is conducted according to the methodology that is harmonized with the recommendations UN Principles and Recommendations for a Vital Statistics System Revision 2.

Survey organization

Statistical Office as a producer of official statistics makes methodological instructions, establishes instruments for survey conducting, develops code books needed for research, prepares and prints forms and distributes them to regional offices.

Completed forms RB-1 judgment delivered after the end of each month, for all cases in which the judgment became final in the respective month.

If during the month there is no final judgment, the court shall submit a written report about it, at the expiration of that month.

Deadlines

Deadlines for submission and publication of data are defined in the Annual Plan of official statistics.

Survey instruments

For the implementation of the annual survey on divorces following forms are used:

- Statistical paper on divorced marriage- RB-1
- Instructions for completing the questionnaire

Statistical Office of Montenegro announced Instructions for Judges about completing the statistical paper on divorces, RB-1.

Instructions are on the website of the Statistical Office of Montenegro at:

<http://www.monstat.org/userfiles/file/demografija/Uputstvo%20za%20Dem-3.pdf> and they are available only in Montenegrin.

List of nomenclature and qualifications that are used in the survey:

In a survey on marriages following is used:

- Systematic list of settlements in Montenegro
- Qualification of professions

Dissemination

Data on divorces can be found in the Monthly Statistical Review and those are preliminary data.

Annually Release on marriages and divorces is prepared, with final data, which is available on the website of the Statistical Office.