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Statistics on annulments, separations and divorces

Year 2025

Main results

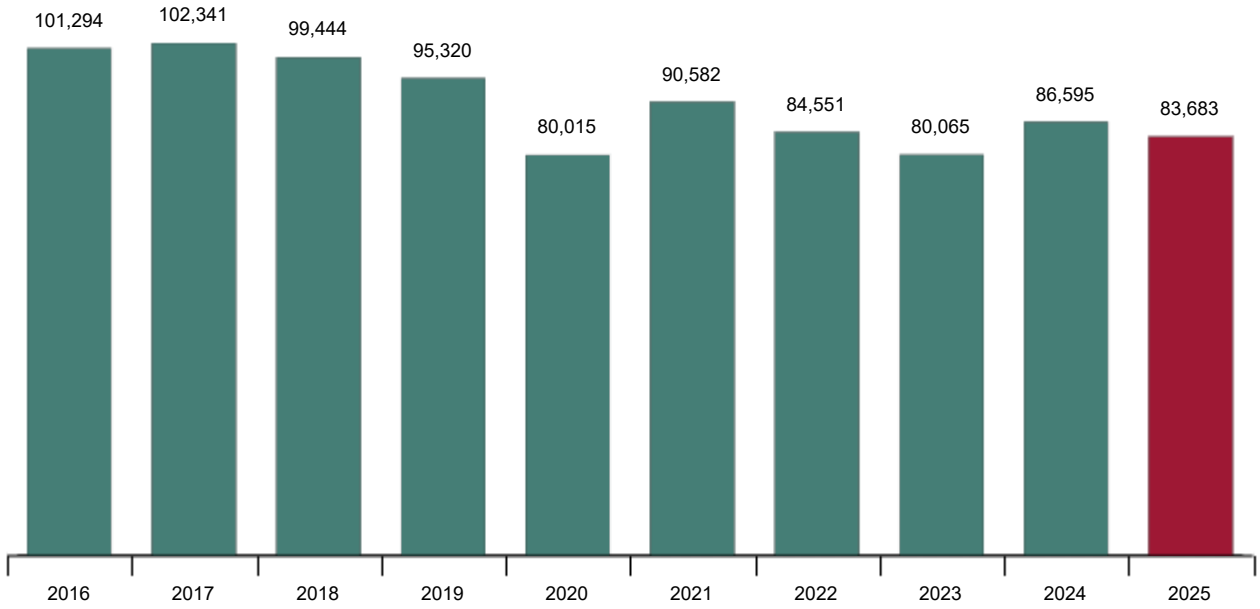
- In 2025 there were 80,785 divorces, 2.7% fewer than in the previous year. Of these, 15.9% were notarised.
- Joint custody was granted in 50.8% of divorce cases involving couples with children, 1.1 points higher than in the previous year.

More information

- Detailed results (includes information about autonomous communities)

During 2025 there were a total of 83,683 cases of separation and divorce, an decrease of 3.4% compared with the previous year and a rate of 1.7 per 1,000 inhabitants.

Marriage dissolutions (annulments, separations and divorces). 2016-2025 series
Absolute values



By type of resolution, 49,292 cases were settled by judgement, 20,720 by decree, and 13,671 by public deed.

By type of process, there were 80,785 divorces, 2,872 separations and 27 annulments. Divorces accounted for 96.5% of the total dissolutions, separations for 3.4% and annulments for less than 0.1%. The number of divorces decreased by 2.7% compared to the previous year, and the number of separations by 20.3%.

There were 2,221 same-sex divorces in 2025 (2.7% of the total). Among them, 995 were men and 1,226 were women. There were also 80 separations (2.8% of the total).

Divorces by type

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80.5% of divorces in 2025 were by mutual agreement, while 19.5% were contested. 59.3% were by ruling (compared with 61.1% the previous year), 24.8% by decree (25.1% in 2024) and 15.9% by public deed before a notary (compared with 13.8% in the previous year).

Duration of marriages dissolved by divorce

Marriages dissolved by divorce had an average duration of 16.2 years, similar to the previous year.

31.2% of divorces occurred after 20 years of marriage or more. 21.5% occurred between five and nine years after marriage, 16.7% between 10 and 14 years, 15.3% between 15 and 19 years, 11.9% between two and four years and 3.4% after less than two years.

Average age, nationality and marital status of the spouses

The highest number of divorces between spouses of different sexes occurred in the 40-49 year old age group, among both men and women.

The average age of women in divorce proceedings was 46.6 years. For men it was 49.1 years.

Average age of spouses in divorce proceedings. 2016-2025 series
Years of age

	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018	Year 2019	Year 2020	Year 2021	Year 2022	Year 2023	Year 2024	Year 2025
Men	46.7	47.2	47.6	47.9	48.2	47.8	48.4	48.7	49.0	49.1
Women	44.2	44.8	45.2	45.5	45.6	45.5	45.9	46.2	46.6	46.6

In 80.4% of the different sex divorces, both spouses were of Spanish nationality. In 12.1% of cases, one person was a foreign national. And in 7.5% both were foreigners.

Regarding the marital status of different sex spouses when they married, most were single. Among men, 9.3% were divorced and 0.3% widowed. Among women, 10.1% were divorced and 0.3% were widows.

Number of children, custody and pensions

47.1% of marriages corresponding to divorce decrees in 2025 did not have children (minors or economically dependent adults).

41.6% had only minor children, 3.9% had only economically dependent adult children and 7.4% had economically dependent minor and adult children. 23.0% only had one child (minor or economically dependent adult).

In 49.7% of divorces between spouses of different sexes, there were minor children over whom custody had to be awarded. In 3.4% of these divorces, custody was granted to the father, in 45.3% to the mother, in 50.8% custody was shared and in 0.5% it was granted to other institutions or family members.

It is noteworthy that cases of joint custody continued with its upward trend, exceeding those in which custody was granted to the mother.

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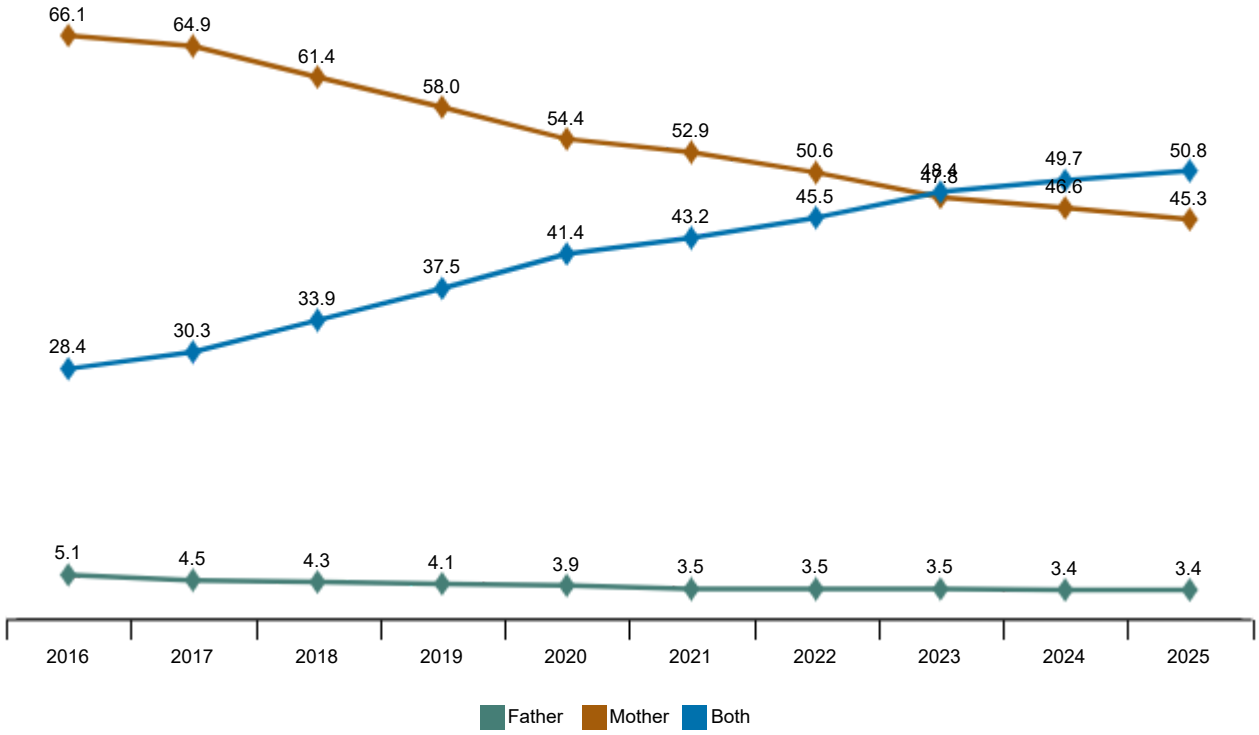
Custody of minor children in divorces between partners of different sex. 2016-2025 series
Percentage



In 53.7% of divorces of different sex spouses, alimony was assigned. In 52.1% of cases, alimony corresponded to the father, in 3.8% to the mother and in 44.1% to both spouses.

In 6.4% of divorces of different sex spouses, a compensatory pension was established. In 91.4% of these, payment was assigned to the husband.

As for who made the filing, in 72.5% of the cases of divorce of different sex spouses it was presented by both spouses, in 17.7% by the wife and in 9.8% by the husband.

Results by Autonomous Communities and Cities[1]

The rate of annulments, separations and divorces per 1,000 inhabitants in Spain in 2025 was 1.7.

The autonomous city of Ceuta (2.5) recorded the highest rate per 1,000 inhabitants. On the other hand, Castilla y León (1.4) presented the lowest.

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Annulments, separations and divorces by autonomous communities and cities. 2025
Rates per 1,000 inhabitants and absolute values

	Rate per 1,000 inhabitants	TOTAL	Annulments	Separations	Divorces
Ceuta	2,5	211	0	1	210
Rioja, La	1,9	626	0	16	610
Canarias	1,9	4.197	4	121	4.072
Comunitat Valenciana	1,8	10.121	2	351	9.768
Asturias, Principado de	1,8	1.868	0	69	1.799
Murcia, Región de	1,8	2.922	0	104	2.818
Balears, Illes	1,8	2.267	0	56	2.211
Andalucía	1,8	15.428	11	700	14.718
Madrid, Comunidad de	1,7	12.253	0	423	11.830
NACIONAL	1,7	83.683	27	2.872	80.785
Cantabria	1,7	998	0	20	978
Cataluña	1,7	13.563	3	423	13.137
Galicia	1,7	4.495	2	90	4.403
Castilla-La Mancha	1,6	3.457	0	88	3.369
Melilla	1,6	135	0	3	132
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	1,5	1.033	0	46	987
Aragón	1,5	2.036	0	72	1.965
País Vasco	1,5	3.278	1	105	3.172
Extremadura	1,4	1.512	2	74	1.436
Castilla y León	1,4	3.282	1	110	3.171

[1]The assignment of annulments, separations and divorces to a specific autonomous community has been carried out according to the location of the judicial body or notary's office that issued the resolution or public deed, and not the spouses' place of residence or birth.

Data revisions and updates

The data published today are final. All results of this operation are available on INEBase.

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Methodological note

The Statistics on Annulments, Separations and Divorces are carried out by the National Institute of Statistics (INE) on the basis of the Agreement signed with the General Judicial Council (GJC) dated 14 February 1995.

It is oriented to the study of matrimonial dissolution proceedings handled through sentences, decrees and public deeds on behalf of the judges, the judicial administration lawyers (formerly judicial secretaries) and notaries, respectively.

The objective of these statistics is to determine the number of these judgements, decrees and public deeds by providing information on some of the main socio-demographic characteristics of the spouses involved (sex, age, nationality, number of children), on the type of separation or divorce (by mutual agreement or contested) and on other variables of social interest associated with the judicial process (alimony, custody, duration of the proceedings, etc.).

Type of operation: annual continuous statistics.

Population scope: Judgements, decrees and public deeds issued on annulments, separations and divorces.

Geographical scope: the entire national territory.

Reference period for the results: the calendar year.

Information reference period: the date on which the sentence, decree or public deed of the dissolution of the marriage takes place.

Collection method: statistical form based on an administrative act.

More information on the methodology and the standardised methodological report.

INE statistics are produced in accordance with the Code of Good Practice for European Statistics. More information on Quality in the INE and Code of Good Practices.

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