INDIANA MARRIAGE REPORT

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Preface

The **2016 Indiana Marriage Report** provides a summary of information about the marriages that occurred in the State of Indiana during 2016. 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 2016.

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 September 29, 2017.

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Highlights

- There were 46,011 marriages that occurred in Indiana in 2016 for a rate of 13.9 persons per 1,000 population.

- Marriages occurred most frequently in the months of October (5,935; 12.9%), June (5,498; 11.9%), September (5,366; 11.7%), and July (5,078; 11.0%). See Table 1.

- More marriages occurred on Saturday (49.4%) and Friday (17.8%) than other days of the week. See Table 2.

- More marriages occurred among the white (82.5%) than black (8.6%) and other race (5.2%) populations. More marriages occurred among the non-Hispanic (88.6%) than Hispanic (8.2%) population (who 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 34.5 years and the median age was 31.0 years. For females, the average age was 32.5 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 (64.6%) compared to those with four or more years of college (24.4%). See Table 5.

- The majority of individuals were never married before (65.6%) compared with being divorced (31.6%), widowed (2.5%), and having an annulment (0.2%). See Table 6.

- For the majority of individuals married in 2016, it was their first marriage (65.6%) compared with a second marriage (23.5%), a third or fourth marriage (10.1%), and a fifth or more marriage (0.9%). See Table 7.

- There were 44,309 marriages to male/female couples (96.3%), 1,172 marriages to female/female couples (2.5%), and 530 marriages to male/male couples (1.2%). See Table 8.

- The marriage rate by county of issuance was highest in Decatur County (19.3 persons per 1,000) and lowest in Union County (8.6 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, 2016

Month	Number	Percent*
January	1,881	4.1
February	2,197	4.8
March	2,379	5.2
April	3,337	7.3
May	4,282	9.3
June	5,498	11.9
July	5,078	11.0
August	4,206	9.1
September	5,366	11.7
October	5,935	12.9
November	2,808	6.1
December	3,044	6.6
Total	**46,011**	**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, 2016

Day	Number	Percent*
Sunday	3,300	7.2
Monday	3,083	6.7
Tuesday	2,446	5.3
Wednesday	2,978	6.5
Thursday	3,297	7.2
Friday	8,189	17.8
Saturday	22,718	49.4
Total	**46,011**	**100.0**

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Table 3. Number and Percent of Persons Married by Race / Ethnicity and Sex
Indiana Occurrences, 2016

Race / Ethnicity		Number			Percent*		
		Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Race	White	75,957	37,112	38,845	82.5	81.8	83.3
	Black	7,914	4,274	3,640	8.6	9.4	7.8
	Other	4,805	2,185	2,620	5.2	4.8	5.6
	Unknown Race	3,346	1,798	1,548	3.6	4.0	3.3
Ethnicity	Hispanic**	7,558	3,845	3,713	8.2	8.5	8.0
	Non-Hispanic	81,531	40,063	41,468	88.6	88.3	88.9
	Unknown Ethnicity	2,933	1,461	1,472	3.2	3.2	3.2
Total	**All Persons Married**	**92,022**	**45,369**	**46,653**	**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, 2016

Age in Years	Number of Persons Married			Population			Marriage Rate*		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
15-17	96	11	85	275,143	140,707	134,436	0.3	0.1	0.6
18-19	2,367	698	1,669	181,960	93,277	88,683	13.0	7.5	18.8
20-24	19,369	8,234	11,135	479,294	245,308	233,986	40.4	33.6	47.6
25-29	23,378	11,548	11,830	440,416	221,622	218,794	53.1	52.1	54.1
30-34	14,081	7,353	6,728	419,256	209,876	209,380	33.6	35.0	32.1
35-39	9,223	4,790	4,433	416,283	208,290	207,993	22.2	23.0	21.3
40-44	7,072	3,721	3,351	398,616	198,696	199,920	17.7	18.7	16.8
45-49	5,669	2,967	2,702	420,760	210,430	210,330	13.5	14.1	12.8
50-54	4,359	2,306	2,053	444,986	219,826	225,160	9.8	10.5	9.1
55-59	2,822	1,608	1,214	457,974	224,568	233,406	6.2	7.2	5.2
60-64	1,669	978	691	406,493	196,604	209,889	4.1	5.0	3.3
65+	1,917	1,155	762	991,563	435,042	556,521	1.9	2.7	1.4
Total	92,022	45,369	46,653	6,633,053	3,269,562	3,363,491	13.9	13.9	13.9
Mean Age	33.5	34.5	32.5						
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, 2016

Education	Number			Percent*		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
<High School	7,605	4,103	3,502	8.3	9.0	7.5
High School/GED (4 yr)	24,590	13,798	10,792	26.7	30.4	23.1
College (1-3 yr)	27,250	12,337	14,913	29.6	27.2	32.0
College (4 yr)	16,972	7,639	9,333	18.4	16.8	20.0
College (5+ yr)	5,476	2,408	3,068	6.0	5.3	6.6
Unknown	10,129	5,084	5,045	11.0	11.2	10.8
Total	**92,022**	**45,369**	**46,653**	**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, 2016

Previous Marital Status	Number			Percent*		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Never Married	60,366	29,798	30,568	65.6	65.7	65.5
Widowed	2,332	1,088	1,244	2.5	2.4	2.7
Divorced	29,123	14,368	14,755	31.6	31.7	31.6
Annulment	201	115	86	0.2	0.3	0.2
Total	**92,022**	**45,369**	**46,653**	**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, 2016

Order of Marriage	Number			Percent*		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
First	60,366	29,798	30,568	65.6	65.7	65.5
Second	21,580	10,742	10,838	23.5	23.7	23.2
Third or Fourth	9,262	4,461	4,801	10.1	9.8	10.3
Fifth or More	814	368	446	0.9	0.8	1.0
Total	**92,022**	**45,369**	**46,653**	**100.0**	**100.0**	**100.0**

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Table 8. Number and Percent of Marriages by Couple Type
Indiana Occurrences, 2016

Type of Marriage	Number	Percent*
Male / Female	44,309	96.3
Female / Female	1,172	2.5
Male / Male	530	1.2
Total	**46,011**	**100.0**

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Table 9. Number and Rate* of Marriages by County of Issuance in Indiana, 2016

County of Issuance	Number of Marriages	Total Population	Rate*	County of Issuance	Number of Marriages	Total Population	Rate*
Adams	268	35,232	15.2	Lawrence	330	45,518	14.5
Allen	2,644	370,404	14.3	Madison	914	129,296	14.1
Bartholomew	609	81,402	15.0	Marion	7,445	941,229	15.8
Benton	44	8,650	10.2	Marshall	353	46,556	15.2
Blackford	85	12,149	14.0	Martin	70	10,171	13.8
Boone	443	64,653	13.7	Miami	249	35,883	13.9
Brown	139	14,912	18.6	Monroe	939	145,496	12.9
Carroll	140	19,970	14.0	Montgomery	283	38,074	14.9
Cass	241	37,946	12.7	Morgan	468	69,698	13.4
Clark	869	116,031	15.0	Newton	80	13,924	11.5
Clay	207	26,309	15.7	Noble	296	47,638	12.4
Clinton	248	32,457	15.3	Ohio	45	5,932	15.2
Crawford	75	10,539	14.2	Orange	167	19,335	17.3
Daviess	272	32,969	16.5	Owen	182	20,840	17.5
Dearborn	296	49,331	12.0	Parke	113	16,800	13.5
Decatur	257	26,598	19.3	Perry	146	18,966	15.4
DeKalb	332	42,746	15.5	Pike	100	12,431	16.1
Delaware	648	115,603	11.2	Porter	984	167,791	11.7
Dubois	317	42,552	14.9	Posey	175	25,476	13.7
Elkhart	1,544	203,781	15.2	Pulaski	86	12,660	13.6
Fayette	181	23,331	15.5	Putnam	243	37,436	13.0
Floyd	529	76,990	13.7	Randolph	192	25,082	15.3
Fountain	111	16,486	13.5	Ripley	194	28,846	13.5
Franklin	126	22,715	11.1	Rush	115	16,649	13.8
Fulton	134	20,139	13.3	St. Joseph	1,731	269,141	12.9
Gibson	244	33,703	14.5	Scott	211	23,730	17.8
Grant	417	66,937	12.5	Shelby	324	44,324	14.6
Greene	225	32,211	14.0	Spencer	116	20,648	11.2
Hamilton	1,916	316,373	12.1	Starke	156	23,009	13.6
Hancock	483	73,717	13.1	Steuben	273	34,116	16.0
Harrison	276	39,826	13.9	Sullivan	160	20,802	15.4
Hendricks	1,008	160,610	12.6	Switzerland	68	10,527	12.9
Henry	282	48,521	11.6	Tippecanoe	1,220	188,059	13.0
Howard	622	82,568	15.1	Tipton	104	15,182	13.7
Huntington	245	36,400	13.5	Union	31	7,212	8.6
Jackson	379	44,013	17.2	Vanderburgh	1,311	181,721	14.4
Jasper	217	33,433	13.0	Vermillion	95	15,645	12.1
Jay	148	21,046	14.1	Vigo	735	107,931	13.6
Jefferson	242	32,418	14.9	Wabash	201	31,762	12.7
Jennings	177	27,758	12.8	Warren	46	8,166	11.3
Johnson	1,093	151,982	14.4	Warrick	343	62,498	11.0
Knox	278	37,744	14.7	Washington	173	27,670	12.5
Kosciusko	613	79,092	15.5	Wayne	487	66,568	14.6
LaGrange	298	39,110	15.2	Wells	163	27,949	11.7
Lake	2,736	485,846	11.3	White	198	23,999	16.5
LaPorte	768	110,015	14.0	Whitley	270	33,449	16.1
				Indiana	**46,011**	**6,633,053**	**13.9**

*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.