



# Divorce in the USA

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## Abstract

During these trying times the everyday household comes to question. There are a lot less divorces occurring and it brought up a question. The purpose of this research is to find out if there are less divorces due to the fact one spouse is dependent on the other spouse financially. These are trying times and there is a reduction in the amount of divorces occurring even though there are many more stressors in the world today. Data has been collected through statistical resources such as the CDC and National Vital Statistic center.

## Introduction & Research Question

### Introduction

Due to the many things that has increased costs around America families are deciding to stick together because it is cheaper than to go out on their own. This may have adverse effects for the generations to come.

### Research Question

Does the amount a spouse makes impact decision to get a divorce.

### Hypothesis

Due to the fact that one spouse makes more than the other is the reason there are less divorces occurring. With rising prices less married couples are deciding to get a divorce.

## Research Design & Data Collection

The research method used was a quantitative approach to get a baseline. Data shows that through the years leading up to the present divorce rates were slowly going down along with the amount of inflation. Data was collected from

## Results

Though not the only reason for families staying together due to rising prices and inflation more families are finding it easier to and more affordable to stay together than to have two separate households. This may not seem to be an issue at hand but further research will be conducted to determine whether or not this fact is going to hurt the members of the family due to being in an environment where members are forced to stay together vice a normal consensual home.

## Discussion

Is it a coincidence that the cost of living has gone up and the divorce rate has gone down? This is subjective but with added variables such as household incomes and the cost of living would show a definite pattern. The average household income in Hawaii is roughly 96k. The average income for a single person in Hawaii is 35k – 65k. It is said to live comfortably in Hawaii alone a household would need to earn about 100k. To split up a family for most people economically it may seem unfeasible directly resulting in less divorces.

## Conclusions

The results of the research has shown that not only there is a drop in divorces during the few years more and more families are staying together. There is a need for a follow on qualitative research to dive deeper to find out the reasoning other than inflation and overall cost of living that couples are deciding not get a divorce and stick together. There is a pattern though of cost of living going up as well as less couples getting a divorce.

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