The past year was a big one for the National Center for Family & Marriage Research...  

- We published 29 Family Profiles across 20 different topics related to marriage and family.  
- We also released our most recent archived data to the Marriage and Divorce Data Compass - County-Level Marriage & Divorce Data 2011-2019.  
- This past year also marked the year with the most Family Profile downloads since 2014, at 6,891!

October 2023 saw 1,843 downloads, the most single month downloads since 2014.

The most-downloaded Family Profile of 2023 was First Divorce Rate, 2021.

First Divorce Rate, 2021 by NCFMR Assistant-Director Krista K. Westrick-Payne estimated first divorce rates (defined as the number of first marriages that ended in divorce per 1,000 first marriages) for males and females using data from the American Community Survey. The profile was downloaded 918 times in 2023.

The second most downloaded Profile was Characteristics of Single Adults in the U.S., 2022. Graduate student Gabrielle Juteau used data from ASEC Current Population Survey to examine sociodemographic variation among single adults aged 18 and older. Gabrielle’s profile was downloaded 365 times in 2023.

Ranked third, Median Age at First Marriage, 2020 also by Krista K. Westrick Payne was downloaded 238 times. This profile used data from the CPS to track the trends in women’s and men’s median ages at first marriage and then examined sociodemographic variation using the 2019 ACS 1-year estimates.

Coming in the fourth slot with 180 downloads was Twenty Years if Change in Unintended Births. Dr. Guzzo used the National Survey of Family Growth to investigate trends in birth intendedness among women aged 15-44 between 1997 and 2018.

Rounding out the top five was Divorce Rate in the U.S.: Geographic Variation, 2017, written by BGSU Sociology alum, Valerie Schweizer. An update of our yearly releases of rates in the U.S., Valerie used the ACS to enumerate estimates of the number of divorces occurring in the last year among married women. The profile was downloaded over 150 time in 2023.

Visit https://www.bgsu.edu/ncfmr/resources/data/family-profiles.html to view and read all of our Family Profiles!
Readers of NCFMR profiles were found all over the planet in 2023 spanning 6 continents.

- The most downloads occurred in North America at over 2,800.
- The next largest number of downloads were in Europe at nearly 2,000 in 2023.
- Asia was the location of nearly 1,500 downloads.

Across the U.S. the highest readership rate was in Washington, DC a 31 per 1 mil. pop.

Readership rates were calculated per 1 million population and ranged from a high of 31 in Washington, DC to a low of 0 in Alaska.

- The readership rate in Illinois was close behind DC at 30 per 1 mil population.
- Not far behind were Hawaii and Oregon at 29 per 1 mil population.

The NCFMR covers a number of different topics in their Family Profiles. In 2023 alone, twenty different topics were explored.

- Of all topics Marriage was the one written on most often with 12 different profiles.
- The next popular topics were Singlehood and Geographic Variation with 9 profiles covering these topics.
- Rounding out the five most popular, there were 7 profile written on Marriage and Divorce Rates and 6 written on Divorce & Separation.

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New data deposited with the NCFMR @BGSU Marriage and Divorce Data Compass. The Data Compass is an archive of contextual data focusing on administrative counts of marriages and divorces occurring in the United States.

The latest data are county-level marriage and divorce counts disaggregated by couple sex (when available) for over 3,000 counties in the United States for the years 2011 - 2019.

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