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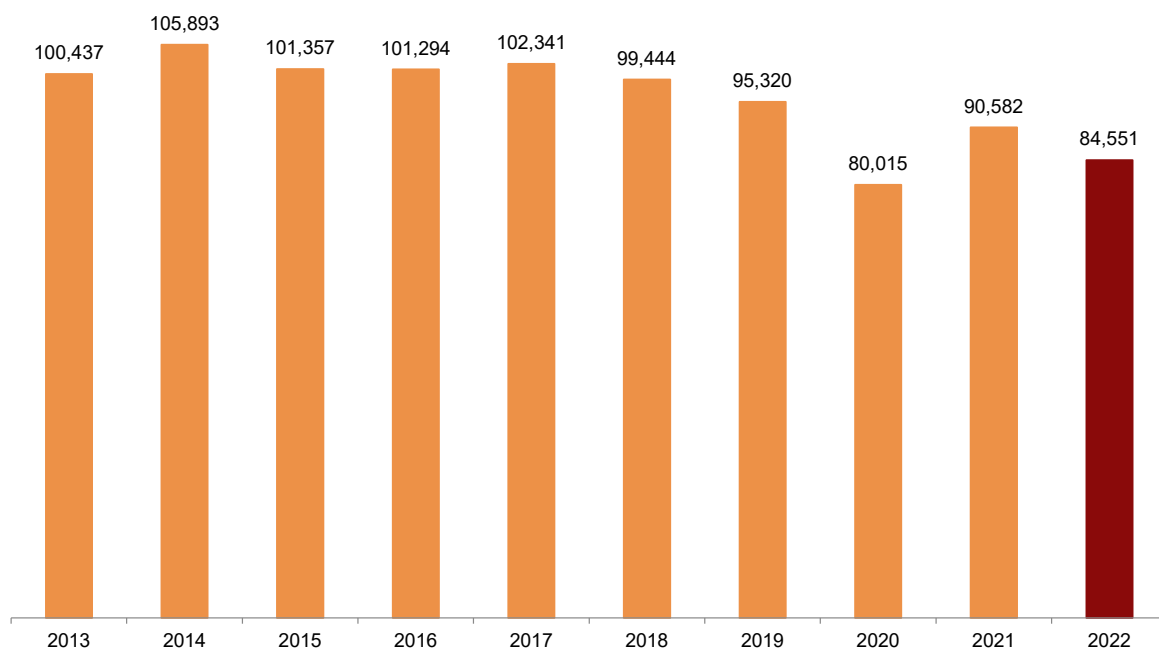
Statistics on Annulments, Separations and Divorces
Year 2022

In 2022 there were 81,302 divorces, 6.4% less than in the previous year. Of these, 12.9% were notarised

Joint custody was granted in 45.5% of divorce cases involving couples with children, 2.3% points than the previous year

During 2022 there were a total of 84,551 cases of annulment, separation and divorce, a decrease of 6.7% compared to the previous year and a rate of 1.8 per 1,000 inhabitants.

Marriage dissolutions (annulments, separations and divorces). 2013-2022 Series
Absolute Values



The number of divorces decreased by 6.4% compared to the previous year, while separations decreased by 12.6% and annulments by 31.6%.

By type of resolution, 51,573 cases were settled by judgement, 21,864 by decree, and 11,114 by public deed.

By type of process, there were 81,302 divorces, 3,210 separations and 39 annulments. Divorces accounted for 96.2% of the total, separations for 3.8% and annulments accounted for less than 0.1%.

There were 1,749 same-sex divorces in 2022 (2.2% of the total). Among them, 927 were men and 822 were women. There were also 78 separations (2.4% of the total).

Divorces by type

A total of 80.0% of divorces in 2022 were by mutual agreement, while 20.0% were contentious. 61.2% were by judgement (63.8% the previous year), 25.9% by decree (25.2%) and 12.9% by public deed (11.0%).

Duration of marriages dissolved by divorce

Marriages dissolved by divorce had an average duration of 16.5 years, similar to the previous year.

32.4% of divorced occurred after 20 years of marriage or more, and 20.7% between five and nine years, 16.9% between 10 and 14 years, 15.6% between 15 and 19 years, 11.9% between two and four years and 2.5% in 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 45.9 years. For men it was 48.4 years.

Average age of spouses in divorce proceedings. 2013-2022 Series

Years of age

	Year 2013	Year 2014	Year 2015	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018	Year 2019	Year 2020	Year 2021	Year 2022
Men	44.5	45.0	46.3	46.7	47.2	47.6	47.9	48.2	47.8	48.4
Women	42.1	42.6	43.8	44.2	44.8	45.2	45.5	45.6	45.5	45.9

Footnote: Divorce proceedings between spouses of different sex.

In 79.8% of the different sex divorces, both spouses were of Spanish nationality. In 12.2%, one of the spouses was a foreigner and in 8.1%, both spouses were foreigners.

Regarding the marital status of different sex spouses when they married, most were single. Among men, 8.9% were divorced and 0.4% widowed. Among women, 9.5% were divorced and 0.4% were widows.

Number of children, custody and pensions

45.5% of marriages corresponding to divorce decrees did not have children (minors or economically dependent adults).

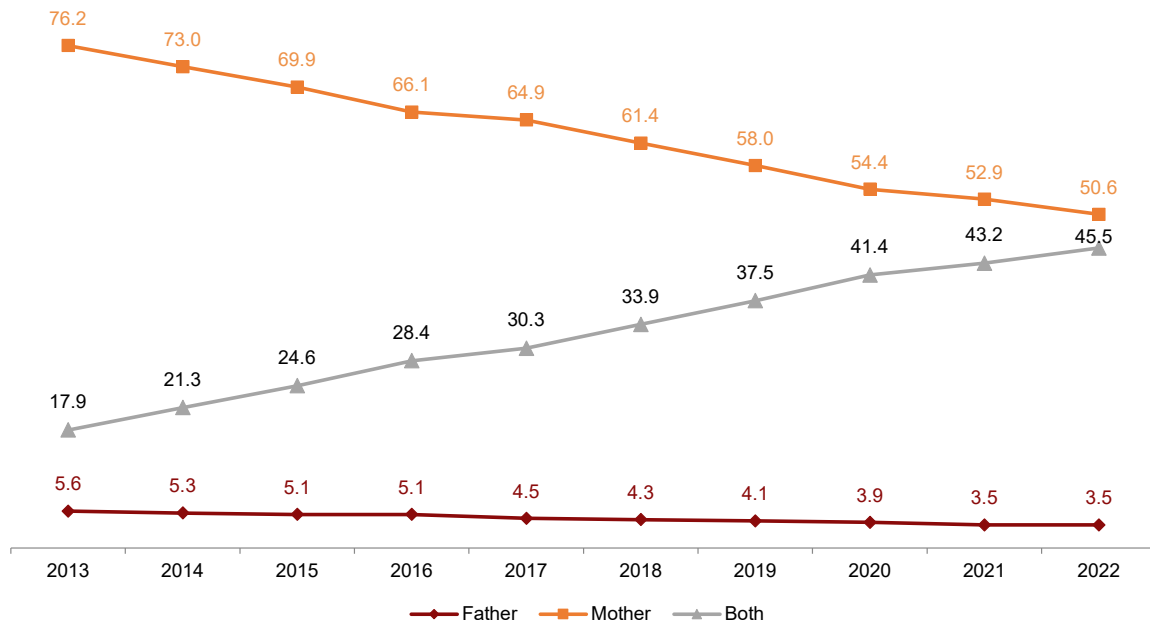
43.1% had only minor children, 4.1% had only economically dependent adult children and 7.3% had economically dependent minor and adult children. 23.5% only had one child (minor or economically dependent adult).

In 51.2% of divorces between spouses of different sexes, there were minor children over whom custody had to be awarded. In 3.5% of these cases, custody was granted to the father, in 50.6% custody was granted to the mother, in 45.5% custody was shared and in 0.4% it was granted to other institutions or family members.

Custody of minor children in divorces of different sex spouses. 2013-2022

Series

Percentage



In 55.3% of divorces of different sex spouses, alimony was assigned. In 57.5% of cases, alimony corresponded to the father, in 3.9% to the mother and in 38.6% to both spouses.

In 7.4% of divorces of different sex spouses, a compensatory pension was established. In 90.9% of these, payment was assigned to the husband.

As for who made the filing, in 70.3% of the cases of divorce of different sex spouses it was presented by both spouses, in 19.3% by the wife and in 10.4% by the husband.

Results by Autonomous Communities and Cities¹

The rate of annulments, separations and divorces per 1,000 inhabitants in Spain was 1.8 in 2022.

The autonomous city of Ceuta (2.6) recorded the highest rate per 1,000 inhabitants. On the other hand, Castilla y León (1.4) presented the lowest.

¹The 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.

Annulments, separations and divorces by autonomous communities and cities. Absolute Values

	Total	Annulments	Separations	Divorces
TOTAL	84,551	39	3,210	81,302
Andalucía	15,596	6	776	14,814
Cataluña	14,616	10	454	14,152
Madrid, Comunidad de	11,987	7	435	11,546
Comunitat Valenciana	10,119	9	408	9,702
Canarias	4,442	0	119	4,323
Galicia	4,437	2	149	4,286
Castilla y León	3,286	0	133	3,153
Castilla-La Mancha	3,223	1	107	3,115
País Vasco	3,167	1	96	3,070
Murcia, Región de	2,773	0	90	2,683
Balears, Illes	2,319	0	84	2,235
Aragón	2,245	0	72	2,173
Asturias, Principado de	1,858	0	102	1,756
Extremadura	1,519	1	61	1,456
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	1,059	0	42	1,017
Cantabria	1,044	2	45	997
Rioja, La	503	0	22	481
Ceuta	215	0	11	204
Melilla	142	0	5	137

Data reviews and updates

The data published today is final and is not subject to further revision. All results are available on INEBase.

Methodological note

The Statistics on Annulments, Separations and Divorces are carried out by the National Institute of Statistics (INE) by virtue of the Agreement signed with the General Judicial Council (GJC) dated 14 February 1995, and updated through an addendum in 2006.

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 this statistic is to determine the number of these sentences, 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 contentious) 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: sentences, decrees and public deeds handed down 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.

For more information, both the [methodology](#) and the [standardized methodological report](#) can be consulted.

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