



METHODOLOGICAL EXPLANATION

MARRIAGES AND 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 marriages and divorces in a reference year.

Key statistics are data on the number of persons who were married and divorced by their personal characteristics (sex, age), at marriage by order of marriage, etc. Key statistics are the number of marriages by age and sex, the mean age of groom and bride at marriage, the mean age of groom and bride at first marriage, age-specific marriage rates, etc, at divorces by duration of marriage, number of dependent children, to whom dependent children were assigned, etc. Key statistics are the number of divorces by age and sex, the mean age of husband and wife at divorce, divorces by number of dependent children, to whom dependent children were assigned, etc.

2 LEGAL BASIS

- [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 groom and bride. Groom and bride are studied according to age, sex, educational attainment, activity status and territorial area.

The unit described by the published data is a divorce of husband and wife. Husband and wife are studied according to age, sex, educational attainment, activity status and territorial area.

4 SELECTION OF OBSERVATION UNIT

Coverage is full: all grooms and brides with usual residence in Slovenia that married and husband and wife 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 through the statistical survey Marriages (DEM-POR). Data in this survey are collected from:

- the Central Population Register (CRP) of the Ministry of the Interior,
- 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:

- E-reporting through »Divorce« (DEM-RAZ) questionnaire,
- the Central Population Register (CRP) of the Ministry of the Interior,
- Survey »Population Structure« (DEM-PREB/ČL),
- Survey »Socio-economic Characteristics of Population« (SEL-SOC),
- Statistical Register of Employment (SRDAP)

6 DEFINITIONS

Marriage is a procedure in which two persons of opposite sexes 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 two (single) persons of opposite sexes who have not been married before.

A bride is a woman who is getting married or has just been married.

A groom is a man who is getting married or has just been married.

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 of groom and bride and the number of population of the same age in the calendar year, multiplied by 1,000. It is calculated separately for men and for women.

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.

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

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.

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 STATISTICAL DATA EDITING

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

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

8 PUBLISHING

Data are published:

Quarterly:

- First Release (Population, Marriages and Divorces): »Demographic events, Slovenia, quarterly«.

Annually:

- SI-STAT Data Portal: Demography and social statistics – Population – Marriages – [Marriages, Slovenia](#), [Marriages, regions and municipalities](#).
- SI-STAT Data Portal: Demography and social statistics – Population – Divorces – [Divorces, Slovenia](#), [Divorces, regions and municipalities](#). Absolute data and indicators are published to the level of municipalities (classification NUTS and SKTE).
- 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, annually«.
- Electronic Release (Population, Marriages and Divorces): »Marriages and divorces, detailed data, Slovenia, annually«.
- Statøpis.
- Eurostat.

9 REVISION OF THE DATA

9.1 PUBLISHING OF PRELIMINARY AND FINAL DATA

Data revision is planned. Due to the needs of users for timely information, 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, completed and more quality data respectively can significantly contribute to the quality

of data-based decision-making and when due to publication deadlines determined by the European legislation less accurate data are published on the basis of incomplete coverage. Data on marriages and divorces are complemented and adjusted every quarter. Therefore quarterly data (to the publication of the final annual data) are provisional.

9.2 BREAKS IN TIME SERIES

9.2.1 Change of the questionnaire

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.

9.2.2 Breaks in time series

Data on marriages and 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 explanation
 - Theme: Population, sub-theme: Population Number and Structure

<http://www.stat.si/statweb/en/Methods/QuestionnairesMethodologicalExplanationsQualityReports>