

## **METHODOLOGY FOR STUDYING OF NUPTIALITY AND DIVORCIALITY**

### **Methodology and basic concepts**

Survey objects in the demographic statistics are demographic events and population.

Survey object in the nuptiality are legal marriages and married persons' demographic characteristics. Marriages are registered at the moment of their occurrence and the respective periodical aggregates for a given period of time are created. A calendar year is covered by the demographic statistics.

Survey object in the divorciality are civil marriages terminated by a court order and divorced persons' demographic characteristics. Divorces are registered at the moment of their occurrence and the respective periodical aggregates for a given period of time are created. A calendar year is covered by the demographic statistics.

The age of married and divorced persons is calculated in completed years on the basis of persons' birth date and the date of the events marriage/divorce.

Marriages and divorces refer to the settlement where the husband's present address is or in case the present address of husband is abroad – the settlement where the wife's present address is.

### **Main indicators**

The number of marriages and divorces represents the actual quantitative amount of these aggregations. There are included the cases where one of the persons participating in these events at least has a present address in Bulgaria.

These aggregates are used for the calculation of crude marriage and divorce rates – marriages/divorces per 1 000 persons of average annual population.

### **Territorial distribution and data sources**

Data are distributed in regional aspect according to the administrative–territorial division of the country as of 31.12. of the respective year (settlements, municipalities, districts and statistical regions) by persons' present address. That address corresponds to the persons' officially declared residence.

Data source on the marriages and divorces are the forms of National civil registration system – certificate of civil marriage and certificate of divorce.