

MARRIAGES & DIVORCES

MARRIAGES

NOTE: Marriage between same sex partners became legal in Vermont on September 1, 2009. The tables in this section include marriages between same sex partners and therefore the labels have been changed to reflect the labels used on the revised civil marriage license and certificate: Applicant A and Applicant B.

In 2009, 5,434 marriages were performed in Vermont, 497 more than in 2008. The 2009 Vermont rate was 8.7 per 1,000 Vermont resident population, lower than the 2009 U.S. provisional rate of 6.8. Marriages between two out-of-state residents accounted for 32.1 percent of the marriages in Vermont ([Table F-2](#)).

There was the usual seasonal variation with more marriages occurring in summer than in any other season. September (1051) was the most popular month for marriages in 2009 ([Table F-5](#)).

More than half (55.2 percent) of the marriages were firsts for both applicants ([Table F-4](#)). For the Applicant B, 66.4 percent were first marriages, and for Applicant A, 65.6 percent were first marriages. Remarriages for both applicants accounted for 23.3 percent of marriages in Vermont.

The percentage of civil ceremonies increased slightly from 61.3 percent in 2008 to 62.4 percent in 2009 ([Table F-6](#)).

DIVORCES

There were 2,201 divorces granted in 2009, a decrease of only 58 from 2008. This represents a rate of 3.5 per 1,000 residents, slightly higher than the 2009 U.S. provisional rate of 3.4.

The median length of marriages ending in divorce was 9 years 6 months, with a range of 3 months to 61 years. Almost 59 percent of divorces followed a separation of a year or longer ([Table G-3](#)). The median age at the time of divorce was 41 for husbands with a range of 14 to 81 years. The median age at the time of divorce was 43 for wives with a range of 19 to 92 years.