



METHODOLOGICAL EXPLANATION

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DIVORCES

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 divorces 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 divorce of two persons. 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 divorced in the reference year.

Coverage is full: persons with usual residence in Slovenia that divorced 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 Divorces (DEM-RAZ) beside using administrative sources also by using data from the following statistical surveys:

- E-reporting through »Divorce« (DEM-RAZ) questionnaire,
- 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 Divorces (DEM-RAZ). 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

Divorce is a procedure in which a court with its final judgement terminates the existing marriage of two people.

Duration of marriage for a person who got a divorce is time spent from the date of marriage to the date of divorce.

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

Divorces per 1,000 marriages is the ratio between the number of divorces in the calendar year and the number of marriages in the same year, multiplied by 1,000.

Specific divorce rate is the ratio between the number of divorces in the year according to age x (in this case this denotes **duration** of marriage) and the number of marriages in the year.

Total divorce rate is the average number of divorces of marriages that lasted 0–30 years per one marriage.

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 – Divorces](#), Slovenia, Divorces, 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 divorces 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

Until 2010 the data on divorces were collected by the DEM-RAZ questionnaire. With the integration of the CRP to its sources the Ministry of the Interior stopped collecting data on divorces with the questionnaire. To disseminate, analyse and provide data to international institutions, SURS needed those data that were not available in the administrative sources. Therefore the questionnaire DEM-RAZ was retained.

In 2011 the DEM-RAZ questionnaire was changed. With the questionnaire only those data were collected that were not available in the administrative source (e.g. date of marriage, number of children born in the marriage, number of dependent children, to whom dependent children were assigned).

In 2015 we introduced e-reporting of data on divorces by the district courts. Paper questionnaires were abolished.

The introduction of a new method of data collection had no effect on the data on divorces. E-reporting reduced the reporting burden.

Data on divorces 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.

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>.

- Questionnaire:
 - Divorces (DEM-RAZ)

https://www.stat.si/statweb/File/DocSysFile/12573/DEM-RAZ_2024.pdf

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