



METHODOLOGICAL EXPLANATION

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASCERTAINMENT OF PATERNITY AND ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

This methodological explanation relates to the data releases:

- Acknowledgment and ascertainment of paternity and adoption of children, Slovenia, annually (First Release)
- Demographic events, Slovenia, quarterly (First Release)



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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of publishing the data on acknowledgment and ascertainment of paternity and adoption of children is to present annual data on these demographic events.

The key statistics are:

- Age of the child at acknowledgment of paternity
- Mean age of fathers at acknowledgment of paternity
- Number of acknowledgements and ascertainment of paternity
- Number of all and intercountry adoptions
- Status of the adoptive parent: a single person, a couple (married or unmarried), one of the spouses/partners if the adopted child is the biological child of the spouse/partner

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 units described by the published data are:

- A resident to whom paternity was acknowledged in the year of observation
- A resident to whom paternity was ascertained by the court
- A resident who was adopted

4 SELECTION OF OBSERVATION UNIT

The coverage is complete; all inhabitants with an acknowledgment and ascertainment of paternity and child adoption in the reference year (from 1 January to 31 December) are covered.

5 SOURCES AND METHODS OF DATA COLLECTION

Data are collected quarterly.

Data sources are:

- administrative register of the Ministry of the Interior; i.e. the Central Population Register, which is the central database with the most basic data on the population of Slovenia
- survey »Population structure« (DEM-PREB/ČL).

Data are collected with the survey Acknowledgment and Ascertainment of Paternity and Adoption of Children (DEM-PRIZ).

6 DEFINITIONS

Acknowledgment of paternity is a procedure in which a man in accordance with the valid legal regulations acknowledges a child to be his own.

Ascertainment of paternity is a procedure in which the father of a child born outside marriage is determined by the court order.

Adoption is a procedure in which a person (two persons) adopt(s) a child in accordance with the valid legal regulations.

Intercountry adoption (adoption from abroad) is the adoption of a child residing in one country by an adopter or adoptive parents residing in another country.

7 EXPLANATIONS

7.1 CLASSIFICATIONS

7.2 DATA PROCESSING

DATA EDITING

Data editing was not performed.

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

Acknowledgment and ascertainment of paternity are regulated by the Family Code.

Since 2006, a father can acknowledge a child as his even before the birth.

Adoption is regulated by the Family Code.

Data on adoptions are coordinated with the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities.

8 PUBLISHING

- SiStat Database: Demography and social statistics – Population – [Acknowledgment of paternity and adoptions of children](#). Absolute data are published. The data are published for the territory of Slovenia (NUTS 1 level).
- First Release (Population, Births and deaths): »Demographic events, Slovenia, quarterly« (data on acknowledgment of paternity only).
- First Release (Population, Births and deaths): »Acknowledgment and ascertainment of paternity and adoption of children, Slovenia, annually« (data on acknowledgment and ascertainment of paternity and adoption of children).

9 REVISION OF THE DATA

9.1 PUBLISHING OF PRELIMINARY AND FINAL DATA

Data on acknowledgment of paternity are published quarterly. They are provisional for all observation periods in the reference year until final data for the previous year are published. Data for the current quarters are provisional because a small number of events that are the data source for demographic statistics are recorded in administrative records later than they are for each quarter taken over from the data source by SURS. Final data on

acknowledgment of paternity are published seven months after the reference year. Changes between provisional and final data are usually small.

Data on ascertainment of paternity and adoption of children are final and are published once a year.

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.

9.2 FACTORS INFLUENCING COMPARABILITY OVER TIME

With the publication of data on vital events and population for 2008 the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia introduced a new statistical definition of population. Data on acknowledgment and ascertainment of paternity and adoption of children from 2008 on 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.

10 OTHER METHODOLOGICAL MATERIALS

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

- Questionnaire:
 - SURS does not collect data for this survey by using a questionnaire.
- Family Code (in Slovene only)