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Preface

The **2018 Indiana Marriage Report** provides a summary of information about the marriages that occurred in the State of Indiana during 2018. 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 2018.

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 legalized 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:

Race		
<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

Ethnicity		
<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 August 12, 2019.

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- In Indiana, 43,871 marriages occurred in 2018 among 87,742 individuals for a rate of 13.1 persons per 1,000 population.
- Marriages occurred most frequently in the months of September (5,600; 12.8%), October (5,420; 12.4%), June (5,389; 12.3%), and August (4,404; 10.0%). See Table 1.
- More marriages occurred on Saturday (48.5%) and Friday (17.5%) than other days of the week. See Table 2.
- For the individuals who were married in 2018, 82.1% were white, 9.4% were black, 5.4% were other race, and 3.2% were in the unknown race category. Regarding the ethnicity categories, non-Hispanics accounted for 88.3% of the individuals who were married, Hispanics accounted for 7.9%, and 3.8% were in the unknown ethnicity category. (Hispanics can be members of any race.) See Table 3.
- For all individuals, the average (mean) age of marriage was 33.6 years and the median age was 30.0 years. For males, the average age was 34.7 years and the median age was 31.0 years. For females, the average age was 32.6 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 (72.4%) compared to those with four or more years of college (27.6%). See Table 5.
- The majority of individuals were never married (66.1%) compared with being divorced (31.0%), widowed (2.6%), and having an annulment (0.2%). See Table 6.
- The majority of individuals married in 2018 reported their first marriage (66.1%) compared with a second marriage (23.1%), a third or fourth marriage (9.9%), and a fifth or more marriage (0.9%). See Table 7.
- Male/female couples accounted for 42,561 marriages (97.0%), female/female couples accounted for 917 marriages (2.1%), and male/male couples accounted for 393 marriages (0.9%). See Table 8.
- The marriage rate by county of issuance was highest in Scott and Tipton Counties (16.4 persons per 1,000) and lowest in Newton County (10.4 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, 2018

Month	Number	Percent*
January	1,794	4.1
February	1,846	4.2
March	2,587	5.9
April	3,078	7.0
May	4,032	9.2
June	5,389	12.3
July	4,091	9.3
August	4,404	10.0
September	5,600	12.8
October	5,420	12.4
November	2,842	6.5
December	2,788	6.4
Total	43,871	100.0

*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, 2018

Day	Number	Percent*
Sunday	3,272	7.5
Monday	2,796	6.4
Tuesday	2,329	5.3
Wednesday	3,414	7.8
Thursday	3,102	7.1
Friday	7,697	17.5
Saturday	21,261	48.5
Total	43,871	100.0

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Table 3. Number and Percent of Persons Married by Race / Ethnicity and Sex
Indiana Occurrences, 2018

Race / Ethnicity		Number			Percent*		
		Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Race	White	72,025	35,304	36,721	82.1	81.4	82.7
	Black	8,207	4,386	3,821	9.4	10.1	8.6
	Other	4,737	2,200	2,537	5.4	5.1	5.7
	Unknown Race	2,773	1,457	1,316	3.2	3.4	3.0
Ethnicity	Hispanic**	6,904	3,398	3,506	7.9	7.8	7.9
	Non-Hispanic	77,488	38,271	39,217	88.3	88.3	88.3
	Unknown Ethnicity	3,350	1,678	1,672	3.8	3.9	3.8
Total	All Persons Married	87,742	43,347	44,395	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Percents are based on Total 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, 2018

Age in Years	Number of Persons Married			Population			Marriage Rate*		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
15-17	95	23	72	270,919	138,393	132,526	0.4	0.2	0.5
18-19	2,073	645	1,428	184,734	95,031	89,703	11.2	6.8	15.9
20-24	18,023	7,654	10,369	471,214	241,365	229,849	38.2	31.7	45.1
25-29	22,474	10,977	11,497	458,859	232,362	226,497	49.0	47.2	50.8
30-34	13,490	7,062	6,428	418,579	209,763	208,816	32.2	33.7	30.8
35-39	9,077	4,772	4,305	425,918	212,379	213,539	21.3	22.5	20.2
40-44	6,630	3,454	3,176	396,284	197,881	198,403	16.7	17.5	16.0
45-49	5,609	2,905	2,704	419,086	209,454	209,632	13.4	13.9	12.9
50-54	3,937	2,111	1,826	420,738	208,541	212,197	9.4	10.1	8.6
55-59	2,747	1,588	1,159	450,922	220,348	230,574	6.1	7.2	5.0
60-64	1,714	1,015	699	422,364	204,685	217,679	4.1	5.0	3.2
65+	1,873	1,141	732	1,055,021	465,550	589,471	1.8	2.5	1.2
Total	87,742	43,347	44,395	6,691,878	3,300,302	3,391,576	13.1	13.1	13.1
Mean Age	33.6	34.7	32.6						
Median Age	30.0	31.0	29.0						

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

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Table 5. Number and Percent of Persons Married by Education and Sex
Indiana Occurrences, 2018

Education	Number			Percent*		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
<High School	8,284	4,449	3,835	9.4	10.3	8.6
High School/GED (4 yr)	26,143	14,800	11,343	29.8	34.1	25.6
College (1-3 yr)	29,069	13,318	15,751	33.1	30.7	35.5
College (4 yr)	18,335	8,254	10,081	20.9	19.0	22.7
College (5+ yr)	5,862	2,501	3,361	6.7	5.8	7.6
Unknown	49	25	24	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total	87,742	43,347	44,395	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Table 6. Number and Percent of Persons Married by Previous Marital Status and Sex
Indiana Occurrences, 2018

Previous Marital Status	Number			Percent*		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Never Married	58,018	28,646	29,372	66.1	66.1	66.2
Widowed	2,298	1,105	1,193	2.6	2.5	2.7
Divorced	27,236	13,484	13,752	31.0	31.1	31.0
Annulment	190	112	78	0.2	0.3	0.2
Total	87,742	43,347	44,395	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Table 7. Number and Percent of Persons Married by Order of Marriage and Sex
Indiana Occurrences, 2018

Order of Marriage	Number			Percent*		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
First	58,018	28,646	29,372	66.1	66.1	66.2
Second	20,256	10,104	10,152	23.1	23.3	22.9
Third or Fourth	8,658	4,251	4,407	9.9	9.8	9.9
Fifth or More	810	346	464	0.9	0.8	1.0
Total	87,742	43,347	44,395	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Percents are based on Total for all persons married.

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Table 8. Number and Percent of Marriages by Couple Type
Indiana Occurrences, 2018

Type of Marriage	Number	Percent*
Male / Female	42,561	97.0
Female / Female	917	2.1
Male / Male	393	0.9
Total	43,871	100.0

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Table 9. Number and Rate* of Marriages by County of Issuance in Indiana, 2018

County of Issuance	Number of Marriages	Total Population	Rate*	County of Issuance	Number of Marriages	Total Population	Rate*
Adams	256	35,636	14.4	Lawrence	281	45,668	12.3
Allen	2,471	375,351	13.2	Madison	802	129,641	12.4
Bartholomew	597	82,753	14.4	Marion	7,313	954,670	15.3
Benton	52	8,653	12.0	Marshall	304	46,248	13.1
Blackford	74	11,930	12.4	Martin	59	10,217	11.5
Boone	408	66,999	12.2	Miami	264	35,567	14.8
Brown	123	15,234	16.1	Monroe	863	146,917	11.7
Carroll	139	20,127	13.8	Montgomery	283	38,346	14.8
Cass	231	37,955	12.2	Morgan	477	70,116	13.6
Clark	779	117,360	13.3	Newton	73	14,011	10.4
Clay	189	26,170	14.4	Noble	355	47,532	14.9
Clinton	243	32,250	15.1	Ohio	38	5,844	13.0
Crawford	76	10,558	14.4	Orange	159	19,489	16.3
Daviess	239	33,147	14.4	Owen	160	20,845	15.4
Dearborn	312	49,568	12.6	Parke	115	16,927	13.6
Decatur	180	26,794	13.4	Perry	130	19,102	13.6
DeKalb	335	43,226	15.5	Pike	87	12,410	14.0
Delaware	613	114,772	10.7	Porter	991	169,594	11.7
Dubois	281	42,565	13.2	Posey	144	25,540	11.3
Elkhart	1,371	205,560	13.3	Pulaski	95	12,469	15.2
Fayette	164	23,047	14.2	Putnam	211	37,779	11.2
Floyd	471	77,781	12.1	Randolph	132	24,851	10.6
Fountain	111	16,351	13.6	Ripley	185	28,523	13.0
Franklin	129	22,736	11.3	Rush	119	16,663	14.3
Fulton	148	20,092	14.7	St. Joseph	1,589	270,771	11.7
Gibson	229	33,452	13.7	Scott	196	23,878	16.4
Grant	432	65,936	13.1	Shelby	319	44,593	14.3
Greene	213	32,006	13.3	Spencer	120	20,327	11.8
Hamilton	1,950	330,086	11.8	Starke	167	22,935	14.6
Hancock	475	76,351	12.4	Steuben	247	34,586	14.3
Harrison	242	40,350	12.0	Sullivan	164	20,690	15.9
Hendricks	1,007	167,009	12.1	Switzerland	68	10,717	12.7
Henry	275	48,271	11.4	Tiptecanoe	1,189	193,048	12.3
Howard	568	82,366	13.8	Tipton	124	15,128	16.4
Huntington	249	36,240	13.7	Union	40	7,037	11.4
Jackson	334	44,111	15.1	Vanderburgh	1,238	180,974	13.7
Jasper	189	33,370	11.3	Vermillion	91	15,479	11.8
Jay	156	20,764	15.0	Vigo	704	107,386	13.1
Jefferson	208	32,208	12.9	Wabash	210	31,280	13.4
Jennings	204	27,611	14.8	Warren	58	8,263	14.0
Johnson	1,045	156,225	13.4	Warrick	340	62,567	10.9
Knox	245	36,895	13.3	Washington	205	27,943	14.7
Kosciusko	520	79,344	13.1	Wayne	426	65,936	12.9
LaGrange	288	39,330	14.6	Wells	181	28,206	12.8
Lake	2,621	484,411	10.8	White	172	24,133	14.3
LaPorte	706	110,007	12.8	Whitley	235	34,074	13.8
Indiana	43,871	6,691,878	13.1				

*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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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 marriage license is valid for 60 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 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 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.