

Population by family status, legal marital status, sex and age 31 Dec. 2011

	Total		
	Total	Males	Females
Total			
Total	315,556	158,151	157,405
Never married	170,109	89,006	81,103
Married	108,027	53,867	54,160
Widowed	11,297	2,760	8,537
Divorced	18,541	8,063	10,478
Not stated	7,582	4,455	3,127
Persons in a married couple			
Total	103,256	51,624	51,632
Never married	-	-	-
Married	103,256	51,624	51,632
Widowed	-	-	-
Divorced	-	-	-
Not stated	-	-	-
Partners in a consensual union			
Total	27,600	13,763	13,837
Never married	24,342	12,040	12,302
Married	26	15	11
Widowed	166	77	89
Divorced	2,943	1,529	1,414
Not stated	123	102	21
Lone parents			
Total	15,952	2,163	13,789
Never married	8,271	688	7,583
Married	1,569	302	1,267
Widowed	1,072	291	781
Divorced	4,881	850	4,031
Not stated	159	32	127
Sons/daughters			
Total	108,296	58,426	49,870
Never married	107,446	57,882	49,564
Married	129	95	34
Widowed	3	2	1
Divorced	249	206	43
Not stated	469	241	228
Not applicable			
Total	60,452	32,175	28,277
Never married	30,050	18,396	11,654
Married	3,047	1,831	1,216
Widowed	10,056	2,390	7,666
Divorced	10,468	5,478	4,990
Not stated	6,831	4,080	2,751

Family status The family nucleus is defined in the narrow sense, that is as two or more persons who belong to the same household and who are related as married persons, as partners in a consensual union, or as parent and child. Thus a family comprises a couple without children, or a couple with one or more children, or a lone parent with one or more children. This family concept limits relationships between children and adults to direct (first-degree) relationships, that is between parents and children.

Child (son/daughter) refers to a blood, step- or adopted son or daughter (regardless of age or marital status) who has usual residence in the household of at least one of the parents, and who has no partner or own children in the same household. Foster children are not included. A son or daughter who lives with a spouse, with a partner in a consensual union, or with one or more own children, is not considered to be a child. A child who alternates between two households (for instance if his or her parents are divorced) is considered to belong to the household of his/her legal registered guardian.

The term couple shall include married couples, couples in registered partnerships, and couples who live in a consensual union.

Two persons are considered to be partners in a 'consensual union' when they

- belong to the same household, and
- have a marriage-like relationship with each other, and
- are not married with each other.

'Skip-generation households' (households consisting of a grandparent or grandparents and one or more grandchildren, but no parent of those grandchildren) are not included in the definition of a family.

Legal marital status Marital status is the (legal) conjugal status of an individual in relation to the marriage laws of Iceland (de jure status). A person is classified according to his/her most recently acquired legal marital status at the reference date.

Married partners that are 'legally separated' are classified under 'married'.

Registered partnerships for same sex couples were provided for until 19 July 2010 when this was assimilated under the single concept of marriage of two persons. Even if the label of the relationship was not automatically changed from registered partnership to marriage, the legal distinction no longer applies. Persons who may not have formally changed their status from 'in registered partnership' to 'married' are thus counted as 'married'.

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