

FAMILIE_TYPE

Type of family

Period

From 1986 onwards

Break in series

Corresponding variables (C_TYPE and D_TYPE) can be found concerning C-families and D-families.

Register

Population statistics

Description

The variable familie_type specifies whether the family consists of a married couple with or without children, a civil partnership with or without children, a cohabiting couple with or without shared children, a child under the age of 18 who does not live together with his/her parents or a single person with or without children.

An E-family is defined nearly in the same way as a C-family or a D-family but the difference is that a child must be under the age of 25 in order to be defined as a child who is living at home. In a C-family the child must be under the age of 18 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 FAMILIE_ID as long as he or she is single. The FAMILIE_ID is a number which identifies the E-family. It does not contain any other information.

Married couples consist of a man and a woman who are married and have the same address. Married couple have a common FAMILIE_ID which is the same FAMILIE_ID as any children living at home.

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. Civil partnerships have a common FAMILIE_ID which is the same FAMILIE_ID as any children living at home.

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

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

A **cohabiting couple with shared children** are not married or registered in a civil partnership but they have at least one child together.

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.

If two people become a couple and move in together they will both have a new common FAMILIE_ID.

If two people in a couple move apart they will both have a new FAMILIE_ID.

If a person in a couple dies then the partner and the children (if they have any) living at home will get a new common FAMILIE_ID.

When the family type changes from e.g. a “cohabiting couple with shared children” to a “married couple” or a married couple is divorced but still lives together, the FAMILIE_ID does not change.

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 an E-family children belong to their parent’s family (and share FAMILIE_ID) if they:

- 1) Live at the same address as at least one of the parents
- 2) Are under the age of 25
- 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

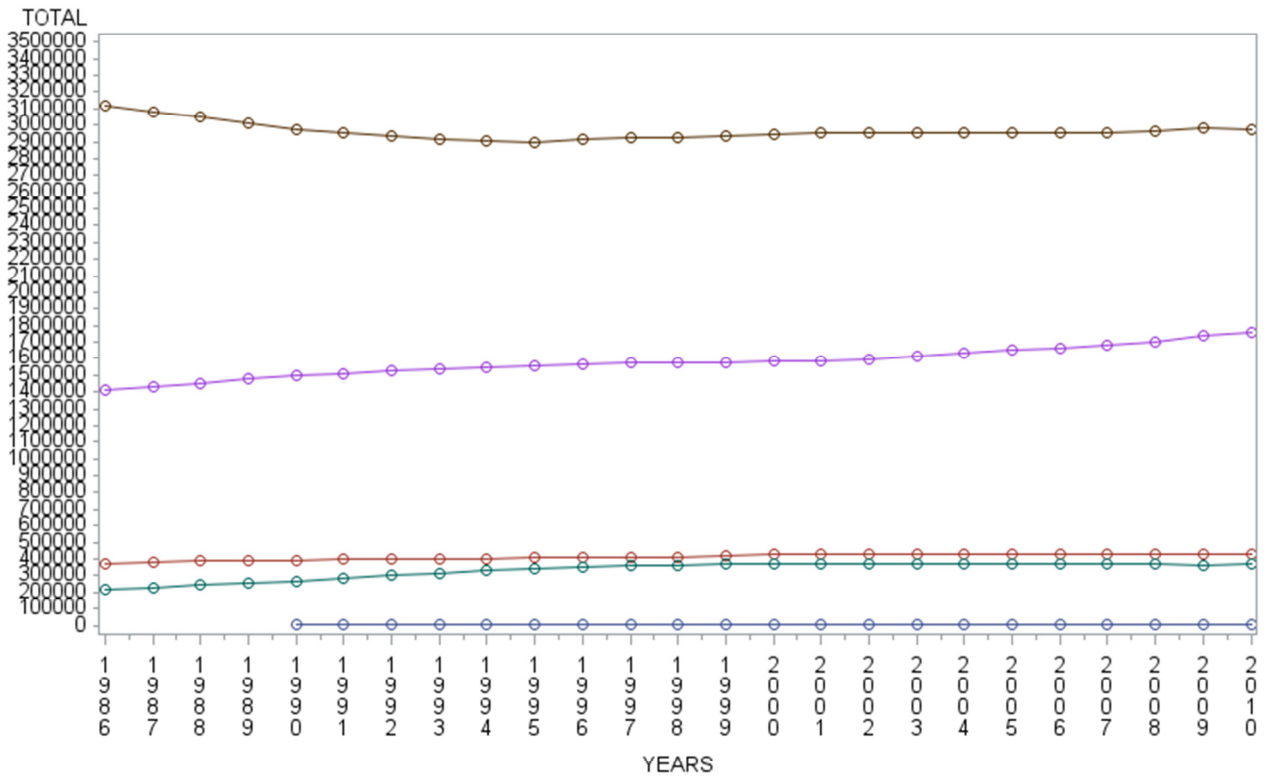
The information on type of family can be classified into five main groupings (see below) but it is also possible to classify into more detailed subgroups if there is a need of information on a more specific level.

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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) |

Graphs

The graphs below show the development in the different types of families.

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- Familietype
- Civil Partnership
 - Cohabiting couple (no children together)
 - Cohabiting couple (with children)
 - Married couple
 - Single (including children who are not living with their parents)