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## DEFINITIONS AND FORMULAS

**Residence Data** Data allocated by place of residence of the registrant (deaths), or by place of residence of the infant's mother (births, stillbirths)

**Occurrence Data** Data allocated by place where event occurred, regardless of the person's place of residence (marriage, divorce)

**Marriage** A personal relation arising out of a civil contract between capable consenting parties followed by the issuance of a state and federally authorized sanction, license, authentication and recording of such contract

MARRIAGE RATE -- number of marriages per 1,000 population

$$\frac{\text{marriages}}{\text{population}} \times 1,000$$

**Divorce** Those parties in a prior state of legal marriage in which they have been restored to the state of 'unmarried persons' due to the issuance of a decree by the judgment of a jurisdictional court

DIVORCE RATE -- number of divorces per 1,000 population

$$\frac{\text{divorces}}{\text{population}} \times 1,000$$

**U.S. Data** In this publication, there are references to provisional U.S. data in which the most recent U.S. information is provided. The following definition has been added to clarify this type of U.S. data.

**U.S. Provisional Data** Prior to 1996, the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) released U.S. vital data and rates in two basic forms: provisional and final. Provisional data are based on monthly summary counts of marriage and divorce records received in state vital registration offices. Rates for 12-month periods, January through December, are the sum of events for the period per population estimated at the midpoint of the period. Provisional divorce rates are based on 44 reporting states and the District of Columbia. Provisional marriage rates are based on 50 reporting states and the District of Columbia. Populations have been estimated by NCHS for the 12-month divorce and marriage rates based on these reporting states. The 2015 U.S. marriage and divorce rates in this publication are provisional measures. These and U.S. provisional rates for previous years are available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/marriage-divorce.htm>.

## VITAL REGISTRATION AND DATA COLLECTION

### **Registration of Records**

The Idaho Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics is responsible for managing Idaho's vital records program and for providing health statistics and analysis. Civil laws of every state provide for a continuous, permanent, and compulsory vital registration system. Idaho is responsible for inspecting each Idaho state record for promptness of filing, completeness, and accuracy of information; querying for missing or inconsistent information; numbering the records; preparing indexes; processing the records; issuing certified copies; and storing the documents for permanent reference and safekeeping.

### **Marriage and Divorce Certificates**

Idaho vital statistics law makes marriages and divorces occurring in Idaho reportable events. Marriages are registered with the county recorder in the county where the license was issued; divorces are filed with the clerk of the court where the divorce was granted. These records are then forwarded to the Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics. There is no agreement among states to exchange certificates of resident marriages or divorces that occur out of state. Marriage and divorce data provided in this annual report are based on events occurring in Idaho, regardless of the party's residence. The cut-off date for inclusion in the data base for analysis was July 12, 2016 for marriage records and September 14, 2016 for divorce records.

# MARRIAGE

**U.S., Idaho** The number of marriages occurring in Idaho decreased 1.5 percent from 13,699 in 2014 to 13,500 in 2015. The marriage rate decreased from 8.4 marriages per 1,000 population to 8.2 marriages per 1,000 population. Marriages occur at a higher frequency in Idaho than in the U.S. as a whole; the 2015 U.S. provisional marriage rate was 6.9 per 1,000. Much of the difference between Idaho and U.S. rates can be accounted for by the high number of nonresidents who marry in northern Idaho.

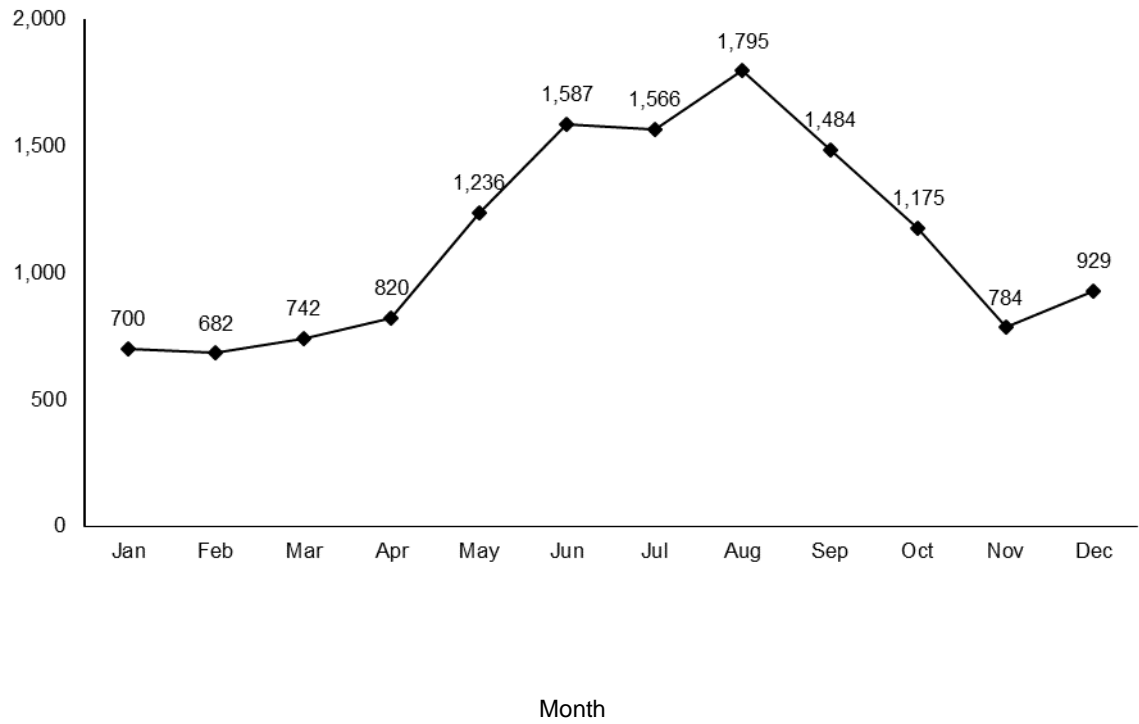
On October 15, 2014, same-sex marriage became legal in Idaho, and a question for each person's title (groom, bride, or partner) was added to the Idaho Marriage License. Marriage licenses vary by county; some counties also have a question for sex, and some counties do not include a question for sex. Of the 13,500 marriages in Idaho in 2015, a total of 13,143 marriages between a bride and groom, and 357 marriages were same-sex or between a partner and a partner. In comparison, 13,289 marriages were between a bride and groom and 410 marriages were same-sex or between a partner and a partner in 2014.

**Opposite-sex, Same-sex, and Partner and Partner Marriages** To utilize the data collected on title of spouses, data on age and race are displayed in three separate tables. The first table called "Total Marriages" is based on 13,500 marriages occurring in Idaho, regardless of the title of spouse. The first spouse may be a groom, a bride, or a partner; the second spouse may be a groom, a bride, or a partner. The second table called "Opposite-sex Marriages" is based on 13,143 marriages between a groom and a bride. The third table called "Same-Sex Or Marriages Between Partner and Partner" is based on 357 marriages between a groom and a groom, a bride and a bride, or a partner and a partner.

<b>Fast Facts</b>	Age of Oldest Groom:	90
	Age of Oldest Bride:	91
	Age of Youngest Groom	16
	Age of Youngest Bride:	16
	Groom and Bride Marriages:	13,143
	Groom and Groom Marriages:	17
	Bride and Bride Marriages:	42
	Partner and Partner Marriages:	298
	Day Most Marriages Occurred:	June 20 (263 marriages)
	Day Fewest Marriages Occurred:	November 26 (2 marriages)

Marriages  
by Month

MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO IN 2015  
Number of Marriages by Month



**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**District and County of Marriage**  
**2006-2015**

OCCURRENCE	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
IDAHO	13,500	13,699	13,207	13,114	13,696	13,757	13,771	14,641	14,973	14,855
District 1	3,052	3,093	3,232	3,302	3,456	3,511	3,639	3,903	4,114	4,236
District 2	762	711	638	683	712	686	709	730	743	750
District 3	1,648	1,742	1,590	1,591	1,740	1,761	1,698	1,828	1,884	1,809
District 4	3,805	3,702	3,520	3,158	3,309	3,449	3,357	3,545	3,670	3,600
District 5	1,430	1,461	1,432	1,465	1,492	1,432	1,416	1,472	1,378	1,352
District 6	967	1,057	949	1,003	1,027	1,104	1,069	1,059	1,104	1,098
District 7	1,836	1,933	1,846	1,912	1,960	1,814	1,883	2,104	2,080	2,010
Ada	3,228	3,166	3,006	2,664	2,847	2,959	2,890	3,023	3,139	3,042
Adams	22	35	38	30	39	30	19	37	37	31
Bannock	502	552	491	519	522	553	544	553	534	511
Bear Lake	47	42	54	54	45	59	53	41	57	56
Benewah	54	61	60	48	43	48	50	58	73	58
Bingham	235	272	225	274	261	300	269	270	295	288
Blaine	170	168	182	150	167	172	174	208	193	207
Boise	78	62	69	58	72	58	66	60	69	73
Bonner	359	362	344	332	364	305	339	359	337	354
Bonneville	829	1,169	1,083	1,104	1,139	1,079	1,089	1,185	1,505	1,444
Boundary	85	72	68	71	57	83	68	96	74	64
Butte	18	15	10	6	10	12	21	4	19	18
Camas	14	14	18	13	9	13	8	8	5	11
Canyon	1,190	1,233	1,130	1,117	1,241	1,256	1,230	1,350	1,367	1,313
Caribou	44	53	28	32	40	34	44	44	38	56
Cassia	154	191	187	196	197	169	178	180	163	150
Clark	7	4	6	5	2	5	9	6	8	5
Clearwater	82	66	79	84	68	54	70	95	86	83
Custer	76	71	77	71	76	70	72	73	94	91
Elmore	216	229	227	215	204	263	236	268	257	265
Franklin	69	67	83	53	75	61	74	71	68	85
Fremont	90	85	85	72	101	85	92	112	100	101
Gem	147	142	130	143	146	131	134	121	111	116
Gooding	100	80	81	75	72	70	88	101	110	96
Idaho	110	95	107	101	106	107	98	105	123	118
Jefferson	166	167	152	163	144	110	114	120	142	124
Jerome	177	157	141	143	135	104	129	153	144	142
Kootenai	2,469	2,479	2,651	2,759	2,912	2,980	3,089	3,307	3,550	3,677
Latah	227	231	182	200	215	179	205	196	205	206
Lemhi	62	59	56	52	64	57	62	65	76	71
Lewis	24	17	15	18	15	27	12	25	31	20
Lincoln	19	12	26	16	17	17	12	20	19	13
Madison	529	295	309	384	375	347	388	482	95	105
Minidoka	151	153	127	134	125	132	126	133	112	143
Nez Perce	319	302	255	280	308	319	324	309	298	323
Oneida	16	19	22	22	21	22	23	23	33	35
Owyhee	64	70	70	65	61	58	44	48	50	50
Payette	165	190	163	177	188	211	201	185	243	213
Power	36	37	36	43	53	63	41	53	60	49
Shoshone	85	119	109	92	80	95	93	83	80	83
Teton	77	83	78	61	59	61	57	61	60	69
Twin Falls	645	686	670	738	770	755	701	669	632	590
Valley	283	245	218	221	186	169	165	194	205	220
Washington	60	72	59	59	65	75	70	87	76	86



**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**District and County of Marriage By Title of Spouses**  
**2015**

OCCURRENCE	TOTAL MARRIAGES	OPPOSITE-SEX MARRIAGES (GROOM AND BRIDE)	SAME-SEX AND PARTNER AND PARTNER MARRIAGES
IDAHO	13,500	13,143	357
District 1	3,052	3,020	32
District 2	762	742	20
District 3	1,648	1,608	40
District 4	3,805	3,638	167
District 5	1,430	1,390	40
District 6	967	934	33
District 7	1,836	1,811	25
Ada	3,228	3,081	147
Adams	22	22	-
Bannock	502	476	26
Bear Lake	47	46	1
Benewah	54	53	1
Bingham	235	230	5
Blaine	170	166	4
Boise	78	76	2
Bonner	359	357	2
Bonneville	829	806	23
Boundary	85	84	1
Butte	18	18	-
Camas	14	13	1
Canyon	1,190	1,154	36
Caribou	44	44	-
Cassia	154	149	5
Clark	7	7	-
Clearwater	82	80	2
Custer	76	75	1
Elmore	216	207	9
Franklin	69	69	-
Fremont	90	90	-
Gem	147	145	2
Gooding	100	96	4
Idaho	110	107	3
Jefferson	166	166	-
Jerome	177	176	1
Kootenai	2,469	2,441	28
Latah	227	215	12
Lemhi	62	62	-
Lewis	24	24	-
Lincoln	19	19	-
Madison	529	528	1
Minidoka	151	150	1
Nez Perce	319	316	3
Oneida	16	16	-
Owyhee	64	63	1
Payette	165	164	1
Power	36	35	1
Shoshone	85	85	-
Teton	77	77	-
Twin Falls	645	621	24
Valley	283	274	9
Washington	60	60	-

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**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**Total Marriages by Age**  
**2015**

AGE OF FIRST SPOUSE	TOTAL	AGE OF SECOND SPOUSE											
		<15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Not stated
TOTAL	13,500	-	1,014	3,507	2,776	1,831	1,149	899	1,378	636	240	70	-
<15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-19	412	-	321	77	9	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24	3,006	-	567	2,080	303	44	7	4	1	-	-	-	-
25-29	2,857	-	99	1,021	1,321	318	67	23	8	-	-	-	-
30-34	2,023	-	19	233	754	721	214	65	15	2	-	-	-
35-39	1,293	-	4	56	234	453	369	126	48	3	-	-	-
40-44	1,021	-	2	15	85	176	290	295	143	13	2	-	-
45-54	1,533	-	1	22	62	91	176	328	716	132	5	-	-
55-64	862	-	1	2	7	23	19	52	381	335	41	1	-
65-74	374	-	-	1	1	2	4	5	64	134	144	19	-
75+	118	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	16	48	50	-
Not stated	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**Total Marriages by Race**  
**2015**

RACE OF FIRST SPOUSE	TOTAL	RACE OF SECOND SPOUSE					
		White	Black	American Indian Alaskan Native	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other Race	Not stated
TOTAL	13,500	12,466	89	197	325	148	275
White	12,498	11,996	57	119	223	84	19
Black	162	112	28	5	13	3	1
American Indian or Alaskan Native	192	122	1	61	2	5	1
Asian or Pacific Islander	200	108	1	6	83	2	-
Other race	160	97	2	5	4	52	-
Not stated	288	31	-	1	-	2	254

Note: Ethnicity is not reported on the marriage certificate. Prior to 2014, if race of spouse was reported as Spanish, ethnicity was designated as Hispanic, and race was categorized as White. Prior to 2014, over 90 percent of brides and grooms were White, and less than one percent were reported as "other race". In 2014, 85 percent of both spouses were reported as White, and nine percent were reported as "other race". Because persons of other race may be Hispanic, the use of Spanish race to designate Hispanic origin is no longer being used beginning in 2014.

Same-sex marriage became legal in Idaho on October 15, 2014, and a new question regarding title of spouse was added to the Idaho marriage license, in which the spouse may list groom, bride, or partner. Total marriages in Idaho include marriage between groom and bride, groom and groom, bride and bride, or partner and partner, in which sexes of partners may or may not be listed.

**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**Opposite-Sex Marriages Between Groom And Bride**  
**Age of Groom by Age of Bride**  
**2015**

AGE OF GROOM	TOTAL	AGE OF BRIDE											
		<15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Not Stated
TOTAL	13,143	-	1,005	3,454	2,715	1,778	1,112	870	1,307	604	229	69	-
<15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-19	407	-	318	75	9	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24	2,959	-	563	2,052	290	43	6	4	1	-	-	-	-
25-29	2,802	-	97	1,009	1,300	304	64	20	8	-	-	-	-
30-34	1,973	-	19	228	740	708	203	61	12	2	-	-	-
35-39	1,240	-	4	54	225	439	358	118	40	2	-	-	-
40-44	992	-	2	15	85	169	285	290	132	13	1	-	-
45-54	1,470	-	1	18	60	87	170	320	683	126	5	-	-
55-64	821	-	1	2	5	23	19	51	367	316	37	-	-
65-74	361	-	-	1	1	2	4	5	62	129	138	19	-
75+	117	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	15	48	50	-
Not stated	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**Same-Sex Or Marriages Between Partner and Partner**  
**Age of First Partner by Age of Second Partner**  
**2015**

AGE OF FIRST PARTNER	TOTAL	AGE OF SECOND PARTNER											
		<15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Not Stated
TOTAL	357	-	9	53	61	53	37	29	71	32	11	1	-
<15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-19	5	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24	47	-	4	28	13	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-29	55	-	2	12	21	14	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
30-34	50	-	-	5	14	13	11	4	3	-	-	-	-
35-39	53	-	-	2	9	14	11	8	8	1	-	-	-
40-44	29	-	-	-	-	7	5	5	11	-	1	-	-
45-54	63	-	-	4	2	4	6	8	33	6	-	-	-
55-64	41	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	14	19	4	1	-
65-74	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	6	-	-
75+	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**Opposite-Sex Marriages Between Groom and Bride by Race**  
**2015**

RACE OF GROOM	TOTAL	RACE OF BRIDE					
		White	Black	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other Race	Not Stated
TOTAL	13,143	12,136	82	190	321	146	268
White	12,170	11,683	52	115	219	82	19
Black	156	108	26	5	13	3	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	187	119	1	59	2	5	1
Asian or Pacific Islander	195	103	1	6	83	2	-
Other race	156	94	2	4	4	52	-
Not stated	279	29	-	1	-	2	247

**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**Same-Sex Or Marriages Between Partner and Partner by Race**  
**2015**

RACE OF FIRST PARTNER	TOTAL	RACE OF SECOND PARTNER					
		White	Black	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other Race	Not Stated
TOTAL	357	330	7	7	4	2	7
White	328	313	5	4	4	2	-
Black	6	4	2	-	-	-	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	5	3	-	2	-	-	-
Asian or Pacific Islander	5	5	-	-	-	-	-
Other race	4	3	-	1	-	-	-
Not stated	9	2	-	-	-	-	7

Note: Ethnicity is not reported on the marriage certificate. Prior to 2014, if race of spouse was reported as Spanish, ethnicity was designated as Hispanic, and race was categorized as White. Beginning in 2014, the use of Spanish race to designate Hispanic origin is no longer used.

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**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**Number of Marriages and Spouses by Type of Marriage and Title**  
**2015**

MARRIAGES AND SPOUSES	NUMBER
Total Marriages	13,500
Opposite-sex (groom and bride) marriages	13,143
Same-sex and Partner and Partner marriages	357
Total Spouses	27,000
Bride	13,227
Groom	13,177
Partner	596

**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**Number of Spouses and Mean Age by Title and Previous Marital Status**  
**2015**

TITLE	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS				
	Total	Single	Divorced	Widowed	Not Stated
Number of Spouses					
Total	27,000	16,524	9,730	742	4
Bride	13,227	7,992	4,856	377	2
Groom	13,177	8,102	4,715	358	2
Partner	596	430	159	7	-
Mean Age					
Bride	32.1	25.6	40.9	57.9	NA
Groom	35.0	27.7	43.9	64.6	NA
Partner	39.0	36.7	45.0	50.4	NA

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Prior to 2015, data shown in this table in the annual report were based on median age at time of marriage; beginning in 2015, data are shown by mean (average) age at marriage. Data based on median age are available upon request.

NA: not applicable.

**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**District and County of Occurrence by Idaho Residence**  
**2015**

OCCURRENCE	TOTAL MARRIAGES	RESIDENCE			
		Both Residents of Idaho	One Resident and One Non-Resident of Idaho	Both Non-Residents of Idaho	One or Both With State of Residence Not Stated
IDAHO	13,500	10,498	746	2,256	-
District 1	3,052	1,422	175	1,455	-
District 2	762	579	51	132	-
District 3	1,648	1,483	73	92	-
District 4	3,805	3,330	218	257	-
District 5	1,430	1,272	48	110	-
District 6	967	846	54	67	-
District 7	1,836	1,566	127	143	-
Ada	3,228	2,838	193	197	-
Adams	22	19	2	1	-
Bannock	502	452	30	20	-
Bear Lake	47	34	3	10	-
Benewah	54	42	3	9	-
Bingham	235	215	5	15	-
Blaine	170	108	3	59	-
Boise	78	73	-	5	-
Bonner	359	223	21	115	-
Bonneville	829	749	43	37	-
Boundary	85	67	9	9	-
Butte	18	14	1	3	-
Camas	14	13	-	1	-
Canyon	1,190	1,096	46	48	-
Caribou	44	42	1	1	-
Cassia	154	140	5	9	-
Clark	7	7	-	-	-
Clearwater	82	68	1	13	-
Custer	76	60	2	14	-
Elmore	216	183	13	20	-
Franklin	69	50	8	11	-
Fremont	90	73	5	12	-
Gem	147	137	4	6	-
Gooding	100	96	2	2	-
Idaho	110	94	6	10	-
Jefferson	166	150	11	5	-
Jerome	177	167	3	7	-
Kootenai	2,469	1,031	136	1,302	-
Latah	227	171	18	38	-
Lemhi	62	53	2	7	-
Lewis	24	22	1	1	-
Lincoln	19	18	1	-	-
Madison	529	426	62	41	-
Minidoka	151	147	3	1	-
Nez Perce	319	224	25	70	-
Oneida	16	6	6	4	-
Owyhee	64	56	4	4	-
Payette	165	127	15	23	-
Power	36	33	-	3	-
Shoshone	85	59	6	20	-
Teton	77	48	2	27	-
Twin Falls	645	583	31	31	-
Valley	283	236	12	35	-
Washington	60	48	2	10	-

## DIVORCE

### U.S. and Idaho

The number of divorces occurring in Idaho decreased 1.8 percent from 6,943 in 2014 to 6,817 in 2015. In the past ten years, the divorce rate declined 18.0 percent from 5.0 divorces per 1,000 population in 2006 to 4.1 in 2015. Like marriages, divorces occur more frequently in Idaho than in the remainder of the nation; the 2015 U.S. provisional divorce rate was 3.1 per 1,000 population.

### Opposite-sex and Same-sex Divorce

On October 15, 2014, same-sex marriage became legal in Idaho, and was legal in some state prior to legalization in Idaho. In 2015, the Idaho Certificate of Divorce or Annulment was revised. Prior to 2015, information was collected on the husband and on the wife. Beginning in 2015, information began being collected on the petitioner and the respondent. The petitioner may be male or female and the respondent may be male or female; a question regarding sex of petitioner and respondent was added to the certificate in 2015.

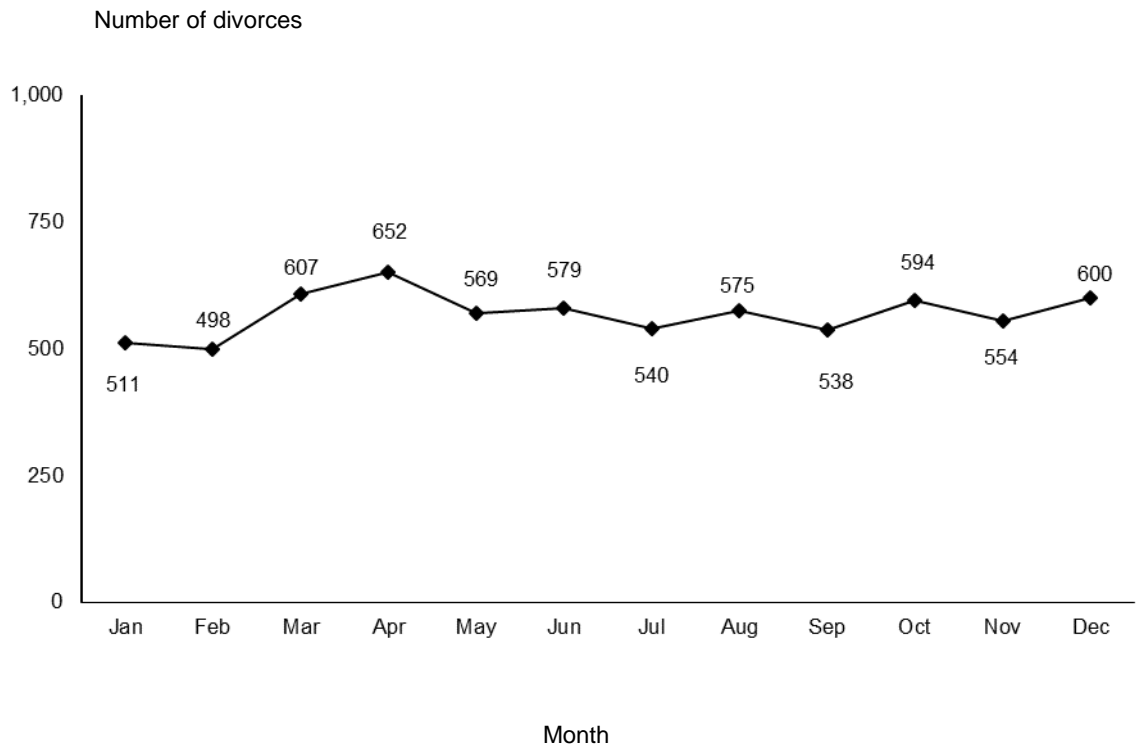
Of the 6,871 divorces in Idaho in 2015, 6,756 were opposite-sex divorces, 36 were same-sex divorces in which both the petitioner and the respondent were female, 7 divorces were same-sex divorces in which both the petitioner and the respondent were male, and 18 divorces did not state the sex of petitioner or respondent. A total of 4,270 petitioners (62.8 percent) were female, 2,529 were male (37.2 percent), and the sex of 18 petitioners was not stated.

### Fast Facts

Oldest Male Divorcee:	95
Oldest Female Divorcee:	95
Youngest Male Divorcee:	16
Youngest Female Divorcee:	16
Day Most Divorces Finalized:	April 2, 2015 (49 divorces)
Greatest Number of Previous Marriages for Male Divorcees:	8
Greatest Number of Previous Marriages for Female Divorcees:	8
Marriage of Longest Duration Ending in a Divorce:	63 years
Marriage of Shortest Duration Ending in a Divorce:	13 days

**Divorces by  
Month**

**DIVORCES OCCURRING IN IDAHO  
Month of Divorce  
2015**





**DIVORCES GRANTED IN IDAHO**  
**District and County of Divorce**  
**2006-2015**

OCCURRENCE	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>6,817</b>	<b>6,943</b>	<b>7,248</b>	<b>7,598</b>	<b>7,773</b>	<b>8,136</b>	<b>7,729</b>	<b>7,424</b>	<b>7,344</b>	<b>7,392</b>
District 1	1,001	1,010	1,069	1,118	1,124	1,192	1,112	1,110	1,072	1,100
District 2	412	368	481	436	493	432	438	408	410	465
District 3	1,117	1,130	1,148	1,285	1,276	1,402	1,297	1,247	1,294	1,228
District 4	2,065	2,157	2,138	2,311	2,329	2,404	2,346	2,227	2,170	2,121
District 5	839	847	858	957	916	976	915	872	889	903
District 6	575	567	653	644	690	788	711	692	638	683
District 7	808	864	901	847	945	942	910	868	871	892
Ada	1,887	1,959	1,944	2,072	2,068	2,138	2,065	1,947	1,910	1,853
Adams	24	10	11	17	11	18	18	14	18	17
Bannock	274	293	336	346	328	399	357	364	337	348
Bear Lake	16	21	27	12	21	29	28	24	20	30
Benewah	33	31	39	41	39	60	40	45	53	53
Bingham	165	131	166	160	175	199	181	177	169	143
Blaine	74	85	63	69	72	100	102	78	100	80
Boise	7	11	3	7	15	27	26	22	18	18
Bonner	160	180	167	166	179	221	214	216	218	199
Bonneville	555	576	631	588	634	641	634	597	607	627
Boundary	33	30	27	37	37	40	52	42	37	43
Butte	3	8	8	6	11	7	5	4	13	5
Camas	4	1	5	9	8	7	6	1	9	4
Canyon	854	861	872	957	954	1,051	982	954	957	927
Caribou	19	19	32	22	21	38	26	29	29	33
Cassia	107	103	113	160	140	135	116	124	127	134
Clark	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	2	1
Clearwater	16	23	33	18	43	38	43	21	38	57
Custer	8	9	10	9	13	11	13	29	15	15
Elmore	140	153	150	197	204	203	196	214	196	201
Franklin	57	48	34	44	57	42	53	38	33	45
Fremont	26	37	47	30	45	40	37	42	45	50
Gem	89	89	90	89	99	102	84	70	88	73
Gooding	43	41	44	46	50	45	53	46	47	50
Idaho	51	52	61	57	58	53	48	58	32	54
Jefferson	76	95	75	70	99	99	77	51	69	67
Jerome	73	96	97	98	94	119	87	77	88	111
Kootenai	709	701	763	811	788	794	753	749	717	726
Latah	120	109	167	123	145	108	104	108	111	113
Lemhi	22	29	27	22	30	35	43	36	32	38
Lewis	13	5	12	7	13	9	11	7	9	12
Lincoln	19	20	25	28	21	16	16	18	19	10
Madison	81	93	73	90	88	76	62	70	72	62
Minidoka	72	73	66	68	64	52	62	52	53	64
Nez Perce	197	179	204	222	229	213	228	208	211	219
Oneida	14	18	15	11	13	23	18	12	10	20
Owyhee	17	19	27	13	25	25	29	19	27	21
Payette	93	115	107	168	139	152	144	145	149	134
Power	13	17	26	18	33	29	15	19	14	27
Shoshone	54	59	69	56	72	73	49	57	41	69
Teton	39	24	37	37	35	38	43	40	29	32
Twin Falls	447	428	445	479	467	502	473	476	446	450
Valley	31	34	41	35	42	36	59	44	46	49
Washington	40	36	41	41	48	54	40	45	55	56
Tribal Courts:										
Coeur d'Alene	12	9	4	7	9	4	4	1	6	10
Kootenai	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nez Perce	15	-	4	9	5	11	4	6	9	10
Shoshone-Bannock	14	12	9	25	31	22	28	25	13	32

Tribal court data are included in District totals.

**DIVORCES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**District and County of Occurrence by Idaho Residence**  
**2015**

OCCURRENCE	TOTAL DIVORCES	RESIDENCE			
		Both Residents of Idaho	One Resident and One Non-Resident of Idaho	Both Non-Residents of Idaho	One or Both With State of Residence Not Stated
IDAHO	6,817	5,424	1,270	40	83
District 1	1,001	741	234	19	7
District 2	412	322	82	6	2
District 3	1,117	920	176	3	18
District 4	2,065	1,707	329	6	23
District 5	839	670	151	1	17
District 6	575	446	120	2	7
District 7	808	618	178	3	9
Ada	1,887	1,582	284	3	18
Adams	24	20	4	-	-
Bannock	274	225	45	2	2
Bear Lake	16	12	3	-	1
Benewah	33	26	7	-	-
Bingham	165	130	32	-	3
Blaine	74	56	18	-	-
Boise	7	4	3	-	-
Bonner	160	126	31	1	2
Bonneville	555	436	110	1	8
Boundary	33	20	12	1	-
Butte	3	2	1	-	-
Camas	4	4	-	-	-
Canyon	854	714	124	3	13
Caribou	19	14	5	-	-
Cassia	107	87	16	-	4
Clark	1	-	1	-	-
Clearwater	16	14	2	-	-
Custer	8	5	3	-	-
Elmore	140	96	36	3	5
Franklin	57	34	22	-	1
Fremont	26	20	6	-	-
Gem	89	68	17	-	4
Gooding	43	35	7	-	1
Idaho	51	42	9	-	-
Jefferson	76	63	13	-	-
Jerome	73	67	5	-	1
Kootenai	709	520	172	13	4
Latah	120	93	26	1	-
Lemhi	22	13	8	-	1
Lewis	13	10	3	-	-
Lincoln	19	16	3	-	-
Madison	81	60	19	2	-
Minidoka	72	56	14	-	2
Nez Perce	197	152	39	4	2
Oneida	14	8	6	-	-
Owyhee	17	13	3	-	1
Payette	93	75	18	-	-
Power	13	11	2	-	-
Shoshone	54	42	10	2	-
Teton	39	21	18	-	-
Twin Falls	447	349	88	1	9
Valley	31	25	6	-	-
Washington	40	30	10	-	-
Tribal Courts:					
Coeur d'Alene	12	7	2	2	1
Kootenai	-	-	-	-	-
Nez Perce	15	11	3	1	-
Shoshone-Bannock	14	10	4	-	-

**DIVORCES GRANTED IN IDAHO**  
**Number This Marriage: Petitioner and Respondent**  
**2015**

	PETITIONER	RESPONDENT
TOTAL DIVORCES	6,817	6,817
Number this marriage:		
First	1,707	1,741
Second	693	644
Third	234	214
Fourth	65	49
Fifth	24	19
Sixth	7	6
Seventh +	2	3
Number not stated	4,085	4,141

**DIVORCES GRANTED IN IDAHO**  
**Duration of Marriage**  
**2013-2015**

DURATION OF MARRIAGE	2015		2014	2013
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent
TOTAL	6,817	100.0%	(6,943)	(7,248)
0-4 years	2,377	35.1%	35.7%	35.7%
<1 year	378	5.6	5.3	5.2
1-4 years	1,999	29.5	29.6	30.6
5-9 years	1,570	23.2	24.4	25.4
10-14 years	1,060	15.7	14.7	14.6
15-19 years	726	10.7	10.4	9.4
20-24 years	480	7.1	7.3	6.9
25-29 years	263	3.9	3.7	3.9
30-34 years	146	2.2	2.5	2.1
35-39 years	80	1.2	0.9	1.0
40+ years	66	1.0	1.0	0.9
Not stated	49	NA	(74)	(57)
Average years duration*	10.1 Years		10.0 Years	9.8 Years

Percentages based on records with stated duration of marriage.

Total numbers and numbers of divorces with duration of marriage not stated in 2013 and 2014 are shown in parentheses.

\*Prior to 2015, the median years duration were shown in this table in the annual report. Beginning in 2015, average years duration are shown for 2013-2015; the average years duration is not comparable with median years duration.

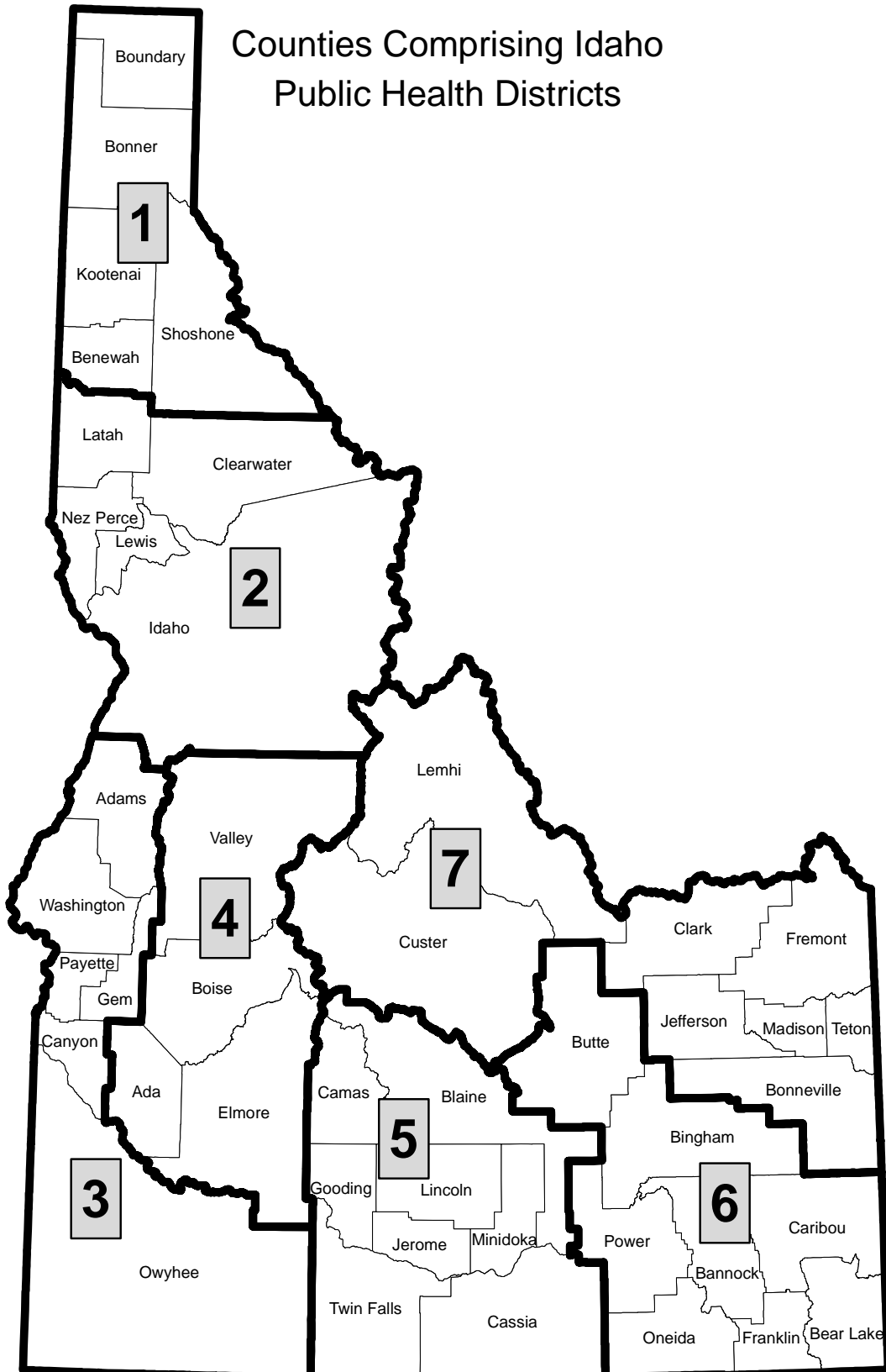
**DIVORCES GRANTED IN IDAHO**  
**Number of Children <18 Years of Age in Household**  
**2015**

NUMBER OF CHILDREN <18 YEARS OF AGE IN HOUSEHOLD	TOTAL DIVORCES	TOTAL CHILDREN
TOTAL	6,817	6,532
No children	3,389	-
1 child	1,327	1,327
2 children	1,299	2,598
3 children	506	1,518
4 children	168	672
5 children	51	255
6 children	21	126
7 children	4	28
8 children	1	8
9 children	-	-
10+ children	-	-
Not stated	51	NA

**DIVORCES GRANTED IN IDAHO**  
**Legal Grounds**  
**2015**

LEGAL GROUNDS	TOTAL	DIVORCES	ANNULMENTS
TOTAL	6,817	6,758	59
Adultery	28	28	-
Bigamy	5	-	5
Conviction of a felony	1	1	-
Habitual intemperance	1	1	-
Extreme cruelty	6	6	-
Five-year continuous separation without cohabitation	2	2	-
Fraud, misrepresentation	30	-	30
Incapacity	4	-	4
Irreconcilable differences	6,698	6,697	1
Permanent insanity	-	-	-
Underage	1	-	1
Willful desertion	2	2	-
Willful neglect or nonsupport	-	-	-
Other	14	1	13
Not stated	25	20	5

# Counties Comprising Idaho Public Health Districts



District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7
Benewah	Clearwater	Adams	Ada	Blaine	Bannock	Bonneville
Bonner	Idaho	Canyon	Boise	Camas	Bear Lake	Clark
Boundary	Latah	Gem	Elmore	Cassia	Bingham	Custer
Kootenai	Lewis	Owyhee	Valley	Gooding	Butte	Fremont
Shoshone	Nez Perce	Payette		Jerome	Caribou	Jefferson
		Washington		Lincoln	Franklin	Lemhi
				Minidoka	Oneida	Madison
				Twin Falls	Power	Teton

**APPENDIX A**  
**MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**Number and Rate per 1,000 Population**  
**1950-2015**

MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO					
Year	Number	Rate	Year	Number	Rate
1950	8,345	14.2	1983	13,421	13.6
1951	7,849	13.2	1984	13,264	13.3
1952	8,120	13.4	1985	12,277	12.2
1953	8,486	13.9	1986	11,957	11.9
1954	8,915	14.4	1987	11,428	11.5
1955	8,879	14.1	1988	12,165	12.3
1956	9,132	14.4	1989	13,193	13.3
1957	8,995	14.0	1990	14,064	13.9
1958	9,522	14.6	1991	14,352	13.8
1959	9,343	14.2	1992	14,458	13.6
1960	10,325	15.5	1993	14,836	13.5
1961	11,151	16.5	1994	14,895	13.1
1962	11,934	17.4	1995	15,106	13.0
1963	12,680	18.1	1996	15,027	12.7
1964	14,019	20.4	1997	15,114	12.5
1965	15,864	22.9	1998	15,266	12.4
1966	17,129	24.6	1999	15,489	12.4
1967	14,108	20.1	2000	15,057	11.6
1968	11,130	16.0	2001	14,820	11.2
1969	10,993	15.5	2002	14,683	10.9
1970	10,915	15.3	2003	14,867	10.9
1971	11,356	15.4	2004	14,997	10.8
1972	12,086	16.0	2005	14,933	10.4
1973	12,236	15.8	2006	14,855	10.1
1974	12,489	15.7	2007	14,973	10.0
1975	12,688	15.6	2008	14,641	9.6
1976	13,104	15.8	2009	13,771	8.9
1977	13,691	16.0	2010	13,757	8.8
1978	13,570	15.4	2011	13,696	8.6
1979	13,429	14.8	2012	13,114	8.2
1980	13,428	14.2	2013	13,207	8.2
1981	14,175	14.7	2014	13,699	8.4
1982	14,066	14.4	2015	13,500	8.2

DIVORCES OCCURRING IN IDAHO					
Year	Number	Rate	Year	Number	Rate
1950	2,696	4.6	1983	6,228	6.3
1951	2,569	4.3	1984	6,210	6.3
1952	2,586	4.3	1985	6,207	6.2
1953	2,584	4.2	1986	6,067	6.1
1954	2,523	4.1	1987	5,892	6.0
1955	2,414	3.8	1988	5,987	6.1
1956	2,214	3.5	1989	6,275	6.3
1957	2,360	3.7	1990	6,446	6.4
1958	2,372	3.6	1991	6,619	6.4
1959	2,652	4.0	1992	6,857	6.4
1960	2,515	3.8	1993	6,899	6.3
1961	2,685	4.0	1994	6,799	6.0
1962	2,547	3.7	1995	6,749	5.8
1963	2,798	4.0	1996	6,985	5.9
1964	2,876	4.1	1997	7,035	5.8
1965	2,874	4.2	1998	6,980	5.7
1966	3,062	4.4	1999	6,947	5.6
1967	3,183	4.6	2000	7,110	5.5
1968	3,278	4.7	2001	7,025	5.3
1969	3,506	5.0	2002	7,087	5.3
1970	3,612	5.1	2003	7,080	5.2
1971	3,664	5.0	2004	6,921	5.0
1972	3,847	5.1	2005	7,118	5.0
1973	4,341	5.6	2006	7,392	5.0
1974	4,808	6.0	2007	7,344	4.9
1975	5,203	6.4	2008	7,424	4.9
1976	5,699	6.8	2009	7,729	5.0
1977	6,013	7.0	2010	8,136	5.2
1978	6,356	7.2	2011	7,773	4.9
1979	6,449	7.1	2012	7,598	4.8
1980	6,596	7.0	2013	7,248	4.5
1981	6,770	7.0	2014	6,943	4.2
1982	6,238	6.4	2015	6,817	4.1

Note: Marriage and divorce partner's residency may have been in Idaho or out of state.

Marriage rate: Number of marriages occurring in Idaho per 1,000 population in Idaho in corresponding year.

Divorce rate: Number of divorces occurring in Idaho per 1,000 population in Idaho in corresponding year.

Source for population: 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, and 2010 are Census estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. Population estimates for 1951-1959 are in-house estimates based on the average annual change in the population from 1950 and 1960 based on 1950 and 1960 Census. Rates from 1961 to the present not including the census years, are based on number of births and postcensal estimates provided in the corresponding Vital Statistics annual report.

# TECHNICAL NOTES

## Marriage and Divorce

### Same-Sex Marriage and Divorce

On October 7, 2014, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled that the State of Idaho's prohibitions on same sex marriage and the recognition of same sex marriages from other states violated the Equal Protection clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the United States Constitution. These changes became effective in Idaho on October 15, 2014.

The ruling on same-sex marriage resulted in a review of Idaho Vital Statistics law and a determination was made that it is legal to record same sex couples on an Idaho marriage certificate and an Idaho divorce certificate.

### Marriage Titles

A marriage license must be issued at an Idaho county clerk's office prior to the rites of Matrimony being conducted in the state. Prior to 2014, the information on the marriage license was collected for the groom and for the bride. When same-sex marriage became legal, the marriage license in most, but not all, Idaho counties was revised. For some counties, the label of "groom" and "bride" was removed, and a check box for each person's title and sex was added to the license. For other counties, the title for each person was added, but sex of each person was not added on the license. The titles added to the marriage license are Bride, Groom, and Partner.

### Divorce Titles

Traditionally, the divorce certificate has referenced husband and wife. In 2015, the Idaho divorce certificate was revised, and husband and wife was replaced with Petitioner and Respondent. In addition, the sex of petitioner and respondent was added to the certificate.

### Race

Race of each person is collected on the marriage license and on the divorce certificate. Race is a write-in category on both documents. For statistical purposes, races listed on the certificate were collapsed into five race categories: White, Black, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, or "other race". If "Hispanic", "Mexican", "Spanish", or "Latino" was written in for race, the person's race was categorized as white. If "mixed race" was written for person's race, the person's race was categorized as "other race".

### Ethnicity

Hispanic origin is not collected on the Idaho marriage license, and is collected on the Idaho divorce certificate. The divorce certificate includes one check box for Hispanic origin (yes or no) for the petitioner and for the respondent. If Hispanic origin was specified as "yes", then origin is specified as "Cuban". "Mexican", "Puerto Rican", etc. Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on the divorce certificate; data shown for Hispanic persons may be of any race.

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