

# MARRIAGES & DIVORCES

## MARRIAGES

In 2007, 5,320 marriages were performed in Vermont, 35 less than in 2006. The 2007 Vermont rate was 8.6 per 1,000 of population, matching the 2006 Vermont rate, and the lowest rate in Vermont in more than 20 years, but higher than the 2007 U.S. provisional rate of 7.3. Marriages between two out-of-state residents accounted for 32.1 percent of the marriages in Vermont ([Table F-2](#)).

There was the usual seasonal variation with more marriages occurring in summer than in any other season. August (857) was the most popular month for marriages in 2007 ([Table F-7](#)).

More than half (56.3 percent) of the marriages were firsts for both bride and groom ([Table F-5](#)). For the brides, 67.3 percent were first marriages, and for the grooms, 66.0 percent were first marriages. Remarriages for both bride and groom accounted for 23.0 percent of marriages in Vermont.

The percentage of civil ceremonies decreased to 58.5 percent in 2007 ([Table F-8](#)).

## DIVORCES

There were 2,262 divorces granted in 2007, a decrease of 137 from 2006. This represents a rate of 3.6 per 1,000 residents, equal to the 2007 U.S. provisional rate.

The median length of marriages ending in divorce was 9 years 9 months, with a range of 1 month to 54 years 9 months. Almost fifty nine (58.9) percent of divorces followed a separation of a year or longer ([Table G-3](#)). The median age at the time of divorce was 40 for women with a range of 19 to 84 years. The median age at the time of divorce was 42 for men with a range of 15 to 87 years.