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The passage of the Vermont marriage equality act in 2009 legalized marriage between same sex partners, and discontinued civil unions. Therefore, the statistics for civil unions in this report represent those that occurred between January 1, 2009 and August 31, 2009. For that time period 100 civil unions were established in Vermont, compared to 268 in 2008. Seventy eight percent of the civil unions were between female partners. The highest number (18) occurred in June and July ([Table H-3](#)).

Civil unions involving two out-of-state residents accounted for 59.0 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](#)).

([Table H-5](#)), 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 72 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 62 dissolutions in 2009.