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## 2017 IDAHO VITAL STATISTICS – MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

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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 2016 U.S. marriage and divorce rates in this publication are provisional measures<sup>1</sup>. These and U.S. provisional rates for previous years are available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/marriage-divorce.htm>.

1. "National Marriage and Divorce Rate Trends for 2000-2016," National Vital Statistics System. January, 2017.

## 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 August 2018 for marriage records and August 2018 for divorce records. If records are filed with the Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics or revised after the cut-off date, the changes are not included in the database used for analysis.

# MARRIAGE

**U.S., Idaho** The number of marriages occurring in Idaho increased slightly 0.7 percent from 13,595 in 2016 to 13,691 in 2017. Because the population of Idaho increased at a higher rate than marriages, the marriage rate decreased from 8.1 marriages per 1,000 population in 2016 to 8.1 marriages per 1,000 population in 2017. Marriages occur at a higher frequency in Idaho than in the U.S. as a whole; the 2016 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.

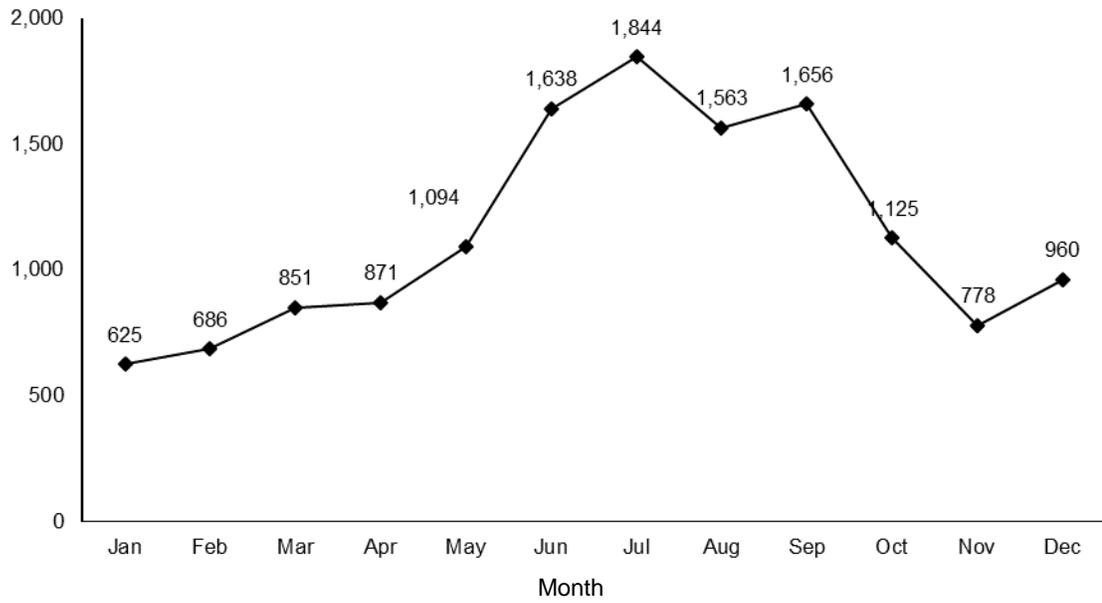
On October 15, 2014, same-sex marriage became legal in Idaho, and a question for each person's title (groom, bride, or partner) was added to the Idaho Marriage License. Marriage licenses vary by county; some counties include a question for sex, and some counties do not include a question for sex. Of the 13,691 marriages in Idaho in 2017, a total of 13,408 marriages were between a bride and groom, and 283 marriages were same-sex or between a partner and a partner. In comparison, 13,279 marriages were between a bride and groom and 316 marriages were same-sex or between a partner and a partner in 2016.

**Title of Spouses** 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 13,691 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 "Groom and Bride" is based on 13,408 marriages between a groom and a bride. The third table called "Partner and Partner" is based on 283 marriages between a groom and a groom, a bride and a bride, partner and partner, partner and groom, or partner and bride. Note it is possible for a person to label their sex as female to label their title as "groom" and vice versa, for a person to label their sex as male and label their title as "bride" on the Idaho marriage license.

<b>Fast Facts</b>	Age of Oldest Groom:	92
	Age of Oldest Bride:	88
	Age of Youngest Groom	16
	Age of Youngest Bride:	14
	Groom and Bride Marriages:	13,408
	Groom and Groom Marriages:	17
	Bride and Bride Marriages:	32
	Partner and Partner Marriages:	229
	Partner and Groom or Partner and Bride:	5
	Day Most Marriages Occurred:	June 24, 2017 (255 marriages)
	Day Fewest Marriages Occurred:	January 15, 2017 and December 10, 2017 (2 marriages each)

**Marriages  
by Month**

**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO IN 2017  
Number of Marriages by Month**



**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**District and County of Marriage**  
**2008-2017**

OCCURRENCE	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
IDAHO	13,691	13,595	13,500	13,699	13,207	13,114	13,696	13,757	13,771	14,641
District 1	2,957	3,101	3,052	3,093	3,232	3,302	3,456	3,511	3,639	3,903
District 2	698	718	762	711	638	683	712	686	709	730
District 3	1,786	1,718	1,648	1,742	1,590	1,591	1,740	1,761	1,698	1,828
District 4	3,862	3,835	3,805	3,702	3,520	3,158	3,309	3,449	3,357	3,545
District 5	1,392	1,454	1,430	1,461	1,432	1,465	1,492	1,432	1,416	1,472
District 6	977	992	967	1,057	949	1,003	1,027	1,104	1,069	1,059
District 7	2,019	1,777	1,836	1,933	1,846	1,912	1,960	1,814	1,883	2,104
Ada	3,257	3,266	3,228	3,166	3,006	2,664	2,847	2,959	2,890	3,023
Adams	28	15	22	35	38	30	39	30	19	37
Bannock	516	505	502	552	491	519	522	553	544	553
Bear Lake	35	40	47	42	54	54	45	59	53	41
Benewah	67	53	54	61	60	48	43	48	50	58
Bingham	236	231	235	272	225	274	261	300	269	270
Blaine	170	190	170	168	182	150	167	172	174	208
Boise	105	87	78	62	69	58	72	58	66	60
Bonner	385	369	359	362	344	332	364	305	339	359
Bonneville	1,107	712	829	1,169	1,083	1,104	1,139	1,079	1,089	1,185
Boundary	76	61	85	72	68	71	57	83	68	96
Butte	16	15	18	15	10	6	10	12	21	4
Camas	10	12	14	14	18	13	9	13	8	8
Canyon	1,305	1,244	1,190	1,233	1,130	1,117	1,241	1,256	1,230	1,350
Caribou	40	34	44	53	28	32	40	34	44	44
Cassia	180	174	154	191	187	196	197	169	178	180
Clark	10	5	7	4	6	5	2	5	9	6
Clearwater	82	74	82	66	79	84	68	54	70	95
Custer	99	89	76	71	77	71	76	70	72	73
Elmore	194	226	216	229	227	215	204	263	236	268
Franklin	72	85	69	67	83	53	75	61	74	71
Fremont	107	94	90	85	85	72	101	85	92	112
Gem	162	161	147	142	130	143	146	131	134	121
Gooding	80	77	100	80	81	75	72	70	88	101
Idaho	101	100	110	95	107	101	106	107	98	105
Jefferson	208	186	166	167	152	163	144	110	114	120
Jerome	159	168	177	157	141	143	135	104	129	153
Kootenai	2,323	2,500	2,469	2,479	2,651	2,759	2,912	2,980	3,089	3,307
Latah	225	224	227	231	182	200	215	179	205	196
Lemhi	61	59	62	59	56	52	64	57	62	65
Lewis	19	18	24	17	15	18	15	27	12	25
Lincoln	20	23	19	12	26	16	17	17	12	20
Madison	346	554	529	295	309	384	375	347	388	482
Minidoka	127	157	151	153	127	134	125	132	126	133
Nez Perce	271	302	319	302	255	280	308	319	324	309
Oneida	21	29	16	19	22	22	21	22	23	23
Owyhee	85	69	64	70	70	65	61	58	44	48
Payette	147	163	165	190	163	177	188	211	201	185
Power	41	53	36	37	36	43	53	63	41	53
Shoshone	106	118	85	119	109	92	80	95	93	83
Teton	81	78	77	83	78	61	59	61	57	61
Twin Falls	646	653	645	686	670	738	770	755	701	669
Valley	306	256	283	245	218	221	186	169	165	194
Washington	59	66	60	72	59	59	65	75	70	87

**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**District and County of Marriage By Title of Spouses**  
**2017**

OCCURRENCE	TOTAL MARRIAGES	MARRIAGES BETWEEN GROOM AND BRIDE	MARRIAGES BETWEEN PARTNER/PARTNER, PARTNER/GROOM, AND PARTNER/BRIDE
IDAHO	13,691	13,408	283
District 1	2,957	2,924	33
District 2	698	688	10
District 3	1,786	1,751	35
District 4	3,862	3,735	127
District 5	1,392	1,366	26
District 6	977	958	19
District 7	2,019	1,986	33
Ada	3,257	3,142	115
Adams	28	28	-
Bannock	516	502	14
Bear Lake	35	33	2
Benewah	67	67	-
Bingham	236	236	-
Blaine	170	168	2
Boise	105	104	1
Bonner	385	381	4
Bonneville	1,107	1,086	21
Boundary	76	76	-
Butte	16	16	-
Camas	10	10	-
Canyon	1,305	1,277	28
Caribou	40	40	-
Cassia	180	177	3
Clark	10	10	-
Clearwater	82	81	1
Custer	99	95	4
Elmore	194	193	1
Franklin	72	70	2
Fremont	107	106	1
Gem	162	161	1
Gooding	80	79	1
Idaho	101	99	2
Jefferson	208	205	3
Jerome	159	158	1
Kootenai	2,323	2,294	29
Latah	225	220	5
Lemhi	61	60	1
Lewis	19	19	-
Lincoln	20	20	-
Madison	346	344	2
Minidoka	127	124	3
Nez Perce	271	269	2
Oneida	21	21	-
Owyhee	85	83	2
Payette	147	144	3
Power	41	40	1
Shoshone	106	106	-
Teton	81	80	1
Twin Falls	646	630	16
Valley	306	296	10
Washington	59	58	1

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**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**Total Marriages by Age**  
**2017**

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	13,691	1	1,006	3,624	2,899	1,756	1,227	892	1,370	621	240	55	-
<15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-19	466	1	343	112	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24	3,060	-	576	2,128	288	44	17	5	2	-	-	-	-
25-29	2,890	-	61	1,042	1,400	270	88	19	9	1	-	-	-
30-34	2,077	-	14	239	821	696	210	75	21	1	-	-	-
35-39	1,381	-	4	68	263	444	397	147	54	4	-	-	-
40-44	946	-	3	20	73	186	279	263	116	5	1	-	-
45-54	1,551	-	4	13	35	100	196	316	780	100	7	-	-
55-64	847	-	1	2	10	14	36	57	330	355	39	3	-
65-74	356	-	-	-	-	1	4	8	49	135	146	13	-
75+	117	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	9	20	47	39	-
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**Total Marriages by Race**  
**2017**

RACE OF FIRST SPOUSE	TOTAL	RACE OF SECOND SPOUSE					
		White	Black	American Indian Alaskan Native	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other Race	Not stated
TOTAL	13,691	12,685	102	199	336	368	1
White	12,718	12,147	58	128	245	139	1
Black	174	128	38	-	6	2	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	184	120	1	56	5	2	-
Asian or Pacific Islander	222	144	-	3	75	-	-
Other race	393	146	5	12	5	225	-
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 (including partner and groom or partner and bride), in which sexes of partners may or may not be listed.

**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**Marriages Between Groom And Bride**  
**Age of Groom by Age of Bride, 2017**

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	13,408	1	1,000	3,579	2,818	1,708	1,200	871	1,338	604	234	55	-
<15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-19	455	1	341	104	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24	3,017	-	573	2,105	271	44	17	5	2	-	-	-	-
25-29	2,824	-	60	1,032	1,366	257	82	18	9	-	-	-	-
30-34	2,022	-	14	236	801	675	204	71	20	1	-	-	-
35-39	1,355	-	4	67	256	436	392	144	52	4	-	-	-
40-44	928	-	3	20	71	183	275	258	112	5	1	-	-
45-54	1,511	-	4	13	35	97	192	308	763	93	6	-	-
55-64	826	-	1	2	10	14	34	57	322	347	36	3	-
65-74	353	-	-	-	-	1	4	8	49	134	144	13	-
75+	117	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	9	20	47	39	-
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**Marriages Between Partner and Partner**  
**Age of First Partner by Age of Second Partner, 2017**

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	283	-	6	45	81	48	27	21	32	17	6	-	-
<15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-19	11	-	2	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24	43	-	3	23	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-29	66	-	1	10	34	13	6	1	-	1	-	-	-
30-34	55	-	-	3	20	21	6	4	1	-	-	-	-
35-39	26	-	-	1	7	8	5	3	2	-	-	-	-
40-44	18	-	-	-	2	3	4	5	4	-	-	-	-
45-54	40	-	-	-	-	3	4	8	17	7	1	-	-
55-64	21	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	8	8	3	-	-
65-74	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
75+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**Marriages Between Groom and Bride by Race**  
**2017**

RACE OF GROOM	TOTAL	RACE OF BRIDE					
		White	Black	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian or Pacific Islander	Other Race	Not Stated
TOTAL	13,408	12,428	99	196	327	358	-
White	12,462	11,909	56	127	239	131	-
Black	170	124	38	-	6	2	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	177	116	1	54	4	2	-
Asian or Pacific Islander	216	140	-	3	73	-	-
Other race	383	139	4	12	5	223	-
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**Marriages Between Partner and Partner by Race**  
**2017**

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	283	257	3	3	9	10	1
White	256	238	2	1	6	8	1
Black	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	4	-	2	1	-	-
Asian or Pacific Islander	6	4	-	-	2	-	-
Other race	10	7	1	-	-	2	-
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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**  
**2017**

MARRIAGES AND SPOUSES	NUMBER
Total Marriages	13,691
Groom and Bride	13,408
Partner/Partner, Bride/Bride, Groom/Groom	283
Total Spouses	
Brides	13,475
Grooms	13,444
Partners	463

**MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**Number of Spouses and Mean Age by Title and Previous Marital Status**  
**2017**

TITLE	PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS				
	Total	Single	Divorced	Widowed	Not Stated
Number of Spouses					
Total	27,382	17,530	9,123	728	1
Bride	13,475	8,536	4,555	384	-
Groom	13,444	8,642	4,459	342	1
Partner	463	352	109	2	-
Mean Age					
Bride	32.0	25.9	41.3	57.4	NA
Groom	34.4	28.0	44.4	64.3	NA
Partner	34.4	32.6	39.6	63.5	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**  
**2017**

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	13,691	10,683	806	2,187	15
District 1	2,957	1,394	182	1,373	8
District 2	698	501	61	136	-
District 3	1,786	1,606	84	94	2
District 4	3,862	3,400	208	250	4
District 5	1,392	1,216	60	116	-
District 6	977	872	41	64	-
District 7	2,019	1,694	170	154	1
Ada	3,257	2,892	175	187	3
Adams	28	22	1	4	1
Bannock	516	478	15	23	-
Bear Lake	35	22	5	8	-
Benewah	67	52	6	9	-
Bingham	236	224	6	6	-
Blaine	170	99	7	64	-
Boise	105	92	2	10	1
Bonner	385	251	22	112	-
Bonneville	1,107	967	82	58	-
Boundary	76	60	9	7	-
Butte	16	11	1	4	-
Camas	10	9	1	-	-
Canyon	1,305	1,215	47	42	1
Caribou	40	34	2	4	-
Cassia	180	163	7	10	-
Clark	10	10	-	-	-
Clearwater	82	70	3	9	-
Custer	99	75	6	18	-
Elmore	194	167	16	11	-
Franklin	72	50	9	13	-
Fremont	107	82	7	17	1
Gem	162	145	6	11	-
Gooding	80	74	3	3	-
Idaho	101	80	7	14	-
Jefferson	208	191	13	4	-
Jerome	159	149	4	6	-
Kootenai	2,323	945	140	1,230	8
Latah	225	159	23	43	-
Lemhi	61	49	3	9	-
Lewis	19	18	-	1	-
Lincoln	20	18	2	-	-
Madison	346	264	56	26	-
Minidoka	127	116	5	6	-
Nez Perce	271	174	28	69	-
Oneida	21	14	2	5	-
Owyhee	85	72	5	8	-
Payette	147	108	13	26	-
Power	41	39	1	1	-
Shoshone	106	86	5	15	-
Teton	81	56	3	22	-
Twin Falls	646	588	31	27	-
Valley	306	249	15	42	-
Washington	59	44	12	3	-

# DIVORCE

## U.S. and Idaho

The number of divorces occurring in Idaho decreased 1.7 percent from 6,786 in 2016 to 6,674 in 2017. In the past ten years, the divorce rate declined 20.4 percent from 4.9 divorces per 1,000 population in 2008 to 3.9 in 2017. Like marriages, divorces occur more frequently in Idaho than in the remainder of the nation; the 2016 U.S. provisional divorce rate was 3.2 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 states prior to legalization in Idaho, and in 2015, the Idaho Certificate of Divorce 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.

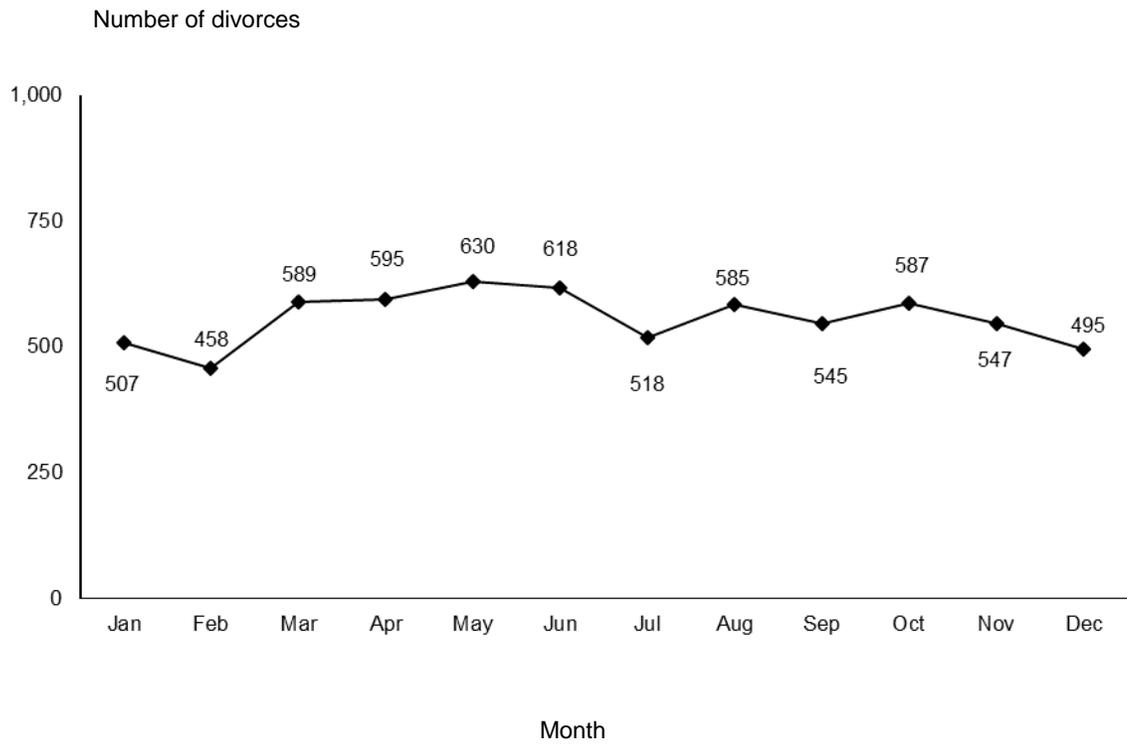
Of the 6,674 divorces in Idaho in 2017, 6,496 (97.3 percent) were opposite-sex divorces, 65 were same-sex divorces in which both the petitioner and the respondent were female, 20 divorces were same-sex divorces in which both the petitioner and the respondent were male, and 93 divorce records did not report the sex of petitioner or respondent. A total of 4,343 petitioners (65.7 percent) were female, 2,300 were male (34.5 percent), and the sex of 31 petitioners was not stated.

## Fast Facts

Oldest Male Divorcee:	89
Oldest Female Divorcee:	90
Youngest Male Divorcee:	17
Youngest Female Divorcee:	16
Day Most Divorces Finalized (47 divorces):	April 11, & November 27
Greatest Number of Previous Marriages for Male Divorcees:	9
Greatest Number of Previous Marriages for Female Divorcees:	7
Marriage of Longest Duration Ending in a Divorce:	65 years
Marriage of Shortest Duration Ending in a Divorce:	12 days

**Divorces by  
Month**

**DIVORCES OCCURRING IN IDAHO  
Month of Divorce  
2017**



**DIVORCES GRANTED IN IDAHO**  
**District and County of Divorce**  
**2008-2017**

OCCURRENCE	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
IDAHO	6,674	6,786	6,817	6,943	7,248	7,598	7,773	8,136	7,729	7,424
District 1	950	1,051	1,001	1,010	1,069	1,118	1,124	1,192	1,112	1,110
District 2	373	388	412	368	481	436	493	432	438	408
District 3	1,121	1,110	1,117	1,130	1,148	1,285	1,276	1,402	1,297	1,247
District 4	2,009	2,077	2,065	2,157	2,138	2,311	2,329	2,404	2,346	2,227
District 5	818	757	839	847	858	957	916	976	915	872
District 6	575	563	575	567	653	644	690	788	711	692
District 7	828	840	808	864	901	847	945	942	910	868
Ada	1,794	1,856	1,887	1,959	1,944	2,072	2,068	2,138	2,065	1,947
Adams	12	16	24	10	11	17	11	18	18	14
Bannock	285	273	274	293	336	346	328	399	357	364
Bear Lake	17	18	16	21	27	12	21	29	28	24
Benewah	29	34	33	31	39	41	39	60	40	45
Bingham	159	160	165	131	166	160	175	199	181	177
Blaine	93	75	74	85	63	69	72	100	102	78
Boise	16	13	7	11	3	7	15	27	26	22
Bonner	163	178	160	180	167	166	179	221	214	216
Bonneville	557	536	555	576	631	588	634	641	634	597
Boundary	41	41	33	30	27	37	37	40	52	42
Butte	9	5	3	8	8	6	11	7	5	4
Camas	6	3	4	1	5	9	8	7	6	1
Canyon	876	831	854	861	872	957	954	1,051	982	954
Caribou	14	20	19	19	32	22	21	38	26	29
Cassia	92	94	107	103	113	160	140	135	116	124
Clark	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3
Clearwater	34	20	16	23	33	18	43	38	43	21
Custer	13	11	8	9	10	9	13	11	13	29
Elmore	161	171	140	153	150	197	204	203	196	214
Franklin	44	38	57	48	34	44	57	42	53	38
Fremont	31	37	26	37	47	30	45	40	37	42
Gem	79	90	89	89	90	89	99	102	84	70
Gooding	36	38	43	41	44	46	50	45	53	46
Idaho	53	59	51	52	61	57	58	53	48	58
Jefferson	71	89	76	95	75	70	99	99	77	51
Jerome	94	79	73	96	97	98	94	119	87	77
Kootenai	668	729	709	701	763	811	788	794	753	749
Latah	102	109	120	109	167	123	145	108	104	108
Lemhi	25	23	22	29	27	22	30	35	43	36
Lewis	8	10	13	5	12	7	13	9	11	7
Lincoln	18	23	19	20	25	28	21	16	16	18
Madison	100	103	81	93	73	90	88	76	62	70
Minidoka	63	52	72	73	66	68	64	52	62	52
Nez Perce	165	179	197	179	204	222	229	213	228	208
Oneida	13	10	14	18	15	11	13	23	18	12
Owyhee	18	23	17	19	27	13	25	25	29	19
Payette	96	111	93	115	107	168	139	152	144	145
Power	14	23	13	17	26	18	33	29	15	19
Shoshone	44	63	54	59	69	56	72	73	49	57
Teton	31	41	39	24	37	37	35	38	43	40
Twin Falls	416	393	447	428	445	479	467	502	473	476
Valley	38	37	31	34	41	35	42	36	59	44
Washington	40	39	40	36	41	41	48	54	40	45
Tribal Courts:										
Coeur d'Alene	5	6	12	9	4	7	9	4	4	1
Kootenai	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nez Perce	11	11	15	-	4	9	5	11	4	6
Shoshone-Bannock	20	16	14	12	9	25	31	22	28	25

Tribal court data are included in District totals.

**DIVORCES OCCURRING IN IDAHO**  
**District and County of Occurrence by Idaho Residence**  
**2017**

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	6,674	5,274	1,279	13	108
District 1	950	692	240	4	14
District 2	373	267	95	1	10
District 3	1,121	896	203	1	21
District 4	2,009	1,651	330	4	24
District 5	818	648	145	1	24
District 6	575	449	119	2	5
District 7	828	671	147	-	10
Ada	1,794	1,490	281	1	22
Adams	12	11	1	-	-
Bannock	285	230	54	1	-
Bear Lake	17	15	2	-	-
Benewah	29	21	7	-	1
Bingham	159	129	28	-	2
Blaine	93	74	16	1	2
Boise	16	14	2	-	-
Bonner	163	113	42	1	7
Bonneville	557	475	77	-	5
Boundary	41	27	13	-	1
Butte	9	5	4	-	-
Camas	6	6	-	-	-
Canyon	876	714	147	1	14
Caribou	14	12	2	-	-
Cassia	92	70	15	-	7
Clark	-	-	-	-	-
Clearwater	34	24	10	-	-
Custer	13	9	4	-	-
Elmore	161	115	41	3	2
Franklin	44	25	16	1	2
Fremont	31	27	4	-	-
Gem	79	66	10	-	3
Gooding	36	29	7	-	-
Idaho	53	38	14	-	1
Jefferson	71	54	14	-	3
Jerome	94	77	16	-	1
Kootenai	668	494	166	3	5
Latah	102	70	27	-	5
Lemhi	25	19	5	-	1
Lewis	8	3	4	-	1
Lincoln	18	17	1	-	-
Madison	100	64	35	-	1
Minidoka	63	47	12	-	4
Nez Perce	165	123	39	1	2
Oneida	13	6	7	-	-
Owyhee	18	12	6	-	-
Payette	96	71	24	-	1
Power	14	12	2	-	-
Shoshone	44	34	10	-	-
Teton	31	23	8	-	-
Twin Falls	416	328	78	-	10
Valley	38	32	6	-	-
Washington	40	22	15	-	3
Tribal Courts:					
Coeur d'Alene	5	3	2	-	-
Kootenai	-	-	-	-	-
Nez Perce	11	9	1	-	1
Shoshone-Bannock	20	15	4	-	1

**DIVORCES GRANTED IN IDAHO**  
**Number and Percentages of Marriages by Duration of Marriage**  
**2015-2017**

DURATION OF MARRIAGE	2017		2016	2015
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent
TOTAL	6,674	100.0%	(6,786)	(6,817)
0-4 years	2,317	35.0%	36.9%	35.1%
<1 year	331	5.0	5.0	5.6
1-4 years	1,986	30.0	31.9	29.5
5-9 years	1,609	24.3	22.5	23.2
10-14 years	1,017	15.3	15.5	15.7
15-19 years	689	10.4	9.8	10.7
20-24 years	440	6.6	7.1	7.1
25-29 years	262	4.0	4.2	3.9
30-34 years	138	2.1	2.1	2.2
35-39 years	90	1.4	1.1	1.2
40+ years	66	1.0	0.8	1.0
Not stated	46	NA	(55)	(49)
Average years duration*	10.0 Years		9.9 Years	10.1 Years

Percentages based on records with stated duration of marriage.

Total numbers and numbers of divorces with duration of marriage not stated in 2015 and 2016 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 2015-2017; the average years duration is not comparable with median years duration.

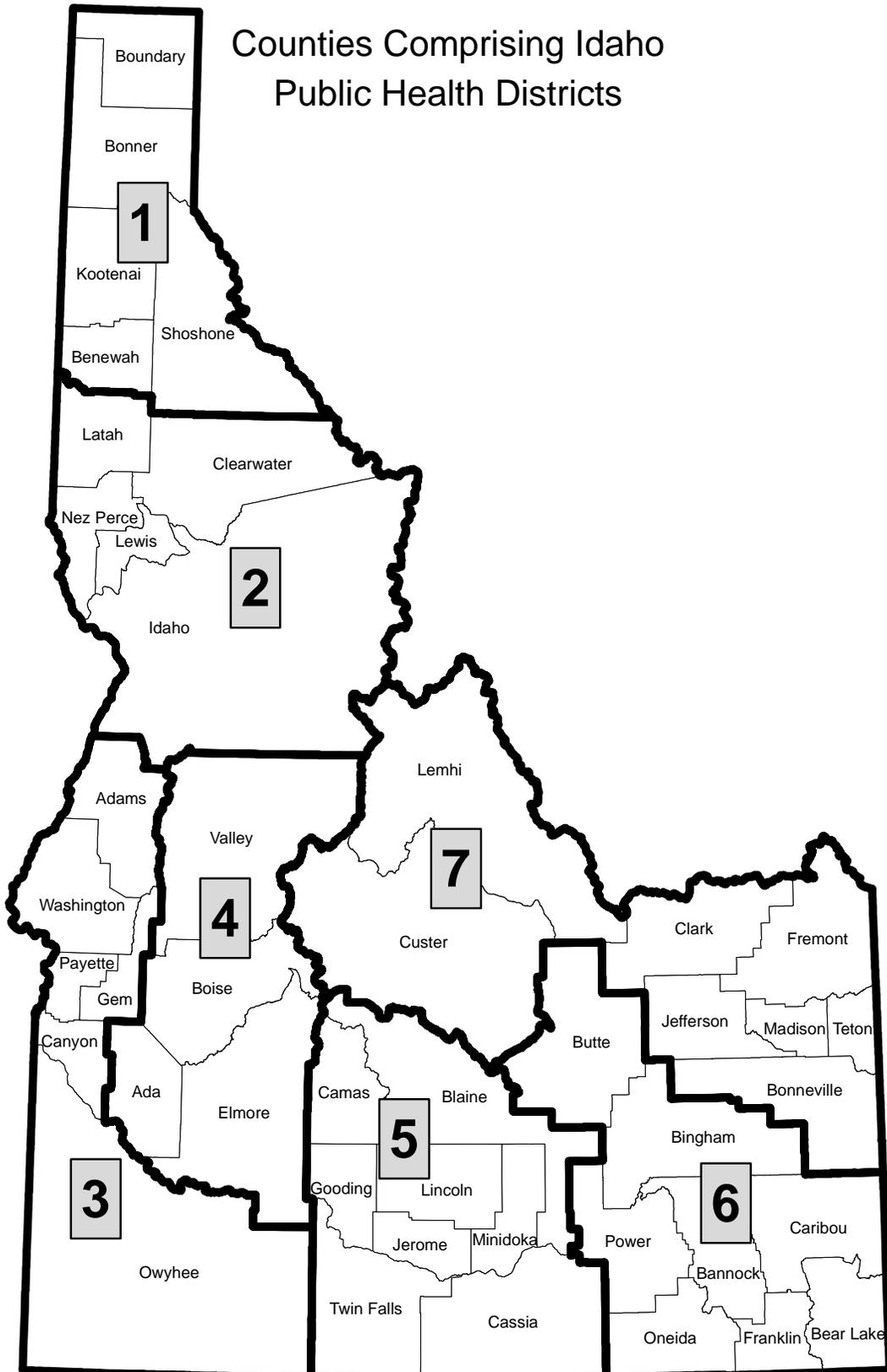
**DIVORCES GRANTED IN IDAHO**  
**Number of Children <18 Years of Age in Household**  
**2017**

NUMBER OF CHILDREN <18 YEARS OF AGE IN HOUSEHOLD	TOTAL DIVORCES	TOTAL CHILDREN
TOTAL	6,674	6,451
No children	3,366	-
1 child	1,210	1,210
2 children	1,246	2,492
3 children	515	1,545
4 children	189	756
5 children	52	260
6 children	22	132
7 children	3	21
8 children	3	24
9 children	-	-
10+ children	1	11
Not stated	67	NA

**DIVORCES GRANTED IN IDAHO**  
**Legal Grounds**  
**2017**

LEGAL GROUNDS	TOTAL	DIVORCES	ANNULMENTS
TOTAL	6,674	6,628	46
Adultery	24	24	-
Bigamy	5	-	5
Conviction of a felony	1	1	-
Habitual intemperance	1	1	-
Extreme cruelty	9	9	-
Five-year continuous separation without cohabitation	1	1	-
Fraud, misrepresentation	33	-	33
Incapacity	3	-	3
Irreconcilable differences	6,586	6,586	-
Permanent insanity	-	-	-
Underage	-	-	-
Willful desertion	1	1	-
Willful neglect or nonsupport	-	-	-
Other	3	-	3
Not stated	7	5	2

# 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

## MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES OCCURRING IN IDAHO

### Number and Rate per 1,000 Population

#### 1950-2017

MARRIAGES OCCURRING IN IDAHO						DIVORCES OCCURRING IN IDAHO					
Year	Number	Rate	Year	Number	Rate	Year	Number	Rate	Year	Number	Rate
1950	8,345	14.2	1984	13,264	13.3	1950	2,696	4.6	1984	6,210	6.3
1951	7,849	13.2	1985	12,277	12.2	1951	2,569	4.3	1985	6,207	6.2
1952	8,120	13.4	1986	11,957	11.9	1952	2,586	4.3	1986	6,067	6.1
1953	8,486	13.9	1987	11,428	11.5	1953	2,584	4.2	1987	5,892	6.0
1954	8,915	14.4	1988	12,165	12.3	1954	2,523	4.1	1988	5,987	6.1
1955	8,879	14.1	1989	13,193	13.3	1955	2,414	3.8	1989	6,275	6.3
1956	9,132	14.4	1990	14,064	13.9	1956	2,214	3.5	1990	6,446	6.4
1957	8,995	14.0	1991	14,352	13.8	1957	2,360	3.7	1991	6,619	6.4
1958	9,522	14.6	1992	14,458	13.6	1958	2,372	3.6	1992	6,857	6.4
1959	9,343	14.2	1993	14,836	13.5	1959	2,652	4.0	1993	6,899	6.3
1960	10,325	15.5	1994	14,895	13.1	1960	2,515	3.8	1994	6,799	6.0
1961	11,151	16.5	1995	15,106	13.0	1961	2,685	4.0	1995	6,749	5.8
1962	11,934	17.4	1996	15,027	12.7	1962	2,547	3.7	1996	6,985	5.9
1963	12,680	18.1	1997	15,114	12.5	1963	2,798	4.0	1997	7,035	5.8
1964	14,019	20.4	1998	15,266	12.4	1964	2,876	4.1	1998	6,980	5.7
1965	15,864	22.9	1999	15,489	12.4	1965	2,874	4.2	1999	6,947	5.6
1966	17,129	24.6	2000	15,057	11.6	1966	3,062	4.4	2000	7,110	5.5
1967	14,108	20.1	2001	14,820	11.2	1967	3,183	4.6	2001	7,025	5.3
1968	11,130	16.0	2002	14,683	10.9	1968	3,278	4.7	2002	7,087	5.3
1969	10,993	15.5	2003	14,867	10.9	1969	3,506	5.0	2003	7,080	5.2
1970	10,915	15.3	2004	14,997	10.8	1970	3,612	5.1	2004	6,921	5.0
1971	11,356	15.4	2005	14,933	10.4	1971	3,664	5.0	2005	7,118	5.0
1972	12,086	16.0	2006	14,855	10.1	1972	3,847	5.1	2006	7,392	5.0
1973	12,236	15.8	2007	14,973	10.0	1973	4,341	5.6	2007	7,344	4.9
1974	12,489	15.7	2008	14,641	9.6	1974	4,808	6.0	2008	7,424	4.9
1975	12,688	15.6	2009	13,771	8.9	1975	5,203	6.4	2009	7,729	5.0
1976	13,104	15.8	2010	13,757	8.8	1976	5,699	6.8	2010	8,136	5.2
1977	13,691	16.0	2011	13,696	8.6	1977	6,013	7.0	2011	7,773	4.9
1978	13,570	15.4	2012	13,114	8.2	1978	6,356	7.2	2012	7,598	4.8
1979	13,429	14.8	2013	13,207	8.2	1979	6,449	7.1	2013	7,248	4.5
1980	13,428	14.2	2014	13,699	8.4	1980	6,596	7.0	2014	6,943	4.2
1981	14,175	14.7	2015	13,500	8.2	1981	6,770	7.0	2015	6,817	4.1
1982	14,066	14.4	2016	13,595	8.1	1982	6,238	6.4	2016	6,786	4.0
1983	13,421	13.6	2017	13,691	8.0	1983	6,228	6.3	2017	6,674	3.9

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 July 1, population estimates of the corresponding year.

# 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 Alaska 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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