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In 2005, 452 civil unions were established in Vermont, down from 712 in 2004. The highest number (60) occurred in July.

Civil unions involving out-of-state residents accounted for 72 percent of the total number of civil unions ([Table I-2](#)), down from 79 percent in 2004. The states with the largest number of residents who established civil unions were New York, New Hampshire and Florida ([Table I-1](#)). The largest number of Vermont residents who established civil unions resided in Chittenden County ([Table I-2](#)).

Seventy-three percent of the civil unions were between female partners, and the most common age group for male partners was 40 to 44, and for female partners it was 40 to 44 ([Table I-4](#)). Civil union partners tend to be highly educated: 50 percent completed at least four years of college ([Table I-5](#)).

[Table I-6](#), shows the total number of civil unions or marriages, including the current civil union, that each person has been a party to during their lives. For 74 percent of the civil union partners, this was their first union, or marriage.

DISSOLUTIONS

The dissolution of civil unions follows the same procedures, same requirements, rights, and obligations as divorces. There were 34 dissolutions in 2005.