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Couples united only by the crisis

California lowered the number of marriages and divorces

"Incompatibility of characters? "Discussions continued? Abuse? "Infidelity? Bedroom problems that could not solve marriage counselors were no longer a priority for many couples by the economic crisis.

Thus, most spouses in California and across the country have called a truce to share costs and avoid a costly separation.

"In tough economic times divorces tend to decrease slightly in low-income people," said Kelly Chang Rickert, Los Angeles family lawyer. "They continue not to have married for money to pay lawyers," he said.

A separation process can cost between \$ 7,000 and \$ 15,000 and rise even more if there are children involved, he estimated.

Figures from the California Department of Justice state that this phenomenon has been observed in the family courts since the 2007-2008 fiscal cycle, when the mortgage market collapsed.

In that period there were 152.000 divorce petitions and other forms of marriage dissolution, 1% less than previous period.

Support orders, restrictions on domestic violence, adoptions and paternity claims were down almost 5%.

The American Association of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) reported that 57% of its members reported a decline in divorce from 2008 to late 2009. Only 14% noted an increase.

"Forced to put in the balance damaged marriages against tight budgets and an uncertain economic outlook, many couples seem more willing to try a second chance and wait out the storm of recession," said Gary Nickelson, president of AAML.

Historically, the rate of separation in the U.S. has been very high. It is estimated that breaks the 41% of first-time marriages. The trend rises to 60% and 73% for a second and third link, respectively.

In the office of prosecuting attorney divorce Chang Rickert continue despite financial problems. "Marriages end regardless of the economy," he said.

But when either spouse lost his job, went to pay the mortgage and there are other outstanding debts, becomes secondary break.

According to the site divorce360.com, more divisions are delaying because they can not sell the property they bought together or maintain health coverage.

"For some families is good, because there are couples that speed up the divorce and not take the time to try to understand the problem, to compromise or negotiate," said Phyllis Goldberg, founder of Mentor Her counseling center in Los Angeles.

The specialist said that some have found that the dismissal has time to smooth things marital.

"Financial need gives them another option," said Goldberg, citing cases of husbands who fired home care now, women who have had to enter the workforce or couples who share more time by not having a job. "For some it means a second chance."

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