

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 2012, 5,217 marriages were performed in Vermont, 19 more than in 2011. The 2012 Vermont marriage rate was 8.3 per 1,000 Vermont resident population, higher than the 2012 U.S. rate of 6.8. Marriages between two out-of-state residents accounted for 35.5 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 (831) and August (804) were the most popular months for marriages in 2012 ([Table F-5](#)).

More than half (58.6 percent) of the marriages were firsts for both applicants ([Table F-4](#)). For Applicant B, 68.7 percent were first marriages, and for Applicant A, 68.5 percent were first marriages. Remarriages for both applicants accounted for 20.5 percent of marriages in Vermont.

The percentage of civil ceremonies decreased from 65.0 percent in 2011 to 61.6 percent in 2012 ([Table F-6](#)).

DIVORCES

There were 2,247 divorces granted in 2012, a decrease of only 22 from 2011. This represents a rate of 3.6 per 1,000 residents, higher than the 2012 U.S. rate of 3.4.

The median length of marriages ending in divorce was 9 years, with a range of 5 months to 52 years. The median age at the time of divorce was 41 for Applicant A with a range of 18 to 85 years. The median age at the time of divorce was 42 for Applicant B with a range of 18 to 84 years ([Table G-2](#)).