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## **LIVE BIRTH STATISTIC**

### **Legal basis**

Legal basis for conduction of live birth statistic is Law of official statistics and official statistical system (Official Gazette of Montenegro 18/12 and 47/19) and The Annual Plan of official statistics which is carried out each year.

The Law on Registers ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", no. 47/2008, 41/2010, 40/2011 – other Law and 55/2016) establishes and regulates the registration of births, deaths and other legally defined data related to or in connection with personal and family status of Montenegrin citizens incurred in Montenegro and in the other state, and citizens of other countries and stateless persons, incurred in Montenegro.

Data are collected on the basis of the Agreement on cooperation in the field of statistics of births and deaths (concluded in Podgorica on 03.03.2010) between the Ministry of Interior and the Statistical Office of Montenegro - MONSTAT.

## **METHODOLOGICAL BASIS**

### **Aim and content of the survey**

Statistics of live births has the aim of producing data on the demographic characteristics of a live born child, as well as demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of the parents. Obtained data are required for the analysis of natural population movement at the national level and municipalities. Data represents the basis for calculating a set of analytical demographic indicators used for the purpose of assessing whether present or future structure of the population.

### **Data sources**

The data source of the live births statistics is administrative - Registry of births, which is led by the state administration body competent for internal affairs (Ministry of Interior).

### **Coverage**

Live births statistics covers all live births registered cases entered in the registry of births. In processing the data are grouped according to the residence of the mother.

### **Protection of individual data**

Individual data on natural, legal persons and households is confidential and represent an official secret. (Article 56 of the Law on Official Statistics and the system of official statistics).

Based on the Agreement on Cooperation in the field of statistics, birth and death data from the registry of births that are submitted do not contain any feature which allows the identification of person.

### **Definitions of basic features – indicators**

**A live-born child (live birth)** is every child who shows signs of life after birth (such as breathing i.e. beating of the heart) even for a very short period, regardless of mother's pregnancy duration.

**Maternal age** is expressed in completed years of age. It is calculated on the basis of mother's date of birth of and date when the child was born. It is presented by individual age and by five-year age groups.

**Citizenship** is a legal relationship between persons and the state and does not indicate any national or ethnic origin.

### **The level of data dissemination**

Data on births are presented at the national and municipalities level.

### **Deadlines for data collection and publication**

Data are collected monthly, and processed annually. Deadlines for submission and publication of data are defined in the Annual Plan of official statistics.

Preliminary monthly data are published in the Monthly Statistical Review. The final annual data are published in the Press Release.