

# Households

## Current definitions

### **Consensual separation**

Based on an agreement between spouses establishing the custody of children, any household support and the division of assets. The agreement must be ratified by a judge in order to have legal value.

### **De facto household**

A household intended as a group of people habitually domiciled in the same dwelling and bound by marriage, relation, affinity, adoption, guardianship or affection. This may vary from the concept of household as described in the municipal register.

Guests, domestic servants or people who do not share the dwelling for economic reasons (lodgers, clients, etc.) are not considered as household members. Furthermore, people who have definitively left the household, even though they have not recorded a change in residence (for example, a son who has married and now lives with his wife in another apartment, but still maintains residence at his parents' house) are not counted as members.

### **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 no. 74 dated 6 March 1987 reduced the number of years required for the divorce judgment to be issued from five to three.

### **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.

### **Termination of the civil effects of marriage**

Divorce relating to a marriage celebrated by religious rite.