

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 2010, 5,811 marriages were performed in Vermont, 377 more than in 2009. The 2010 Vermont rate was 9.3 per 1,000 Vermont resident population, lower than the 2010 U.S. provisional rate of 6.8. Marriages between two out-of-state residents accounted for 37.2 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. July (885) was the most popular month for marriages in 2010 ([Table F-5](#)).

More than half (56.5 percent) of the marriages were firsts for both applicants ([Table F-4](#)). For the Applicant B, 67.1 percent were first marriages, and for Applicant A, 67.7 percent were first marriages. Remarriages for both applicants accounted for 21.7 percent of marriages in Vermont.

The percentage of civil ceremonies increased from 62.4 percent in 2009 to 66.9 percent in 2010 ([Table F-6](#)).

DIVORCES

There were 2,388 divorces granted in 2010, an increase of only 187 from 2009. This represents a rate of 3.8 per 1,000 residents, slightly higher than the 2010 U.S. provisional rate of 3.6.

The median length of marriages ending in divorce was 9 years 11 months, with a range of 1 month to 55 years 2 months. 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 42 for husbands with a range of 14 to 79 years. The median age at the time of divorce was 41 for wives with a range of 17 to 89 years.