

# CIVIL UNIONS AND DISSOLUTIONS

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In 2008, 268 civil unions were established in Vermont, down from 352 in 2006. The highest number (45) occurred in August ([Table H-3](#)).

Civil unions involving two out-of-state residents accounted for 68.7 percent of the total number of civil unions ([Table H-2](#)). The states with the largest number of residents who established civil unions were New York, and Florida ([Table H-1](#)). The largest number of Vermont residents who established civil unions resided in Chittenden County ([Table H-2](#)).

Almost 72 percent of the civil unions were between female partners, and the most common age group for female partners was 25 to 29, and for male partners it was 45 to 49 ([Table H-4](#)). Civil union partners tend to be highly educated: 48.9 percent completed at least four years of college ([Table H-5](#)).

[Table H-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 75.8 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 50 dissolutions in 2008.