

# **Wisconsin Marriages and Divorces, 1997**

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## Introduction

This report presents key information about marriages and divorces that *occurred* in Wisconsin in 1997. It also contains information from selected previous years, as well as information on the number and rate of marriages and divorces, both in Wisconsin and nationally. The source of these data is marriage and divorce certificates on file with the Center for Health Statistics.

The collection of marriage and divorce data is mandated by Chapter 69 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Chapter 69 authorizes the Department of Health and Family Services to supervise and direct the collection of these data. This statute also stipulates how local registrars are to collect and file certificates of marriage. Samples of the marriage and divorce/annulment certificates are included in the Technical Notes.

The Center for Health Statistics would like to recognize and thank the local Register of Deeds offices for their accurate recording of all marriage records. The Department of Health and Family Services produced this publication. Staff of the Vital Records and Statistics Unit, Center for Health Statistics, collected and compiled the marriage and divorce records. Joyce Knapton drafted the brief summaries in this report and produced the computer programs to generate the tables. Karen Gedko provided word processing and Jane Kraus supervised data collection activities.

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## Key Findings

- ✎ A total of 35,546 marriages occurred in Wisconsin in 1997, representing a slight decrease from the 36,186 marriages that occurred in 1996.
- ✎ Wisconsin's marriage rate in 1997 was 6.8 per 1,000 total population, continuing a gradual decline in this rate since the high of 8.7 marriages per 1,000 population in 1980.
- ✎ The marriage rate in Wisconsin has been consistently lower than the national rate for more than 75 years.
- ✎ From 1960 to 1997, the average age of brides and grooms marrying for the first time has gradually increased. In 1960, the average age was 20.4 for brides and 22.9 for grooms, while in 1997 it was 24.6 and 26.3, respectively.
- ✎ Since 1960, the average bride in a first marriage has been approximately two years younger than the groom.
- ✎ In 1997, the months with the highest number of marriages were June, August and September. August was the most popular month to marry.
- ✎ Milwaukee County had the highest number of marriages in 1997 (5,717), followed by Dane County (2,674), Waukesha County (2,338), and Brown County (1,633). These counties were the four most populous counties in the state.
- ✎ A total of 17,289 divorces and annulments occurred in Wisconsin in 1997, for a divorce rate of 3.3 per 1,000 total population. This is identical to the 1996 rate, which was the lowest statewide rate since 1975.
- ✎ The divorce and annulment rate in Wisconsin has been consistently lower than the national rate for more than 75 years.
- ✎ In 1997, the total number of Wisconsin divorces was 49 percent of the total number of Wisconsin marriages. This is up one percent from 1996.
- ✎ The highest number of divorces and annulments occurred in Milwaukee County (2,993 divorces and 14 annulments), followed by Dane County (1,316 divorces and 6 annulments) and Waukesha County (1,136 divorces and 1 annulment), reflecting the large populations of these three counties.
- ✎ Fifty-eight percent of all Wisconsin divorces in 1997 involved families with children under 18 years of age. Among divorces involving families with children, an average of 1.9 children were affected by each divorce.

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## Overview of Tables and Figures

Data for 1997 and other relevant years are presented in two main sections: “Marriages” and “Divorces.” Technical Notes are included at the end of this report to help the reader understand and use these data.

All tables and figures in this report present Wisconsin “occurrence” data (reflecting marriages and divorces that took place in Wisconsin).

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**Table 1. Marriages and Marriage Rates, 1920-1997**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Wisconsin Marriages</u>	<u>Wisconsin Marriage Rate</u>	<u>United States Marriage Rate</u>
1920	22,293	8.4	12.0
1925	16,385	5.8	10.3
1930	15,328	5.2	9.2
1935	21,075	6.9	10.4
1940	23,379	7.5	12.1
1945	25,269	8.5	12.2
1950	29,081	8.4	11.1
1955	25,543	7.0	9.3
1960	24,573	6.2	8.5
1965	28,410	6.7	9.3
1970	34,415	7.8	10.6
1975	35,888	7.9	10.0
1980	41,113	8.7	10.6
1985	40,014	8.4	10.1
1990	38,934	8.0	9.8
1991	37,765	7.6	9.4
1992	37,069	7.4	9.2
1993	36,415	7.2	9.0
1994	36,375	7.2	9.1
1995	36,354	7.1	8.9
1996	36,186	7.0	8.9
1997	35,546	6.8	9.1

Notes: U.S. marriage rates are from the National Center for Health Statistics, *Monthly Vital Statistics Report*.

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Rates shown are marriages per 1,000 total population.

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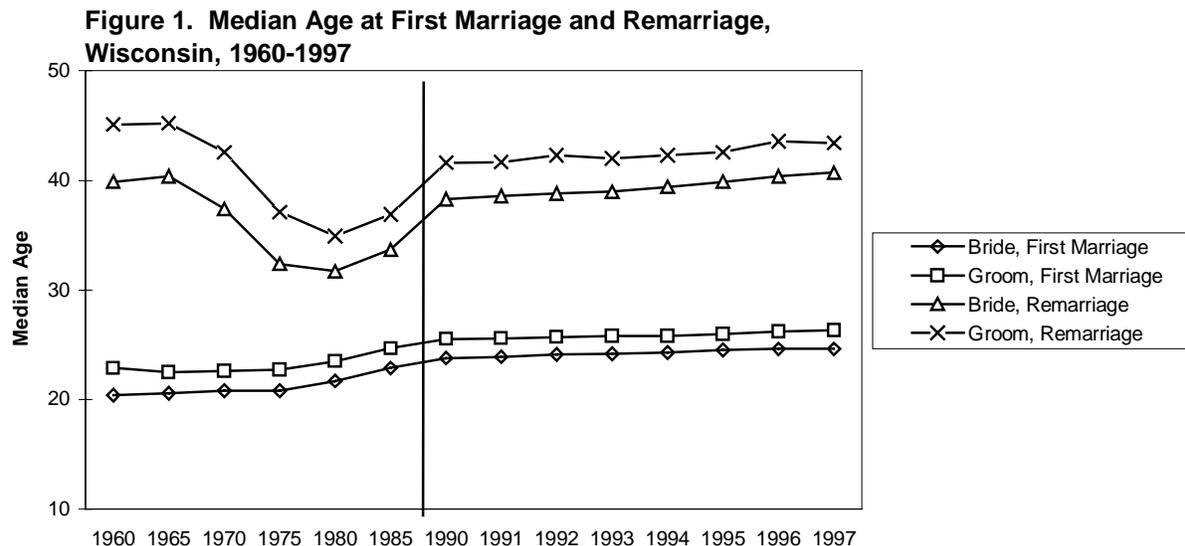
**Table 2. Median Age at First Marriage and Remarriage, 1960-1997**

Year	First Marriages		All Remarriages	
	Bride	Groom	Bride	Groom
1960	20.4	22.9	39.9	45.1
1965	20.6	22.5	40.4	45.2
1970	20.8	22.6	37.4	42.6
1975	20.8	22.7	32.4	37.1
1980	21.7	23.5	31.7	34.9
1985	22.9	24.7	33.7	36.9
1990	23.8	25.5	38.3	41.6
1991	23.9	25.6	38.6	41.7
1992	24.1	25.7	38.8	42.3
1993	24.2	25.8	39.0	42.0
1994	24.3	25.8	39.4	42.3
1995	24.5	26.0	39.9	42.6
1996	24.6	26.2	40.4	43.6
1997	24.6	26.3	40.7	43.4

Note: The median age is one way of expressing the average age, and represents the midpoint of all persons in the group (half are older and half are younger than the median age). For example, in 1995 the median age for brides at first marriage was 24.5, meaning that half of all brides being married for the first time in 1995 were younger, and half were older, than 24.5. The numbers in this table reflect all marriages that occurred in Wisconsin in the stated years.

From 1960 to 1997, the average age of brides and grooms marrying for the first time has gradually increased. In 1960, the average age was 20.4 for brides and 22.9 for grooms, while in 1997 it was 24.6 and 26.3, respectively.

Since 1960, the average bride in a first marriage has been approximately two years younger than the groom.



## Marriages

**Table 3. Number of This Marriage by Age of Bride and Groom, 1997**

Age in Years	BRIDE					GROOM				
	Total Marriages	First	Second	Third	Fourth or More	Total Marriages	First	Second	Third	Fourth or More
	<b>35,546</b>	<b>24,392</b>	<b>8,950</b>	<b>1,836</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>35,546</b>	<b>24,907</b>	<b>8,680</b>	<b>1,666</b>	<b>293</b>
16	158	158				8	8			
17	189	189				30	30			
18	663	662	1			243	243			
19	1,079	1,072	7			443	443			
20	1,374	1,362	11	1		737	735	2		
21	1,728	1,700	28			1,122	1,117	5		
22	2,176	2,140	35	1		1,588	1,567	21		
23	2,448	2,349	97	2		2,003	1,970	32	1	
24	2,450	2,296	152	2		2,108	2,050	58		
25-29	9,605	8,004	1,518	78	5	10,603	9,649	932	20	2
30-34	5,184	2,752	2,142	261	29	6,315	4,303	1,860	145	7
35-39	3,468	1,103	1,868	425	72	3,873	1,773	1,783	290	27
40-44	2,151	400	1,237	415	99	2,467	660	1,412	347	48
45-49	1,353	132	847	295	79	1,627	207	1,004	345	71
50-54	659	47	413	158	41	971	87	589	227	68
55-59	313	9	214	75	15	541	31	350	132	28
60-64	208	7	145	47	9	311	18	197	77	19
65-69	156	5	111	32	8	230	8	180	33	9
70-74	98	1	61	28	8	166	7	131	20	8
75+	85	3	63	16	3	160	1	124	29	6
Unknown	1	1								

Note: Totals shown represent marriages that occurred in Wisconsin in 1997.

✎ Women appear to remarry more often than men.

✎ In 1997, first-time grooms in Wisconsin outnumbered first-time brides by more than 500.

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**Table 4. Monthly Marriage Totals by County, 1997**

<u>County</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>35,546</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>1,643</b>	<b>1,586</b>	<b>2,354</b>	<b>3,830</b>	<b>4,585</b>	<b>3,409</b>	<b>5,159</b>	<b>4,384</b>	<b>3,867</b>	<b>1,956</b>	<b>1,680</b>
Adams	131	4	6	5	10	13	22	9	18	17	17	7	3
Ashland	162	6	9	8	8	14	21	14	28	24	18	5	7
Barron	324	7	12	15	12	43	38	41	53	45	35	11	12
Bayfield	109	1	3	5	7	12	16	18	19	10	8	6	4
Brown	1,633	52	62	74	119	183	208	128	206	240	187	92	82
Buffalo	80	4	2	5	6	3	13	9	10	11	10	3	4
Burnett	81	5	3	4	5	9	9	10	9	12	11		4
Calumet	175	2	7	6	13	15	25	20	28	30	19	5	5
Chippewa	434	14	16	12	28	50	53	39	77	60	46	26	13
Clark	210	6	9	4	19	23	31	17	27	25	29	12	8
Columbia	426	14	22	19	30	52	54	41	51	63	48	17	15
Crawford	121	7	4	4	9	14	15	11	23	15	10	6	3
Dane	2,674	87	122	126	185	282	328	264	394	312	291	138	145
Dodge	491	9	24	24	48	68	56	45	64	51	51	26	25
Door	394	7	14	9	14	40	55	48	67	53	57	19	11
Douglas	312	9	18	10	17	30	44	37	55	31	34	14	13
Dunn	248	7	9	12	14	28	33	22	40	35	22	14	12
Eau Claire	621	28	26	17	39	70	76	57	110	83	62	25	28
Florence	15	1	1			1	2	1	4	3	1	1	
Fond du Lac	700	21	29	33	48	85	88	63	98	81	87	40	27
Forest	84	2	4	1	6	6	10	10	16	16	7	4	2
Grant	303	8	8	10	19	39	42	35	40	42	36	17	7
Green	251	5	11	15	17	26	31	18	31	32	33	19	13
Green Lake	144	2	4	5	7	13	18	17	27	23	9	6	13
Iowa	175	2	7	7	11	24	21	17	21	23	26	7	9
Iron	40	4	3	3	1	3	8	8	3	2	2		3
Jackson	132	2	7	8	6	11	20	17	19	10	16	9	7
Jefferson	516	20	23	27	48	46	73	43	74	59	52	26	25
Juneau	188	4	10	9	18	22	21	16	28	22	19	9	10
Kenosha	902	29	50	55	53	87	112	81	110	113	83	66	63
Kewaunee	144	2	6	4	18	15	11	17	22	16	24	7	2
La Crosse	712	15	34	31	51	81	91	67	109	84	77	46	26
Lafayette	101		3	3	8	20	8	6	19	16	8	5	5
Langlade	160	4	9	5	8	19	20	9	27	18	19	11	11
Lincoln	244	7	13	11	15	21	32	19	35	45	22	8	16
Manitowoc	527	12	20	19	40	62	71	62	74	59	58	30	20
Marathon	859	27	39	32	63	89	112	91	130	102	83	53	38
Marinette	266	10	17	10	17	21	33	26	45	38	25	18	6
Marquette	80	3	4		1	10	13	6	7	13	11	6	6
Menominee	29			1	1	3	3	1	11	3	3		3
Milwaukee	5,717	208	336	332	367	630	670	504	787	632	614	335	302
Monroe	285	12	4	11	22	27	44	23	36	34	37	15	20

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Oconto	202	6	9	6	21	13	30	17	29	27	20	14	10
Oneida	281	7	10	12	15	26	36	34	52	33	29	15	12
Outagamie	1,222	39	53	40	82	127	164	122	178	162	138	73	44
Ozaukee	521	19	17	16	33	47	72	70	81	62	59	26	19
Pepin	50		2		3	5	9	4	9	6	4	4	4
Pierce	187	6	6	6	15	24	25	16	26	29	18	6	10
Polk	278	5	14	11	17	22	40	22	51	38	32	14	12
Portage	402	6	16	15	24	42	65	38	70	41	46	19	20
Price	94	2	5	3	2	7	14	19	14	11	11	4	2
Racine	1,079	41	51	55	63	116	140	110	161	113	106	71	52
Richland	107	2	3	3	12	13	18	12	17	7	6	6	8
Rock	1,011	43	56	63	71	95	141	78	136	110	107	61	50
Rusk	125	2	7	8	9	10	16	12	23	13	14	5	6
St. Croix	403	15	27	8	31	35	63	32	62	56	32	19	22
Sauk	482	11	21	22	28	52	23	50	66	61	61	21	26
Sawyer	132	3	5	4	10	13	18	18	18	20	9	3	6
Shawano	253	5	13	12	17	26	89	26	48	28	36	11	13
Sheboygan	741	20	36	29	47	91	64	78	104	104	79	30	34
Taylor	124	3	10	4	8	17	9	14	17	19	15	5	3
Trempealeau	184	5	11	7	13	22	28	19	24	26	15	6	8
Vernon	177	7	3	8	13	14	24	18	28	24	19	12	7
Vilas	145	5	12	4	3	9	16	22	26	20	18	4	6
Walworth	712	20	19	41	45	79	89	64	94	95	76	49	41
Washburn	130	6	5	6	8	10	21	12	26	16	9	7	4
Washington	699	16	26	23	43	81	88	89	84	95	86	34	34
Waukesha	2,338	61	84	89	152	265	318	211	345	280	279	159	95
Waupaca	486	12	14	13	22	58	78	56	70	64	59	23	17
Waushara	144	3	11	5	5	16	21	17	21	21	12	8	4
Winnebago	1,053	40	57	54	67	115	134	99	151	127	108	49	52
Wood	584	14	30	28	47	70	81	43	76	73	57	34	31

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- ✍ The lowest number of marriages occurred in the counties of Florence (15) and Menominee (29).

**Table 5. Divorces/Annulments and Rates, 1920-1997**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number in Wisconsin</u>	<u>Rate in Wisconsin</u>	<u>Rate in United States</u>
1920	2,425	0.9	1.6
1925	2,467	0.9	1.5
1930	2,553	0.9	1.6
1935	3,543	1.2	1.7
1940	3,599	1.1	2.0
1945	6,393	2.2	3.5
1950	4,845	1.4	2.6
1955	4,720	1.3	2.3
1960	3,672	0.9	2.2
1965	5,232	1.2	2.5
1970	8,930	2.0	3.5
1975	13,187	2.9	4.8
1980	17,589	3.7	5.2
1985	16,596	3.5	5.0
1990	17,727	3.6	4.7
1991	18,480	3.7	4.7
1992	18,487	3.7	4.8
1993	17,527	3.5	4.6
1994	17,569	3.5	4.6
1995	17,313	3.4	4.4
1996	17,218	3.3	4.4
1997	17,289	3.3	4.3

Notes: U.S. divorce and annulment rates are from the National Center for Health Statistics, *Monthly Vital Statistics Report*. Rates are divorces and annulments per 1,000 total population. The Wisconsin numbers and rates represent divorces and annulments that occurred in Wisconsin. The United States divorce rate for 1997 covers only January through August.

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- ✎ The divorce and annulment rate in Wisconsin has been consistently lower than the national rate for more than 75 years.
- ✎ In 1997, the total number of Wisconsin divorces was 49 percent of the total number of Wisconsin marriages. This is up one percent from 1996.

## Divorces

**Table 6. Divorces and Annulments by County, 1997**

<u>County</u>	<u>Divorces</u>	<u>Annulments</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Divorces</u>	<u>Annulments</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,244</b>	<b>45</b>			
Adams	65	1	Marathon	388	1
Ashland	66		Marinette	165	
Barron	173		Marquette	48	
Bayfield	58		Menominee	1	
Brown	740	1	Milwaukee	2,993	14
Buffalo	37		Monroe	165	3
Burnett	46		Oconto	134	
Calumet	97	1	Oneida	155	
Chippewa	184	1	Outagamie	535	1
Clark	104	1	Ozaukee	240	
Columbia	133		Pepin	14	
Crawford	67		Pierce	89	
Dane	1,316	6	Polk	147	
Dodge	294		Portage	194	
Door	73		Price	48	
Douglas	144		Racine	486	2
Dunn	122		Richland	60	1
Eau Claire	291	1	Rock	621	1
Florence	18		Rusk	48	
Fond du Lac	315		St. Croix	180	
Forest	33		Sauk	228	
Grant	129		Sawyer	67	
Green	137		Shawano	142	
Green Lake	53	2	Sheboygan	366	
Iowa	62		Taylor	64	
Iron	35		Trempealeau	69	
Jackson	55		Vernon	87	
Jefferson	251	1	Vilas	76	
Juneau	76		Walworth	287	
Kenosha	461		Washburn	49	
Kewaunee	58		Washington	342	1
La Crosse	320		Waukesha	1,136	1
Lafayette	46		Waupaca	215	
Langlade	71	1	Waushara	94	
Lincoln	135		Winnebago	514	3
Manitowoc	269	1	Wood	263	

Note: These numbers represent divorces and annulments that occurred in Wisconsin in 1997.

✍ The highest total number of divorces and annulments occurred in Milwaukee County (2,993 divorces and 14 annulments), followed by Dane County (1,316 divorces and 6 annulments) and Waukesha County (1,136 divorces and 1 annulment), reflecting the large populations of these three counties.

✍ The lowest total number of divorces and annulments occurred in the counties of Menominee (1 divorce), Pepin (14 divorces), and Florence (18 divorces).

## Divorces

**Table 7. Divorces Affecting Children Under 18 Years of Age by County, 1997**

<u>County</u>	<u>Divorces Granted</u>	<u>Those With Children &lt; 18</u>	<u>No. of Children &lt;18 Affected</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Divorces Granted</u>	<u>Those With Children &lt; 18</u>	<u>No. of Children &lt;18 Affected</u>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>17,289</b>	<b>10,001</b>	<b>18,583</b>				
Adams	66	32	52	Marathon	389	224	405
Ashland	66	45	82	Marinette	165	90	164
Barron	173	101	188	Marquette	48	27	54
Bayfield	58	33	62	Menominee	1	0	0
Brown	741	411	754	Milwaukee	3,007	1,614	3,042
Buffalo	37	23	45	Monroe	168	102	186
Burnett	46	28	48	Oconto	134	76	144
Calumet	98	62	113	Oneida	155	91	182
Chippewa	185	114	215	Outagamie	536	326	635
Clark	105	68	134	Ozaukee	240	141	270
Columbia	133	81	141	Pepin	14	6	11
Crawford	67	41	88	Pierce	89	54	112
Dane	1,322	700	1,243	Polk	147	101	206
Dodge	294	179	355	Portage	194	113	209
Door	73	43	77	Price	48	30	57
Douglas	144	86	153	Racine	488	286	480
Dunn	122	78	147	Richland	61	39	69
Eau Claire	292	173	326	Rock	622	377	677
Florence	18	8	17	Rusk	48	32	63
Fond du Lac	315	196	376	St. Croix	180	108	202
Forest	33	21	45	Sauk	228	122	228
Grant	129	76	149	Sawyer	67	42	83
Green	137	83	139	Shawano	142	87	161
Green Lake	55	32	65	Sheboygan	366	218	398
Iowa	62	39	79	Taylor	64	46	79
Iron	35	20	47	Trempealeau	69	40	76
Jackson	55	30	60	Vernon	87	52	104
Jefferson	252	159	301	Vilas	76	41	74
Juneau	76	46	86	Walworth	287	179	331
Kenosha	461	270	499	Washburn	49	25	46
Kewaunee	58	45	92	Washington	343	219	380
La Crosse	320	191	345	Waukesha	1,137	595	1,073
Lafayette	46	31	58	Waupaca	215	146	262
Langlade	72	50	88	Waushara	94	50	90
Lincoln	135	91	186	Winnebago	517	289	535
Manitowoc	270	164	316	Wood	263	163	324

Note: These numbers represent divorces and annulments that occurred in Wisconsin in 1997.

✍ Fifty-eight percent of all Wisconsin divorces in 1997 involved families with children under 18 years of age. Among divorces involving families with children, an average of 1.9 children were affected by each divorce.

**Marriage Reporting Requirements:**

As specified in Wisconsin State Statute 69, the following is a brief outline of the sequence of events which take place when a marriage occurs in Wisconsin:

The filing party (officiant) must register the certificate of marriage with the local Register of Deeds within 3 days after the event.

The local Register of Deeds must transmit the marriage certificate to the State Registrar within 10 working days after its receipt.

Marriage Certificate:

A sample marriage certificate form can be found on page 16.

**Divorce Reporting Requirements:**

As specified in Wisconsin State Statute 69, the following is a brief outline of the sequence of events which take place when a divorce occurs in Wisconsin:

At the end of every biweekly period the filing party (clerk of any court) must send to the State Registrar a report of every divorce or annulment of marriage granted during that period. (This is the only legal document pertaining to vital records that is not filed by the local Register of Deeds.)

Divorce Certificate:

A sample divorce certificate form can be found on page 17.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES  
**ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE**

809 5060 (Rev. 7/96)  
Chapter 765 Wis. Statutes

Type or Print  
Use Permanent  
Black Ink  
No Whiteout  
or Erasures.

Reserved for  
Vital Statistics

STATE FILE DATE  
STATE FILE NUMBER

1. GROOM-NAME First Middle Last		2. DATE OF BIRTH Month Day Year	
3a. PLACE OF RESIDENCE STATE		4. STATE (if NOT in USA Name Country)	
3b. COUNTY		5. FATHER-NAME First Middle Last	
3c. CITY, VILLAGE OR TOWNSHIP		6. MOTHER-NAME First Middle Birth Surname	
7a. BRIDE-NAME First Middle Last		8. DATE OF BIRTH Month Day Year	
7b. BRIDE-BIRTH SURNAME		9. STATE (if NOT in USA Name Country)	
9a. COUNTY		10. STATE (if NOT in USA Name Country)	
9b. CITY, VILLAGE OR TOWNSHIP		12. MOTHER-NAME First Middle Birth Surname	
11. FATHER-NAME First Middle Last		14. BRIDE'S SIGNATURE	
WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AND THAT WE ARE FREE TO MARRY UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE.			
13. GROOM'S SIGNATURE			
THE ISSUE OF THIS LICENSE SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO PROVIDE OR DISPENSE WITH ANY LEGAL DISABILITY, IMPEDIMENT OR PROHIBITION PENDING MARRIAGE BETWEEN THE PARTIES ILLEGAL. THIS LICENSE IS VALID FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE ISSUED BY THE COUNTY CLERK.			
15. LICENSE NO.		17. DATE ISSUED Month Day Year	
16. ISSUED BY COUNTY CLERK		18. ISSUING COUNTY	
19. DATE OF MARRIAGE: Month Day Year		20. CITY, VILLAGE OR TOWNSHIP	
21. OFFICIAN SIGNATURE: I certify that the above named persons were married before me on the above mentioned date		22. WITNESS TO CEREMONY SIGNATURE (Black Ink Only)	
SIGNATURE (Black Ink Only)		24. WITNESS TO CEREMONY SIGNATURE (Black Ink Only)	
23. OFFICIAN NAME (Print or Type)		25a. OFFICIAN TITLE	
25a. OFFICIAN TITLE		25b. OFFICIAN MAILING ADDRESS Street City State Zip	
26. REGISTRAR SIGNATURE (Black Ink Only)		27. DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR Month Day Year	

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY

Complete items for both Groom and Bride	28a. NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE (1, 2, etc.) Specify Below:	IF PREVIOUSLY MARRIED, LAST MARRIAGE ENDED BY:	DATE LAST MARRIAGE ENDED	RACE - (White, Black, American Indian, etc.)	EDUCATION (Specify only highest grade completed)
	28b. GROOM	28a. 1. Death 2. Div. 3. Annul. 30a.	Specify Below: (Mo., Day, Yr.)	Specify Below:	Elem. Second (0-12) College (14 or 5+)
	28b. BRIDE	28b. 1. Death 2. Div. 3. Annul. 30b.		31a.	32a.
				31b.	32b.

**THIS ORIGINAL DOCUMENT MUST BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTER OF DEEDS WITHIN 3 DAYS OF MARRIAGE.**

NOTE: THIS ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE, LEGIBLY AND COMPLETELY FILLED OUT, MUST BE RETURNED TO THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF THE COUNTY OF MARRIAGE, WITHIN THREE DAYS FROM THE DATE OF MARRIAGE; MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE, TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200) OR THREE MONTHS IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH. (Wis. Statute 765.30 (4) (a))

**TYPE OR  
PRINT IN  
PERMANENT  
BLACK INK**

DOH-5080 (Rev. 1/89)  
Chap. 69, Wis. Stat.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

STATE FILE DATE

**ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT**

STATE FILE NUMBER

<b>HUSBAND</b>		1. HUSBAND - NAME First Middle Last	
2a. RESIDENCE - STATE		2b. RESIDENCE - COUNTY	
4. WIFE - NAME First Middle Last		5. BIRTH SURNAME	
6a. RESIDENCE - STATE		6b. RESIDENCE - COUNTY	
8a. PLACE OF THIS MARRIAGE - STATE (If not in USA, Name Country)		8b. DATE OF THIS MARRIAGE (Month, Day, Year)	
10b. NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 WHOSE PHYSICAL CUSTODY WAS AWARDED TO: Husband <input type="checkbox"/> Joint (Husband and Wife) <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> NO CHILDREN <input type="checkbox"/>		10a. NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 IN THIS HOUSEHOLD AS OF DATE IN 9 <input type="checkbox"/> NONE	
12. DATE OF DECREE (Mo., Day, Yr.)		13. TYPE OF DECREE <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Annulment	
14. COUNTY OF DECREE		15. COURT CASE NUMBER	
16. SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING CLERK OF COURT		17. DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Yr.)	
18. WIFE'S NEW NAME (if applicable)		19. HUSBAND'S NEW NAME (if applicable)	
<b>CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FOR STATISTICAL USE ONLY [S 69.20(2) &amp; 69.15(3)]</b>			
20a. NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE (1, 2, etc.) Specify Below:		DATE LAST MARRIAGE ENDED Specify Below: (Mo., Day, Yr.)	
20b. HUSBAND		20c. WIFE	
21a. 1. Death <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Div. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Annul. <input type="checkbox"/>		21b. 1. Death <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Div. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Annul. <input type="checkbox"/>	
22a. EDUCATION (Specify only highest grade completed) Elem./Second (0-12)   College (1-4 or 5+)		22b. EDUCATION (Specify only highest grade completed) Elem./Second (0-12)   College (1-4 or 5+)	
25a. IF THIS DECREE FINDS THAT ONE OR MORE LIVING CHILDREN CONCEIVED OR BORN DURING THIS MARRIAGE ARE NOT THE ISSUE OF THIS MARRIAGE, LIST THESE CHILDREN BELOW.			
25b. FULL NAME OF CHILD AS IT APPEARS ON THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE These children are not the issue of this marriage.		25c. DATE OF BIRTH (Mo., Day, Yr.)	
25d. STATE OF BIRTH (If not in U.S.A., name country)		25e. COUNTY OF BIRTH	
1. _____		_____	
2. _____		_____	
3. _____		_____	
4. _____		_____	
5. _____		_____	