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**Empowering Our Community Through Comprehensive Strategies.** 



THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: DIVORCE

## MARRIAGE DISSOLUTIONS In Siouxland

From 2017 to 2021, Woodbury County, Iowa, saw fluctuations in the number of marriage dissolutions, with 137 dissolutions recorded in both 2017 and 2018, a peak of 164 in 2019, a decline to 149 in 2020, and further decrease to 135 in 2021. The rate of dissolutions per 1,000 population in Woodbury County also varied, remaining at 1.3 in 2017 and 2018, rising to 1.6 in 2019, dropping to 1.4 in 2020, and returning to 1.3 in 2021. In Union County, the number of marriage dissolutions was 36 in 2018, slightly increased to 38 in 2019, rose to 40 in 2020, and then decreased to 30 in 2021.

High rates of marriage dissolutions can strain community resources, including legal and counseling services, as families navigate the complexities of divorce. Children from dissolved marriages may experience emotional and psychological challenges, impacting their academic performance and social relationships. Additionally, economic pressures on single-parent households can lead to increased demand for social support services.

## COMMUNITY Impact

## Information brought to you by the SFS Leadership Team:

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