

**Timeline**

January-December 2020

**Study Type**

Quasi-experimental Analysis

**Article Link**

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# Till the Lockdown Do Us Part: Examining the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Marital Formation and Dissolution

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## Abstract

In this study, we consider the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on family formation and dissolution. We use national microdata covering all marriages and divorces in Mexico and an event-study design. Our findings indicate that over March through December of 2020, marriage rates declined by 54% and divorce rates by 43%. By the end of 2020, divorce rates recover back to baseline levels, but marriage rates remain 30% below the 2017-2019 baseline level. Overall, our findings indicate that marital dissolutions quickly recovered (6 months into the pandemic), but family formation may be delayed or even permanently reduced.

## Project Outcomes of Interest

Marriage rates

## Key Findings

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## **Link to Results**

Social Science Research Network (October 2021)

## **Impact Goals**

- Improve women's health, safety, and economic empowerment

## **Project Data Collection Mode**

- Web

## **Link to Public Data**

<https://www.inegi.org.mx/programas/nupcialidad/?ps=microdatos>

## **Results Status**

Results