

# MARRIAGES & DIVORCES

## MARRIAGES

*NOTE: Marriage between same sex partners became legal in Vermont on September 1, 2009. The tables in this section include marriages between same sex partners and therefore the labels have been changed to reflect the labels used on the revised civil marriage license and certificate: Applicant A and Applicant B.*

In 2011, 5,198 marriages were performed in Vermont, 613 more than in 2010. The 2011 Vermont rate was 8.3 per 1,000 Vermont resident population, higher than the 2011 U.S. rate of 6.8. Marriages between two out-of-state residents accounted for 36.0 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. July and September (808) were the most popular months for marriages in 2011 ([Table F-5](#)).

More than half (58.9 percent) of the marriages were firsts for both applicants ([Table F-4](#)). For Applicant B, 69.4 percent were first marriages, and for Applicant A, 69.7 percent were first marriages. Remarriages for both applicants accounted for 20.1 percent of marriages in Vermont.

The percentage of civil ceremonies decreased from 66.9 percent in 2010 to 65.0 percent in 2011 ([Table F-6](#)).

## DIVORCES

There were 2,269 divorces granted in 2011, a decrease of only 119 from 2010. This represents a rate of 3.6 per 1,000 residents, the same as the 2011 U.S. rate of 3.6.

The median length of marriages ending in divorce was 9 years, with a range of 1 month to 59 years. Almost 59 percent of divorces followed a separation of a year or longer ([Table G-3](#)).

The median age at the time of divorce was 41 for Applicant A with a range of 17 to 84 years. The median age at the time of divorce was 41 for Applicant B with a range of 16 to 92 years.