



Terms used in official statistics



Marital status

Definition:

The legal situation of a person is defined on the basis of relevant civil status acts.

According to Polish law there are four categories of marital status: single

- persons who have never been legally married,
- married – persons who are legally married,
- divorced – persons whose marriage was dissolved by a judicial decree,
- widowed – persons whose marriage ceased to exist due to the death of a spouse.

Persons against whom a court ruled separation from a legal point of view - continued to remain in a marriage.

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High-level terms

- [Population structure](#)

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Amendments to the description of a concept:

- [Legal \(de jure\) marital status](#)

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