

C_TYPE

C-family type

Period

From 1980 to 2007

Break in series

No break in series

(Corresponding variables (D_TYPE and E_TYPE) can be found concerning D-families and E-families.

Register

Population statistics

People with fixed abode (address) in Denmark on 1st of January in a given year

Description

The variable C_type specifies whether the family consists of

- 1) a single person with or without children
- 2) a married couple with or without children
- 3) a civil partnership with or without children
- 4) a cohabiting couple with or without shared children
- 5) a child under the age of 18 who does not live together with his/her parents

A C-family is defined nearly in the same way as a D-family or an E-family but the difference is that a child must be under the age of 18 in order to be defined as a child who is living at home. In an E-family the child must be under the age of 25 and in a D-family there is no age limit concerning children living at home.

A **single person** is a person who is not a part of a couple. A single person constitutes his/her own family (possibly with a child living at home) and has his/her own C_FAMILIE_ID as long as he or she is single. The C_FAMILIE_ID is the personal identification number of the person who identifies the C-family.

Married couples consist of a man and a woman who are married and have the same address according to the national register. In families of married couples the C_FAMILIE_ID is identical to the woman's social security number.

Civil partnerships consist of two people of the same sex who are registered as partners and have the same address according to the national register. The information on civil partnerships is only available from 1990. In families of civil partnerships the C_FAMILIE_ID is identical to the social security number of the oldest person in the C-family.

Couples who are divorced but still live together are not married couples in relation to C-families and a couple whose civil partnership is dissolved but lives together is not a civil partnership in relation to C-families. They will be defined as singles or as a cohabiting couple. In a few cases it is possible to find a

married couple of two people with the same sex or a civil partnership consisting of a man and a woman. This is because one of the two persons changed sex at some point.

Cohabiting couples are two people having the same address. They can be defined as either

- a) a cohabiting couple with shared children
- b) a cohabiting couple with no shared children

In families of cohabiting couples the C_FAMILIE_ID is identical with the social security number of the oldest person in the C-family.

A **cohabiting couple with shared children** is not married or registered in a civil partnership but they have at least one child together. They are distinguished from cohabiting couples with no shared children by their children's parental reference numbers. However, the parental reference numbers are insufficient, especially concerning the father, until 1990. For this reason it is not recommended to make the distinction between the two types during the period 1980-1989.

Cohabiting couples with no shared children are two people of different sex with less than 15 years of age difference. They do not have children together and they are not close relatives according to the CPR-register and there are not more than two adult people on the address.

It is not possible to make out whether the relationship between the two people in a cohabiting couple with no shared children is romantic or platonic. People from 16 years of age can be defined as part of a cohabiting couple with no shared children if they fulfill the above mentioned criteria.

A child who is not living at home constitutes his or her own family and is defined as a single person. The definition of a child who is not living at home implies that the child:

- 1) Does not live together with any of his or her parents
- 2) Is under the age of 18
- 3) Has never been married or in a civil partnership
- 4) Does not have children
- 5) Is not a part of a cohabiting couple with no children

In a C-family children belong to their parent's family (and share C_FAMILIE_ID) if they:

- 1) Live at the same address as at least one of the parents
- 2) Are under the age of 18
- 3) Have never been married or in a civil partnership
- 4) Do not have children
- 5) Are not a part of a cohabiting couple with no shared children

Classifications

The information on type of family can be classified into five main categories (see below) but it is also possible to classify into more detailed subgroups if there is a need of information on a more specific level.

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| 1. | Married couple |
| 2. | Civil partnership |
| 3. | Cohabiting couple (with children in common) |
| 4. | Cohabiting couple (no children in common) |
| 5. | Single (including children under the age of 18 who do not live at home) |

