

# INDIANA MARRIAGE REPORT

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## Preface

The **2015 Indiana Marriage Report** provides a summary of information about the marriages that occurred in the State of Indiana during 2015. The information provided in this report is intended for professionals, students, legislators, and others interested in marriage data.

This report provides marriages by month and day of the week, age, sex, education level, race, ethnicity, marital status, order of marriage, couple type, and the number and rate of marriages by county of issuance in Indiana for 2015.

Marriage data are collected by the Vital Records Division at the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and by the Indiana Supreme Court, Division of State Court Administration. The tables in this report were prepared by the Data Analysis Team in the Epidemiology Resource Center at the ISDH. For many years, paper copies of marriage licenses were sent to the ISDH and the Vital Records staff entered the data. The online system, INcite, was developed by the Division of State Court Administration for county clerks to create and issue marriage licenses in Indiana. Some of the counties began using the INcite system in 2007, and all 92 counties use the system now.

Same sex marriage was legal as of October 6, 2014. The categories were changed on the ISDH-approved marriage license forms from “Bride” and “Groom” to “Applicant 1” and “Applicant 2,” and fields were added in INcite to indicate the sex of each applicant.

Indiana law does not require the couple to marry in the county that issued their license unless they are both non-Indiana residents. In Indiana, the minimum age for marriage is 18. Exceptions to this requirement are provided for those under age 18 if court approval and/or parental consent is obtained.

Currently, Indiana uses the 1997 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) standards for reporting data on race and ethnicity of individuals. The 1997 standards are also used by the National Vital Statistics System for national reporting. The relationship between the two OMB standards and the terms used to report race and ethnicity in this report are as follows:

<b>Race</b>		
<u>1997 OMB standards (current)</u>	<u>1977 OMB standards (pre-2007)</u>	<u>This Report</u>
American Indian or Alaska Native	American Indian or Alaska Native	Included in Other
Asian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Included in Other
Black or African American	Black	Black
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Asian or Pacific Islander	Included in Other
White	White	White

<b>Ethnicity</b>		
<u>1997 OMB standards (current)</u>	<u>1977 OMB standards (pre-2007)</u>	<u>This Report</u>
Hispanic or Latino	Hispanic	Hispanic
not Hispanic or Latino	non-Hispanic	non-Hispanic

The data file for this report was closed on November 16, 2016.

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## Highlights

- There were 45,941 marriages that occurred in Indiana in 2015 for a rate of 13.9 persons per 1,000 population.
- Marriages occurred most frequently in the months of October (5,591; 12.2%), June (5,430; 11.8%), September (5,317; 11.6%), and May (5,080; 11.1%). See Table 1.
- More marriages occurred on Saturday (49.2%) and Friday (17.5%) than other days of the week. See Table 2.
- More marriages occurred among the white (84.1%) than black (8.0%) and other race (4.8%) populations. More marriages occurred among the non-Hispanic (89.6%) than Hispanic (7.2%) population (who can be members of any race). See Table 3.
- For all individuals, the average age of marriage was 33.7 years and the median age was 30.0 years. For males, the average age was 34.8 years and the median age was 31.0 years. For females, the average age was 32.7 years and the median age was 29.0. See Table 4.
- For all marriages by education (highest grade completed), the majority of individuals had less than four years of college (64.9%) compared to those with four or more years of college (24.4%). See Table 5.
- The majority of individuals were never married before (64.5%) compared with being divorced (32.8%), widowed (2.5%), and having an annulment (0.2%). See Table 6.
- For the majority of individuals married in 2015, it was their first marriage (64.5%) compared with a second marriage (24.1%), a third or fourth marriage (10.5%), and a fifth or more marriage (0.9%). See Table 7.
- There were 43,550 marriages to male/female couples (94.8%), 1,602 marriages to female/female couples (3.5%), and 789 marriages to male/male couples (1.7%). See Table 8.
- The marriage rate by county of issuance was highest in Brown County (20.0 persons per 1,000) and lowest in Martin County (10.2 persons per 1,000). See Table 9 for data by county.

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Table 1. Number and Percent of Marriages by Month  
Indiana Occurrences, 2015

Month	Number	Percent*
January	1,971	4.3
February	2,306	5.0
March	2,521	5.5
April	2,887	6.3
May	5,080	11.1
June	5,430	11.8
July	4,557	9.9
August	4,877	10.6
September	5,317	11.6
October	5,591	12.2
November	2,640	5.7
December	2,764	6.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,941</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\*Percents are based on Total for all marriages.

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, Vital Records Division and Indiana Supreme Court, Division of State Court Administration.

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Table 2. Number and Percent of Marriages by Day of the Week  
Indiana Occurrences, 2015

<b>Day</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent*</b>
Sunday	3,079	6.7
Monday	2,945	6.4
Tuesday	2,730	5.9
Wednesday	2,973	6.5
Thursday	3,583	7.8
Friday	8,021	17.5
Saturday	22,610	49.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,941</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Table 3. Number and Percent of Persons Married by Race / Ethnicity and Sex  
Indiana Occurrences, 2015

Race / Ethnicity		Number			Percent*		
		Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
<b>Race</b>	White	77,242	37,603	39,639	84.1	83.3	84.8
	Black	7,387	3,978	3,409	8.0	8.8	7.3
	Other	4,431	2,038	2,393	4.8	4.5	5.1
	Unknown Race	2,822	1,509	1,313	3.1	3.3	2.8
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Hispanic**	6,643	3,383	3,260	7.2	7.5	7.0
	Non-Hispanic	82,348	40,295	42,053	89.6	89.3	89.9
	Unknown Ethnicity	2,891	1,450	1,441	3.1	3.2	3.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>All Persons Married</b>	<b>91,882</b>	<b>45,128</b>	<b>46,754</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\*Percents are based on Total and by sex for all races / ethnicities.

\*\*Hispanics can be members of any race.

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Table 4. Number and Rate of Persons Married by Age and Sex  
Indiana Occurrences, 2015

Age in Years	Number of Persons Married			Population			Marriage Rate*		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
15-17	129	27	102	275,078	140,350	134,728	0.5	0.2	0.8
18-19	2,459	724	1,735	181,966	93,419	88,547	13.5	7.8	19.6
20-24	19,011	8,047	10,964	483,726	245,959	237,767	39.3	32.7	46.1
25-29	22,671	11,081	11,590	428,817	215,220	213,597	52.9	51.5	54.3
30-34	13,982	7,344	6,638	421,742	211,125	210,617	33.2	34.8	31.5
35-39	9,350	4,927	4,423	410,474	205,565	204,909	22.8	24.0	21.6
40-44	7,286	3,737	3,549	412,582	206,237	206,345	17.7	18.1	17.2
45-49	5,839	2,983	2,856	418,732	209,262	209,470	13.9	14.3	13.6
50-54	4,628	2,477	2,151	460,242	227,291	232,951	10.1	10.9	9.2
55-59	2,946	1,645	1,301	456,632	224,287	232,345	6.5	7.3	5.6
60-64	1,747	993	754	399,132	193,057	206,075	4.4	5.1	3.7
65+	1,831	1,142	689	966,127	422,509	543,618	1.9	2.7	1.3
Unknown	3	1	2	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>91,882</b>	<b>45,128</b>	<b>46,754</b>	<b>6,619,680</b>	<b>3,261,865</b>	<b>3,357,815</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>13.9</b>
<b>Mean Age</b>	33.7	34.8	32.7						
<b>Median Age</b>	30.0	31.0	29.0						

\*Rates are calculated using persons per 1,000 population.

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Source for 2015 population data: July 1, 2015 bridged race estimates were prepared by the US Census Bureau for the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). The Data Analysis Team obtained the data on September 12, 2016.

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Table 5. Number and Percent of Persons Married by Education and Sex  
Indiana Occurrences, 2015

Education	Number			Percent*		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
<High School	7,781	4,134	3,647	8.5	9.2	7.8
High School/GED (4 yr)	24,690	13,854	10,836	26.9	30.7	23.2
College (1-3 yr)	27,159	12,216	14,943	29.6	27.1	32.0
College (4 yr)	16,775	7,524	9,251	18.3	16.7	19.8
College (5+ yr)	5,618	2,454	3,164	6.1	5.4	6.8
Unknown	9,859	4,946	4,913	10.7	11.0	10.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>91,882</b>	<b>45,128</b>	<b>46,754</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\*Percents are based on Total and by sex for all persons married.

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Table 6. Number and Percent of Persons Married by Previous Marital Status and Sex  
Indiana Occurrences, 2015

Previous Marital Status	Number			Percent*		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Never Married	59,226	29,158	30,068	64.5	64.6	64.3
Widowed	2,311	1,151	1,160	2.5	2.6	2.5
Divorced	30,124	14,690	15,434	32.8	32.6	33.0
Annulment	221	129	92	0.2	0.3	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>91,882</b>	<b>45,128</b>	<b>46,754</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Table 7. Number and Percent of Persons Married by Order of Marriage and Sex  
Indiana Occurrences, 2015

Order of Marriage	Number			Percent*		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
First	59,226	29,158	30,068	64.5	64.6	64.3
Second	22,181	10,943	11,238	24.1	24.2	24.0
Third or Fourth	9,622	4,658	4,964	10.5	10.3	10.6
Fifth or More	853	369	484	0.9	0.8	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>91,882</b>	<b>45,128</b>	<b>46,754</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Table 8. Number and Percent of Marriages by Couple Type  
Indiana Occurrences, 2015

Type of Marriage	Number	Percent*
Male / Female	43,550	94.8
Female / Female	1,602	3.5
Male / Male	789	1.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,941</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Table 9. Number and Rate\* of Marriages by County of Issuance in Indiana, 2015

County of Issuance	Number of Marriages	Total Population	Rate*	County of Issuance	Number of Marriages	Total Population	Rate*
Adams	251	34,980	14.4	Lawrence	328	45,495	14.4
Allen	2,610	368,450	14.2	Madison	919	129,723	14.2
Bartholomew	586	81,162	14.4	Marion	7,071	939,020	15.1
Benton	56	8,681	12.9	Marshall	337	46,857	14.4
Blackford	85	12,298	13.8	Martin	52	10,226	10.2
Boone	407	63,344	12.9	Miami	278	35,862	15.5
Brown	150	14,977	20.0	Monroe	923	144,705	12.8
Carroll	126	19,856	12.7	Montgomery	272	38,227	14.2
Cass	246	37,979	13.0	Morgan	470	69,648	13.5
Clark	911	115,371	15.8	Newton	95	14,008	13.6
Clay	221	26,503	16.7	Noble	325	47,733	13.6
Clinton	234	32,609	14.4	Ohio	38	5,938	12.8
Crawford	71	10,483	13.5	Orange	191	19,605	19.5
Daviess	260	32,906	15.8	Owen	176	20,872	16.9
Dearborn	379	49,455	15.3	Parke	119	16,901	14.1
Decatur	214	26,521	16.1	Perry	130	19,347	13.4
DeKalb	305	42,589	14.3	Pike	83	12,594	13.2
Delaware	710	116,852	12.2	Porter	1,034	167,688	12.3
Dubois	287	42,461	13.5	Posey	162	25,512	12.7
Elkhart	1,469	203,474	14.4	Pulaski	74	12,889	11.5
Fayette	174	23,434	14.9	Putnam	240	37,585	12.8
Floyd	545	76,778	14.2	Randolph	174	25,172	13.8
Fountain	125	16,591	15.1	Ripley	205	28,701	14.3
Franklin	128	22,872	11.2	Rush	136	16,672	16.3
Fulton	139	20,315	13.7	St. Joseph	1,738	268,441	12.9
Gibson	262	33,775	15.5	Scott	210	23,744	17.7
Grant	481	67,979	14.2	Shelby	320	44,478	14.4
Greene	246	32,441	15.2	Spencer	130	20,715	12.6
Hamilton	1,898	309,697	12.3	Starke	155	22,958	13.5
Hancock	456	72,520	12.6	Steuben	331	34,372	19.3
Harrison	296	39,578	15.0	Sullivan	144	20,928	13.8
Hendricks	972	158,192	12.3	Switzerland	75	10,524	14.3
Henry	309	48,985	12.6	Tippecanoe	1,229	185,826	13.2
Howard	697	82,556	16.9	Tipton	106	15,267	13.9
Huntington	232	36,630	12.7	Union	39	7,182	10.9
Jackson	361	44,069	16.4	Vanderburgh	1,448	181,877	15.9
Jasper	201	33,470	12.0	Vermillion	105	15,692	13.4
Jay	150	21,121	14.2	Vigo	765	107,896	14.2
Jefferson	226	32,416	13.9	Wabash	186	32,138	11.6
Jennings	196	27,897	14.1	Warren	59	8,269	14.3
Johnson	1,024	149,633	13.7	Warrick	346	61,897	11.2
Knox	274	37,927	14.4	Washington	210	27,827	15.1
Kosciusko	606	78,620	15.4	Wayne	507	67,001	15.1
LaGrange	286	38,809	14.7	Wells	185	27,964	13.2
Lake	2,714	487,865	11.1	White	200	24,293	16.5
LaPorte	801	110,884	14.4	Whitley	244	33,406	14.6
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>45,941</b>	<b>6,619,680</b>	<b>13.9</b>				

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## Glossary of Terms

**Age** - Age refers to age in years as reported by the applicants on the marriage license. If a birthday occurs between the date of submitting the application form and the date of the marriage ceremony, the age at the time of the actual marriage ceremony will be one year older than reported on the license application form. The application form is valid for 90 days.

**Mean Age** - The mean age is the arithmetic average of the age for those individuals for whom age was reported.

**Median Age** - The median age is the age that divides the number of individuals into two equal groups. For instance, one half of the males are older than their median age, and one half of the males are younger than their median age. Because the distribution of age is skewed (not normally distributed or bell-shaped), the median is a better measure than the mean.

In Indiana, marriages involving persons 15-17 years of age require parental consent and/or court order, depending on the actual age.

**County of Issuance** - The county that issued the marriage license. Individuals must obtain a marriage license from the clerk of the circuit court in the county of residence of either of the individuals. If neither of the individuals is a resident of Indiana, they must obtain the marriage license from the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which the marriage is to be solemnized.

**Education Level** - The education levels reported in these reports reflect the highest grade completed by the applicants.

**Ethnicity** - In this report, ethnicity is categorized as Hispanic, non-Hispanic, and unknown. Hispanics can be members of any race. Please see the Preface for OMB standards regarding ethnicity.

**Previous Marital Status** - Marital status prior to the marriage is reported for each applicant. Individuals are categorized as never married or, if previously married, by how the last marriage ended (death, divorce, or annulment). The number of previous marriages is also reported.

**Race** - In this report, race is categorized as white, black, other, and unknown. Other means all other races besides white and black. Please see the Preface for OMB standards regarding race.