



Statistics on family law 2020

Statistics on family law during 2020 shows, among other things, the following:

- The number of paternity investigations in relation to the number of births basically remains unchanged since 2009.
- The number of children who were affected by mediation talks continues to decrease.
- The number of children who were affected by retrieval of information and custody, residence, access investigations continues to increase.
- The number of implemented decisions on supervised visitations is slightly lower in comparison with the numbers of 2019.
- The number of home study investigations continues to decrease.

Facts

Paternity investigations are performed by the social welfare board in order to determine paternity for children born to unmarried mothers. Paternity can be established through confirmation, in other words the father confirms paternity or through a judgment.

Mediation talks are talks held by professionals in order to reach consensus in issues concerning custody, residence, access and livelihood.

Retrieval of information includes information, stated in chapter 6 section 20 of the Parental Code, which the court receives from the social welfare board before an interim decision is made concerning custody, residence or access.

Custody, residence and access investigations are investigations that will provide the court with a basis for decisions concerning custody, residence or access.

Implemented decisions on supervised visitations means that a special appointed person is present when the child meets the visiting parent (in accordance with the court's decision) or is present when the child is being picked up or dropped off in connection to the visitation.

Home study investigation is an investigation according to chapter 6 section 12 of the Social Services Act. It is conducted for the purpose of giving the social welfare board a basis for decisions on consent for a private home to receive a child with domicile abroad in purpose of adoption.

The numbers of paternity investigations remain unchanged

In 2020 there were a total of 73 270 paternity investigations, which corresponded to 65 % of the number of children born. The share of paternity investigations related to the number of children born has basically remained unchanged since 2009.

The number of mediation talks continues to decrease

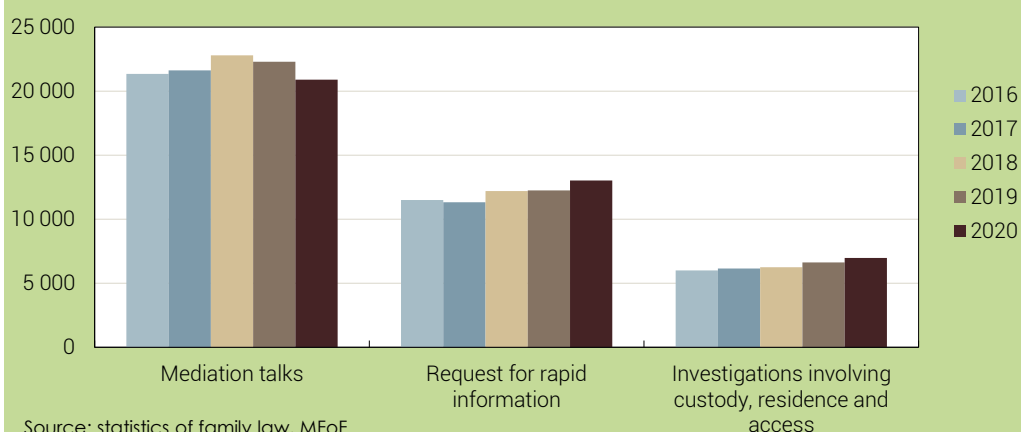
In 2020, parents of 20 886 children aged 0–17 years participated in mediation talks (figure 1). This corresponds to 95 children per 10 000 in this age group and that is a continued decline compared with previous year.

The number of investigations on retrieval of information and investigations involving custody, residence and access continues to increase

The number of requests for retrieval of information has continued to increase since 2017. In 2020 there were requests for retrieval of information made in total for 13 014 children aged 0-17 years (figure 1), which corresponds with 59 children per 10 000 in this age group.

Also, investigations involving custody, residence and access has continued to increase. In 2020, in total 6 969 children aged 0–17 years were subject to investigations of custody, residence or access (figure 1). This corresponds to 32 children per 10 000 in this age group.

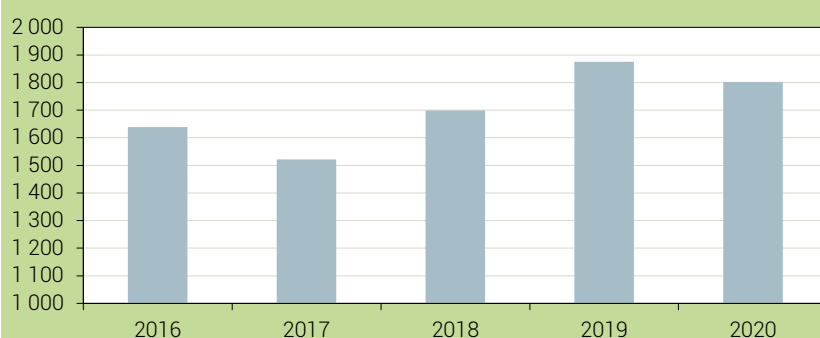
Figure 1. Number of mediation talks, retrieval of rapid information and custody, residence and access investigations during disagreement. Year 2016–2020.



The numbers of enforced decisions of supervised visitation are slightly lower than in 2019

In 2020 there were 1 802 decisions from the court regarding supervised visitation executed, which corresponds to 8,2 children per 10 000. In comparison with year 2019 the number of executed decisions from the court regarding supervised visitation has decreased slightly, but in comparison with the years 2016–2018 the numbers are still higher (figure 2).

Figure 2. Supervised visitation, number of executed decisions. Year 2016–2020.

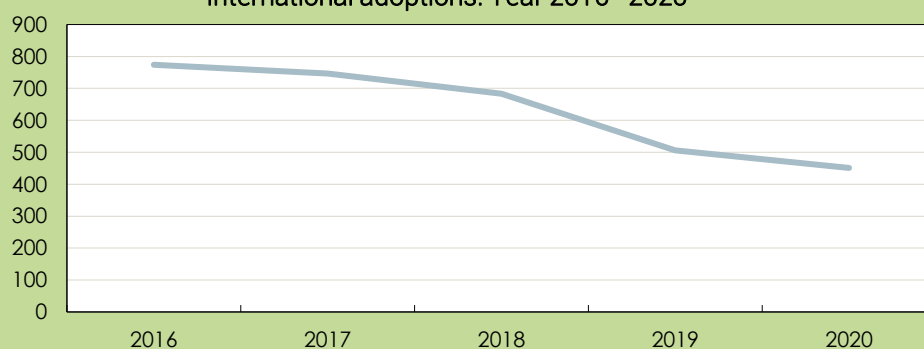


Source: Statistics of family law, MFoF

The number of home study investigations continues to decrease

During the year 2020, 451 home study investigations before international adoptions were carried out, which is a continued decrease since the previous years (figure 3).

Figure 3. The number of home study investigations for international adoptions. Year 2016–2020



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More information

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