

CIVIL UNIONS

In 2004, 712 civil unions were established in Vermont, down from 1,397 in 2003. The highest number (83) occurred in June.

Civil unions involving out-of-state residents accounted for 78 percent of the total number of civil unions ([Table I-2](#)), down from almost 90 percent in 2003. The states with the largest number of residents who established civil unions were New York and Florida ([Table I-1](#)). The largest number of Vermont residents who established civil unions resided in Chittenden County ([Table I-2](#)).

Seventy-four percent of the civil unions were between female partners, the same as in 2003, and the most common age group for male partners was 35 to 39, and for female partners it was 40 to 44 ([Table I-4](#)). Civil union partners tend to be highly educated: 52 percent completed at least four years of college ([Table I-5](#)).

[Table I-6](#), shows the total number of civil unions or marriages, including the current civil union, that each person has been a party to during their lives. For 77 percent of the civil union partners, this was their first union, or marriage.

DISSOLUTIONS

The dissolution of civil unions follows the same procedures, same requirements, rights, and obligations as divorces. There were 36 dissolutions in 2004.