

**IPUMS NHGIS**  
**Dataset 1867\_2010\_cMD**  
**1867-2010 Vital Statistics: Marriage & Divorce Data [Counties]**

## **Data Notes**

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*Note:* The **bolded** data notes are those that are not county specific.

- 1. Records are unorganized.**
- 2. Unable to read entry.**
- 3. Records completely or partially destroyed; estimate by county official, if applicable.**
- 4. Records are defective.**
5. Virginia independent city Colonial Heights figures included with Chesterfield County.
6. Virginia independent city Covington figures included with Alleghany County.
7. Virginia independent city Falls Church figures included with Fairfax County.
8. Virginia independent city Fairfax figures included with Fairfax County.
9. Virginia independent city Franklin figures included with Southhampton County.
11. Virginia independent city Galax figures included with Carroll County and Grayson County.
12. Virginia independent city Harrisonburg figures included with Rockingham County.
13. Virginia independent city Norton figures included with Wise County.
14. Virginia independent city South Boston figures included with Halifax County.
15. Virginia independent city Virginia Beach figures included with Princess Anne County.
16. Virginia independent city Emporia figures included with Greenville County.
17. Virginia independent city Lexington figures included with Rockbridge County.
18. Virginia independent city Bedford figures included with Bedford County.
19. The number of divorces for Hamilton county, New York had the following note: "Included in Fulton county."
20. Divorces for Conecuh county, Alabama included with Butler County.
21. Baldwin, Mobile, and Washington Alabama form one judicial district and the divorces are not separable. All are credited to Mobile county Alabama.
22. Divorces for Escambia County, Alabama prior to February 1885 are included with Conecuh County Alabama.
23. Covington and Crenshaw Alabama form one judicial district and the divorces are not separable. All are credited to Crenshaw county Alabama.
24. Divorces for Marion county Alabama are included in Lamar county Alabama.
25. In 1870, Bent County, Colorado includes the population of Greenwood county.
26. South Carolina values for divorces/annulments in 1926 - 1932 are only annulments.
27. Dakota has this note "In this territory it is believed that divorces are reported for all the counties organized prior to 1887. Those counties for which no divorces are shown are probably attached to other counties for judicial purposes, and the figures inseparably combined with those for the counties to which so attached."
28. A majority of the divorces in Delaware were granted by the legislature, and have been credited to the proper counties. Owing to deficiencies in the records, the four cases as "unknown" could not be so credited.
- 29. Records stolen.**

30. Data for Crane County in Texas in 1927 had the following note: "Organized September 3, 1927."
- 31. Licenses issued.**
32. Chautauqua, Kansas has the following note "The figures for the years 1870 to 1874, inclusive, are probably for the extinct county of Howard, from a part of which Chauatauqua county as formed and organized in 1875."
33. Calvert, Maryland had the following note: "Since 1882 but one divorce has been granted, the facts concerning which have not been obtained."
34. Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket Massachusetts have the following note: "the marriages of Dukes and Nantucket counties are inseparably combined and have been credited to Dukes. The divorces of Dukes and Barnstable counties are inseparably combined from 1867 to October, 1878, and have been credited to Barnstable; those of Dukes, Nantucket, and Bristol counties are inseparably combined from October, 1878, to 1886, inclusive, and have been credited to Bristol."
35. Chickasaw, Mississippi has the following note: "only divorces granted in second district are reported, those of the first district not being obtainable."
36. Dawes, Nebraska has the following note "In 1885 and 1886 thirteen divorces were granted, the facts concerning which have not been obtained."
- 37. Data incomplete.**
- 38. No records kept.**
39. Phillips county and Sedgwick county, Colorado, 1890 figures combined with count for Logan county.
40. Hamilton, Ohio has the following note: "the divorces reported for 1884 represent those granted for the last nine months of 1884."
41. Kiowa, Prowers, and Otero County, Colorado, 1890 figures combined with count for Bent County.
42. Pennsylvania has the following note: "on October 1, 1885, a law went into effect requiring the issuance of marriage licenses, and the return and record of the solemnization; for the years prior to 1886 no returns were obtainable except for Philadelphia county."
43. "These divorces were granted by the legislature and cannot be credited to the proper counties. Legislative divorces were not granted after 1873, being prohibited by the new constitution of the state."
- 44. Divorce not permitted by law.**
45. Tennessee has the following note "divorces granted in Tennessee by both chancery and circuit courts."
- 46. Divorces granted by chancery or circuit court not reported.**
47. Encinal, Texas has the following note: "marriage and divorces are included with those of Webb county, to which Encinal was attached."
48. Weber, Utah has the following note: "eighteen of the divorces reported were granted by the U.S. district court and the remainder by the probate court."
49. First judicial district/second judicial district/third judicial district, Utah has the following note: "the divorces credited to each county by name were granted by the probate court, except eighteen in Weber county as noted. Those credited to the first, second, and third judicial districts were granted by the U.S. district court and cannot be distributed to the several counties."
50. Washington has the following note: "a majority of the counties in Washington territory were attached to other counties for judicial purposes during all or a portion of the period covered by the table, and any divorces granted in them are credited to the county to which there were attached up to such time as they acquired independent organization. A detailed statement is impracticable, owing to frequent changes in judicial districts, hence this general statement is made."

51. Kit Carson County, Colorado, 1890 figures combined with count for Elbert County.
52. **Number of marriages reported for 1869 include numerous marriages of previous years which were not reported until 1869.**
53. Barron, Wisconsin has the following note: "prior to 1875 Barron county was attached to Dunn county for judicial purposes."
54. Columbia, Wisconsin has the following note: "the number of marriages reported for 1875 includes those for 1874."
55. Dane, Wisconsin has the following note: "the number of marriages reported for 1871 includes those for 1870."
56. Langlade, Wisconsin has the following note: "attached to Shawano county for judicial purposes prior to 1882."
57. Shawano, Wisconsin has the following note: "Langlade county attached for judicial purposes prior to 1882."
58. Lincoln county, Colorado, 1890 figures combined with counts for Bent County and Elbert County.
59. Montezuma County, Colorado, 1890 figures combined with count for La Plata County.
60. **No marriage license required and no provision for the return or record of marriages celebrated. (1922, SC).**
61. Morgan County, Colorado, 1890 figures combined with count for Weld County.
62. Included in Fall River County, SD (1916).
63. **Divorces granted from October 1, 1921 - September 30, 1922.**
64. Combined with count for Winston county, AL (1890, 1900).
65. Combined with count for Walker county, AL (1890, 1900).
66. Combined with count for Yavapai county, AZ (1890).
67. Combined with count for Pima county, AZ (1900).
69. Combined with count for Los Angeles county, CA (1890).
70. Combined with count for Las Animas county, CO (1890).
71. Combined with counts for Bent and Elbert Counties, CO (1890).
72. Virginia independent city Poquoson figures included with York County.
73. Virginia independent cities Manassas and Manassas Park are included with Prince William County.
74. Rio Blanco County, Colorado, 1890 figures combined with count for Garfield county.
75. Yuma County, Colorado, 1890 figures combined with count for Washington county.
76. Teller County, Colorado, 1900 figures combined with counts for El Paso County and Fremont County. Teller County also had the following note: "Teller formed from parts of El Paso and Fremont in 1899; 60 divorces reported for Teller in 1900, 91 in 1901, and 99 in 1902."
77. Elmore County, Idaho, 1890 figures combined with count for Alturas County.
78. Meade County, South Dakota, 1890 figures reported with Lawrence county.
79. Carbon County and Grand County, Utah 1890 figures reported with Emery County.
80. Alexandria, Virginia independent city, 1890 figures included with count for Alexandria County.
81. Bristol, Virginia independent city, 1890 figures included with county for Washington County.
82. Buena Vista, Virginia independent city, 1890 figures included with count for Rockbridge county.
83. Charlottesville, Virginia independent city, 1890 figures included with count for Albemarle county.
84. Danville, Virginia independent city, 1890 figures included with count for Pittsylvania county.
85. Fredericksburg, Virginia independent city, 1890 figures included with count for Spotsylvania county.
86. Lynchburg, Virginia independent city, 1890 figures included with count for Campbell County.
87. Manchester, Virginia independent city, 1890 figures included with count for Chesterfield county.
88. Newport News, Virginia independent city, 1890 figures included with count for Warwick County.

89. Norfolk and Portsmouth, Virginia independent cities, 1890 figures included with Norfolk county.
90. Radford, Virginia independent city, 1890 figures included with count for Montgomery county.
91. Richmond, Virginia independent city, 1890 figures included with county for Henrico county.
92. Roanoke, Virginia independent city, 1890 figures included with Roanoke county.
93. Staunton, Virginia independent city, 1890 figures included with count for Augusta county.
94. Williamsburg, Virginia independent city, 1890 and 1900 figures reported with James City.
95. Winchester, Virginia independent city, 1890 figures included with count for Frederick county.
- 97. Number of divorces are greater than 0 but less than 5. Exact number unknown. A value of 1 is entered, because it is not 0 or completely missing.**
98. Based on the years prior to and following 1965, we believe there was a data entry error in the 1965 report such that the marriage counts for Bornx county NY and New York county NY were switched. We corrected our perceieved error in this data file.
99. Divorces were reported in terms of resident individuals that divorced. To determine the total number of divorces, the number of resident males who divorced and the number of resident females who divorced were averaged. Where the average resulted in a non-integer value, the value has been rounded up.
100. Count determined from crude rate