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Statistical survey on divorces

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3	Statistical presentation
3.1	Data description
Data on marriages that have been legally dissolved (by a decree absolute rendered), on the court having competence for the divorce. As divorces in this survey are also considered declared null and void marriages. The data are used for monitoring of the divorced marriages and relevant characteristics of former spouses, also characteristics of divorced marriages in terms of communities properties of spouses serving supported children that were/were not born in this marriage.	
3.2	Classification system
Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics - NTES, 2019 National Classification of Occupations, 2015 System of education in the country in terms of ISCED2011 - International Standard Classification of Education MSKOB (2013);	
3.3	Sector coverage
not applicable	
3.4	Statistical concepts and definitions
Divorce is an institution in which the rights and obligations of both partners has been disconnected according to the final judgment of the court. Marriage duration is a derived feature expressed in whole years while formal marriage union existed. The number of years of marriage duration is derived as the time difference between the date of divorce and the date of marriage conclusion. Divorciality rates (divorces per 1000 population). This rate, are the ratio between the number of marriages in the calendar year and same mid- year population.	
3.5	Statistical unit
Each legally divorced marriage registered by the competent courts.	
3.6	Statistical population
All divorces by a decision of the competent court, occurred in the country during one calendar year. According to the international recommendations for publishing vital statistics and with the aim of presenting the situation more objectively, starting from 2004, the State Statistical Office has changed the methodology of presenting data on vital events, where the total number of cases includes vital events occurring only in the Republic of Macedonia.	
3.7	Reference area
NTES 1.2.3. and 4	
3.8	Time coverage
Since 1947. Since 1994 at regional level according to Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics - NUTS.	
3.9	Base period
not applicable	

4	Unit of measure
Number of divorces	
5	Reference period
Current (calendar) year from 01.01 to 31.12	
6	Institutional mandate
6.1	Legal acts and other agreements
National: Law on State Statistics ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" No. 54/1997, 21/2007, 51/2011, 104/2013, 42/2014, 192/2015, 27/16, 83/18, 220/18 and "Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia" No. 31/20) (https://www.stat.mk/en/about-us/legal-acts/law-on-state-statistics/) Programme of Statistical Surveys 2023-2027 ("Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia" No. 29/23 and 57/25) (https://www.stat.mk/en/about-us/legal-acts/program-for-statistical-surveys/) EU Regulation: EU Regulation No. 1260/2013 of the European Parliament on European demographic statistics, Regulation (EU) No 205/2014, UN Principles and Recommendations for a Vital Statistics System Revision 3.	
6.2	Data sharing
Data are shared with joint annual questionnaire and transmitted to EUROSTAT via EDAMIS:POPSTAT ; and annual questionnaires to: UN Statistics Division- Demographic Statistics Section-Questionnaire on Vital Statistics.	
7	Confidentiality
7.1	Confidentiality - policy
1. The protection of individual data is regulated by the Law on State Statistics (https://www.stat.mk/en/about-us/legal-acts/law-on-state-statistics/). 2. The basic principles and activities undertaken to ensure data confidentiality are described in the Policy on Statistical Confidentiality (https://www.stat.mk/en/about-us/policies-and-strategies/policy-on-statistical-confidentiality/).	
7.2	Confidentiality - data treatment
Pursuant to Article 38 of the Law on State Statistics (https://www.stat.mk/en/about-us/legal-acts/law-on-state-statistics/) and the Policy on Statistical Confidentiality (https://www.stat.mk/en/about-us/policies-and-strategies/policy-on-statistical-confidentiality/), individual data are not published.	
8	Release policy
8.1	Release calendar
The date of data publication is determined in the Advance Release Calendar, which is updated quarterly.	

8.2	Release calendar access
https://www.stat.mk/en/publishing-calendar/#/	
8.3	User access
All users have equal access to statistics at the same time: this means that the publication dates are announced in advance and no user has access to official statistics before they are published. Statistical data are first published in the "News Releases" edition on the website of the State Statistical Office at 12:00.	
9	Frequency of dissemination
Monthly. The data are published monthly and quarterly as preliminary data, and as final on annual basis.	
10	Accessibility and clarity
10.1	News release
News Releases are published and they are available on the website of the SSO in the section: "News Releases" - https://www.stat.mk/en/all-new-releases Natural change in population, quarterly - https://www.stat.mk/en/stat/population-and-living-conditions/population/natural-movement-of-the-population/ Marriges and divorces , annually: https://www.stat.mk/en/stat/population-and-living-conditions/population/natality/natality-2024-final-data/ Demographic data by urban and rural area, annually : https://www.stat.mk/en/stat/population-and-living-conditions/population/live-births-deaths-and-migration-by-urban-and-rural-areas-and-by-regions/	
10.2	Publications
Statistical Yearbook: https://www.stat.mk/en/all-publications/statistical-yearbook-2024/statistical-yearbook-2024/ North Macedonia in figures: https://www.stat.mk/en/all-publications/north-macedonia-in-figures-2024/north-macedonia-in-figures-2024/ Regions in the North Macedonia: https://www.stat.mk/en/all-publications/regions-of-north-macedonia-2024/regions-of-north-macedonia-2024/ Women and men in North Macedonia: https://www.stat.mk/en/all-publications/women-and-men-in-north-macedonia-2023/women-and-men-in-north-macedonia-2025/ MakStat selection: https://www.stat.mk/en/all-publications/makstat-selection-2024/makstat-selection-2024/ Monthly Statistical Bulletin: https://www.stat.mk/en/all-publications/monthly-statistical-bulletin/monthly-statistical-bulletin-05-2025/	

10.3	On-line database
MAKSTAT database available on the web site of the State Statistical Office. https://makstat.stat.gov.mk/PXWeb/pxweb/en/MakStat/	
10.4	Micro-data access
The use of microdata by external users is possible only for research purposes and is done in accordance with the Law on State Statistics (Article 41, Article 42 and Article 43). Access to anonymised microdata is defined by an internal procedure of the State Statistical Office "Access to anonymised microdata for scientific research purposes" (https://www.stat.mk/en/about-us/procedures/rules-for-access-to-anonymised-microdata-for-research-purposes/).	
10.5	Other
At the request of users, data are also prepared in a form according to their needs. Survey data are sent to Eurostat and they are released on the web site of this institution.	
10.6	Documentation on methodology
The methodological notes are an integral part of the quarterly release „Natural Population Change“. and annual release „Marriges and divorces“.published on the web site of the State Statistical Office. http://www.stat.gov.mk/OblastOpsto.aspx?id=2 The methodological notes are part of the Statistical review: "Natural Population Change 2015 " published on the web site of the State Statistical Office. http://www.stat.gov.mk/Publikacii/2.4.16.09.pdf	
10.7	Quality documentation
A Quality Report is prepared after the final processing and dissemination of the data and is prepared in accordance with the Eurostat manuals.	
11	Quality management
11.1	Quality assurance
The quality of the processes and products in the State Statistical Office is ensured by adhering to the European Statistics Code of Practice (https://www.stat.mk/en/about-us/quality/code-of-practice/) and the Quality Assurance Framework within the European Statistical System (ESS Quality Assurance Framework – https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/64157/4392716/ESS-QAF-V2.0-final.pdf). The quality criteria are also determined in the Law on State Statistics in Article 4b and Article 4c (https://www.stat.mk/en/about-us/legal-acts/law-on-state-statistics/).	
11.2	Quality assessment
The State Statistical Office carries out statistical activities in accordance with the Statistical Business Process Model, which is based on the international model - Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM). The application of this model and international standards in statistical production ensures a high level of accuracy and comparability of data.	
12	Relevance
12.1	User needs

Demographic data and indicators calculated on the basis of data obtained from statistical survey on divorces are of particular interest both by the domestic public and the international (eg. Institutions, universities, media and individuals) for creation and implementation of the scientific and development policies in society. The data is used directly, but is also used to calculate the statistical indicators from other sectors.	
12.2	User satisfaction
Starting from 2009, the State Statistical Office conducts a User Satisfaction Survey every three years.	
12.3	Completeness
not calculated	
13	Accuracy and reliability
13.1	Overall accuracy
The survey methodology and the data collection method ensure good coverage and accuracy of the data.	
13.2	Sampling error
Not applicable (survey is with total coverage).	
13.3	Non-sampling error
Coverage error: Full (100%) coverage is ensured. Processing errors: Rules for control and calculations for output data are implemented in the processing. Non-response errors: As full coverage is ensured, there are no non-response errors.	
14	Timeliness and punctuality
14.1	Timeliness
T+180	
14.2	Punctuality
The data are published on the day announced in the Advance Release Calendar.	
15	Coherence and comparability
15.1	Comparability - geographical
There is geographical comparability of the released data at national and regional level. With respect to geographical comparability with other EU countries, it is also ensured because data are collected in line with EU regulations.	
15.2	Comparability - over time
At the national level, without break in the time series, data are comparable from 1994. At the regional level, without break in the time series, data are comparable from 2005.	

15.3	Coherence - cross domain
Cross-domain coherence of data is ensured comparison with data from administrative register of population.	
15.4	Coherence - internal
Internal coherence of data is ensured. The monthly and quarterly preliminary data in the current year are used for monitoring the coverage and trend of the treated event (divorces) with data from the previous year and comparison between the preliminary and definitive (final) data.	
16	Cost and burden
not calculated	
17	Data revision
17.1	Data revision - policy
Data revision is made in accordance with the Statistical Data Revision Policy of the SSO: (https://www.stat.mk/en/about-us/policies-and-strategies/data-revision/).	
17.2	Data revision - practice
Not applicable	
18	Statistical processing
18.1	Source data
The source of data for this statistical survey is administrative i.e the data are obtained on the basis of records / registration of divorces on the primary courts responsible for divorces. In processing, the data are grouped by permanent place of residence of the spouses i.e by applying the principle „permanent place of residence,,.	
18.2	Frequency of data collection
Monthly.	
18.3	Data collection
Data collection is made by self-enumeration method using paper statistical form (RB-1) form reporting units, i.e. the Primary Courts responsible for divorces. Primary Courts responsible for divorces are obligated for each divorces, to fill the statistical form for divorces (RB-1). Statistical form completed are submitted to the regional departments of statistics at the latest by 5th of the month for the previous month.	
18.4	Data validation
Control of data is carried out in accordance with the established methodological rules and guidelines for control. First control of the data is performed by the regional offices of the SSO. For monitoring the coverage they complete the statistical form Monthly report on vital statistics (DEM 4), which is submitted electronically to the State Statistical Office, no later than the 10th of the month for the previous month. For any deviations, the reporting units are contacted. The	

next stage is data coding and data entry according to established rules and methodological instructions for control.

18.5 Data compilation

After verification and possible corrections in consultation with the reporting units, i.e. primary courts responsible for divorces, completed questionnaires are entered in the Central Office in an application with on-line controls. Missing data are provided by imputation of data, according to the established methodological rules and guidelines for control. Data integration, additional control, processing and tabulation of data is done by the subject-matter department in the Central Office using established methodological rules and defined control criteria.

18.6 Adjustment

Data adjustment is not ensured.

19 Comment

A.1 Annexes