

CIVIL UNIONS AND DISSOLUTIONS

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In 2006, 429 civil unions were established in Vermont, down from 452 in 2005. The highest number (45) occurred in October.

Civil unions involving out-of-state residents accounted for 72 percent of the total number of civil unions ([Table I-2](#)), the same as in 2005. The states with the largest number of residents who established civil unions were New York, Florida and New Hampshire ([Table I-1](#)). The largest number of Vermont residents who established civil unions resided in Chittenden County ([Table I-2](#)).

Seventy-three percent of the civil unions were between female partners, and the most common age group for male partners was 40 to 44, and for female partners it was 35 to 39 ([Table I-4](#)). Civil union partners tend to be highly educated: almost 46 percent completed at least four years of college ([Table I-5](#)).

[Table I-6](#), shows the total number of civil unions or marriages, including the current civil union, that each person has been a party to during their lives. For 74 percent of the civil union partners, this was their first union, or marriage.

DISSOLUTIONS

The dissolution of civil unions follows the same procedures, same requirements, rights, and obligations as divorces. There were 37 dissolutions in 2006.