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## The Spatial Analysis of Phenomenon Divorce and Its Social Implications in The First and Second Al-Sadr Municipalities in Baghdad City

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**Abstract:** The divorce is of a great social problem that ensues from society and occurred when there is no harmony between the spouses and resulted owing to the failure of the spouses to achieve understanding, harmony and coexistence, even to the minimum, in one house within one family. The divorce occurred and resulted due to several things, the top of which is the deterioration of the family, which is considered one of the basic ties in the society. This is the price for an unhappy, and miserable marriage. The marriage has been known since the establishment of human society, as the beginning of family formation, and divorce has been known as the end of non- mature marital life. Divorce cases for the period (2016 - 2022) reached to (15,563) divorce cases, where the year 2017 ranked the highest one of the highest numbers of 2.635 divorce cases, while the lowest year in the number of divorce cases has been the year 2020, with (1,339) divorce cases, owing to the Corona pandemic in particular. No divorce cases have been recorded in the courts definitely in the fourth and fifth months. In respect to "Al-Sadr / the first" and "Al-Sadr /the second", "Al-Sadr /the first" came in first place for the year 2023 with a percentage of 58%, while "Al-Sadr /the second", its percentage reached to 42%. Actually, one of the most important reasons for the occurrence of divorce in the research area was due to the lack of family and psychological harmony between the spouses, in addition to the housing problem and family disputes.

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### 1. Introduction

The number of divorce cases in the country has increased greatly and has exceeded the accepted limits for society. There are certainly reasons behind this increase, and one of the most important reasons is the lack of integration in this marital system in respect to justice, love, equality in marital duties, and constructive dialogue between spouses .

When there is no love and mercy in the marital system, so a large part of marital system sustainability is absent is absent. The marital system is an affection and a mercy from both sides, the man and the woman, and the defect may sometimes come from one party, and here comes the role of the other party to sustain the case of aggression from his

partner. Thus, tolerance and trying to reconcile the problem is not actually considered a weakness as much as it is considered an aspect of strength in all its forms .

Perhaps what it harms the marital relationship and leads it to a dead line lies in the comparison with others, especially when a woman compares herself with others, forgetting that Allah Almighty did not create people equal, but rather even the prophets, each of them has been assigned and tasked with a certain type of message. The curing for that lies in not considering to what is the highest status of families (not to look up to the highest status of families), so, the comparison here is unfair. Rather, looking at what is the lowest status. When the poor person looks at what is lower than him, he will find what is poorer than him, having not anything specific, a house, a car, money, or health. There are those who are homeless, sick, disabled, and so on. Here comes "Satisfaction" that is considered as endless treasure, and the woman should know that "Allah". He who divided livings, destinies, and homes, not her husband, and therefore she must subject to the will of Allah Almighty, and this is part of faith.

If all people believed in the power of Allah and what He has apportioned for them, they would not have reached the state of separation and divorce and the various social problems and disasters that follow, with innocent children being the first victims. Indeed, they actively contribute to the destruction of the secure society into dispersion, conflicts, and hatred, and then destroy the structure of society represented by the family.

On the other hand, divorce represents a state to which the both parties reach after their minds become unable to solve the problems between them, and thus, they place themselves in a state of inability because inability includes not only physical aspects, but rather it includes mental aspects like the mind and other body parts that stand disabled before the problems.

### **Research problem**

The problem of divorce in Iraq has surpassed the accepted social boundaries and has become a threat to the family and social relations, and resulting in giving birth and their fate unknown. The research problem can be formulated with the following questions:

1. To what extent the phenomenon of divorce spreads in the research area and what is its spatial variation?
2. What are the main reasons for divorce in the research area?
3. What are the social repercussions of the phenomenon of divorce in the research area?

The research's goal is to uncover the reasons behind the spread of the phenomenon of divorce in al-Sadr /the first and al-Sadr / the second, together with the effects ensuing there from, and the possibility to place scientific solutions for that in Baghdad city.

## **2. Materials and Methods**

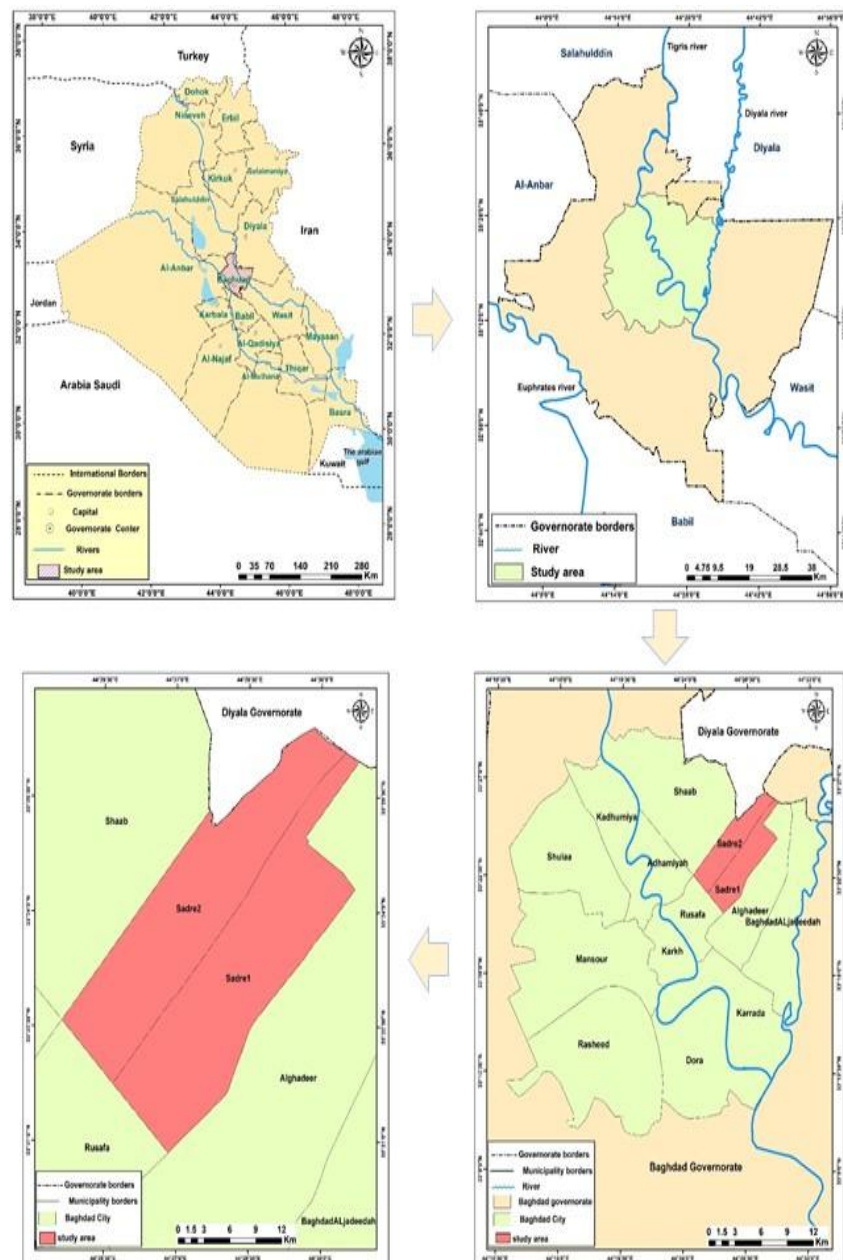
The research is depended and relied on the descriptive and analytical method, as the descriptive method is considered the basis of geographical researches and is based on monitoring the phenomenon in place, and then analyzing the reasons for its existence, behavior and spatial relationships.

### **Boundaries of the research area**

It has been conducted in the northeastern part of Baghdad, and it is one of the divisions of Baghdad, bordered to the north by Diyala Governorate, to the southwest by the municipality of Rusafa, and to the west by the municipality of Adhamiya (Map: 01).

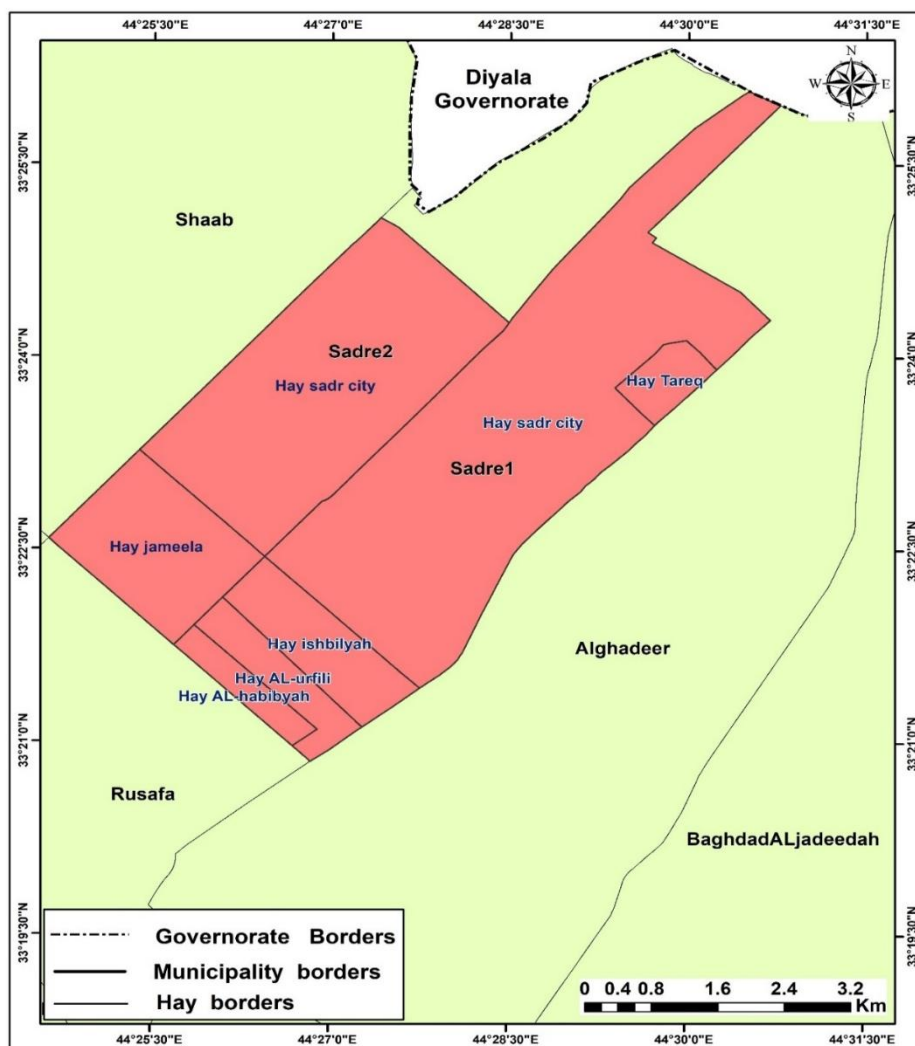
Its astronomical location is determined between two latitude circles (26-33) and (21-33) to the north, and longitudes (30-44) and (25-44) to the east. al-Sadr /the first and al-Sadr/the second include (7) neighborhoods, al-Sadr /the first includes neighborhoods " al-Sadr, al-Habibiya, al-Orfali, Hay Tariq, and Ishbiliya. As for al-Sadr/ the second, it includes neighborhoods (Hay al-Sadr/2, and Jamila neighborhood, see map (2).

**The Temporal limits:** Represented in the period extending from the year (2016 up to 2023). (Map 1)



Map (1) Boundaries of the research area of Iraq and Baghdad Governorate.

Source: Baghdad Municipality, Design Department, GIS Division. 100000:1 map for the year 2023 using Arc: GIS.V10.4 program



Map (2) Administrative divisions according to the boundaries of shops and neighborhoods in the research area.

Source: Baghdad Municipality, Al-Sadr First Municipality District, Geographic Information Systems Division, for the year 2023

### 3. Results

#### 1- Types of divorce and its stages

##### 1-1- Types of divorce in Islam:

- **Revocable divorce:** It is a divorce in which the husband is able to return his wife to him, so it is called revocable. That is, the marriage contract is not dissolved, and the period that the wife spends after the divorce is called "alUdah" (means sharia waiting period of time).
- **Minor Irrevocable divorce:** It is the divorce that occurs between spouses and the waiting period (alUdah) ends with it. After the end of the waiting period, if an agreement occurs between the spouses to restore family life again, this must be done through a new contract and dowry with the wife's consent to that.
- **Major Irrevocable divorce:** It is a divorce that occurs for the third time in the waiting period (alUdah), and it ends the marital life. It is not permissible for a man to return to his wife until she marries another husband, so he consummates marriage with her and then divorces her or dies, as Allah Almighty said (And if he has divorced her [for the third time], then she is not lawful to him afterward until [after] she marries a husband other than him. And if the latter husband divorces her [or dies], there is no blame upon

the woman and her former husband for returning to each other if they think that they can keep [within] the limits of Allah. These are the limits of Allah .

– **1-2- The stages through which the emotional divorce goes:**

Marriage does not collapse quickly and the emotional divorce does not occur because of a single incident or because of a mistake by one of the parties. Rather, problems and disagreements extend over years. Emotional divorce occurs through:

1. **Shaking and losing confidence:** At this stage, one of the parties loses his trust and confidence in the other party and does not trust him, and his personality is shaken before him, and it is difficult to amend it. Losing or shaking confidence between the spouses or in the other party means doubt in words and deeds, and leads to the cooling and loss of love between the spouses.

2. **The waning and loss of love:** At this stage, blame and reproach increase, and the intensity of accountability increases for every negligence and accusation of not bearing responsibility. The feeling of the waning and loss of love by both parties constitutes standing point in the dispute between them and their clash together, as they feel that their affection for each other is no longer as it was in the past. They are no longer attracted to each other, but rather they are turned away from each other and hardly pay attention to each other, they do not look at each other with looks of love and admiration, the husband does not care about his requests, and he does not seek excuses for many of his actions, he tends to exaggerate his faults, and he seems reluctant to love and court the other party .

3. **Selfishness:** Selfishness contributes to the destruction of family rules, which is when each of them thinks of himself and his own interests only, without taking into account the interests of the other party. The husband or wife feels unwilling to sacrifice, dissatisfied with life, and regrets being associated with the other party, and is preoccupied with himself or his work for the other, so he does not commit to performing his duties to the other party, he focuses on taking care of himself, saving money for his own account, and spending on himself and his pleasures without taking into account the family's requirements, and he has a reduced sense of responsibility .

4. **Marital silence:** Marital silence is considered one of the aspects of stagnation in the marital relationship, which is the failure to exchange friendly conversations and feelings with the other party because he is convinced of the futility of dialogue with the other party. This leads to an increase in the gap between the spouses, which threatens the marital relationship with discontinuation and separation. If the spouses are forced to dialogue, it is done in a sharp tone. Devoid of love, respect, or appreciation, each of them may try to hurt the other or cause him pain by criticizing, blaming, rebuking, or questioning the other's love and loyalty [1].

5. **Emotional divorce:** At this stage, psychological barriers between the spouses increase, and if they are forced to deal in a few situations, this interaction takes on an aspect of coldness, intensity, or seriousness that approaches to formal interaction, and not to friendly or spontaneous interaction that supposed to be the interaction between spouses at home. Both spouses are alone or immerse themselves in performing activities without contact with the other. In some cases, one or both spouses exploit different situations in a way that carries a message of hatred or lack of interest or contempt for the other party. This in turn leads to sexual abstinence, and these matters contribute to adding new problems to that relationship. The crisis becomes more severe, and both spouses go to sleep in a private separated bed with disagreement and the impossibility of reconciliation, the matter leads to estrangement, hatred, and stubbornness. The relationship becomes in a state of emotional breakup and feelings of alienation crystallization within the home, where each party feels that he is a stranger to the other and has no connection to him [2].



## 2- Spatial analysis of the reasons for divorce in the research area during the period (2016-2022)

The researchers depended on the monthly statistics for the causes of divorce in the research area during the period (2016-2022), which have been taken from the Social Researcher Division within the Sadr Court, due to the completion of the divorce form statistics since that period in terms of the location of the divorced persons and the reasons for the divorce, unlike the previous years, which have been free of this data.

By looking at Table (1), we notice that the year 2022 ranked first in terms of the number of divorce cases in the research area, which amounted to (3808) divorce cases, at a rate of %24.5 over the years. The main reason for divorce has been the husband's low financial level and lack of spending, and this indicates the weak standard of living due to the lack of job opportunities, and the weakness of the factors of social and economic urban development, which leads to the presence of economic disparity in the research area, then the marriage of underage girls ranked the second place by reaching (260) divorce cases as result of the weak financial situation or for the purpose of the so-called stability of their children, thinking that this will preserve them and not fall into forbidden things, and the formation of a new family makes them busy with other pleasures, as families marry their children at the age of 15 years or younger, sometimes while they are still teenagers, their inability to bear responsibility was due to the incomplete mental and emotional maturity of both of them, but the result was exactly the opposite, in addition to the psychological impact that would follow them later as a result of that failed experiment, especially the presence of children between them, which made matters worse [3], [4].

The year 2020 had the lowest number of divorce cases, which amounted to (1,339) divorce cases, at a rate of %7.6 over the years. There were no cases of divorce during the months (April and May) due to the spread of the Corona pandemic, and the court refused to receive any lawsuit submitted to it. Both the reason for underage marriage and the reason for marital infidelity were relationships outside the family, with a slight difference, which amounted to (157 and 130) divorce cases, respectively. Marital infidelity was mostly through the use of a personal phone, which was used in a negative way by forming an illegal relationship, and the reason lying behind such relationships, is the preoccupation of one party away from the other, such as the presence of emotional coldness or lack of interest in the other party in all aspects, so compensation is made through these forbidden relationships for both of them [5].

Table (1) Reasons for divorce in the first and second municipalities of Al-Sadr for the period (2016-2022)

| T   | The reason for divorce  | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|-----|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1.  | Habitation and family disputes  | 335  | 330  | 197  | 242  | 146  | 146  | 205  |
| 2.  | The low financial Standard of the husband and Lack of spending                          | 260  | 243  | 147  | 239  | 146  | 98   | 1906 |
| 3.  | Marriage of minors  | 260  | 251  | 149  | 276  | 157  | 216  | 260  |
| 4.  | Shared residence with the husband's family and the family's negative interference       | 370  | 254  | 175  | 204  | 142  | 133  | 178  |
| 5.  | Depend the husband financially on his family  | 158  | 178  | 140  | 134  | 75   | 100  | 114  |
| 6.  | infidelity through relationships outside family or online                               | 219  | 219  | 175  | 198  | 130  | 217  | 227  |
| 7.  | Drinking alcohol and using drugs  | 116  | 162  | 98   | 50   | 40   | 52   | 127  |
| 8.  | Accompanying bad friends  | 90   | 105  | 39   | 15   | 12   | 1    | 14   |
| 9.  | The failure of one or both spouses to bear responsibility for marital life and children | 108  | 173  | 137  | 177  | 59   | 93   | 108  |
| 10. | Family and psychological incompatibility between spouses                                | 138  | 150  | 64   | 103  | 78   | 56   | 110  |

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|-------|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 11.   | Husband is forsaking his wife for non-compelling reasons              | 188  | 184  | 145  | 199  | 153  | 183  | 199  |
| 12.   | Getting married to another wife without acceptance of the first wife. | 58   | 120  | 58   | 108  | 92   | 75   | 113  |
| 13.   | Physical and Psychological violence is Used by the husband            | 91   | 204  | 105  | 164  | 99   | 136  | 170  |
| 14.   | Failure to implement the conditions agreed upon during the engagement | 29   | 46   | 47   | 36   | 8    | 8    | 51   |
| 15.   | Any other reasons not mentioned                                       | 26   | 16   | 137  |      | 2    | 146  | 26   |
| Total |   | 2446 | 2635 | 1676 | 2145 | 1339 | 1514 | 3808 |

Source: Personal Status Court in AL- Sadr City: Social researcher Section, Unpublished data for the year 2023.

As for the months of the year, it appeared to us in the year 2016 that the cases of divorce for various reasons amounted to (2446) cases, Table (2), and that the reason for house and family disputes topped the first place, reaching (335) cases of divorce, and the reason for the husband's low financial level and lack of spending came in a number (260) cases of divorce. One study confirmed the existence of a relationship between the husband's low financial level and the cause of divorce through the burden of harsh economic conditions, in which the husband is unable to meet the requirements of the wife and children, so family disputes and discord begin and quarrels increase between the spouses until they end in divorce [6], [7].

August had been the month of the highest number of divorces among all the months of the year, which reached (385) divorces, at a rate of %15.7 over the months of this year. The reason for house and family disputes for the same month had the highest value, amounting to (71) divorces, because of the disputes occurred between spouses due to housing, and month of January recorded the lowest number of divorce cases, amounting to (112) cases of divorce. Both January and November were free of the reason for marrying another wife without the wife's consent, the use of physical or psychological violence by the husband, and failure to implement conditions agreed upon during the engagement, because there were stronger and more influential reasons in the research area.

Table (2) Monthly statistics on the reasons for divorce in the research area and at the monthly level for the year 2016.

| Reason/month  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | sum |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Habitation and family disputes  | 8  | 10 | 12 | 15 | 25 | 24 | 29 | 71 | 22 | 71 | 20 | 28 | 335 |
| The low financial Standard of the husband and Lack of spending                    | 10 | 15 | 14 | 16 | 26 | 27 | 35 | 35 | 19 | 25 | 14 | 24 | 260 |
| Marriage of minors  | 20 | 27 | 19 | 20 | 22 | 19 | 29 | 15 | 26 | 15 | 23 | 25 | 260 |
| Shared residence with the husband's family and the family's negative interference | 21 | 29 | 22 | 25 | 25 | 23 | 25 | 60 | 24 | 50 | 32 | 34 | 370 |
| Depend the husband financially on his family                                      | 5  | 7  | 3  | 4  | 3  | 2  | 4  | 35 | 17 | 34 | 21 | 23 | 158 |
| infidelity through relationships outside family or online                         | 4  | 12 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 14 | 16 | 40 | 7  | 39 | 20 | 22 | 219 |
| Drinking alcohol and using drugs  | 2  | 8  | 7  | 9  | 8  | 7  | 7  | 30 | 3  | 10 | 20 | 5  | 116 |

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|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Accompanying bad friends  | 20  | 2   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 5   | 5   | 10  | 1   | 17  | 5   | 19  | 90   |
| The failure of one or both spouses to bear responsibility for marital life and children | 10  | 11  | 4   | 6   | 6   | 5   | 5   | 17  | 15  | 11  | -   | 18  | 108  |
| Family and psychological incompatibility between spouses                                | 4   | 8   | 7   | 9   | 9   | 7   | 7   | 28  | 15  | 25  | -   | 19  | 138  |
| Husband is forsaking his wife for non-compelling reasons                                | 8   | 23  | 16  | 18  | 17  | 14  | 14  | 25  | 5   | 28  | --  | 20  | 188  |
| Getting married to another wife without acceptance of the first wife                    | -   | 7   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 3   | 2   | 4   | 5   | 5   | -   | 20  | 58   |
| Physical and Psychological violence is Used by the husband                              | -   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 10  | 5   | 5   | 15  | -   | 15  | -   | 11  | 91   |
| Failure to implement the conditions agreed upon during the engagement                   | -   | 3   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 3   | 6   | -   | -   | 1   | -   | 7   | 29   |
| Any other reasons not mentioned   | -   | 4   | 4   | 4   | 4   | 3   | 7   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | 26   |
| the total   | 112 | 175 | 138 | 161 | 183 | 161 | 196 | 385 | 159 | 346 | 155 | 275 | 2446 |

Source: Personal Status Court in AL- Sadr City: Social researcher Section,  
Unpublished data for the year 2023.

In contrast to 2016, in 2017 the month of January had the highest divorce rate, with 355 cases in Table (3), a rate of %13.5 over the months of this year. The problem of house and family disputes ranked first, with 55 divorce cases, while December recorded the lowest divorce cases, with 70 cases, the shared housing came in first place, with 14 divorce cases. This means that the housing problem and family disputes continue to be the top causes for two consecutive years

Table (3): Monthly statistics on reasons for divorce in the research area and by month for the year 2017.

| Reason / for the year 2017  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | the total |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----------|
| Habitation and family disputes  | 55 | 45 | 25 | 10 | 20 | 26 | 26 | 46 | 30 | 20 | 15 | 12 | 330       |
| The low financial Standard of the husband and Lack of spending                    | 30 | 20 | 18 | 13 | 16 | 24 | 40 | 30 | 20 | 15 | 10 | 7  | 243       |
| Marriage of minors  | 25 | 25 | 12 | 22 | 24 | 30 | 30 | 40 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 3  | 251       |
| Shared residence with the husband's family and the family's negative interference | 42 | 32 | 20 | 20 | 11 | 15 | 28 | 25 | 14 | 13 | 20 | 14 | 254       |
| Depend the husband financially on his family.                                     | 24 | 24 | 10 | 10 | 19 | 13 | 25 | 28 | 7  | 7  | 5  | 6  | 178       |



|   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |      |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|------|
| infidelity through relationships outside family or online                               | 27  | 26  | 20  | 14  | 8   | 10  | 21  | 20  | 30  | 20  | 15  | 8  | 219  |
| Drinking alcohol and using drugs  | 20  | 15  | 15  | 6   | 8   | 10  | 19  | 20  | 18  | 15  | 12  | 4  | 162  |
| Accompanying bad friends  | 15  | 18  | -   | 2   | 2   | 13  | 22  | 23  | 5   | 3   | 2   | -  | 105  |
| The failure of one or both spouses to bear responsibility for marital life and children | 20  | 24  | 7   | 15  | 18  | 12  | 21  | 16  | 15  | 10  | 8   | 7  | 173  |
| Family and psychological incompatibility between spouses                                | 15  | 15  | 6   | 6   | 11  | 12  | 15  | 11  | 25  | 20  | 5   | 9  | 150  |
| Husband is forsaking his wife for non-compelling reasons                                | 17  | 10  | 15  | 15  | 17  | 11  | 13  | 18  | 30  | 30  | 8   | -  | 184  |
| Getting married to another wife without acceptance of the first wife.                   | 14  | 16  | 2   | 2   | 12  | 14  | 15  | 35  | 5   | 5   | -   | -  | 120  |
| Physical and Psychological violence is Used by the husband                              | 25  | 20  | 5   | 10  | 12  | 31  | 45  | 18  | 35  | 3   | -   | -  | 204  |
| Failure to implement the conditions agreed upon during the engagement                   | 10  | 8   | -   | -   | -   | 14  | 10  | -   | 3   | 1   | -   | -  | 46   |
| Any other reasons not mentioned   | 16  | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -  | 16   |
| the total   | 355 | 298 | 155 | 145 | 178 | 235 | 330 | 330 | 247 | 172 | 120 | 70 | 2635 |

Source: Personal Status Court in AL- Sadr City: Social researcher Section,  
Unpublished data for the year 2023.

The year 2018 occupied fifth place at the level of the research years, with 1,676 divorce cases. Table (4) month of October accounted for the highest number of divorce cases, with 203 divorce cases. The reason for the husband leaving his wife for non-compelling reasons ranked first as the most important reason, while the reason for being with bad friends came as the least reason [8].

The year 2019 ranked fourth among the years in terms of the number of divorce cases, with 2,145 divorce cases. Table (5) October topped the highest divorce cases, with 227 divorce cases for the second time after the year 2018. The first reason for divorce in this month was the lack of responsibility of the marital life and children by the spouses or by one of them. This situation may be associated with the beginning of the new school year and the children's requests to buy school clothes and stationery and being repeated annually, which fuels the intensity of the conflict between the spouses. As for the lowest month in this year in terms of the number of divorces, it is the month of April, in which the main reason for divorce appears the marriage of underage girls, and it is a reason that has been repeated in in 2016, which indicates the prevalence of this phenomenon among the poor social classes.

Table (4) Monthly statistics on reasons for divorce in the research area and at the monthly level for the year 2018

| Reason / for the year 2018  | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12 | Total |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Habitation and family disputes  | 20  | 19  | 20  | 15  | 25  | 15  | 2   | 18  | 19  | 16  | 20  | 8  | 197   |
| The low financial Standard of the husband and Lack of spending                          | 15  | 14  | 18  | 10  | 15  | 8   | 15  | 8   | 20  | 10  | 10  | 4  | 147   |
| Marriage of minors  | 15  | 14  | 9   | 8   | 13  | 10  | 15  | 12  | 20  | 15  | 15  | 3  | 149   |
| Shared residence with the husband's family and the family's negative interference       | 17  | 18  | 27  | 12  | 17  | 12  | 17  | 11  | 15  | 14  | 13  | 2  | 175   |
| Depend the husband financially on his family.   | 10  | 11  | 16  | 5   | 11  | 10  | 10  | 18  | 17  | 20  | 11  | 1  | 140   |
| infidelity through relationships outside family or online                               | 15  | 14  | 15  | 8   | 13  | 15  | 15  | 15  | 18  | 17  | 20  | 10 | 175   |
| Drinking alcohol and using drugs  | 3   | 4   | 17  | 7   | 12  | 8   | 3   | 14  | 7   | 7   | 14  | 2  | 98    |
| Accompanying bad friends  | 5   | 5   | -   | 1   | 6   | 2   | 5   | 5   | 1   | 6   | 3   | -  | 39    |
| The failure of one or both spouses to bear responsibility for marital life and children | 10  | 11  | 8   | 9   | 14  | 12  | 10  | 10  | 20  | 12  | 14  | 7  | 137   |
| Family and psychological incompatibility between spouses                                | 2   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 7   | 2   | 2   | 10  | 12  | 11  | 10  | 3  | 64    |
| Husband is forsaking his wife for non-compelling reasons                                | 10  | 9   | 10  | 8   | 13  | 6   | 10  | 13  | 20  | 25  | 15  | 6  | 145   |
| Getting married to another wife without acceptance of the first wife.                   | 1   | 2   | -   | 5   | 5   | 2   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 18  | 15  | 5  | 58    |
| Physical and Psychological violence is Used by the husband                              | 10  | 5   | 14  | 12  | 12  | 4   | 10  | 8   | 2   | 20  | 8   | -  | 105   |
| Failure to implement the conditions agreed upon during the engagement                   | -   | 2   | -   | 5   | 5   | 7   | -   | -   | -   | 12  | 16  | -  | 47    |
| Any other reasons not mentioned   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -  | -     |
| Total   | 133 | 129 | 156 | 107 | 168 | 113 | 115 | 144 | 173 | 203 | 184 | 51 | 1676  |

Source: Personal Status Court in AL- Sadr City: Social researcher Section,  
Unpublished data for the year 2023

Table (5): Monthly statistics on reasons for divorce in the research area and by month for the year 2019.

| Reason / for the year 2019     | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total |
|--------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Habitation and family disputes | 18 | 27 | 25 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 26 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 26 | 242   |

|   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| The low financial Standard of the husband and Lack of spending                          | 20  | 25  | 20  | 20  | 20  | 22  | 14  | 20  | 15  | 18  | 25  | 20  | 239  |
| Marriage of minors  | 25  | 20  | 25  | 25  | 25  | 23  | 18  | 25  | 25  | 17  | 23  | 25  | 276  |
| Shared residence with the husband's family and the family's negative interference       | 15  | 23  | 15  | 20  | 10  | 15  | 23  | 15  | 25  | 13  | 15  | 15  | 204  |
| Depend the husband financially on his family.   | -   | 10  | 10  | 10  | 10  | 18  | 25  | 10  | 5   | 16  | 10  | 10  | 134  |
| infidelity through relationships outside family or online                               | 11  | 17  | 28  | 15  | 15  | 5   | 20  | 20  | 20  | 20  | 7   | 20  | 198  |
| Drinking alcohol and using drugs  | 5   | 7   | 1   | -   | 5   | -   | 5   | 5   | 7   | 5   | 5   | 5   | 50   |
| Accompanying bad friends  | -   | -   | -   | 10  | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | 5   | -   | -   | 15   |
| The failure of one or both spouses to bear responsibility for marital life and children | 13  | 20  | 17  | -   | 12  | 20  | 2   | 15  | 13  | 25  | 25  | 15  | 177  |
| Family and psychological incompatibility between spouses                                | 5   | 10  | 10  | 10  | 10  | 5   | 15  | -   | 15  | 13  | 10  | -   | 103  |
| Husband is forsaking his wife for non-compelling reasons                                | 13  | 15  | 10  | -   | 25  | 20  | 28  | 10  | 30  | 20  | 18  | 10  | 199  |
| Getting married to another wife without acceptance of the first wife.                   | 2   | 5   | 2   | 5   | 13  | 18  | 5   | 5   | 18  | 20  | 10  | 5   | 108  |
| Physical and Psychological violence is Used by the husband                              | 6   | -   | 2   | -   | 10  | 19  | 27  | 20  | 22  | 21  | 17  | 20  | 164  |
| Failure to implement the conditions agreed upon during the engagement                   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | 7   | -   | 5   | 5   | 14  | -   | 5   | 36   |
| Any other reasons not mentioned   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   |      |
| the total   | 133 | 179 | 165 | 130 | 170 | 187 | 197 | 176 | 220 | 227 | 185 | 176 | 2145 |

Source: Personal Status Court in AL- Sadr City: Social researcher Section, Unpublished data for the year 2023.

The year 2020 is the year with the least number of divorce cases recorded, with 1,339 divorce cases in Table (6) due to the absence of recording divorce cases in April and May for the reasons mentioned, while the highest month was December, recording 204 divorce cases, a rate of %15.2 at the level of the months of this year and for the first time. This month for the second time has been at the top after the year 2017. As for the reasons, the reason for the husband's leaving of his wife for non-compelling reasons came in first place and for the second time after the year 2018.

Table (6): Monthly statistics on reasons for divorce in the research area and by month for the year 2020.

| Reason / for the year 2020     | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total |
|--------------------------------|----|----|----|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Habitation and family disputes | 24 | 20 | 11 | - | - | 5 | 15 | 10 | 20 | 15 | 21 | 5  | 146   |

|   |     |     |    |    |   |    |     |     |     |    |     |    |      |
|---|-----|-----|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|----|------|
| The low financial Standard of the husband and Lack of spending                          | 25  | 25  | 10 | -  | - |    | 20  | 10  | 21  | 6  | 19  | 10 | 146  |
| 10 Marriage of minors   | 20  | 25  | 13 | -  | - | -  | 15  | 20  | 22  | 10 | 22  | 10 | 157  |
| Shared residence with the husband's family and the family's negative interference       | 15  | 20  | 12 | -  | - | 5  | 18  | 23  | 23  | -  | 11  | 15 | 142  |
| Depend the husband financially on his family.   | 10  | 10  | 9  | -  | - | -  | 12  | 12  | 12  | -  | 10  | -  | 75   |
| infidelity through relationships outside family or online                               | 10  | 15  | 15 | -  | - | 10 | 13  | 25  | 20  | 3  | 19  | -  | 130  |
| Drinking alcohol and using drugs  | 5   | 5   | -  | -  | - | -5 | 2   | 5   | 7   | 4  | 2   | 10 | 40   |
| Accompanying bad friends  | -   | -   | -  | -  | - | 10 | -   | -   | -   | -  | -   | 2  | 12   |
| The failure of one or both spouses to bear responsibility for marital life and children | 15  | 10  | 5  | -- | - | -  | 5   | 10  | 3   | 7  | 4   | -  | 59   |
| Family and psychological incompatibility between spouses                                | 10  | 10  | -  | -  | - | 13 | 10  | 25  | 5   | 5  | -   | -  | 78   |
| Husband is forsaking his wife For non-compelling reasons                                | 30  | 10  | 10 | -  | - | 7  | 25  | 10  | 21  | 15 | 17  | 8  | 153  |
| Getting married to another wife without acceptance of the first wife.                   | 15  | 25  | 5  | -  | - | 5  | -   | 15  | 4   | 5  | 8   | 10 | 92   |
| Physical and Psychological violence is Used by the husband                              | 25  | 15  | 5  | -  | - | -  | 10  | 5   | 12  | 10 | 12  | 5  | 99   |
| Failure to implement the conditions agreed upon during the engagement                   | -   | 8   | -  | -  | - | -  | -   | -   | -   | -  | -   | -  | 8    |
| Any other reasons not mentioned   | -   | 2   | -  | -  | - | -  | -   | -   | -   | -  | -   | -  | 2    |
| the total   | 204 | 200 | 95 | -  | - | 55 | 145 | 170 | 170 | 80 | 145 | 75 | 1339 |

Source: Personal Status Court in AL- Sadr City: Social researcher Section,  
Unpublished data for the year 2023.

The year 2021 came in sixth place in terms of the number of divorce cases, with 1,514 divorce cases. The month of June was first witnessed for the first time, with a number of divorce cases amounting to 169 divorce cases in Table (7), at a rate of %11.2 at the level of the months of this year. As for the most important reasons for divorce, are the reason for the underage marriage for the third time came after years 2016 and 2019, the lowest month of this year was the month of December, with 34 divorce cases, or a rate of %2.2 in the months, as no reasons were recorded to related to the accompany of bad friends and between spouses and failure to implement the conditions agreed upon during the engagement.

Table (7): Monthly statistics on reasonsfor divorce in the research area and by month for the year 2021.

| Reason / for the year 2021     | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4 | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total |
|--------------------------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Habitation and family disputes | 12 | 10 | 17 | - | 11 | 20 | 13 | 15 | 20 | 10 | 15 | 3  | 146   |

|   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |      |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|------|
| The low financial Standard of the husband and Lack of spending                          | 13  | 5   | 10  | -   | 14  | 15  | 4   | 5   | 5   | 10  | 12  | 5  | 98   |
| Marriage of minors  | 20  | 20  | 15  | 18  | 11  | 22  | 20  | 20  | 25  | 25  | 18  | 2  | 216  |
| Shared residence with the husband's family and the family's negative interference       | 11  | 5   | 12  | 8   | 12  | 14  | 10  | 15  | 17  | 15  | 10  | 4  | 133  |
| Depend the husband financially on his family.   | 5   | -   | 4   | 11  | 8   | 9   | 15  | 5   | 8   | 20  | 14  | 1  | 100  |
| infidelity through relationships outside family or online                               | 22  | 20  | 29  | 20  | 5   | 20  | 17  | 23  | 18  | 18  | 22  | 3  | 217  |
| Drinking alcohol and using drugs  | 3   | 4   | 3   | 3   | 7   | 5   | 1   | 3   | -   | 12  | 5   | 6  | 52   |
| Accompanying bad friends  | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | 1   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -  | 1    |
| The failure of one or both spouses to bear responsibility for marital life and children | 6   | 8   | 8   | -   | 15  | 12  | 5   | 4   | 17  | 6   | 11  | 1  | 93   |
| Family and psychological incompatibility between spouses                                | 4   | -   | 5   | 5   | 4   | 13  | -   | 8   | 5   | 4   | 8   | -  | 56   |
| Husband is forsaking his wife for non-compelling reasons                                | 15  | 20  | 10  | 15  | 10  | 17  | 15  | 22  | 15  | 20  | 20  | 4  | 183  |
| Getting married to another wife without acceptance of the first wife.                   | 10  | 8   | 5   | 10  | 2   | 7   | 3   | 10  | 5   | 10  | 5   | -  | 75   |
| Physical and Psychological violence is Used by the husband                              | 14  | 10  | -   | 16  | 13  | 14  | 10  | 16  | 10  | 13  | 15  | 5  | 136  |
| Failure to implement the conditions agreed upon during the engagement                   | -   | 3   | -   | 3   | 2   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -  | 8    |
| Any other reasons not mentioned   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -  |      |
| Total   | 135 | 113 | 118 | 109 | 114 | 169 | 113 | 146 | 145 | 163 | 155 | 34 | 1514 |

Source: Personal Status Court in AL- Sadr City: Social researcher Section,  
Unpublished data for the year 2023.

It seems that divorce cases are increasing over the years, as these cases jumped from 1,339 cases in 2020 to 1,514 cases in 2021 to 3,808 cases in 2022, which is the highest at the age level of the research. Table (8) The month of July came as the highest number of divorce cases, with 1,828 divorce cases, a percentage of 48 % at the level of the months of this year, which is the highest level at the level of the years of the questionnaire, and at the same time the reason for the decline in the financial level of the husband and the lack of agreement came in first place and for the first time regarding the level of reasons for divorce, although for this reason there is high criticism in terms of marital quarrels and reasons for disagreements between them, except for this the month due to reasons such as drinking alcohol and using drugs, the failure of the spouses or one of them to bear responsibility for the marital life and children, and failure to implement the conditions agreed upon during the engagement. The lowest month in divorce cases was the month of February, with 119 divorce cases and a rate of %3.1, in which the underage marriage has been ranked for the fourth time after years 2016, 2019, and 2021, proving to us that this reason may come first in terms of reasons for divorce.



Table 8: Monthly statistics on reasons for divorce in the research area and by month for the year 2022.

| Reason / for the year 2022  | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7    | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | Total |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Habitation and family disputes  | 10  | 8   | 10  | 12  | 16  | 22  | 19   | 21  | 18  | 14  | 21  | 34  | 205   |
| The low financial Standard of the husband and Lack of spending                          | 10  | 7   | 15  | 10  | 15  | 17  | 1722 | 20  | 15  | 20  | 22  | 33  | 1906  |
| Marriage of minors  | 22  | 15  | 18  | 15  | 17  | 25  | 21   | 28  | 24  | 19  | 25  | 31  | 260   |
| Shared residence with the husband's family and the family's negative interference       | 13  | 13  | 19  | 11  | 10  | 12  | 11   | 22  | 9   | 11  | 18  | 29  | 178   |
| Depend the husband financially on his family.   | 15  | 7   | 12  | 6   | 12  | 5   | 14   | 7   | 6   | 10  | 20  | -   | 114   |
| infidelity through relationships outside family or online                               | 18  | 6   | 18  | 17  | 20  | 17  | 9    | 29  | 16  | 13  | 25  | 39  | 227   |
| Drinking alcohol and using drugs  | 11  | 14  | 11  | 5   | 7   | 4   | -    | 5   | 7   | 11  | 22  | 30  | 127   |
| Accompanying bad friends  | -   | -   | -   | -   | 1   | 1   | 5    | 2   | -   | 3   | -   | 2   | 14    |
| The failure of one or both spouses to bear responsibility for marital life and children | 9   | 5   | 8   | 8   | 8   | 11  | -    | 10  | 12  | 9   | -   | 28  | 108   |
| Family and psychological incompatibility between spouses                                | 4   | 5   | 5   | 4   | 14  | 9   | 10   | 4   | 5   | 7   | 17  | 26  | 110   |
| Husband is forsaking his wife for non-compelling reasons                                | 10  | 12  | 10  | 14  | 19  | 20  | 5    | 23  | 13  | 12  | 23  | 38  | 199   |
| Getting married to another wife without acceptance of the first wife.                   | 8   | 8   | 6   | 9   | 10  | 14  | 8    | 12  | 5   | 5   | 9   | 19  | 113   |
| Physical and Psychological violence is Used by the husband                              | 12  | 10  | 14  | 10  | 11  | 16  | 4    | 18  | 15  | 21  | 8   | 31  | 170   |
| Failure to implement the conditions agreed upon during the engagement                   | -   | 9   | -   | 2   | 6   | 14  | -    | -   | -   | 4   | 3   | 13  | 51    |
| Any other reasons not mentioned   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -    | -   | -   | -   | -   | 26  | 26    |
| Total   | 142 | 119 | 146 | 123 | 166 | 187 | 1828 | 201 | 145 | 159 | 213 | 379 | 3808  |

Source: Personal Status Court in AL- Sadr City: Social researcher Section, Unpublished data for the year 2023.

### 3- Distribution of the phenomenon of divorce at the level of residential neighborhoods in the research area for the year 2023:

As a result of the large number of divorce cases in the research area, (380) questionnaires were sorted and approved as a random sample and distributed according to the residential neighborhoods of both municipalities, in order to arrive at a formula for distributing the phenomenon between the two municipalities, as Table (9) showed us that at the level of the two municipalities, Al-Sadr Municipality came first. The first place came

with the highest number of divorce cases, amounting to (220) cases, with a rate of (58%), while the municipality of Al-Sadr/ the second came with the lowest number, amounting to (160) cases of divorce, with a rate of (42%). This is because the municipality of Al-Sadr-I includes a larger number of populations and number of neighborhoods, as its population reached about (785,030) people, while the number of its neighborhoods reached five neighborhoods. As for the Al-Sadr-II, its population reached (557,932) people, while the number of its neighborhoods was two: Al-Sadr District/2 and the Jamila District.

Table (9) Number of divorce cases and percentage in the research area for the year 2023

| Al-Sadr-I Municipality |    | Al-Sadr-II Municipality |    | Total |
|------------------------|----|-------------------------|----|-------|
| Nber                   | %  | Nber                    | %  |       |
| 220                    | 58 | 160                     | 42 | 380   |

Source: Personal Status Court in AL- Sadr City: Social researcher Section, Unpublished data for the year 2023.

By looking at table (10), it is noted that the majority of the reasons for the occurrence of divorces in the first municipality of Al-Sadr is due to the lack of family and psychological harmony between the spouses, which reached (100) cases of divorce. At the level of residential neighborhoods, Al-Habibiyah neighborhood came first in terms of the number of divorce cases reached (74) divorce cases, at a rate of (%33.7). The reason for the lack of family and psychological harmony between spouses was the highest among them, with a number of (18) divorce cases, at a rate of (%8.2). The reason was shared residence with the husband's family and the family's intervention in a negative way with a number of (12) divorce cases at a rate of (%5.5). This is due to the attitudes, traditions and practices within the family, which have a direct impact on the woman in the family, where the various aspects of life revolve around her, as there is often interference in her affairs by the head and members of the family. Thus, she is in a situation between stagnant traditions and new ideas, and thus these situations often lead to family disputes that lead to divorce (Al-Khazraji, Saleh, 2016).

While Al -Sadr neighborhood /2 reached the second place, which amounted to (60) divorce cases, at a rate of (%27.3), and the reason for that is the lack of family and psychological compatibility between the spouses with the highest number (30) divorce cases and at a rate of (%13.6), and the similarity of both the Tariq and Al -Habibiya neighborhoods of the same reason, which amounted (6) divorced cases, at a rate of (%2.7) as it appears in the map (3), It is worthy to be mentioning that the other reasons (threats of a killing, and suicidal) and the area of the research does not include three reasons of divorce lying in the husband's financial dependence on his family, accompanying bad friends, and marrying another wife without the wife's consent, and this indicates that there are more powerful and influential reasons for the presence of divorce.

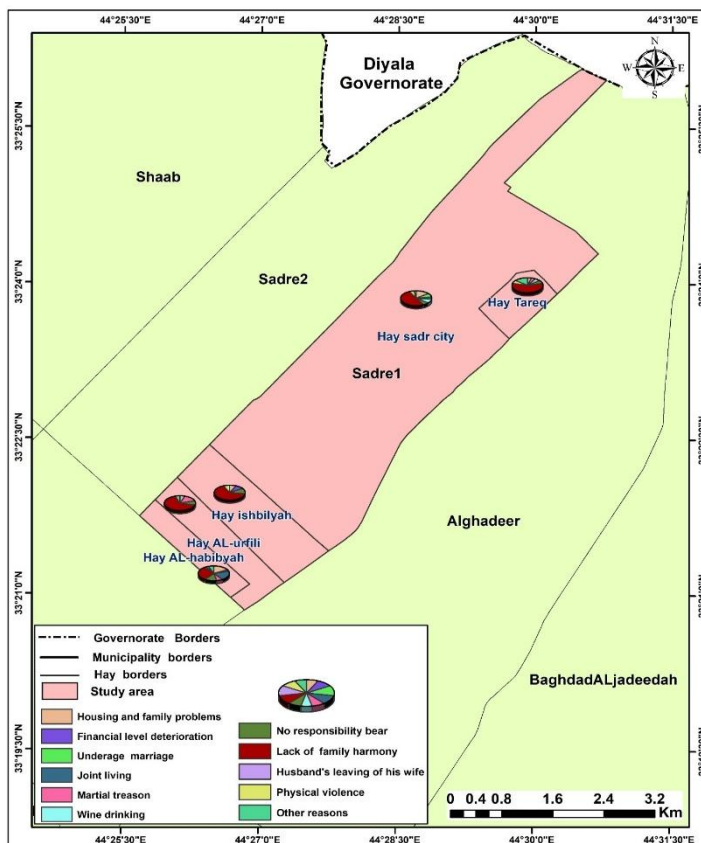
As for the second level of Al -Sadr municipality's neighborhoods, divorce cases reached (160) divorce cases. While Jameela neighborhood reached (48) divorce cases, at a rate of (30%), the reasons for that lying in the lack of family and psychological consensus between the spouses came first in the Sadr neighborhood, with a number of (62) divorce cases, at a rate of (%38.7), and both Al -Sadr neighborhood/2 and Jameela neighborhood reached to (20) cases of divorce, and for the same reason for housing and family disputes, at a rate of (%12.5) of the total size of the sample.

Table (10): Reasons for divorce at the neighborhood level in the first municipality of Sadr for the year 2023.

| N° | The reason for divorce<br>neighborhoodN | Tariq |     | Orfali |     | Al<br>Habibiyah |     | Ishbila |     | Al-Sadr |     | Total |
|----|---|-------|-----|--------|-----|-----------------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|-------|
|    |   | Nber  | %   | Nber   | %   | Nber            | %   | Nber    | %   | Nber    | %   |       |
| 1  | Habitation and family disputes          | 2     | 0.9 | 2      | 0.9 | 14              | 6.4 | 2       | 0.9 | 10      | 4.7 | 30    |

|       |   |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |     |    |      |     |
|-------|---|----|------|----|------|----|------|----|-----|----|------|-----|
| 2     | The low financial Standard of the husband and Lack of spending                    | -  | -    | -  | -    | 2  | 0.9  | 2  | 0.9 | -  | -    | 4   |
| 3     | Marriage of minors  | -  | -    | -  | -    | -  | -    | -  | -   | 4  | 1.8  | 4   |
| 4     | Shared residence with the husband's family and the family's negative interference | -  | -    | -  | -    | 12 | 5.5  | -  | -   | 2  | 0.9  | 14  |
| 5     | Depend the husband financially on his family.                                     | -  | -    | -  | -    | -  | -    | -  | -   | -  | -    | -   |
| 6     | infidelity through relationships outside family or online                         | 2  | 0.9  | 4  | 1.8  | 6  | 2.7  | -  | -   | 4  | 1.8  | 16  |
| 7     | Drinking alcohol and using drugs  | 2  | 0.9  | -  | -    | -  | -    | -  | -   | -  | -    | 2   |
| 8     | Accompanying bad friends  | -  | -    | -  | -    | -  | -    | -  | -   | -  | -    | -   |
| 9     | Spouses do not bear responsibility for marital life and children                  | 2  | 0.9  | 2  | 0.9  | 12 | 5.5  | 2  | 0.9 | 4  | 1.8  | 22  |
| 10    | Family and psychological incompatibility between spouses                          | 20 | 9.1  | 18 | 8.2  | 18 | 8.2  | 14 | 6.4 | 30 | 13.6 | 100 |
| 11    | Husband is forsaking his wife for non-compelling reasons                          | -  | -    | -  | -    | 2  | 0.9  | -  | -   | -  | -    | 2   |
| 12    | Getting married to another wife without acceptance of the first wife.             | -  | -    | -  | -    | -  | -    | -  | -   | -  | -    | -   |
| 13    | Physical and Psychological violence is Used by the husband                        | 2  | 0.9  | -  | -    | 2  | 0.9  | 2  | 0.9 | 4  | 1.8  | 10  |
| 14    | Failure to implement the conditions agreed upon during the engagement             | -  | -    | -  | -    | -  | -    | -  | -   | -  | -    | -   |
| 15    | Any other reasons not mentioned   | 6  | 2.7  | 2  | 0.9  | 6  | 2.7  | -  | -   | 2  | 0.9  | 16  |
| Total |   | 36 | 16.3 | 28 | 12.7 | 74 | 33.7 | 22 | 10  | 60 | 27.3 | 220 |

Source: Personal Status Court in AL- Sadr City: Social researcher Section, Unpublished data for the year 2023.



Map (3): Distribution of the phenomenon of divorce at the level of the first Sadr municipality neighborhoods  
Source: Relying on Table data 10.

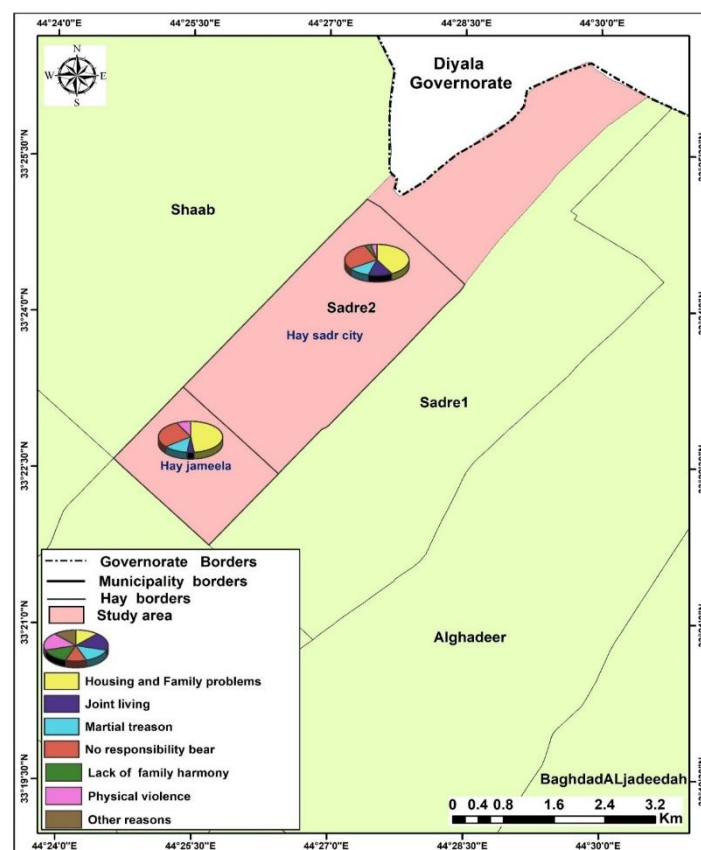
Table (11): Reasons for divorce at the neighborhood level in the Second Sadr Municipality for the year 2023.

| N° | The reason for divorce<br>Neighborhood  | Al-Sadr District<br>2 / |      | Beautiful |      | Total |
|----|---|-------------------------|------|-----------|------|-------|
|    |   | Nber                    | %    | Nber      | %    |       |
| 1  | Habitation and family disputes  | 20                      | 12.5 | 20        | 12.5 | 40    |
| 2  | The low financial Standard of the husband and Lack of spending                          | -                       | -    | -         | -    | -     |
| 3  | Marriage of minors  | -                       | -    | -         | -    | -     |
| 4  | Shared residence with the husband's family and the family's negative interference       | 8                       | 5    | 2         | 1.3  | 10    |
| 5  | Depend the husband financially on his family.   | -                       | -    | -         | -    | -     |
| 6  | infidelity through relationships outside family or online                               | 6                       | 3.7  | 6         | 3.7  | 12    |
| 7  | Drinking alcohol and using drugs  | -                       | -    | -         | -    | -     |
| 8  | Accompanying bad friends  | -                       | -    | -         | -    | -     |
| 9  | The failure of one or both spouses to bear responsibility for marital life and children | 12                      | 7.5  | 10        | 6.3  | 22    |

|       |   |     |      |    |     |     |
|-------|---|-----|------|----|-----|-----|
| 10    | Family and psychological incompatibility between spouses              | 62  | 38.7 | 6  | 3.7 | 68  |
| 11    | Husband is forsaking his wife or non-compelling reasons               | -   | -    | -  | -   | -   |
| 12    | Getting married to another wife without acceptance of the first wife. | -   | -    | -  | -   | -   |
| 13    | Physical and Psychological violence is Used by the husband            | 2   | 1.3  | -  | -   | 2   |
| 14    | Failure to implement the conditions agreed upon during the engagement | -   | -    | -  | -   | -   |
| 15    | Any other reasons not mentioned                                       | 2   | 1.3  | 4  | 2.5 | 6   |
| Total |   | 112 | 70   | 48 | 30  | 160 |

Source: Personal Status Court in AL- Sadr City: Social researcher Section,  
Unpublished data for the year 2023.

As illustrated in Map (4), the spatial distribution of divorce cases in Al-Sadr Municipality / the second shows a concentration in Al-Sadr District / 2, which recorded 112 cases, accounting for 70% of the total cases in the municipality. In contrast, the Jamila neighborhood accounted for 48 cases or 30%, reflecting variations in social and economic pressures between neighborhoods.



Map (4): Distribution of divorce phenomenon at the level of Al -Sadr municipality neighborhoods/ the second.

Source: Relying on Table 11 data.



#### 4. Discussion

4- The effects of divorce on both the woman, the man, the child and society:

4-1- The impact of divorce on the woman:

- Divorce causes a woman to lose the feeling of security, safety, weak production efficiency and vibrating her self -confidence, which leads to conflict and the inability to balance emotional and feel anxious and depressed who in turn lead to a disorder of confidence, which compels her to isolation and withdraw . This is gradually due to a general decrease in mental and physical health, as well as the presence of a higher direction for non -social behavior that leads to more isolation.

- The society surrounded the divorce woman with a suspicion and doubt about her behavior and actions and this having she feels guilty, emotional failure, disappointment and frustration, and this increases her complication to adapt to her current reality [9].

- It leaves negative effects on the divorced woman in terms of psychological and social aspects, especially if they are not educated and cannot rely on themselves economically, and the results of some studies have proven that divorced people are more anxious and depressed than married couples and that they are vulnerable to worse health, collapse, and healthy, more emotional and vulnerable to psychological pressure [10].

4-2- The impact of divorce on the man:

- The divorced man suffers from psychological effects and that his psyche is a lot of disturbance and this is reflected in his actions, and that the common statement is that a man is not affected with the news of divorce, a saying that contradicts the truth, as Arab and Western studies claim that women have more immunity against emotional shocks, unlike the man, but the man overcomes the shocks by marrying another woman , unlike the woman who studies indicate that the process of her marriage again takes a longer time compared to the man, as the husband is affected emotionally more and may even develop symptoms and mental illnesses and in many cases, including:

- In the event of children as a result of that marriage.

- In the event of the length of the period of marital life spent both spouses together.

- In the event of delayed entry into marriage again after divorce, as a result of the reluctance and hatred for the other party.

- The divorced also feels fear about marrying again and that those who will go to them, they will ask about his previous marriage and how he failed and most of the time they refuse his request to marry their daughter for fear that her fate will be divorce and so is a negative psychological feeling for the divorced until his psychological side gets settled after years and may not get settled [11].

4-3- The impact of divorce on children:

- Children who go through the experience of divorce their parents are more vulnerable to behavioral problems, and more vulnerable to psychological emotions such as silence, mental astray, anger, escape from confrontation, and feeling that they are not similar to their peers or that they are less valuable than them [12].

- Divorce deprives the child of the care of the father and the mother and their guidance for him, and thus is forbidden to normal growth for children, which may lead him to the hatred of one of the parents and perhaps the two together, and in many times they leave his upbringing to relatives and this upbringing may cause them psychological and emotional instability, so they have the spirit of curse due to they move away from their mothers, and this wrong education of the child has caused harmful reactions, and children suffer from psychological contract and feel miserable in their lives, as well as develop a lack of respect for the soul after divorce [13].

- This is increasingly deprived of this child if he is young, and such deprivation of the child has negative impact on his social behavior, as it leads him to deviation, especially in the poor family and the lack of income that provides the child with a decent life and one of the most important aspects of this deviation: escaping from home or school, and excessive activity, anxiety, depression, deviation and addiction.

- After divorce, the children leave without care sufficient and without attention, as the father marries and the mother takes responsibility and caring for children, so the upbringing is not at the required level in terms of guidance, and protection, and their

material capabilities are totally scarce or incomplete, which leads children to early work and may push them to leave the house and go to earn living resources and work, which may lead to mixing with bad children, therefore it is exposed to many problems [14].

- The damage to the children in distance from tenderness, especially the mother's tenderness if they are with the father and in care and supervision by the father, in which case they are vulnerable to the mercy of their mother's husband, but in the event that they are with the father they are vulnerable to their fall under the mercy of their father's wife who treats them less than her children and this, affect them and become vulnerable to deviation [15].

4-4- The effects of divorce on society:

- Family disintegration, and one of its most important phenomena is:

•The imbalance having a huge impact upon the role of men and women, especially in the field of expectations, and one of the factors that leads to this imbalance is desertion, death or divorce.

•The family might remain firmly coherent in spite of the aspects of inconsistency between the spouses, and this type of families is called (empty peel family) where the couple lives a life of alienation.

•The internal and external crises faced by the family, and examples of internal crises are a severe injury to one of the spouses that lead to disability or impotence, or the chronic disease suffered by a family member and others, while external crises are the temporary or permanent absence of one of the spouses due to imprisonment, war or death ... etc., this leads to the lack of control and supervision on children [16].

•The most apparent effects of family disintegration in the deaths of death and divorce lies in the suspension of sexual satisfaction and the loss of a sense of security, friendship and love, the absence of a higher example of the role of the elderly on the child and the increase in burdens on the existing party, especially for children's care and increased material problems [17].

•Suicide attempts that the suicide rate ranges between 60 % to 80 %, due to the lack of reconciliation in marital life or divorce [18].

- The appearance of a malevolent generation in a society, due to the loss of the necessary care for it, the increasing number of homeless, the spread of theft, fraud and vice, and destabilizing security and stability in society, as well as its disintegration, as divorce causes an imbalance in many of the values that society seeks to establish in the minds of its members and behaviors Such as: interconnection, compassion, cooperation, tolerance, helping the needy and stand with him in cases of distress ... and other positive values that are important in the cohesion and stability of society[19].

- Divorce generates a strong psychological frustration in every member of the divorced family, some of whom may make blame to society that did not help to create the conditions that prevent divorce and disintegration, so the blame turns into these values that society defends. The individual seeks to get out of it and not to commit to it and that kind of behavior expresses unannounced dissatisfaction, just as the individual may show a kind of cultural behavior that is contrary to what is known in his society and he may confront with a reaction of unwillingness from society and its culture, as we may find him glorifying the incoming culture at the expense of the culture of his society.

## 5. Conclusion

The family is the basic building block for forming an independent family that has its own entity and importance in society. If one of its pillar's collapses, the entire family collapses, which negatively affects society and causes what is called family disintegration.

The research area was characterized by a significant increase in the number of divorce cases there, and the number of divorce cases in the first and second municipalities of Al-Sadr for the period 2016 - 2022 reached about 15,563 divorce cases. The year 2017 also witnessed the largest number of divorce cases, which amounted to 2,635 cases, while the year was less than the number of divorces was the same in 2020, due to the Corona pandemic during the fourth and fifth months, during which no divorce cases were

recorded. It was recorded in court. At the level of the two municipalities, the municipality of Al-Sadr I came in first place for the year 2023 with a percentage of (58%), while the municipality of Al-Sadr II reached (42%).

The most important causes of divorce in the research area are the lack of family and psychological harmony between spouses, the housing problem, and family disputes.

Divorce cases are still continuing in the research area as a result of what we observed by registering these cases with the social researcher. In one day, more than ten cases were filed, and most of the women were the ones who filed the divorce case, and this is not considered bias towards men.

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