

A **divorce** is the final legal dissolution (ending) of a [marriage](#) . A divorce is the type of separation between spouses that confers on both parties the right to remarry under civil, religious or other provisions, according to the laws of each country. Divorce is possible in all [European Union](#) Member States. In almost all countries, divorces are registered at a court.

The **crude divorce rate** is the ratio of the number of divorces during the year to the average population in that year. The value is expressed per 1000 inhabitants.

A **divorce rate by duration of marriage** can be calculated for each calendar year n , by relating the number of divorces at the end of x years of marriage to the initial number of marriages in year $n-x$.

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