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Preface

The 2019 Indiana Marriage Report provides a summary of information about the marriages that occurred in the State of Indiana during 2019. The information provided in this report is intended for professionals, students, legislators, and others interested in marriage data. The data file for this report was closed on July 14, 2020

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

Marriage data are collected by the Vital Records Division at the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH), 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 IDOH. For many years, paper copies of marriage licenses were sent to the IDOH 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 counties began using the INcite system in 2007, and all 92 counties use the system now.

Same sex marriage was legalized on October 6, 2014. The categories were changed on IDOH 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:

1997 OMB standards (current)	1977 OMB standards (pre-2007)	This Report
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	Asian or Pacific Islander	Included in Other
White	White	White

1997 OMB standards (current)	1977 OMB standards (pre-2007)	This Report
Hispanic or Latino	Hispanic	Hispanic
not Hispanic or Latino	non-Hispanic	non-Hispanic

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Marriages by Month

Month	Count	Percent
January	1,702	4.1%
February	1,784	4.3%
March	2,361	5.7%
April	2,682	6.5%
May	4,095	9.8%
June	5,128	12.3%
July	3,876	9.3%
August	4,081	9.8%
September	5,146	12.4%
October	5,351	12.9%
November	2,798	6.7%
December	2,576	6.2%
Total	41,580	100.0%

Marriages by Day

Day	Count	Percent
Sunday	3,111	7.5%
Monday	2,780	6.7%
Tuesday	2,629	6.3%
Wednesday	2,582	6.2%
Thursday	3,606	8.7%
Friday	7,065	17.0%
Saturday	19,807	47.6%
Total	41,580	100.0%

Marriages by Couple Type

Type	Count	Percent
Male / Female	40,352	97.0%
Female / Female	877	2.1%
Male / Male	351	0.8%
Total	41,580	100.0%

Notes

Denominator for percentages shown on this page is the total number of marriages recorded in Indiana in 2019. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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Rates of Marriage by County

County	Count	Pop.	Rate	County	Count	Pop.	Rate	County	Count	Pop.	Rate
Adams	243	35,777	13.6	Hendricks	970	170,311	11.4	Pike	84	12,389	13.6
Allen	2,339	379,299	12.3	Henry	265	47,972	11	Porter	940	170,389	11
Bartholomew	572	83,779	13.7	Howard	594	82,544	14.4	Posey	174	25,427	13.7
Benton	43	8,748	9.8	Huntington	268	36,520	14.7	Pulaski	77	12,353	12.5
Blackford	96	11,758	16.3	Jackson	359	44,231	16.2	Putnam	223	37,576	11.9
Boone	390	67,843	11.5	Jasper	224	33,562	13.3	Randolph	161	24,665	13.1
Brown	101	15,092	13.4	Jay	127	20,436	12.4	Ripley	185	28,324	13.1
Carroll	136	20,257	13.4	Jefferson	233	32,308	14.4	Rush	132	16,581	15.9
Cass	229	37,689	12.2	Jennings	200	27,735	14.4	Scott	196	23,873	16.4
Clark	741	118,302	12.5	Johnson	1,006	158,167	12.7	Shelby	274	44,729	12.3
Clay	163	26,225	12.4	Knox	277	36,594	15.1	Spencer	127	20,277	12.5
Clinton	235	32,399	14.5	Kosciusko	536	79,456	13.5	St. Joseph	1,546	271,826	11.4
Crawford	80	10,577	15.1	Lagrange	307	39,614	15.5	Starke	125	22,995	10.9
Daviess	233	33,351	14	Lake	2,349	485,493	9.7	Steuben	255	34,594	14.7
Dearborn	286	49,458	11.6	Laporte	693	109,888	12.6	Sullivan	142	20,669	13.7
Decatur	182	26,559	13.7	Lawrence	320	45,370	14.1	Switzerland	51	10,751	9.5
Dekalb	322	43,475	14.8	Madison	784	129,569	12.1	Tippecanoe	1,059	195,732	10.8
Delaware	603	114,135	10.6	Marion	6,824	964,582	14.1	Tipton	83	15,148	11
Dubois	294	42,736	13.8	Marshall	285	46,258	12.3	Union	33	7,054	9.4
Elkhart	1,312	206,341	12.7	Martin	66	10,255	12.9	Vanderburgh	1,207	181,451	13.3
Fayette	161	23,102	13.9	Miami	228	35,516	12.8	Vermillion	95	15,498	12.3
Floyd	418	78,522	10.6	Monroe	807	148,431	10.9	Vigo	639	107,038	11.9
Fountain	117	16,346	14.3	Montgomery	273	38,338	14.2	Wabash	182	30,996	11.7
Franklin	109	22,758	9.6	Morgan	421	70,489	11.9	Warren	42	8,265	10.2
Fulton	141	19,974	14.1	Newton	80	13,984	11.4	Warrick	345	62,998	11
Gibson	212	33,659	12.6	Noble	253	47,744	10.6	Washington	195	28,036	13.9
Grant	375	65,769	11.4	Ohio	41	5,875	14	Wayne	384	65,884	11.7
Greene	192	31,922	12	Orange	139	19,646	14.2	Wells	167	28,296	11.8
Hamilton	1,813	338,011	10.7	Owen	130	20,799	12.5	White	162	24,102	13.4
Hancock	422	78,168	10.8	Parke	95	16,937	11.2	Whitley	226	33,964	13.3
Harrison	236	40,515	11.7	Perry	119	19,169	12.4				

Notes

Rates are calculated using persons per 1,000 population, rather than events per population. The numerator is the number of marriages multiplied by two.

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Persons Married by Race and Sex

Race	Total		Female		Male	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
White	68,359	82.2%	34,857	82.8%	33,502	81.6%
Black	7,593	9.1%	3,509	8.3%	4,084	9.9%
Other	4,643	5.6%	2,517	6.0%	2,126	5.2%
Unknown	2,565	3.1%	1,223	2.9%	1,342	3.3%
Total	83,160	100.0%	42,106	100.0%	41,054	100.0%

Persons Married by Ethnicity and Sex

Ethnicity	Total		Female		Male	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Hispanic	6,881	8.3%	3,449	8.2%	3,432	8.4%
Non-Hispanic	73,110	87.9%	37,085	88.1%	36,025	87.8%
Unknown	3,169	3.8%	1,572	3.7%	1,597	3.9%
Total	83,160	100.0%	42,106	100.0%	41,054	100.0%

Persons Married by Previous Marital Status and Sex

Status	Total		Female		Male	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Never Married	55,246	66.4%	27,964	66.4%	27,282	66.5%
Widowed	2,205	2.7%	1,173	2.8%	1,032	2.5%
Divorced	25,509	30.7%	12,880	30.6%	12,629	30.8%
Annulment	200	0.2%	89	0.2%	111	0.3%
Total	83,160	100.0%	42,106	100.0%	41,054	100.0%

Persons Married by Order of Marriage and Sex

Order	Total		Female		Male	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
First	55,246	66.4%	27,964	66.4%	27,282	66.5%
Second	19,037	22.9%	9,543	22.7%	9,494	23.1%
Third or Fourth	8,161	9.8%	4,184	9.9%	3,977	9.7%
Five or More	716	0.9%	415	1.0%	301	0.7%
Total	83,160	100.0%	42,106	100.0%	41,054	100.0%

Persons Married by Education and Sex

Education	Total		Female		Male	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than H.S.	7,615	9.2%	3,539	8.4%	4,076	9.9%
High School	25,345	30.5%	10,926	25.9%	14,419	35.1%
Some College	26,816	32.2%	14,604	34.7%	12,212	29.7%
College Grad.	17,623	21.2%	9,678	23.0%	7,945	19.4%
Postgraduate	5,761	6.9%	3,359	8.0%	2,402	5.9%
Total	83,160	100.0%	42,106	100.0%	41,054	100.0%

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Rate of Marriage by Age and Sex

The average age of persons married was 33.7 years and the median was 30 years. The average age of females married was 32.7 years and the median was 29 years. The average age of males married was 34.8 years and the median was 31 years.

Total				Female				Male			
Age	Count	Pop.	Rate	Age	Count	Pop.	Rate	Age	Count	Pop.	Rate
15-17	93	270,709	0.3	15-17	82	132,166	0.6	15-17	11	138,543	0.1
18-19	2,019	187,040	10.8	18-19	1,367	90,800	15.1	18-19	652	96,240	6.8
20-24	17,033	472,649	36	20-24	9,822	230,809	42.6	20-24	7,211	241,840	29.8
25-29	20,953	464,458	45.1	25-29	10,721	228,815	46.9	25-29	10,232	235,643	43.4
30-34	13,066	426,229	30.7	30-34	6,206	212,436	29.2	30-34	6,860	213,793	32.1
35-39	8,747	427,265	20.5	35-39	4,172	214,045	19.5	35-39	4,575	213,220	21.5
40-44	6,240	401,694	15.5	40-44	3,002	201,383	14.9	40-44	3,238	200,311	16.2
45-49	5,054	413,889	12.2	45-49	2,432	207,420	11.7	45-49	2,622	206,469	12.7
50-54	3,694	410,140	9	50-54	1,678	206,602	8.1	50-54	2,016	203,538	9.9
55-59	2,586	448,666	5.8	55-59	1,113	229,113	4.9	55-59	1,473	219,553	6.7
60-64	1,748	426,416	4.1	60-64	743	220,050	3.4	60-64	1,005	206,366	4.9
65+	1,927	1,085,743	1.8	65+	768	605,113	1.3	65+	1,159	480,630	2.4
Total	83,160	6,732,219	12.4	Total	42,106	3,411,859	12.3	Total	41,054	3,320,360	12.4

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