

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 dissoluted 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.

Source:

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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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