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Preface

The **2017 Indiana Marriage Report** provides a summary of information about the marriages that occurred in the State of Indiana during 2017. 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 2017.

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:

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 31, 2018.

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- There were 45,713 marriages that occurred in Indiana in 2017 for a rate of 13.7 persons per 1,000 population.
- Marriages occurred most frequently in the months of September (5,927; 13.0%), October (5,566; 12.2%), June (5,231; 11.4%), and July (5,091; 11.1%). See Table 1.
- More marriages occurred on Saturday (48.6%) and Friday (18.0%) than other days of the week. See Table 2.
- For the individuals who were married in 2017, 82.2% were white, 8.9% were black, 5.3% were other race, and 3.6% were in the unknown race category. Regarding the ethnicity categories, non-Hispanics accounted for 88.5% of the individuals that were married, Hispanics accounted for 8.0%, and there were 3.5% 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 33.5 years and the median age was 30.0 years. For males, the average age was 34.6 years and the median age was 31.0 years. For females, the average age was 32.4 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 (63.6%) compared to those with four or more years of college (24.4%). See Table 5.
- The majority of individuals were never married before (65.9%) compared with being divorced (31.4%), widowed (2.5%), and having an annulment (0.2%). See Table 6.
- For the majority of individuals married in 2017, it was their first marriage (65.9%) compared with a second marriage (23.4%), a third or fourth marriage (9.9%), and a fifth or more marriage (0.9%). See Table 7.
- There were 44,262 marriages to male/female couples (96.8%), 972 marriages to female/female couples (2.1%), and 479 marriages to male/male couples (1.0%). See Table 8.
- The marriage rate by county of issuance was highest in Jackson County (18.2 persons per 1,000) and lowest in Switzerland County (10.7 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, 2017

Month	Number	Percent*
January	1,925	4.2
February	2,143	4.7
March	2,766	6.1
April	3,119	6.8
May	4,344	9.5
June	5,231	11.4
July	5,091	11.1
August	3,944	8.6
September	5,927	13.0
October	5,566	12.2
November	2,759	6.0
December	2,898	6.3
Total	45,713	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, 2017

Day	Number	Percent*
Sunday	3,356	7.3
Monday	2,756	6.0
Tuesday	2,937	6.4
Wednesday	3,008	6.6
Thursday	3,205	7.0
Friday	8,249	18.0
Saturday	22,202	48.6
Total	45,713	100.0

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Table 3. Number and Percent of Persons Married by Race / Ethnicity and Sex
Indiana Occurrences, 2017

Race / Ethnicity		Number			Percent*		
		Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Race	White	75,191	36,885	38,306	82.2	81.6	82.9
	Black	8,144	4,364	3,780	8.9	9.7	8.2
	Other	4,814	2,213	2,601	5.3	4.9	5.6
	Unknown Race	3,277	1,758	1,519	3.6	3.9	3.3
Ethnicity	Hispanic**	7,319	3,723	3,596	8.0	8.2	7.8
	Non-Hispanic	80,897	39,877	41,020	88.5	88.2	88.8
	Unknown Ethnicity	3,210	1,620	1,590	3.5	3.6	3.4
Total	All Persons Married	91,426	45,220	46,206	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, 2017

Age in Years	Number of Persons Married			Population			Marriage Rate*		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
15-17	95	17	78	273,820	139,958	133,862	0.3	0.1	0.6
18-19	2,408	752	1,656	183,269	94,077	89,192	13.1	8.0	18.6
20-24	19,138	8,173	10,965	474,605	243,202	231,403	40.3	33.6	47.4
25-29	23,402	11,457	11,945	451,628	227,942	223,686	51.8	50.3	53.4
30-34	14,021	7,332	6,689	417,176	208,659	208,517	33.6	35.1	32.1
35-39	9,182	4,869	4,313	421,637	210,815	210,822	21.8	23.1	20.5
40-44	6,854	3,544	3,310	395,141	197,001	198,140	17.3	18.0	16.7
45-49	5,629	3,021	2,608	421,091	210,688	210,403	13.4	14.3	12.4
50-54	4,287	2,240	2,047	433,365	214,364	219,001	9.9	10.4	9.3
55-59	2,778	1,627	1,151	455,176	222,827	232,349	6.1	7.3	5.0
60-64	1,779	1,048	731	415,431	201,138	214,293	4.3	5.2	3.4
65+	1,853	1,140	713	1,024,890	451,168	573,722	1.8	2.5	1.2
Total	91,426	45,220	46,206	6,666,818	3,287,095	3,379,723	13.7	13.8	13.7
Mean Age	33.5	34.6	32.4						
Median Age	30.0	31.0	29.0						

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

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Source for 2017 population data: July 1, 2017 bridged race estimates were prepared by the US Census Bureau for the National Center for Health Statistics. The Data Analysis Team obtained the data on July 16, 2018.

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Table 5. Number and Percent of Persons Married by Education and Sex
Indiana Occurrences, 2017

Education	Number			Percent*		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
<High School	7,310	3,892	3,418	8.0	8.6	7.4
High School/GED (4 yr)	24,325	13,877	10,448	26.6	30.7	22.6
College (1-3 yr)	26,517	11,995	14,522	29.0	26.5	31.4
College (4 yr)	16,809	7,552	9,257	18.4	16.7	20.0
College (5+ yr)	5,524	2,389	3,135	6.0	5.3	6.8
Unknown	10,941	5,515	5,426	12.0	12.2	11.7
Total	91,426	45,220	46,206	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, 2017

Previous Marital Status	Number			Percent*		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Never Married	60,243	29,818	30,425	65.9	65.9	65.8
Widowed	2,288	1,102	1,186	2.5	2.4	2.6
Divorced	28,680	14,185	14,495	31.4	31.4	31.4
Annulment	215	115	100	0.2	0.3	0.2
Total	91,426	45,220	46,206	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, 2017

Order of Marriage	Number			Percent*		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
First	60,243	29,818	30,425	65.9	65.9	65.8
Second	21,349	10,698	10,651	23.4	23.7	23.1
Third or Fourth	9,013	4,372	4,641	9.9	9.7	10.0
Fifth or More	821	332	489	0.9	0.7	1.1
Total	91,426	45,220	46,206	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, 2017

Type of Marriage	Number	Percent*
Male / Female	44,262	96.8
Female / Female	972	2.1
Male / Male	479	1.0
Total	45,713	100.0

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Table 9. Number and Rate* of Marriages by County of Issuance in Indiana, 2017

County of Issuance	Number of Marriages	Total Population	Rate*	County of Issuance	Number of Marriages	Total Population	Rate*
Adams	262	35,491	14.8	Lawrence	277	45,666	12.1
Allen	2,541	372,877	13.6	Madison	877	129,498	13.5
Bartholomew	596	82,040	14.5	Marion	7,337	950,082	15.4
Benton	50	8,613	11.6	Marshall	325	46,498	14.0
Blackford	92	11,976	15.4	Martin	72	10,215	14.1
Boone	421	65,875	12.8	Miami	269	35,845	15.0
Brown	107	15,035	14.2	Monroe	911	146,986	12.4
Carroll	119	20,039	11.9	Montgomery	286	38,525	14.8
Cass	240	37,994	12.6	Morgan	498	69,713	14.3
Clark	833	116,973	14.2	Newton	76	14,130	10.8
Clay	232	26,198	17.7	Noble	328	47,452	13.8
Clinton	233	32,317	14.4	Ohio	36	5,828	12.4
Crawford	83	10,566	15.7	Orange	170	19,426	17.5
Daviess	274	33,113	16.5	Owen	160	20,839	15.4
Dearborn	322	49,741	12.9	Parke	120	16,886	14.2
Decatur	210	26,737	15.7	Perry	120	19,081	12.6
DeKalb	319	42,836	14.9	Pike	108	12,365	17.5
Delaware	670	115,184	11.6	Porter	1,010	168,404	12.0
Dubois	299	42,558	14.1	Posey	177	25,595	13.8
Elkhart	1,484	205,032	14.5	Pulaski	88	12,534	14.0
Fayette	190	23,209	16.4	Putnam	285	37,702	15.1
Floyd	497	77,071	12.9	Randolph	156	24,922	12.5
Fountain	104	16,505	12.6	Ripley	182	28,442	12.8
Franklin	129	22,619	11.4	Rush	127	16,645	15.3
Fulton	144	20,059	14.4	St. Joseph	1,829	270,434	13.5
Gibson	230	33,576	13.7	Scott	192	23,870	16.1
Grant	478	66,491	14.4	Shelby	320	44,395	14.4
Greene	242	32,177	15.0	Spencer	132	20,394	12.9
Hamilton	1,964	323,747	12.1	Starke	162	22,893	14.2
Hancock	504	74,985	13.4	Steuben	277	34,484	16.1
Harrison	259	39,898	13.0	Sullivan	160	20,746	15.4
Hendricks	963	163,685	11.8	Switzerland	57	10,696	10.7
Henry	317	48,476	13.1	Tiptecanoe	1,238	190,587	13.0
Howard	681	82,363	16.5	Tipton	86	15,128	11.4
Huntington	260	36,337	14.3	Union	48	7,200	13.3
Jackson	400	43,884	18.2	Vanderburgh	1,245	181,616	13.7
Jasper	247	33,447	14.8	Vermillion	118	15,505	15.2
Jay	156	20,945	14.9	Vigo	719	107,516	13.4
Jefferson	209	32,089	13.0	Wabash	221	31,443	14.1
Jennings	212	27,626	15.3	Warren	49	8,201	11.9
Johnson	1,016	153,897	13.2	Warrick	363	62,530	11.6
Knox	278	37,508	14.8	Washington	204	27,827	14.7
Kosciusko	573	79,206	14.5	Wayne	504	66,185	15.2
LaGrange	298	39,303	15.2	Wells	202	27,984	14.4
Lake	2,668	485,640	11.0	White	193	24,182	16.0
LaPorte	744	110,029	13.5	Whitley	249	33,756	14.8
Indiana	45,713	6,666,818	13.7				

*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.