

Historical State of the Family or Stato di Famiglia storico

If you require a civil vital document, the most useful is the *stato di famiglia storico* (historical state of the family), which contains both parents and children with complete birth, marriage, and death information, including also those who died or moved away. This certificato can be obtained from the *Ufficio di Stato civile* (Office of Vital Records) of the town or city.

With the exception of few towns that started to keep such records from about 1870, they are usually not complete for those related to periods before 1911, which means that they have to be constructed by the town official researching each birth, marriage, and death record separately.

This is the information that can be gathered from this record:

- Full name of the head of the household
- Full names of all members living in the same household
- The relationship of each member to the family
- Civil status
- Place of birth
- Date of birth
- Sometimes, the number, part and series of the birth act is also indicated

Sometimes, you can find additional information such as the name of the father and the mother for each person listed and the profession as well. Moreover, there can be a section called *annotazioni* (notations) where events such as the death date or the migration date can also be mentioned.

The Office of Anagrafe (Office of the Census) keeps a record called *certificato di stato di famiglia* (Certificate of Family Status). This document shows the composition of the family unit, including names and dates and places of birth, etc. limited to the family members who were still present at the time the document was prepared.