

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN REGISTERED AND SELF-REPORTED
MARITAL STATUS IN TAIPEI METROPOLITAN AREA**

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(ABSTRACT)

This paper assessed the difference between “registered” and “self-reported” marital status. 750 Taipei residents were selected and interviewed. The results showed that 87 of them reported a marital status differing from their registered marital status. The most of the unmatched cases occurred among those registered “single” and “divorced” and most of them reported “married”. The living arrangement conditions of those unmatched cases indicated that discrepancies are due to “de jural/de facto” differences. However, a number of registered divorced but reported widowed women cases lived without spouses and were suspected to present a “report bias” problem.

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