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2011 Census of Population, Households and Dwellings in the Republic of Serbia
Book 5: Marital Status

In the book "Marital Status" the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia publishes the final results of the 2011 Census of Population, Households and Dwellings[1] on the population of the Republic of Serbia aged 15 and over according to legal marital status and on persons living in consensual union.

The 2011 Census was carried out during the period from 1st to 15th October, 2011, in compliance with the Law on the Census of Population, Households and Dwellings ("The Official Gazette of the RS," no. 104/09 and 24/11). The 2011 Census is financially supported by the European Union which has participated in the total costs with 60%.
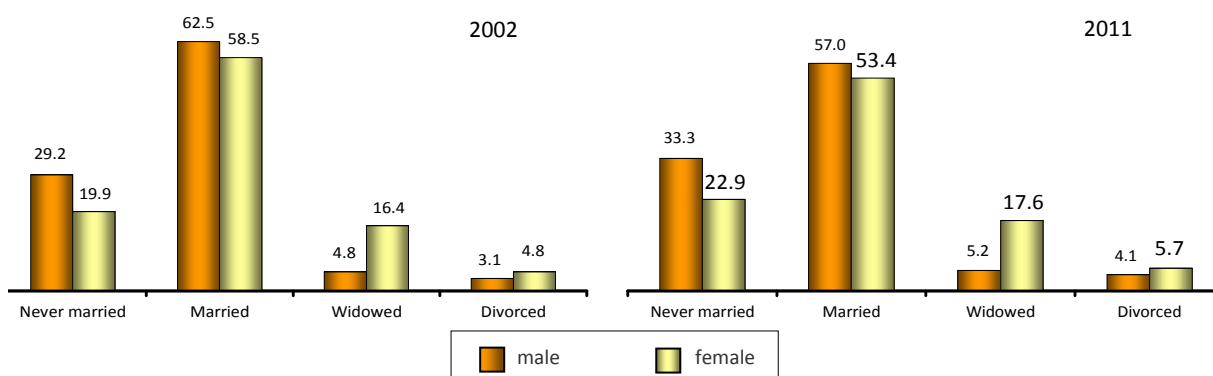
Data on the legal marital status

In the 2011 Census, the data on the legal marital status were obtained on the basis of the statements of persons regarding their formal and legal marital status. The response to this question was given by all persons also including those living in consensual union.

In the period between the last two censuses (2002–2011) there was a decrease in the total number of married persons by 11.1%, while the number of not married persons increased as follows: never married by 11.6%, widowed by 4.8%, and divorced persons by 20.2%.

Population aged 15 and over by legal marital status, by censuses 2002 and 2011

	2002 Census		2011 Census		Index 2002=100
	Total	%	Total	%	
REPUBLIC OF SERBIA	**6 321 231**	**100**	**6 161 584**	**100**	97.47
Never married	1 540 743	24.37	1 719 959	27.91	111.63
Married	3 820 251	60.44	3 396 240	55.12	88.90
Widowed	684 089	10.82	716 843	11.64	104.79
Divorced	252 793	4.00	303 970	4.93	120.24
Unknown	23 355	0.37	24 572	0.40	105.21

Population aged 15 and over by legal marital status and sex,
by censuses 2002 and 2011 (%)

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[1] The 2011 Census was not carried out on the territory of the AP Kosovo and Metohia, while the coverage of the census units in the municipalities of Preševo and Bujanovac was incomplete owing to the boycott by the majority of the Albanian ethnic community.

Five municipalities with the highest share of married persons are: Žitoradja (63.88%), Doljevac (63.40%), Aleksandrovac (63.09%), Vlasotince (62.85%) and Svrljig (62.71%). Municipalities with the highest share of never married persons are: Stari grad (33.97%), Kovin (33.66%), Vračar (33.47%), Savski venac (33.11%) and Vrbas (32.96%). The highest share of widowed is in municipalities: Crna Trava (18.71%), Rekovac (18.08%), Gadžin Han (17.81%), Žabari (17.43%) and Ražanj (16.89%), while the biggest share of divorced persons is in Belgrade's municipalities of Stari grad (9.13%), Vračar (8.97%) and Savski venac (8,04%), as well as in the municipalities of Senta and Subotica (7.79%).

Data on the persons living in consensual union

The 2011 Census collected for the first time data on the persons living in consensual unions.

Out of a total of 6161584 persons aged 15 and over, 236063 persons (3.83%) live in consensual unions. Their average age is 40.47 years. Average age of the men living in consensual union is 42.28, while for women is 38.66.
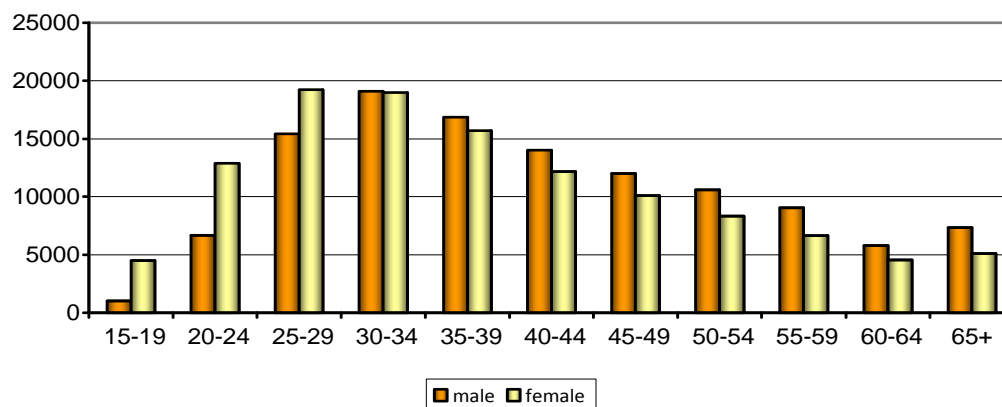
Population aged 15 and over and persons aged 15 and over living in consensual union, by 2011 Census

	Total number of persons aged 15 and over	Persons living in consensual union				
		Total	%	Average age		
				Total	Male	Female
Republic of Serbia	**6 161 584**	**236 063**	**3.83**	**40.47**	**42.28**	**38.66**

The lowest share of persons living in consensual union was marked in the following municipalities: Sjenica (0.67%), Nova Varoš (0.68%), Raška (0.84%), Kosjerić (0.99%) and Prijepolje (1.01%).

The municipalities with the highest share of persons living in consensual union are Kostolac (10.14%), Kovin (8.29%), Majdanpek (7.74%), Bela Crkva (7.00%) and Srbobran (6.90 %).

Persons aged 15 and over living in consensual union by age and sex, 2011 Census

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