

# Family life

*Is it common to live together, have children and not to be married?*

In the Czech Republic there is common to live together, have children and not to be married. This is the case of my uncle. He met his girlfriend when he was 28 and he fell in love with her. They were dating for ages. Now, they have a little baby Jaruška, my cousin. She has 5 months and they're happy.



*What is the usual age for young people to leave parents and live on their own?*

It is very difficult to say at what age children leave their parents and live on their own. This question is really hard, because this is on a simple person.

Young people usually leave parents after high school or after college. That means, when they're 20 years old (high school) or 25 (college). But there are also an exception. There are people which never leave the parents, because they're afraid to live alone.

*What's the family life like?? How do they spend their free time together??*

Family life is strange, but worth it.

Family it's something that you love the most at all. Family is the only one and they're the person which are crazy as you. There is love, home, confidence and there is no pretence here.

I live with my mum and younger brother in a flat, my parents are divorced that means my father lives elsewhere. But I love all of them. There are also my grandparents. They live next to us, we're neighbours.



In the fact, my all family lives in one town with the exception of my father.

And how we spend our free time?? We usually play a game just like Activity, Ghost hunter, Just dance on X-box and we having a great time. We're celebrating together for example birthdays or Christmas. There is a big celebration on Christmas and I love every minute of it.



Sometimes in our free time we cycling or have an adventure trip. Or skiing, go to mountains for a few days, go to cinema or visit some historic places ....

*What is the usual number of siblings in one family?*

In the Czech republic with population of 10,2 milion people, there are over 2,5 milion families representing a broad range of types of family cohabitation in which a number of factors play a role: age, family composition, type of household, location, prosperity,...

About 8% of married couples remain childless, and the number of children born od living in incomplete family is increasing. But still is traditonal two-child-family.



*Is it common to live in one household with grandparents?*

Again is so hard to answer it. People who live in villages like their whole life usually live with their parents (grandparents). And when grandparents are ald too much they children(like my mum od dad) can take them to a special house for old people or they can live with them. In bigger cities I think people dont live with grandparents...



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*Do you help with housework?*

Yes, usually hoovering, ironing ,washing dishes , hang washed clothes, water plans /trees, cooking, helping on a garden, go for a walk with dog

### *Family celebrations?*

In Czech we celebrate birthday in the first place and also something on czech is called „svátek“ ,its like name day ( all for example people named Tereza celebrate 15.10. ,Thomas 7.3, .....). Then Eastern, Christmas,



### *What is the divorce rate?*

In the Czech Republic around 50% of marriages end in divorce. Sadly, some Czech marriages join these ranks. Of course, when possible it is worth seeking advice to save the marriage. However, if all options are exhausted and divorce is the only one on the table, it helps to know what to expect from the law, the courts, and the inescapable bureaucracy.



### The legalities

Broadly speaking, there are two types of divorce here: no-fault, which can take 3–5 months and at-fault which can involve a much longer court case.

For a no-fault divorce to be granted, the couple must satisfy the following conditions:

- They have been married at least a year,
- They have lived apart for at least 6 months,
- They want to file a joint divorce petition or one of the spouses is willing to join the petition of the partner who initiated the divorce
- The spouses can agree on custody and the division of property

If these conditions are not met, spouses should prepare for a lengthier case

During the divorce proceedings, the court will decide whether one or both of the parents will have legal custody – in other words who will be the child’s legally responsible guardian. According to figures provided by the Ministry of Justice, of the custody decisions made by courts from 2010 to 2012, around 90% granted custody to the mother; 6% to the father and between 4% awarded joint custody. This is quite or a little higher than the US where a recent estimate places sole custody of the mother at between 68% of cases.

Questions concerning visitation and the involvement of the parents in the child’s or children’s life is determined by the parents. However, it must be approved by the court and this approval is one of the conditions of an uncontested divorce.

There is an example of one divorce:

Wife applied. Husband agreed. Straight away, I got a lawyer. She got a lawyer. Her lawyer sent his lawyer a letter. They scheduled a date [at the court]. They were there. The lawyers asked if we should proceed with the divorce and that was all.

The whole process took a couple of months. He believes this was the case because he relinquished his rights to their flat and car. And the children??

They lives with their mum and seeing father once weekend at two weeks.

