

Households

Current definitions

Consensual separation

Based on an agreement between spouses establishing the custody of children, any household support and the division of assets.

De facto household

A household intended as a group of people living in the same dwelling and bound by marriage, relation, affinity, adoption, guardianship or affection. This may vary from the concept of household as recorded in the municipal register. Guests, domestic servants or people who share the dwelling for economic reasons (lodgers, clients, etc.) are not considered as household members. Furthermore, people who have definitively left the household are not counted as members, even though they have not yet recorded a change in residence (for example, a son who married and lives with his wife in another apartment, even though he still maintains his residence at his parents' house).

Dissolution of marriage

The divorce of a marriage celebrated by civil rite.

Divorce

The annulment or termination of the civil effects of marriage celebrated either by religious or civil rite. Divorce was introduced in Italy by Law no. 898 dated 1 December 1970. Law n. 74 dated 6 March 1987 reduced the time required for the divorce judgment to be issued from five to three years and Law n.6 May 2015, provided a further reduction from three years to twelve months in case of judicial separations and to six months in case of consensual separations.

Judicial separation

Actual legal proceedings initiated at the request of one of the two spouses, the subsequent case and pronouncement of separation judgment.

Reconstituted household

A union that is formed following the dissolution of a previous marriage for at least one of the partners.

Registered household

Based on the civil registry, the household is a group of people bound by marriage, relation, affinity, adoption, guardianship or affection, who are habitually dwelling together in the same municipality. A registered household may be also formed by one single person.

Termination of the civil effects of marriage

Divorce relating to a marriage celebrated by religious rite.