

## SUMMARY

### Life cycle traditions at the turn of the 21<sup>st</sup> c.

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Alteration in demographic processes (young pairs living together unmarried, ignoring marriage and children, increase in number of irregular children, migration of young people to the cities, popularity of emigration, new features of lifestyle caught on from new culture) determined the ethno-cultural and ethical decline in Lithuania's country areas.

Rather dramatic demographic situation, both in the country, and the cities, shows the intertwinement of spiritual and ethical power of culture with the decline, especially with the reflection of this decline and its fixation in the mindset and behaviour of some representatives of the young generation.