

Birth, Marriage, and Death Records in Indiana

Genealogy Division, Indiana State Library

Note: The Indiana State Library has access only to those records that have been made available to the public under Indiana law. We do not have original records and we are not authorized to provide certified copies of records.

For further information on Indiana State Library print and microfilm holdings and holdings for individual counties, please consult our [Genealogy County Research Guides](#).

Birth and Death Records

Indiana did not issue birth or death records until 1882, and such records were not mandatory until 1907. Before 1907, what records do exist were not collected at the state level. Birth and death certificates may be obtained from the health department in the county where the birth occurred.

Under Indiana law, birth records are not publically accessible for 75 years to protect privacy and identity. If you need a more recent record, see the [Indiana State Department of Health Vital Records division](#) for information on how to proceed. If you are researching birth records pertinent to an adoption, see the [Indiana State Department of Health](#) for more information on obtaining records.

Database availability:

Database Title	Date Range	Record Type	Source	Availability	Coverage
Indiana Birth Certificates	1907-1940	Full records	Ancestry Library Edition	In library	Statewide
Indiana Births	1882-1920	Index	Ancestry Library Edition	In library	67/92 counties
Indiana Death Certificates	1899-2011	Full records	Ancestry Library Edition	In library	Statewide
Indiana Death Index	1882-1920	Index	FamilySearch	Online	67/92 counties
Indiana Deaths	1882-1920	Index	Ancestry Library Edition	In library	67/92 counties

Marriage Records

Marriage records have always been mandatory in Indiana, and each county began to issue marriage licenses as it was created. However, the records were not collected at the state level until 1958, so no database holds all records prior to that period. Online database holdings for the 1930s-1950s are particularly incomplete. Original records are held by the clerk of court in the county where the marriage license was issued. (This may be a different county than where the ceremony was performed.)

Database availability:

Database Title	Date Range	Record Type	Source	Availability	Coverage
Indiana Marriages	1810-2001	Full records	Ancestry Library Edition	In library	Not statewide
Indiana Marriages	1811-2007	Full records	FamilySearch	Online	Not statewide
Indiana Marriage Certificates	1958-2005	Full records	Ancestry Library Edition	In library	Not statewide
Indiana Marriages	1780-1992	Index	FamilySearch	Online	Not statewide
Indiana Marriage Index	1800-1941	Index	Ancestry Library Edition	In library	Not statewide
Indiana Marriages	Early 1800s-1850	Index	Indiana State Library	Online	Statewide
Indiana Compiled Marriages	1802-1892	Index	Ancestry Library Edition	In library	Not statewide
Indiana Marriages	1958-2017	Index	Indiana State Library	Online	Statewide
Marriage License Public Lookup	1993-present	Index	Indiana Office of Judicial Administration	Online	Statewide