



METHODOLOGICAL EXPLANATION

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NAMES AND FAMILY NAMES, BIRTHDAYS

This methodological explanation relates to the data releases:

- First names and family names, birthdays, Slovenia, annually (First Release)
- Names and birthdays (Interactive Database)



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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the statistical surveys is to present the distribution of first names and family names of Slovenias population by statistical regions and periods of birth, including the frequency of birthdays, as well as promotion of the Statistical Office, improving statistical literacy and inclusion of new target groups of website users.

Key statistics are:

- frequency of names and family names and their distribution by statistical regions (both names and family names) and by periods of birth (names only)
- the most common names/family names
- share of names/family names in different periods (decades) and regions
- rank of specific name/family name
- number of persons born on a specific day

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

Units described by the published data are residents of Slovenia as of 1 January by sex and periods of births and statistical regions (names) and birthdays.

4 SELECTION OF OBSERVATION UNIT

Residents of Slovenia as of 1 January.

Complete coverage; names and family names and birthdays of total population as of 1 January.

5 SOURCES AND METHODS OF DATA COLLECTION

Data are collected annually.

Statistical survey on the Population of Slovenia.

Central Population Register kept by Ministry of the Interior.

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CRP is a central database on citizens who have permanent or temporary residence in the Republic of Slovenia and aliens who have a permanent or temporary residence permit in the Republic of Slovenia, on citizens who are permanently or temporarily absent from the Republic for more than three months Slovenia, on aliens who do not have a permanent or temporary residence permit in the Republic of Slovenia, but have certain rights or obligations in the field of pension and disability insurance, taxes, for humanitarian reasons or in another field, if so provided by law.

6 DEFINITIONS

A name is a word (or multiple words) used to identify an individual human being, so to distinguish the individual from others.

A family name is the name that a person gets normally after one or both parents or is acquired by marriage.

7 EXPLANATIONS

7.1 CLASSIFICATIONS

NUTS – Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics and SKTE – Standard Classification of Territorial Units

For more, see: Territorial code lists.

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.

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7.4 PRECISION

The survey is not conducted on the basis of a random sample.

7.5 OTHER EXPLANATIONS

Article 3 of the current Personal Name Act (OJ RS, No. 20/2006), which refers to the first and family names of the citizens of Slovenia, states that a personal name is composed of a first name and a family name. Both can be composed of several words, which form the whole personal name. In legal business no more than two words of first and/or family name can be used (defined in Article 4 of the Act). A citizen whose first and/or family name consist of more than two words must make a declaration and choose the name which will be used for legal business. The Personal Name Act was amended in 2019 (ZOI-1). For statistical purposes, the amendment to Article 4 is important. It relates to the selection of a personal name in legal business, which is no longer limited to two words. The revised Article 4 entered into force on 13 July 2020. These changes are therefore taken into account for the first time in the data on names and family names in Slovenia as of 1 January 2021.

SURS publishes those forms of personal names that are used by residents in legal business in line with the Personal Name Act.

Any first or family name composed of two or more words is considered as a common first/family name and not as two or more separate first or family names.

The names are written in accordance with the available set of letters and symbols for recording personal names.

Data that are statistically protected to respect the confidentiality of reporting units are replaced with the letter »z« in the Interactive application. In the SiStat database, only names that appear five times or more are displayed, and the sign "-" is marked when the name does not appear in an individual year or appears fewer than five times.

8 PUBLISHING

- SiStat Database: [Population - Names](#). Absolute data and ranks are published. The data are published for the territory of Slovenia.
- Interactive database [Names and Birthdays](#). Absolute data, ranks and shares are published. The data on names and family names by statistical regions are published according to NUTS classification at NUTS 3 level. The data on birthdays are published for the territory of Slovenia.
- First Release (Population, Names): »First names and family names, birthdays, Slovenia«.
- [Statobook](#)

- Brochure [Names in Figures](#).

9 REVISION OF THE DATA

9.1 PUBLISHING OF PRELIMINARY AND FINAL DATA

Provisional data are not disseminated. Only final data are published.

9.2 FACTORS INFLUENCING COMPARABILITY OVER TIME

There were no breaks in time series, so all time points are comparable.

10 OTHER METHODOLOGICAL MATERIALS

Methodological materials on SURSs 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.