



METHODOLOGICAL EXPLANATION

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MARRIAGES

This methodological explanation relates to the data releases:

- Marriages and divorces, Slovenia, annually (First Release),
- Marriages and divorces, detailed data, Slovenia, annually (Electronic Release),
- Demographic events, Slovenia, quarterly (First Release)



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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of publishing the data is to show the number of marriages in a reference year.

2 LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- [Annual Programme of Statistical Surveys \(LPSR\) \(only in Slovene\)](#)
- [National Statistics Act \(OJ RS, No. 45/95 and 9/01\)](#)

3 UNIT DESCRIBED BY THE PUBLISHED DATA

The unit described by the published data is a marriage of two persons. Married persons are studied according to age, sex, educational attainment, activity status and territorial area.

4 SELECTION OF OBSERVATION UNIT

Persons with usual residence in Slovenia that married in the reference year.

Coverage is full: all persons with usual residence in Slovenia that married between January 1 and 31 December of the reference year are covered in the survey

5 SOURCES AND METHODS OF DATA COLLECTION

Data are collected annually.

Data are collected with the survey Marriages (DEM-POR) beside using administrative sources also by using data from the following statistical surveys:

- Survey »Population Structure« (DEM-PREB/ČL),
- Survey »Socio-economic Characteristics of Population« (SEL-SOC),
- Statistical Register of Employment (SRDAP).

Data are collected annually through the statistical survey Marriages (DEM-POR). Data in this survey are collected from:

- administrative register of the Ministry of the Interior; i.e. the Central Population Register (CRP), which is the central database with the most basic data on the

population of Slovenia;

6 DEFINITIONS

Marriage is a procedure in which two persons settle a marriage in accordance with the valid legal regulations.

First marriage is a marriage that was settled in accordance with the valid regulations and by a person who have not been married before.

As a **bride** is counted a woman who enters into a marriage with a man, and in case of marriage between persons of the same sex, it is the younger person.

As a **groom** is counted a man who enters into a marriage with a woman, and in case of marriage between persons of the same sex, it is the older person.

Marriages per 1,000 population is the ratio between the number of marriages in the calendar year and the same midyear population, multiplied by 1,000.

Age-specific marriage rate is the ratio between the number of marriages in a certain age and the number of population of the same age in the calendar year, multiplied by 1,000.

Order of marriage is the ordinal number that indicates how many times a person has been married, including the last marriage.

Total first marriage rate of women is the average number of first marriages per woman aged 15–49 in the calendar year. In the case of a marriage between two women, the younger is taken into account.

7 EXPLANATIONS

7.1 CLASSIFICATIONS

Data at lower territorial levels are published in accordance with the Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics NUTS (to the NUTS 3 level) and the Standard Classification of Territorial Units SKTE (to the SKTE 5 level)

<http://www.stat.si/statweb/Methods/Classifications>

7.2 DATA PROCESSING

DATA EDITING

Data were edited with the combination of systematic corrections, individual corrections and imputation procedures. The following imputation methods were used: logical imputations and hot-deck imputations, historical imputations.

For more, see the general methodological explanations [Statistical data editing](#).

WEIGHTING

Weighting was not performed.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

Seasonal adjustment is not applicable.

7.3 INDICES

Indices are not published.

7.4 PRECISION

The precision is not calculated.

7.5 OTHER EXPLANATIONS

8 PUBLISHING

- SiStat Database: [Population – Marriages](#) – Marriages, Slovenia, Marriages, regions and municipalities. Absolute data and indicators are published to the level of municipalities (classification NUTS and SKTE).
- First Release (Population, Marriages and Divorces): »Marriages and divorces, Slovenia«.
- Electronic Release (Population, Marriages and Divorces): »Marriages and divorces, detailed data, Slovenia, annually«.

9 REVISION OF THE DATA

9.1 PUBLISHING OF PRELIMINARY AND FINAL DATA

Publishing of provisional and final data is planned. Due to the needs of users for timely information, provisional data are published that meet the criteria of the quality of official statistical data but do not meet the quality that can be met with complete coverage. Data are revised when recent, more complete and better data can significantly contribute to the quality of data-based decision-making. Data on marriages are complemented and adjusted every quarter. Therefore quarterly data (to the publication of the final annual data) are provisional.

9.2 FACTORS INFLUENCING COMPARABILITY OVER TIME

Data on marriages from 2008 onward are prepared according to the new, internationally comparable statistical definition of population. According to this definition, the population of Slovenia consists of persons with registered permanent and/or temporary residence in Slovenia who live or intend to live in Slovenia for one year or more and are not temporarily absent from Slovenia for a year or more.

Before 2023 we did not count formal civil unions among marriages; they were shown separately. From 2023, the law defines marriage as a community of two persons (regardless of gender), and entering into a formal civil union is no longer possible. Separate publication of this data is not needed anymore.

Methodological explanation on revision of statistical data is available on <http://www.stat.si/dokument/5299/RevisionOfStatisticalDataMEgeneral.pdf>.

10 OTHER METHODOLOGICAL MATERIALS

Methodological materials on SURS's website are available at <https://www.stat.si/statweb/en/Methods/QuestionnairesMethodologicalExplanationsQualityReports>.

- Methodological explanations:
 - Population, sub-theme: Population Number and Structure